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## NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL IN AID OF THE R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

On Wednesday, the 13th instant, will be celebrated an event to which most, if not all, of us have, for a long time past, been looking forward with more or less hopeful anticipations—the 108th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On former occasions we have announced that the chair will be occupied by the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful the Earl of YARBOROUGH, Prov. G. Master of Lincolnshire, and we rejoice to say that Bro. HEDGES has succeeded in bringing together a Board of Stewards consisting of some 370 ladies and brethren. This number will doubtless be augmented between now and Wednesday next, so that if the mere numerical strength of a Board is any criterion of the result which may be looked for the total of the donations and subscriptions which it will be the duty of the Secretary to announce on the eventful evening should be considerably in excess of the £16,000 which was announced last year, when Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE was the Chairman, and the Board of Stewards numbered only 327 Members. But we do not anticipate any such excess. The Board, though stronger in point of numbers, is seriously weak in many respects. Certain of the larger and more influential among the Provinces are either not represented at all, or are entered only to a very slight extent. We have no right to complain in the case of most of these absentee or indifferently represented Provinces. In the first place, the Institution looks mainly for support to the voluntary contributions of the brethren, and if a Province were required to contribute in proportion to its strength, the support would cease to be voluntary; in the next place, most of those which will cut so indifferent a figure, or no figure at all, have done good service either to this or the other Institutions at former Festivals, and will in the natural order of things, be equally, or it may be even more, generous on some future occasion. As some compensation for these shortcomings, we are able to state that Lincolnshire—the “Chairman's Province”—is sending up a strong contingent of Stewards, while most of the Home Provinces will also be well represented. Again there are more lodges in the London District entered on the Board, while the “Unattached” brethren, who as a rule content themselves with handing in a personal donation, are not quite so numerous as we have known them to be in some former years. Thus we have good grounds for hoping that the result will suffice for the requirements of the School during the present

year, or, in other words, that the normal deficiency of about £11,000 or £12,000 in the income of the Institution will be supplied with, it may be, some £500 or thereabouts as a margin for unforeseen contingencies. To judge from what we have said, there ought, indeed, to be no very serious difficulty in securing such a return. The School is doing its appointed work splendidly. It has about 270 girls on the establishment, and the character of the training they receive, as well physical as moral and mental, is beyond all praise. In fact, there is probably not another Institution of a similar kind in the United Kingdom whose administration is attended with such beneficial results. Hence we have no serious misgivings about the sum that is absolutely required being forthcoming, but with such a Board of Stewards as will support the Chairman on Wednesday next, we confess we should like to see a good round total obtained, so that the authorities may be able to augment the very limited amount of invested capital it has to rely upon for the proverbial rainy day. Let all our Charitable Institutions be as urgent as possible in their appeals for support so long as the country is in its present prosperous condition, so that they may be able year by year to increase their capital, and then there need no longer be this somewhat undignified anxiety as to whether the result of this or that Festival will be on a level with the results of these or those previous years, while the pressure on the Craft itself will be less serious. At all events, we trust the gratifying duty will devolve on us next week of announcing a result such as will be a credit to the noble Chairman who will preside and his Board of Stewards, and at the same time will place at ease the minds of the brethren who are charged with the responsibility of administering the School.

The distribution of prizes and calisthenic display by the children will take place at the Institution, Battersea Rise, on Monday, the 11th instant, when, as we announced last week, the graceful function of handing the successful pupils their well-earned rewards will be performed by the Countess of YARBOROUGH. The occasion will be a more than usually interesting one, as it will be the last ceremony of the kind with which Miss DAVIS, who has held the post of Head Governess for 35 years, will be associated, and we doubt not that both the ladies and brethren present, and the children themselves, will unite in doing honour to one to whom honour is so particularly due.

## THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR 1895.

Next week will be an unusually busy one in Freemasonry. The Girls' School Prize Distribution and Anniversary Festival will take place, as mentioned in our previous article, on Monday and Wednesday respectively, while on Friday, the 15th instant, there will be held at Freemasons' Tavern the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. At this meeting the Committee of Management will present their report and accounts for last year, and as the statement of account was circulated with the voting papers, we are in a position to note the principal items of receipt and expenditure as set forth therein. The accounts are rendered in three separate sections, one for the Male Fund, one for the Widows' Fund, and one for the Asylum Sustentation Fund, the last of the three, however, being limited to a few figures only, while the expenditure in respect of nearly every item is equally apportioned between the two Annuity Funds. Thus, as regards the Male Fund generally, the balance brought forward

from the 1894 account was £2306 19s. 8d., and the receipts amounted to £13,970 10s. 8d., giving a total income for the year of £16,227 10s. 4d. The expenditure reached £14,939 12s. 9d., and therefore the balance remaining to the good on the 31st December, 1895, was £1337 17s. 7d. For the Widows' Fund the total income, including a balance from previous account of £1581 6s. 5d., was £12,390 18s. 7d., and the expenditure £11,164 12s. 6d., the balance remaining to the good at the close of the account being £1226 6s. 1d. As regards the Sustentation Fund, the income, including the balance brought forward, was £83 3s. 9d., and the expenditure £22 13s. 6d., the balance remaining in hand being £60 10s. 3d., while the total balance on the three Funds amounted to £2624 13s. 11d. On analysing the particulars of the income and expenditure, we find that in the case of the Male Fund there were received, in addition to the grants of £800 from Grand Lodge and £100 from Grand Chapter, £1951 13s. in respect of dividends, £7874 11s. 6d. for donations, £737 2s. for annual subscriptions, £2500 withdrawn from call, and £7 4s. 2d. interest on cash at call. The principal items of disbursement were—Collector's commission, £214 1s. 6d.; postages and petty expenses, £182 12s. 11d.; Provincial expenses, £53 1s. 1d.; printing, stationery, &c., £260 3s.; rates and taxes, Asylum, £80 10s. 6d.; Annuitants, £7648; salaries, &c., £478 10s.; rent of Office, £45; entertainment of Stewards and residents, £38 17s. 2d.; goods supplied at Asylum, £46 9s. 8d.; deposited at call, £1500; and purchase of stock, £4270 1s. As regards the Widows' Fund, the receipts included the grants of £800 and £50 from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter respectively; £2228 16s. 9d. in respect of dividends; donations, £6723 5s. 6d.; annual subscriptions, £503 1s.; withdrawn from call, £500; and interest on cash at call, £4 8s. 5d.; while the disbursements were the same under their several heads as for the Male Fund, with the exception of the money paid away in Annuities, which reached £8113, and Collector's commission, which amounted only to £179 2s. 6d. The sum deposited at call was £1500, but there was no sum employed in the purchase of stock. Taking the two Funds together, we find that the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter amounted together to £1750; the dividends on invested capital to £4180 9s. 9d.; donations to £14,597 17s.; annual subscriptions to £1240 3s. 6d.; withdrawn from call, £3000; and interest on cash at call, £11 12s. 7d. Per contra, the principal disbursements for the two Funds were as follows: Collector's commission, £393 4s.; postages, &c., £365 5s. 8d.; provincial expenses, £106 2s. 2d.; printing, stationery, and votes of thanks to Chairman and Stewards, £520 6s. 1d.; assistance in office, £50 10s.; rates and taxes, Asylum, £161 1s.; annuitants, £15,761; salaries, &c., Office, £957; Warden and Matron, £100; Gardener, £54 12s.; rent of Office, £90; entertainment of Stewards and residents, £77 14s. 4d.; goods supplied at Asylum, £92 19s. 4d.; medical attendance, £25; deposited at call, £3000; and purchase of stock, £4270 1s. If the figures contained in these accounts are compared with those of previous years, it will be found that they do not differ very materially. More may be spent in one year for postages, printing, &c., than in another, but in a series of accounts extending over five or 10 years it will be found that a fair average is maintained. On the receipt side, the donations and subscriptions vary as the Festival is more or less successful, while the amount disbursed in annuities is greater as the annuitants on the Funds are increased in number; but, as regards the working expenses, they do not exceed a certain legitimate average, taking one year with another.

The other important business at this meeting will be the election of annuitants, there being 60 candidates for the 16 immediate and three deferred annuities on the Male Fund, and 53 candidates for the 11 immediate and three deferred annuities on the Widows' Fund, as declared by the Committee of Management at their regular meeting in February. But since then other vacancies have occurred, and it is just possible that still others may occur between now and the 15th instant; and, as it is usual for the Committee to recommend that these be filled up from the present list of applicants, and as the Governors and Subscribers invariably adopt such recommendation, it is by no means impro-

bable that the number which will be elected will be about the same as it was last year, but differently distributed as between the two Funds. In other words, about 40, or rather more than one-third of the 113 candidates will be made comfortable for the rest of their lives, while the six highest unsuccessful—three on each Fund—will receive a something to help them on their way during the ensuing year, the interest on the HERVEY Memorial Fund being divisible among the two who come out first and second on the two ballots; and the grant of £10 by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement between the two who are placed third on each. As for the circumstances of the different candidates, the Provinces or Districts from which they derive their claims, the votes they bring forward from previous elections, and the number of years they have been before the electors, on all these matters we have already stated all we are justified in laying before our readers in our article which appeared in this journal on the 18th ultimo. But we see no objection to our repeating what we have said in respect of those unfortunate applicants whose names have been on the lists for from eight to 10 years and upwards. Our only knowledge of their several claims is derived from the printed particulars furnished in the lists which are issued with the balloting papers. We do know, however, that they have been approved worthy of admission to the benefits of the Institution in common with all the other candidates, and, after so long and cruel a delay, we think that those voters who are not pledged to the support of particular cases might lend a helping hand to these poor old people. As long as they live they will be eligible, unless indeed their circumstances should alter for the better; but, in the name of Charity, let them be elected before they die.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Earl Amherst, G. Supt. Kent, occupied the chair of M.E.G.Z.; Comp. Lieut.-Col. Townley Caldwell, G. Supt. Cambridge, held the chair of G.H.; and Comp. the Earl of Euston, G. Supt. Norths and Hunts, acted as G.J.

Among a large number of Present and Past Grand Officers were Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Baron de Ferrieres, P. de Lande Long, Thornhill Morland, Frank Richardson, Dr. Clement Godson, J. E. Le Feuvre, Major-General F. Gadsden, Robert Grey, G. E. Fairchild, W. M. Stiles, R. C. Clowes, Wm. Lake, George Everett, Gordon Robbins, J. S. Eastes, George Read, Sir G. D. Harris, Lennox Browne, W. M. Bywater, Dr. Mackintosh, W. G. Lemon, Thomas Fenn, and H. J. P. Dumas.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Comp. Earl AMHERST announced that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Principal of the Order, had made the following appointment of officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Rt. Hon. Earl of Lathom, G.C.B.	Pro Grand Z.
" Right Hon. Earl Amherst	... G.H.
" W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	... G.J.
" Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.	... G.S.E.
" Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale	... G.S.N.
" Sir George David Harris	... P.C. of G.P.
" William Heap Bailey	... G. Treasurer.
" His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C.	... G. Reg.
" Richard Hornton Smith, Q.C.	... Dep. G. Reg.
" W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.	... P.G. Soj.
" William Smithett	... 1st A.G. Soj.
" John Cooper Malcolm	... 2nd A.G. Soj.
" Edward D. Anderton	... G.S.B.
" George E. Lake	... Dep. G.S.B.
" Rowland Plumbe	...
" Joseph David Langton	...
" Frederick Gordon Brown	...
" William E. Chapman	... } G. Std. Brs.
" Ernest St. Clair	...
" Henry Lovegrove	...
" Frank Richardson	... G.D. of C.
" Major Francis Newman	... Dep. G.D. of C.
" William Alfred Scurrah	...
" James Boulton	... } Asst. G.D. of Cs.
" James Kew	...
" George Graveley	...

Comp. Henry H. Rose, F.R.A.M. ... G. Organist.  
 " William Lake ... Asst. G.S.E.  
 " Henry Sadler ... G. Janitor.

With the exception of the Earl of Lathom and Comp. W. Beach, the above companions were present and were invested. Earl Amherst then announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had granted the following companions Past Grand Rank.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND SOJOURNERS.—Col. W. Campbell, A.D.C.; Col. Charles Hunter, F.R.S.; George Cowell, F.R.C.S.; Henry Sutherland, M.D.; R. E. Baynes, M.A.; H. Homewood Crawford, Gordon Miller, Ensor Drury, and W. H. Cowper.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARERS.—C. D. Hill Drury, M.D.; George Mickley, M.B.; Frederick Lawrance, Thomas Henry Gardiner, Col. Hugh M. Gordon, and E. Luxmore Marshall.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.—Maj. Charles William Carrell, James Morrison McLeod, Richard Newhouse, James Stephens, and John J. Thomas.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.—William Vincent.

Most of these companions were present and were invested.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes as published in the *Freemason* last week, was, on the motion of Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On motions made and seconded by the same two companions charters for new chapters were granted for the Hope Chapter, No. 574, Newbury; the Chapter of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend; the Chapter of Truth, No. 1458, Manchester; and the Wycombe Chapter, No. 1501, High Wycombe. Permission was given to the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 1916, to remove from the Masonic Hall, Sydenham, to the Masonic Hall, Christchurch, N.Z.; to the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581, from the Midland Hotel, Ardwick, to the Mosley Hotel, Manchester; and to the Hartington Chapter, No. 916, from the Albion Hotel, to the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne.

Comp. Earl AMHERST informed the companions that the Prince of Wales had appointed Comps. Sir G. D. Harris, his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., and Robert Grey, as members of the Committee of General Purposes, Sir G. D. Harris to be Chairman.

The following companions were proposed, seconded, and elected members of the Committee of General Purposes: Comps. Mihill Slaughter, Capt. T. C. Walls, Henry Garrod, Lewcock, Tobias, and J. W. Burgess.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### CONSECRATION OF THE BERESFORD-PEIRSE LODGE, No. 2610.

Friday, the 24th ult., was a red-letter day at Bedale, owing to a new Masonic lodge, called the Beresford-Peirse Lodge, No. 2610, being consecrated at Bedale, by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, Deputy Prov. G.M. North and East Riding of Yorkshire, and P.G.W. of England. The lodge was constituted in the Town Hall, there being a very large attendance of brethren from the North and East Ridings and South Durham. Amongst those present were—

Bros. C. Palliser, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. S. Walton, W.M., P.P.G.S.; George J. Robinson, P.M. 1337, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Evans, P.M. 1214, P.P.G.C.; Rev. J. S. G. C. Hood; Rev. T. Rigby, 613; C. H. Backhouse, P.M., P.P.G.W. Durham; J. R. French, 1416; G. W. Kemp, S.W. 1416; W. Bell, P.M. 1337; M. Curry, 111; H. Wilmott, 1337; George Atlay, 1337; Sollay, 1337; A. H. Robinson, 200; Rev. J. Fred. Griffiths, 1818, P.G.C.; W. H. Cowper, P.M. P.P.G.S.W.; T. B. Redfearn, P.A.G.S.; J. G. Wallis, 1511; P. Gaskell, 1511; W. C. Harrison, 1511; H. Plews, 200; W. H. Dixon, P.M. 543; E. Harrison, Marquis of Ripon Lodge; J. Winterschladen, 1848; C. Hodgson, 1337; R. W. Williams, W.M. 2391; W. Lear, 111; F. R. Hansell, 1416; J. Barstow, 236; J. R. Simpson, 230; John Robinson Rose of Raby Lodge; Wm. Mitford, Restoration Lodge; R. F. Benson; S. Wilson, Marquis of Ripon Lodge; W. C. Barron; B. Bolton, 111; B. S. Beckitt, 1230; W. W. Hall, 1416; F. Gilling, 1416; C. R. Waistell, P.M. 1337; J. T. Teesdale, 1337; J. Wood; B. R. Murray, Lennox Lodge; Dr. Henry Longford, 1416, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Lambert, 602; B. Biggs, Marquis of Ripon Lodge; Dr. Bartrum, 1337; Thos. Hodgson, 566; M. B. Lambert, Lennox Lodge; W. T. Newcombe, 561; E. Alderson, 123; J. Swinbank, 1337; Sir H. Beresford-Peirse, 123; the Hon. W. Algar Orde-Powlett, 123; T. Foley, 294; George W. Hudson, St. Germain's Lodge; T. G. Barlow, St. Germain's Lodge; N. Walker, Zetland Lodge; W. M. Marwood, 1244; C. Greensides, 1416; J. T. Naylor, P.M. 1337; Dr. C. Tweedy, P.M. 1337; Jas. Wheldon, 1337; C. R. Waistell, P.M. 1337; Jas. Ward, P.M. 1337; R. Luck, P.P.G.R. Durham; George Roper, P.M. Lennox Lodge; S. W. Close, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Naylor, 1337; T. Russell, P.M.; Thos. Plews, 1337; Major Barstow, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Wilson, P.P.G.O.; Col.-Sergt. Smith, Richmond Lodge, and others.

A letter was read from the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., regretting his absence for the first time for 30 years, owing to indisposition, while letters of apology were also read from Bros. Wilkes (Mayor of Darlington); Harold Wilkes, Jas. Todd, Henry Watson, P.M. 1040, P.A.G.P.; Z. Townsend, and Bro. Fred. W. Wardell, P.J.G.D.

After the brethren had taken their places, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, P.G.W. Eng'and, Deputy P.G.M., opened the lodge in the Three Degrees.

The opening hymn having been sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren, after which the acting Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. REDFERN, requested the Consecrating Officer to constitute the new lodge. The seven founders of the lodge then stood forward—Bros. C. H. Backhouse, P.M., P.P.G.W. Durham; Sir H. B. Peirse, W. J. Plews, J. S. E. C. Hood, H. Wilmot, George Atlay, J. Swinbank, and the Hon. W. G. Algar Orde-Powlett—and they approved of the officers named in the warrant to preside over them.

The dedication then took place, the anthem and the sanclus being sung, Bro. Gaskell, Prov. G. Org., presiding at the organ.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. F. GRIFFITHS, then read the lesson, after which the lodge board was uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer went round the lodge, sprinkling water, corn, wine, oil, and salt, after which the lodge was duly consecrated.

The Masonic anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine," was then sung, Bro. G. W. Pattinson singing the solo, after which Bros. Barstow, P.S.G.W., and W. H. Cowper, P.P.S.G.W., acting J.W., vacated their chairs, the following officers being appointed for the new lodge: Bros. C. H. Backhouse, P.M., P.P.G.W. Durham, W.M.; Sir Henry Beresford Peirse, Bart., S.W.; W. J. Plews, J.W.; Rev. J. S. E. Cockburn Hood, Chap.; Hy. Wilmot, Sec.; Hon. W. G. Algar Orde-Powlett, S.D.; George Atlay, J.D.; J. Swinbank, I.G.; and E. Wilkinson, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Black Swan Hotel, where a well-served banquet was partaken of.

Bro. Backhouse, W.M., was in the chair, and Bros. Sir H. B. Peirse and W. J. Plews in the vice-chairs.

Bro. Sir H. B. PEIRSE, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, proposed "The Marquis of Zetland and the Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Lord BOLTON, on behalf of the Marquis of Zetland and himself, tendered their sincere thanks. The Provincial Grand Master regretted exceedingly that he was unable to be present.

Bro. BARSTOW, in appropriate terms, submitted "The Worshipful Master."

Bro. BACKHOUSE appropriately replied.

Bro. G. J. ROBINSON submitted "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. LUCK responded.

Bro. W. J. PLEWS gave "The Visitors," and an appropriate response was given.

Songs were sung, and the evening passed pleasantly. Bro. H. Foster efficiently acted as D.C.

### CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 1158.

From the very great success which has attended the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, for many years past the idea of founding a chapter in connection with the same struck the minds of several companions, among whom was Comp. James Block, who took the initiative, and through whose instrumentality specially, together with Comp. Jas. Austin, who was most assiduous, the petition was signed, presented, and the warrant granted.

The consecration ceremony took place at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 27th ult., by Comp. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G.S.E., ably assisted by Comps. A. C. Spaul, P.D.G.D.C., as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C., as Scribe N.; and J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders of the new chapters are Comps. A. W. Wright, P.Z. 948; J. Block, J. 73; J. Hands, 1901; J. Bunker, S.N. 1471; J. Austin, 1901; W. Belchamber, H. 73; Wm. Beecroft, S.N. 1901; F. W. Downes, 1901; W. C. Tanner, 1614; S. Blum, 1614; J. Atkinson, 1901; and W. B. Hardwick, 1901.

The visitors were Comps. W. Gower, S.N. 2374; F. D'Arcy Brennan, P.S. 73; Alf. Rusby, 898; J. Lightfoot, P.Z. 1901; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., S.E. 1275; George May, 2182; A. Bennetts, 1305; F. Swinford, S.E. 2272; Frank Czzenz, 917; Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G.J. Essex; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; J. J. Cantle, P.Z. 186; and C. H. Stone, P.Z. 1275, and M.E.Z. 1901.

The chapter was regularly opened, and after the singing of a hymn, the Consecrating Principal, Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, F.S.A., G.S.E., addressed the companions upon the nature of the meeting, and said that by the command of H.R.H. M.E.G.Z. he was present to dedicate the chapter to be called the Southern Star Chapter, to the service of the true and living God, Most High; that he congratulated the founders (nearly all of whom were brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158) upon their noble desire; and that he had not the slightest doubt of it proving to be one of the most successful chapters in the Metropolis, and he earnestly wished it every prosperity.

The D.C. after addressing the Principals and founders, signifying their assent after the charter was read, an excellent oration upon the Supreme Degree and its ideal teaching was delivered by Comp. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, G. Supt. Bucks.

The chapter was then solemnly dedicated and constituted in ancient form.

The Principals designate were installed as follows: Comp. J. Studholme Brownrigg installing Comps. Hands and Bunker into the J. chair; Comp. Spaul installing Comps. Block and Hands into the H. chair; and Comp. Letchworth installing Comp. Block into the First Principal's chair. The ballot was next taken and the M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. A. W. Wright, I.P.Z.; Jas. Austin, S.E.; William Beecroft, Treas.; Downes, S.N.; Belchamber, P.S.; Blum, 1st A.S.; and Atkinson, 2nd A.S.

A Committee was formed to frame the by-laws.

The M.E.Z. next expressed the great pleasure he had in proposing that the Consecrating Officers, for the excellent manner they had performed their respective duties and for which the companions tendered their heartfelt thanks, be elected honorary members. This was seconded by Comp. HANDS, H., and carried unanimously.

As a souvenir of the occasion the M.E.Z. asked their kind acceptance of a splendid cigar case mounted, which included compartments for notes, diary, stamps, private cards, &c., in fact quite unique in itself.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER very gracefully acknowledged the high compliment conferred upon himself and the other Consecrating Officers, and stated the extreme pleasure it had given them all in attending the consecration, and wished the chapter every prosperity. He likewise thanked the companions for such a handsome and useful souvenir of the occasion.

The names of 14 brethren were handed in and announced by the S.E. for exaltation at the regular convocation on the 13th inst.

The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which was highly appreciated.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. most cordially gave the loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were right royally received.

The toast of "The G.H., the G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, the M.E.Z. remarking upon the excellent manner they performed their arduous duties.

Comp. J. STUDBOLME BROWNRIGG, G. Supt. Bucks, in reply, said that he was highly pleased to be associated with that august body, and it gave all the Grand Officers present very great pleasure in performing the duties devolving upon them, and at all times to be of service to the Order.

Comp. J. BLOCK, M.E.Z., next proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," remarking upon their excellent work and the pride felt in being placed in so exalted a position as M.E.Z. by so eminent a Mason as the G.S.E. He trusted they might soon again visit the chapter and witness the progress made, and that Comp. E. Letchworth might have many years of usefulness in performing the same splendid ceremony.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., in reply, expressed his warmest thanks to the M.E.Z. for such kind words, and his personal thanks to those Grand Officers who had so kindly assisted him in the consecration. Whatever his duties were in the Craft, which were always carried out most cheerfully, yet the pleasure was far greater when he had the honour of starting a new lodge or chapter. Upon the present occasion that pleasure was greatly increased when the chapter had a bright and happy future before it, and referred to the fact of the large number of candidates, all proposed from the mother lodge, who had expressed their desire for exaltation, which augured well for the success of the chapter. On behalf of the Consecrating Officers, he tendered his best thanks.

Comp. HANDS, H., next proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." in highly complimentary terms, remarking upon his splendid work as W.M., and from the first inception of the idea to found the chapter, the M.E.Z. had worked most assiduously. He would re-echo the remarks of the Grand Officers, and wish the M.E.Z. a most successful year of office. One and all felt there was a splendid future before the chapter, and under the able guidance of such a First Principal it could not but be a success. All wished him health, happiness, and prosperity for many years to come.

In reply, Comp. J. BLOCK, M.E.Z., most cordially thanked the companions for such a reception. He was proud of his honourable position and the confidence reposed in him. He had been connected with the lodge for 20 years, had had a most successful year as Master, and now that he had attached himself to the Royal Arch, the more he saw of the splendid ritual the more he loved it. He felt the Southern Star Chapter would be a success, and that the greatest care should be exercised in proposing candidates, so that they might prove a credit. He again thanked the Grand Officers for consecrating the chapter, and trusted at the end of the year one and all would be pleased with the manner he had performed his duties.

The toast of "The H. and J." was next proposed by the M.E.Z., who remarked upon their excellence. Comp. Hands, H., was W.M. of the mother lodge, and was doing splendid work, and Comp. Bunker, J., an old Past Master of the lodge, was also one that had done good and suitable service. He would ask the companions to drink to the good health of his colleagues.

Comp. HANDS, H., replied in grateful terms for such a greeting, stating that only a very few months ago it was mentioned as to founding the chapter, and now to see the result was remarkable. For the trust reposed in him he hoped he should merit their entire approbation by faithfully discharging his duties.

Comp. BUNKER, J., stated he felt it was a very responsible position to be placed in, and should do his utmost for the chapter. He had been connected with the lodge for more than 21 years, and the same affection would be bestowed upon the chapter as he had felt towards the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then honoured.

Comps. W. SHURMUR, P.Z.; JOHN LIGHTFOOT, P.Z. 1901; RUSBY, GOWER, GRUMMANT, P.Z. 1275; CANTLE, and HY. SADLER, G. Janitor, responded.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "Comps. Austin, S.E., and Wm. Beecroft, Treas.," remarking his indebtedness to Comp. Austin for his indefatigable exertions in the formation of the chapter. His kindness and courtesy had been exhibited throughout the whole proceedings. Although so young a Royal Arch Mason, yet he had been most invaluable to him (the M.E.Z.), for which he most heartily thanked him both on his own behalf and also for the founders. Of the Treasurer, Comp. W. Beecroft, he was an esteemed Past Master of the lodge, and one in whom every confidence could be placed.

Comp. AUSTIN, S.E., in reply, said it afforded him great pleasure in assisting the M.E.Z. in the formation of the chapter, as it was always in furthering the cause of Masonry. What he had done was most readily and cheerfully bestowed, and it would be his utmost endeavour to bring the Southern Star Chapter to a most successful issue.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of "The Officers," remarking that they were most able. Of the I.P.Z., Comp. Wright, who was the father of the lodge and Treasurer for more than 23 years, he was pleased to think he had accepted the position of I.P.Z. in the chapter.

Comps. WRIGHT, BLUM, and ATKINSON very suitably responded, pledging themselves to do their very best for the success of the chapter.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy and eventful evening.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Comp. Frank Swinford, S.E. 2272, ably assisted by Comps. George May, Vivian Bennetts, Fred H. Cozens, and Swinford, who ably presided at the piano.

THE GRAND DUCHESS OF MECKLENBURG STRELITZ, with her granddaughter, the Princesses Marie and Jutta, lunched with the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne at Kensington Palace on Saturday last and afterwards visited Olympia. On Saturday the Grand Duchess and the young Princesses lunched with the Duke of Cambridge and afterwards drove to the White Lodge, Richmond, to dine with her sister, the Princess Mary Adelaide, and the Duke of Teck.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Saturday, the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, under the banner of the Lodge of Truth, No. 137. It was a large and important gathering, and was another and striking illustration of the progress which Mark Masonry is making, and the active interest which it is exciting, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Bro. Charles Letch Masen, the Provincial Grand Master, entered, accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. John Barker, at four o'clock. He was supported by, amongst others, the following officers and brethren:

Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58, P.G.S.B., as Prov. S.G.W.; M. J. Dodworth, P.M. 53, Prov. J.G.W.; W. E. Smithies, W.M. 493, P.P.G.W.; Chas. Woollons, P.M. 110, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Monckman, P.M. (T.I.), P.P.G.W., P.G.S.; Jas. H. Gratton, J.P., P.M. 127, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.; R. Williamson, P.M. 137, P.P.G.W.; C. J. Schott, P.M. (T.I.), P.P.G.W.; Dr. Samuel Jacob, P.M. 352, Prov. G.M.O.; Thos. Norfolk, P.M. (T.I.), Prov. S.G.O.; Walter Hanson, P.M. 58, Prov. J.G.O.; Thos. Gaukroger, P.M. 14, P.P.G.O.; J. J. Green, P.M. 58, P.P.G.O.; Richard Hodgson, P.M. 58, P.P.G.O., Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee; Wm. Flockton, P.M. 111, P.P.G.O.; Edwin Billington, P.M. 127, P.P.G.O.; Richard Nelson, P.M. 14, P.P.G.O.; Rev. J. J. L. Brereton, M.A., Chap. 127, as Prov. G. Chaplain; W. W. Clayton, P.M. 374, Prov. G. Treasurer; Chas. Middleton, P.M. 111, Prov. G. Registrar; A. E. Kirkham, P.M. 53, P.P.G. Reg.; Joseph Matthewman, W.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Uttley, P.M. 14, Prov. S.G.D.; Wm. Joseph Morris, P.M. 58, Prov. J.G.D.; G. H. Parke, P.M. 110, P.P.G.D., G. Steward, Chairman of the Charity Committee; J. J. Martin, P.M. 110, P.P.G.D.; Alfd. Leach, P.M. 110, Prov. G.D.C.; Thos. Robertshaw, P.M. 58, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Tomlinson, Prov. G.S.B.; J. H. Shaw, P.M. 137, P.P.G.S.B.; Chas. Lingard, P.M. 127, Prov. G. Std. Br.; William Cockcroft, P.M. 14, P.P.G. Std. Br.; George Wragg, P.M. 53, P. Prov. G. Organist; John Brook, Secretary 137, P. Prov. G. Organist; T. E. Greenhough, Prov. G.I.G.; George Jackson, P.M. 137, and G. H. Clemons, P.M. 374, P.G. Stwds.; and J. H. Newton, 111, Prov. G. Tyler; also Bros. J. T. Last, W.M. Old York (T.I.); Gledhill Hallas, W.M. 14; H. A. Brook, W.M. 53; the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., W.M. 111; T. G. Howell, W.M. 137; John Reed, I.P.M. 398; and Chas. A. Phillips, W.M. 457. All the lodges in the province were represented, some very numerous.

After the usual salutations, the calling of the rolls, and the confirmation of the minutes, the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER thus addressed the Prov. Grand Lodge:

Brethren,—It gives me great pleasure to meet you again. This is my second Masonic visit to Huddersfield this week, for, as many of you are aware, I was present on Wednesday last to assist in the celebration of the jubilee of the Truth Craft Lodge. To-day Provincial Grand Mark Lodge meets for the sixth time under the banner of the Truth Mark Lodge, our former visits being in the years 1874, 1878, 1881, 1888, and 1893. We, of course, brethren, are what is called Speculative Masons, and the antiquity of Speculative Masonry is an open question. Some look upon it as comparatively modern, others, like myself, regard it as an Institution dating back to remote ages. The Mark must have formed a necessary portion of Operative Masonry as distinction in the work of the various Craftsmen was essential. It would, therefore, pass in the transition with Craft Masonry from Operative to Speculative. The earliest record of the Mark as a Degree, I believe, is at Portsmouth, in 1769. It is mentioned in the books of the Durham Lodge, date, 1773; and in the minutes of St. Thomas' Lodge, constituted in 1775, are many references to the Mark; for instance, under date 9th August, 1777, it is recorded—"The W.M., with the following brothers (names appended) were made Mark Masters, also Mark Masters." A Fellow Craft only was made a Mark Master whilst a Master Mason might become a Mark Master. At this period it was clearly worked in a Craft lodge. This was the case with the Old York Time Immemorial Lodge, at Bradford. Its minutes are all mixed up in the minute books of the Hope Craft Lodge, so also that of Prince Edward, No. 14, Eastwood. The organisation, as a separate Degree, having lodges to work the Mark only, is comparatively quite modern, but since this arrangement its advance has been rapid. In America it is essential previous to taking the Royal Arch. During 1895 10 new warrants were issued, two new provinces were formed, and many distinguished Craft Masons took positions in the Mark Degree, amongst whom I may mention, the Earl of Onslow, Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, and Bro. Woodiwiss, Prov. G. Master for Derbyshire, at whose installation I was present. Coming nearer home, many of us had the pleasure of welcoming the Prov. Grand Master of Craft Masons of this province, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., into our Order, and of seeing him installed as W.M. of the Copley Lodge, No. 111, Leeds, and I am further gratified to find that he is more fully identifying himself, as one of us, by accepting the office, to-day, of Provincial Senior Grand Warden in our Provincial Grand Lodge. Numerically, West Yorkshire is third on the list of provinces, and we have quite recently added another lodge to our roll, that of Eland, No. 493, at Eiland, with a prospect of possibly two others in the not distant future. As you will shortly hear from the Registrar's report, there has been a large number of resignations during the year ending 31st December, 1895. Most of these I have reason to believe consist either of those who being members of two lodges have confined themselves to one, or else of old members who have long ceased to take an interest, but have yet had their names retained on the roll till last year. There have been 53 new members during 1895, Old York, Bradford, and the Truth Lodge, Huddersfield, having admitted nine each, Britannia, Sheffield, eight whilst Portal and Fearnley have each enrolled five; but perhaps the most satisfactory feature of the statement lies in the constant decrease in arrears. There is virtually only one lodge in that condition and that I have reason to believe will be speedily amended. We may, therefore, say that the province is in good working form. There is a very great improvement in the rendering of the ritual too and in the majority of the lodges, a great increase in energy and enthusiasm. Let me impress upon you brethren the old adage, "First impressions are the most lasting." Many a brother's zeal has been slackened and his interest lost by the slipshod and slovenly way he has been admitted into Masonry. Let your working be thorough and your ceremonies conducted with dignity, then our Order will flourish. The distribution of collars is not with us such a difficult task as it is to our R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, but it is our constant desire to recognise merit and ability. Some work in one way, some in another, and we endeavour as far as we can to acknowledge and to reward the services of all who show interest in the Order. Under the peculiar circumstances of the present year it is not my intention to say anything about the Mark Benevolent Festival. We have formed, as you are all well aware, a Charity Committee, the reasons for doing which were fully explained at our last meeting, at Barnsley, and I would



impress upon the Charity members, should any case of necessity come under their notice, the duty of acting promptly. Ready help may very often be obtained, and you remember the maxim—*Bis dat qui cito dat*—"He gives twice who gives quickly." Brethren, I hear the year has opened out with us most hopefully. Let us go steadily on, not seeking, as I pointed out at Elland, to acquire large accessions to our numbers, but gathering around us those who are actuated by the great principles of Freemasonry, and who not only practise benevolence and diffuse Charity, but who illustrate in their words and actions towards their fellow-men that higher, greater, nobler Charity that "vaunteth not itself, thinketh no evil, is not puffed up, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. W. CLAYTON, in presenting his statement of accounts for the year, pointed out that, notwithstanding the rather heavy expenditure which had been incurred, which the exceptional circumstances he went into justified, there was a balance of nearly £60 to the credit of the province, which was a highly satisfactory condition of affairs. He moved that the balance-sheet be adopted.

This was carried.

In eulogistic terms, Bro. R. HODGSON, P.M., P.P.G.O., proposed Bro. T. Robertshaw as Treasurer for the year.

This was seconded by Bro. J. H. GRATION, and Bro. Robertshaw was unanimously elected.

The retiring officers having surrendered their collars, and received the thanks of the Provincial Grand Master for their services, the officers for the year were appointed and invested. They were:

Bro. Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, 111	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. H. Parke, 110	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. J. Morris, 58	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" C. Lingard, 127	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. Wragg, 53	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. L. Brereton, 127	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" T. Robertshaw, 58	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. A. Statter, 110	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Matthewman, 110	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Brooks Parkin, 352	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Walter C. Fox, 53	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. H. Clemons, 374	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" F. D. Harrison, Old York (T.I.)	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" David Bradley, 14	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Alfred Wilson, 457	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Jackson, 137	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Jeremiah Dunnill, 110	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John D. Waller, 352	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. T. Last, Old York (T.I.)	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" T. G. Howell, 137	...	
" John W. Smith, 374	...	
" John Reed, 398	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. H. Newton, 111	...	

In the case of some this was done by substitute, as through illness and other causes they were unable to attend.

After the investment, Bro. W. L. JACKSON, the Senior Grand Warden, who was compelled to leave to keep an appointment in London, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the honour conferred upon him in appointing him to so important a post in the Mark Degree, and for the very kind words which had accompanied his investiture. In ordinary circumstances he would have felt it a privilege to be associated with the Mark, but when he considered how much Bro. Mason had done not for that Degree only, but for all branches of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire, he regarded it as a duty thus to join him and in some measure give recognition to the services which for so many years Bro. Mason had so freely bestowed. He regretted that he was unable to stay longer with the brethren, and assured them that they and the success of the Mark Degree had his very best wishes. He declared that he would do his duty in the post to which he had just been appointed, so far as it was possible to him, and he trusted that the brethren at any rate would never have cause to be ashamed that he had been chosen as their Senior Grand Warden.

The Prov. G. Reg., Bro. CHARLES MIDDLETON, then made the annual statement as to the numerical strength of the lodges. This had to some extent been anticipated by the Prov. Grand Master in his address, but there were one or two points which the Prov. G. Registrar especially emphasised. The first was the almost absolute freedom from arrears, and the second the process of setting their houses in order, which had been going on in some of the lodges. This year Bro. Middleton described as a period of reformation, the effects of which would appear in increased numbers and efficiency. There had been, he believed, many elements of indifference and neglect, a condition of things which tended to damp both energy and enthusiasm: these were now eliminated, and there was, he hoped, nothing remaining which could impede substantial progress.

Bro. G. H. PARKE, Prov. J.G.W., G. Steward, and Chairman of the Charity Committee, then rose to move "That 10 guineas be given to the Mark Benevolent Institution in support of the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Chas. Letch Mason on the 8th July next."

It will be remembered that Bro. Parke proposed the adoption of certain additional by-laws at the meeting at Barnsley in the autumn. These by-laws which empowered the province to elect a Charity Committee and create an organisation which should work in the interests of the Mark Benevolent Fund, were received with enthusiasm, accepted unanimously, and having been sanctioned by the General Board in London, now formed an integral portion of the laws of the province. A Charity Committee had been formed, and Bro. Parke was honoured by being chosen its first Chairman.

Bro. PARKE having explained and illustrated the working of the Committee, made a strong appeal to the brethren to support their Prov. Grand Master's presidency at the forthcoming Mark Festival. He had, he declared, visited every lodge in the province during the last six months, in order to advocate this most excellent cause. He was pleased to say that from the printed list which he held in his hand, it appeared that every one of the 13 lodges in the province had contributed something. The total did not, however, reach the sum which he thought it ought to touch, and he felt sure when the brethren considered that they were being called upon to help a good man in a good cause, they would rally round their Prov. Grand Master in true North Country fashion, and strive to make their total greater than that of any other province. With that view, he asked them to vote 10 guineas from their funds.

Bro. Dr. JACOB, in a few words, ably supported Bro. Parke, and the resolution was carried with every mark of satisfaction and approval.

After electing the two Wardens and three Overseers to serve on the General Purposes Committee, the PROV. GRAND MASTER explained that it was his intention shortly to call that Committee together to determine how best to celebrate the 25th year of their existence as a province. The Mark Provincial Grand Lodge was formed on 21st August, 1881, and it would be for them to decide whether they should keep the 25th anniversary or not. The Committee having discussed the *pros* and *cons* of the question, it would then be laid before the brethren. He now called upon the Deputy to address a few words to them.

Bro. JOHN BARKER, who was most cordially received, after thanking the brethren for their salutations, and explaining the difficulty under which he laboured in having to follow the Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Registrar, and lastly, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, said that he would like to impress upon the brethren, especially the W.M.s. of lodges and their officers, the necessity of the careful and reverent working of the beautiful ceremonies of the Mark Degree; that they should point out the teaching which the ritual contains, that they should give close attention to detail and conscientiously endeavour to bring out fully all the lessons which abound throughout the various functions of the Order. Bro. Barker, after commenting upon the state of some lodges in comparison with others, and congratulating the Lodge of Elland upon the favourable circumstances under which it commenced and the admirable arrangements which tended so much to the success of the consecration ceremony, pointed out that under judicious care and management, and only under those conditions could they hope to prosper. He especially enjoined caution in the admission of members and told them to bear in mind that, as they progressed in Masonry from Degree to Degree, so ought they to be prepared to show more mutual forbearance and consideration with each other and that if they were deemed worthy to be advanced, surely they ought also to make an accompanying progress in the practice of the virtues of the Order into which they had entered. Bro. Barker concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of the Truth Lodge for the very excellent arrangements which had been made for the accommodation of Provincial Grand Lodge.

This was seconded by Bro. M. J. DODWORTH, P.P.G.W., and carried by acclamation.

Bro. HOWELL, W.M. 137, briefly responded, and there being no other business Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren in large numbers then adjourned to the house of Bro. Beaumont, the White Hart Hotel, for refreshment. This historic inn was not only the original home of the Truth Lodge but was also the scene of the century old Craft lodge in Huddersfield, called originally White Hart, now named Huddersfield, and numbered 290 on the Grand Lodge roll. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent, songs and recitations being introduced between the various toasts.

### ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE HENLEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual festival of the above excellent institution took place on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, and was a most pleasant and exhilarating affair. Bro. T. A. Reeve, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following Past Masters, members of the mother lodge, and visitors—Bros. A. T. Ives, P.M., Preceptor; C. Jolly, P.M., W.M. 2184; C. H. Canning, P.M., Treas., P.P.J.G.D. Essex; J. Savage, P.M.; J. Delo, P.M.; B. C. Curtis, P.M., Sec. of the lodge of instruction; W. Turvey, S.W., Asst. Sec.; J. Palmer, J.W.; W. Baker, S.D.; T. Lait, J.D.; D. Ross, I.G.; E. Morgan, D.C.; S. Chaplin and R. Stephenson, Stwds.; W. Redman, Org.; C. Davis, W. Woodward, W. Ball, J. Ward, T. Smith, E. Rodwell, J. Power, W. Painter, J. Hood, W. Derbyshire, C. Carter, B. Chatterton, F. Andrews, J. Andrews, E. Stubbs, Quinn, C. Hiscock, W. Dodge, and J. Russell. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor 13; J. Warren, P.M., Sec. and Preceptor, W. Lawson, P.M., F. Taylor, P.M., J. Sanderson, P.M., Dr. J. Tees, J. Plume, Colvin, and Moore, all of 700; Supt. Bantick, P.M. 72; Harris, 13; Couves, 2184; Brown, 87; Wagstaff, 898; Spurgeon, Dixon, Thomas, Selves, Reedman, Cockerell, and others.

The banquet was worthy of the care and taste bestowed upon its preparation by the esteemed host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Walter Richardson.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were duly honoured, as was that of "The W.M." "Success to the Henley Lodge of Instruction" followed, and was coupled with the names of Bros. Ives, Curtis, and Turvey, each and all of whom told a flattering tale of its rise and progress. It had already sent up some £300 to the Charities, and there was more to come.

Bros. WARREN, DAVIES, and BANTICK responded for "The Visitors," the former speaking warmly of the long continued good fellowship which existed between the Henley and Nelson Lodges, and all of them thanked the Henley for their always splendid hospitality.

Bro. C. JOLLY proposed (by request of the W.M.) the toasts of "The Host and Hostess" and "The Officers."

Bro. RICHARDSON responded for the former, and Bros. TURVEY, PALMER, and several of the other officers for the latter.

The musical arrangements were directed by Bro. Redman; the artistes being Mesdames Laura Bruntton, and Lydia Clarke, Bros. Dodge, Bantick, Woodward, Sanderson, and Ross; Bro. Jolly reciting.

### THIRD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LA TOLERANCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 538.

For the third year in succession a very enjoyable and successful gathering of the members and friends of this lodge of instruction took place at the Frascati, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday, the 22nd ultimo, under the presidency of the genial Preceptor, Bro. J. Paul, P.M. 1287 and 1482. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. G. Hill, P.M. 871, Treas., and John Skinner, P.M. 538.

Nearly 80 sat down to a *recherché* repast, provided in faultless style by the managers of this popular establishment.

The toasts were few and brief, comprising that of "The Queen, Royal Family, and the Craft"; that of "The President," proposed by Bro. GEO. HILL, P.M., Treas., and modestly acknowledged by the President.

"The Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the names of the Treasurer and Secretary (Bro. W. E. Willby, P.M. 548)."

The TREASURER referred with pleasure to the fact that during the last 22 months sums amounting to between £80 and £85 had been collected in the lodge of instruction and presented to one or other of the Masonic Charities."

Bro. W. E. WILLBY, said, in replying, that the large response to his small efforts, shown by the greatly increased attendance that evening, was all the reward he required, and further dwelt upon the beauty and grandeur of Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably replied to by Bros. WEBB, P.M. 1287, GODFREY, and DAVIS.

A long musical programme was carried through, and afforded the greatest pleasure to the company. Bros. H. C. Parker, F. A. Zeppenfeld, C. Gammon, and E. Kraus gave valuable aid to the musical portion of the entertainment, other contributions being rendered in grand style by Mr. T. Bennett. Miss Florence Grove sang with great taste and refinement "A May morning" and "Dere's only one moon in de sky"; Miss May Palmer played in superb style "Valse Arabesque" and other pieces; Mrs. and Miss Willby, wife and daughter of the Secretary, also lent their aid, the former singing "Louisiana Loo" to a mandoline accompaniment by her daughter, whilst the latter sang, played a violin solo, and also recited, her efforts meeting with the heartiest appreciation.

Amongst those present were Bros. W. J. Mason, Past Provincial Grand Deacon Surrey; John Skinner, P.M. 538; T. W. Smale, P.M. 538; W. E. Willby, P.M. 538; S. C. Cross, J.D. 538; G. A. Sturgess, I.G. 538; T. H. Clear, J.W. 538; W. G. Hibbs, P.M. 1692; John King, P.M. 1692; F. Stansell, 167; F. G. Evans, 1201, and four friends; T. Paul, P.M. 1287, 1482; G. Ridout, P.M. 1287; J. Leather, 1287; F. A. Zeppenfeld, 1287; M. Beedle, 1287; C. J. Grove, P.M.; W. Podger; G. Cizzio; F. W. Buxton, P.M.; W. Bates, P.M.; W. Webb, P.M. 1287; A. Cumberland; J. Cator, 2261; A. Moon, 795; J. Bluett, 946; R. H. Singleton, A. S. Willby, Percy Willby, T. Boide, F. Bailey, Harry Lindfield, P.M. 211; J. Bennett; W. B. Fendick, P.M.; A. Butcher, J. Davis, A. Davis, P.M.; J. L. Bowden; C. Gammon, P.M.; W. Houghton; H. C. Parker, 975; F. Jackson, P.M. 1987; C. Morle; E. Kraus, P.M. 511; A. W. Wilson, 1987; and Joseph Bennett, 946.

### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

The ladies' night of the above lodge is always a pleasant event, and that which occurred on the 21st ult., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, was no exception. Bro. E. Smith, W.M., presided over the festive board in his usual genial manner. The tables were decorated in a manner worthy of the occasion, and the dresses of the ladies and the varied hues of the Masonic clothing of the brethren vied with the flowers on the table.

After a very *recherché* banquet, which the "sisters" considered with as much regard as the brethren, Bro. SMITH gave the loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers."

The National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" followed the first two toasts, which were received with due honours, but not the usual "Masonic fire."

The toast of the evening—"The Ladies"—was cordially received by the brethren, the W.M. expressing his hope that they might see them there again for many years to come.

The remaining toasts were briefly disposed of, as there was a rather extensive musical programme.

Bro. Hans "discoursed most excellent music" on the cornet, Miss Isabella Greene with "The lost chord," and Miss Aggie Smith sang divinely. Bro. Dynes was very agreeable with "Sally in our alley," Bro. H. Green equally pleasing with "My sweetheart when a boy" and "Come into the garden, Maud." Mr. T. Best Folkes was in his amusing vein with his "Sweet little lady" and "The little maid," while Bro. Calver, P.M., was powerful and impressive in his recitation of "The last fight of the Revenge." Last, but always welcome, Bro. John Kinipple warbled "Things that were never done before."

The admirable arrangements were organised by Bro. E. Haysom, always able and always willing, assisted by an active body of Stewards, viz.: Bros. J. Smith, C. Golle, J. Lane, E. W. Child, W. Cotton, and E. H. Child. Bro. Lloyd Edwards presided at the piano.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. M. MCLEOD, P.G.S.B.

The promotion of the hard-working Secretary of the Boys' School, Bro. J. M. McLeod, to the rank of P.G.S.B.—a position similar to that held by the Secretaries of the sister Institutions—was hailed throughout the Craft as a well-deserved honour. The extreme satisfaction evinced by this preferment found expression on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when a banquet was given to Bro. McLeod at the Frascati Restaurant, and the insignia of his office presented to him by Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., on behalf of the members of the Board of Management of the Boys' School, and other Masonic friends.

The subscribers to the testimonial, many of whom were present, included Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Wm. Stiles, J. Speller, Westlake, J. Willing, jun., W. H. Bailey, J. J. Thomas, W. Thomas, G. Fairchild, J. Stephens, R. Eve, G. Everett, Smithson, H. J. Lardner, S. Attenborough, Spaul, Mackrill, Shurmur, C. E. Keyser, J. Burgess, Rudderforth, Hubbard, Maj. Le Feuvre, Carter, T. H. Roberts, H. E. Diamond, O. Papworth, Benson, Russell, R. Clowes, W. H. Kempster, J. Glass, E. Margrett, R. Cummings, W. Adams, W. Lake, Welford, J. R. Roberts, Lusty, Mountford, F. Adams, G. Corble, Hutchinson, Chapple, Collison, Stratton, Buxton, Flatman, G. V. Wood, H. J. Turner, Manfield, Hudson, Vassar Smith, Pritchard, R. Cranston, S. Cochrane, Hussey, Garnett, Imray, Woodiwiss, Marsden, Salisbury, Tobias, St. Clair, Strachan, Baddeley, Baths, Bevis, W. Morell, F. R. W. Hedges, W. J. Mason, Truscott, Percy Wallis, Edgar Horne, and Capt. Murray.

The entire arrangements for the presentation had been carried out by Bro. James Stephens, with that completeness and success which characterises all his work, and the result was a highly satisfactory and enjoyable evening under the presidency of Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.

After dessert, the CHAIRMAN briefly proposed "The Queen," and then gave "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., and the Grand Officers," referring to the prerogative exercised by his Royal Highness in appointing a number of brethren to brevet rank to celebrate the 21st year of his Grand Mastership. The Grand Officers present included Bro. W. H. Bailey, the G. Treas., whose services were well known to the Craft, particularly in that part of the country from which he hailed.

Bro. W. H. BAILEY, G. Treas., who responded said, with reference to the M.W.G.M., that it was a unique honour for his Royal Highness to be proclaimed Grand Master, and winner of the One Thousand Guineas in one week. The Grand Officers would all try to do their level best to maintain the high record of Grand Lodge, and use their best endeavours not to render less service than had been rendered by the distinguished brethren who had preceded them.

Bro. J. STEPHENS then read numerous letters and telegrams from brethren expressing their inability to be present, and their congratulations to Bro. McLeod on his well-earned promotion.

The CHAIRMAN then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," and said that it was unnecessary he should tell them the object of their meeting. None present or outside their gathering could have failed to feel the greatest satisfaction and pleasure when they heard it announced that Bro. McLeod was to be a Grand Officer. They had watched him for some years past, and more especially since he obtained the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. McLeod was an eminent Mason before he obtained that position, and all their anticipations with reference to him had been fully justified, and he had more than amply repaid every brother who supported him in that office. They knew that for some years he had been working hard for their Institution and to say that he had been working with a great amount of energy would be saying little. He possessed an amount of energy and assiduity without which no brother could have accomplished such work, not only for the success of the Institution, but for the good of the Craft at large. They were present that evening to recognise the fact that Bro. McLeod had been appointed one of the Grand Officers, and to express to him on behalf the Craft, the great satisfaction felt at the brevet rank bestowed upon him. They hoped he would have many years of health, strength, and usefulness for the great Institution he so well and worthily represented and for which he had done so much. He (the Chairman) was sorry so many letters and telegrams of regret had been read but the room would not have held all the brethren anxious to do honour to Bro. McLeod. They were, however, well represented, and speaking on behalf of the Boys' School, he thanked Bro. McLeod personally for the arduous, exemplary, and brilliant way in which he had conducted the business, and represented them on various occasions. Before asking the brethren to drink the toast, he (the Chairman) would discharge in their behalf a pleasing duty, and that was to ask Bro. McLeod to accept at their hands a small present, as a recognition of his services. They felt all he had said about that brother, and that he had done his duty honestly, faithfully, and well. Bro. McLeod's heart was bound up in the interests of the Boys' Institution, and he had a great desire to see it a great success, an honour and an ornament to the Craft. In conclusion, the Chairman, addressing Bro. McLeod, asked him to accept at their hands a small present, as a recognition of his great services in furthering the Institution, and the great Charities of their Order. In asking his acceptance of the Grand Lodge and Grand Arch clothing, they trusted it would be worn for many happy years in the Craft, and afterwards be regarded by his son as a memento of his father's distinguished services.

The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, in reply, said he had had a great many difficult tasks in the course of his life, but none more difficult than the present. It came very early after the reception which he had in Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, and which he thought he should never forget, to hear the more than kind words of the Chairman and the loving receptions he had met with at the hands of those present. Personally he knew he was weak in many respects and it somewhat took the manhood out of him to receive so many kind marks of favour at the hands of those brethren whom he had learnt, not only to respect but love, in the cause he had at heart. He did not know why it was or how it came about that in the very brief space of somewhat less than six years since he came to London a comparative stranger to take up his office, he had received so many marks of favour at the hands of his London brethren. He placed them foremost because he came as a stranger and they took him to their hearts, although they had friends who they thought should occupy the position he was selected to fill—might he say by the majority of the country brethren. It was a most difficult position to take up, but to find that those who opposed him were his friends, was the greatest compliment one could have in the whole course of his natural career. He had endeavoured, as all men should, whether humble or high, to do his duty. That he had tried to do it was admitted by all; that he had succeeded he hoped was true. He felt that the spontaneous cordiality of his reception in Grand Lodge, which would have moved a much stronger man than himself, proved that the brethren generally agreed that he had not only endeavoured to do his duty, but had succeeded. A most difficult task had been placed upon him in acknowledging the very kind words uttered by the Chairman, who had been ever kind to him in connection with their work together, which had not been light. The Chairman spoke for the Board of Management, than whom none could have a better body of brethren to work under; men who had devoted themselves with one single mind for the best interests of those placed under their care. That had made his work remarkably easy. He had to thank his brethren who had come here, those who had known his work before he came to London, including Bro. Salisbury, from Birmingham, and he took it as a compliment that they should have come up at personal inconvenience to honour him on such an occasion. They represented the unity of the Masonic Order on an occasion of that kind. He could not express all he felt with reference to his accession to the high dignity the Grand Master had conferred upon a representative of their Institution. He felt he could not ever have hoped to attain that position had it not been for the office he filled. Firstly, he thought the appointment was given as a recognition, not only of his services, but of the improved working in the Boys' School. In that respect it would undoubtedly be a very great advantage to him as regards his future work for the Institution, as it placed him on the same level with his colleagues of the sister Institutions as regards rank. Their kindness and their generosity shown in their personal gift was more likely to last in his recollection, and was far more calculated to induce him to put forth more energy for the cause he and they loved so well, than all the collars and ranks the M.W.G.M. could bestow upon him. He esteemed all they had done for him, and knew there was one brother who had ever been kind to him—Bro. James Stephens—who was never happier than when trying to do good, no matter at what cost to himself. They had made him work, he believed, harder than he could have worked, owing to the kindness he had received since he took up his duties. He had had his seasons of sorrow. He should never forget when he first came to London to meet the Provisional Committee, he came from the funeral of his father, and soon after they knew the great loss he had, and they knew also the great sympathy he had from all the brethren and the encouragement he received to keep up amidst the most arduous work. Since then he had undergone a time of joy and pleasure, which had given him a renewed lease of life. Their assistance and kindness softened the hardship of work, for work was a pleasure to him, as he had always been a hard worker. Some said he should take things easier, but work was the finest exercise he knew, and it was a pleasure to work when such encouragement was given. In thanking them for their kindness during the past few years, he could only hope that would be another incentive to continue the work, to do more, if possible, for he knew there was much hard work before him in the future. He had to thank them again and again for the great kindness they had shown in their gift, and the personal interest and kind sympathy always exhibited towards him.

Bro. G. EVERETT, P.G. Treas., proposed "The Chairman," to which Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treas., replied.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Health of Bro. James Stephens," referring in very kindly terms to the services rendered by Bro. Stephens in connection with the testimonial, and congratulating him on his appointment to office in Grand Chapter.

BRO. JAMES STEPHENS, in response, said that had a committee been formed and the brethren generally been asked to assist, they could doubtless have filled the Albert Hall, for there was no brother in the Craft more beloved than Bro. McLeod. He was grateful for the kind remarks made about himself and his appointment to Grand Chapter. He asked them to consent that any balance remaining in hand should be subscribed to the Miss Davis Testimonial Fund.

During the evening an excellent selection of music was rendered by Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Ethel Winn, and Bro. H. Prenton.

### LADIES' NIGHT AT THE COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2397.

Monday, April 27th, was a red letter day in the history of this vigorous lodge, which under the able rule of Bro. Elias Jessurun, its W.M., held its first ladies' meeting on that date. The lodge met at the Café Royal at 5 o'clock for the purpose of passing Bro. J. B. Birkbeck, and the lodge being closed, the brethren immediately adjourned to the noble drawing-room of that establishment, where the W.M. and Wardens held a reception, which was attended by about sixty members and guests. Among the guests the wives and daughters of most of the married members of the lodge were to be found, but there was also a sprinkling of ladies who will, no doubt, at some future date, appear again at a similar function, having in the meantime led some of the bachelor members under the gentle yoke of matrimony. Among the brethren present were: Bros. E. Jessurun, W.M.; H. S. Wellcome, P.M.; F. C. Van Dazer, S.W.; Col. F. W. Frigout, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; W. J. Spratling, Sec.; R. Newton Crane, I.G.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Harry Phillips, Musical Director; W. S. Penley, Org.; W. H. Toone, Assist. D.C.; B. Franklin Stevens, Arthur W. Chapman; W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C.; Lawrence Stevens, J. B. Birkbeck, Col. G. Howes of U.S.A.; J. Cooper, 3; J. C. Low, 3; J. Harrison, 2485; W. Beard, 101; W. Chapman, A.G.D.C., 2485; Lionel Harris, 2485; A. Oliver, 2265; A. O. Frigout, 2171; J. Drysdale, 263; C. Beirum, 1614; H. Birkbeck, 534; J. H. Grettton, 108; W. Forster, 231; Dr. Murray Leslie, 1382; W. Marsham Rae, 1150; Bertram Phillips, F. A. H. Terrell, and Franklin Clive, 1319.

When we state that the Committee for making the necessary arrangements comprised the W.M., Bros. H. S. Wellcome, R. Newton Crane, and Harry Phillips, that Bro. R. Clay Sudlow and W. H. Toone are the D.Cs. of the lodge, and that Bro. Spratling is the Secretary, we have said enough to enable all who know these brethren to predict that with the resources of the Café Royal at their disposal, the celebration would be, as it was, an entire success, and the evening a most agreeable one.

After the banquet, the usual non-Masonic toasts were given, the W.M. proposed "Her Majesty the Queen," and Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., "The President of the United States."

The toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was entrusted to Bro. R. NEWTON CRANE, who, in a graceful and humorous speech, alluded to the immense progress Masonry had made under the genial and efficient rule of his Royal Highness.

Bro. W. G. LEMON, P.A.G.D.C., responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. W. E. CHAPMAN, A.G.D.C., for "The Visitors."

But the speech of the evening was that of Miss FLORENCE HAYWARD, who replied for "The Ladies," in response to the invitation of Bro. Harry Phillips. She said: It is a truly remarkable state of affairs when men ask a woman to talk, but I do not think it more remarkable than it is for the woman to wonder whether or not she is going to be able to do it, to doubt whether she will be equal to taking full advantage of the kindest hospitality that, under these circumstances, has ever been offered to one of her sex. Why you should want her to talk is a mystery; the only approach to an explanation is afforded by a somewhat parallel case in Chicago. Chicago is a town where they hold World's Fairs and do a great deal of pork packing. These pork-packing establishments are immense establishments, conducted on strictly scientific principles, the machinery used is, perhaps, the most wonderful that has ever been invented. You can see them put in a pig at one end of this machinery—a live, squealing pig—and presently out at the other end come, not only hams and bacon, and pork, and sausages, but bristles, already made into brushes, and pig skin already made into saddles. Everything is utilised, nothing is wasted; it is the boast of the pork-packers that they turn everything about the pig to some account, except the squeal, and they assure you that if it had any value they would save it, too. Now, it occurred to me that the toast Committee appointed to arrange for this dinner had heard of the Chicago methods, and had determined to improve upon them. In getting a woman to talk, they were endeavouring to utilise the squeal. For my own part, I think it is rather a mistake to have taken advantage of the opportunity you have offered us, for there is no telling what it may not eventually lead to. Not that I fear the results of talking, but I do draw the logical consequences that are sure to follow upon women proving that they have in any way enlarged upon their capabilities. In America—I must talk about America, for I don't know anything else—the negroes have the greatest respect and admiration for monkeys. They consider them by far the cleverest of all animals; indeed, they have no hesitation in saying that monkeys have proved themselves wiser and cleverer than the negroes themselves, and to convince you of it they will tell you this: That monkeys can talk, but that nothing will induce them to do it, for they know that if they do white people will make them work, just as they did the negroes. I leave it to you—don't you think it would be a mistake for women to do what would bring about a condition of affairs with regard to themselves that monkeys have successfully avoided by holding their tongues? And there is another consideration. Even granting that women's talking in public is not a mistake on our part, I do not believe that the public is ready for the entire change, the essential difference that would surely be found to exist between what a man and a woman would say under a given set of circumstances. This essential difference is of a nature that I find it difficult to allude to in terms that shall be sufficiently plain, and yet that will not give offence to the sex that has, until now, done all the speech-making. Perhaps I can best convey my meaning by reminding you that among women telling the truth is such a matter of course that Sapphira stands solitary and alone as the one authenticated female fibber of history; while, on the other hand, a diligent search

of all available chronicles, ancient or modern, sacred or profane, historical or mythical, yields just one authenticated case of a man who could not tell a lie. It does seem significant, does it not, that Sapphira should be as much of a *rara avis* among women, as George Washington among men? Facts seem to speak for themselves when a man's telling the truth makes him as noted a character in history as the woman who did not adhere to it. And I am sure you anticipate the inference to be drawn from these facts, that is, that after listening all these bygone years to speeches from the sex that has never achieved but one George Washington, the public would not know how to receive statements from the sex that has never produced but one Sapphira, who, by the way, was the wife of Ananias, that gentleman with a somewhat well-known record of his own. I am sure that one-half of the members of this lodge must be proud to reflect that George Washington, this one, single, solitary man in the whole world who could not tell a lie, was practically an Englishman. I am also sure that the rest of the members of the lodge will take an equal pride in pointing out the fact that while he may have been an Englishman, he never amounted to much of a success until he stopped being an Englishman and turned himself into an American. But whether we women are a success or not at it, I assure you that if we ever get this matter of speech-making into our own hands we will never give it up; I warn you that if we ever have the faintest chance we will drive you out of the talking profession. Indeed, I believe that to warn you now would be to warn you too late, I'm afraid that the thin edge of the wedge has already been inserted. You may go on for a while thinking that nothing is changed, that everything is as it always has been, but I believe that you are already in the condition of a turtle that I once saw. It was a turtle we had caught while we were out fishing, and we brought it home and told the cook to make soup of it. Of course, the first thing she did was to cut its head off. If you know anything of turtles, you know that this one, after the fashion of its kind, went on walking around the kitchen floor, precisely as if nothing had happened to him. There was his head on the table, and the rest of him promenading about the floor as if nothing had occurred. Old Sally watched him, at first with astonishment, then with compassion, finally with contempt, and said: "Just look at that fool turtle; he is dead, and he don't know it." The only consolation we can offer to you other turtles is that, when you are dead, when we have ousted you from all the professions that require fluency of speech as an essential element of success, we will show you the same care and consideration that you have heretofore shown us; indeed, if it is possible we will do even more. I cannot say just what this will be, in either politics or religion; religion is such an uncertain matter nowadays, and you cannot count even upon a woman when it comes to politics. But in the law you can feel eminently safe in our hands. When we are the judges and the lawyers, and some poor, down-trodden, ill-used, miserable man comes to us praying for a divorce, we will give it to him, always with large alimony and the restoration of his maiden name. All this time there are, I am sure, some who are wondering what all this has to do with the subject of the toast proposed by Mr. Phillips. It has nothing to do with it. I took great care that it should not have anything to do with it, and for this I had two reasons. The first was that I was following illustrious precedent. I believe that the very best after-dinner speakers keep as far as possible from their nominal subjects; they say it gives them more scope; I know that Mr. Chauncy Deyson, and Mr. Wellcome, and Mr. Crane invariably avoid, with particular care, any mention of the supposed subjects of their toasts, and they are all considered rather good talkers, even if they are men. And, in the second place, I felt that it would seem like presumption on my part if I were to say anything that might look as if I considered myself capable of expressing in a representative way the opinions and sentiments of the other women here. As a new comer to London and an American, I have not the right, however much I may have the wish, to consider myself entirely one, either with my English kinswomen—if I may call them so—or with American women who have lived here for any length of time. But I feel entirely safe in saying this—that we appreciate far more than you have any idea of the hospitality you have so generously extended to us to-night. I have, personally, no sympathy with the political agitators of my sex, nor do I aspire to enroll myself amongst those of my sex who envy your sex. But if I had ever entertained such rebellious ideas, I would have surrendered them this evening. You have voluntarily, and with the utmost freedom, extended to us that mutually ennobling companionship—the companionship of good men with good women. When we have such rights as these, what more can any woman ask? In the name of the ladies, I thank you for them.

An entertainment by the Sweet Singers, the Columbian Quartette, the clever sleight-of-hand tricks of Bro. Bertram, the guest of Bro. W. S. Penley, the well-known ability of Bro. Franklin Clive, and the assistance of several talented lady guests amused and edified the audience until the hands of the clock pointing dangerously near to the hour which divided the 27th ult. from the 28th, brought to a close a festival which every one thoroughly enjoyed, and which it is hoped may be repeated in 1897.

### THE RETIREMENT OF MISS DAVIS.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following letter which is being extensively circulated—but non-officially—among the friends and supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls:

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### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STIRLINGSHIRE.

The Quarterly Communication of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Falkirk, on Tuesday night, the 28th ult. Bro. ex-Provost Christie, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bro. Wm. Black, P.G.M. depute, and other office-bearers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read and adopted. There was submitted an application by Lodge Killearn, 780, that that lodge be allowed to meet at Balfour and occasionally at Killearn and Bucklyvie.

A motion was made that the application be granted, but this was met by an amendment that the application be refused.

After some discussion it was ultimately agreed that the matter be remitted to the Provincial Grand Committee for inquiry, and to report to next Quarterly Communication.

Some business of a routine character having been disposed of, the lodge was duly closed.

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**Masonic Notes.**

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, when the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested. A reference to our report of the meeting will show that the majority of them were appointed to office in Grand Lodge last week, but there were a few among them, such as Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, who were Craft Grand Officers in former years, while one—Comp. George Graveley—holds no rank in Grand Lodge.

There were also appointed, in commemoration of the 21st anniversary of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's installation as G.Z., 21 companions to brevet rank as Past Grand Officers, among them being 14 of those on whom was conferred brevet rank in Grand Lodge at the Grand Festival, and who received rank in Grand Chapter corresponding with that which they had already received in the Craft. But the remaining seven were not eligible, and, therefore, seven companions of

distinction were elected to fill their places, the seven being Comps. Gordon Miller, Ensor Drury, W. H. Cowper, E. L. Marshall, James Stephens, J. J. Thomas, and William Vincent. We shall furnish particulars of the services rendered to Freemasonry by these companions in our issue of next week.

We regret exceedingly that in our record last week of Bro. W. A. Scurrah's services, we should unintentionally have described the office to which he was appointed as that of Dep. G. Sword Bearer, instead of G. Standard Bearer. Our readers, no doubt, will have noticed the error, as Bro. Scurrah is returned in his proper place in the list of G. Officers under the head of "G. Standard Bearers." We also omitted to mention that it was the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271, of which he was a founder, and had filled the office of Secretary from the day of its consecration in August, 1888, until October of last year, when he was appointed S.W.

We publish elsewhere a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Past District Grand Officer," in which he points out that no District Grand Officer, Present or Past, is to be found among the brethren upon whom last week the M.W.G. Master was pleased to confer office in Grand Lodge, or even brevet rank as Past Grand Officers. We take no exception to his complaint about the absence of District Grand Officers from the latter list, because we are aware that there are many besides our correspondent who think that such appointments should occasionally be made, as many indeed were made at the Masonic commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887. But we fail to see how any Colonial brethren, however distinguished, could be appointed to Grand Office, considering that, except under the very rarest circumstances, it would not be in their power to attend and be in their places in Grand Lodge. It is to be regretted that our Colonial brethren should be thus unfortunately circumstanced, but we do not see any way out of the difficulty.

What, however, we do object to is the slighting manner in which our correspondent speaks of the feelings which, in his opinion, the M.W. Grand Master and his advisers entertain towards Colonial Masons. It is only a short while since that two newly-appointed Colonial Governors, who happened to be Masons, had the brevet rank of Past G. Wardens conferred upon them as a compliment to the brethren in the Colonies—in one case organised as an independent G. Lodge—of which Her Majesty had been pleased to appoint them Governors. Lords Carrington and Jersey and the Earl of Kintore were distinguished English or Scottish Masons before they were elected—in the case of the two former—G. Masters of New South Wales, and in that of Lord Kintore, G. Master of S. Australia. Moreover, these G. Lodges and the G. Lodges of Victoria and Tasmania were promptly recognised by our G. Lodge on their formation, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, is Patron of three out of the four.

In fact, we demur *in toto* to our correspondent's suggestion that our Grand Lodge authorities are actuated by any but by the kindest feelings towards Colonial Masons. Their aspirations to become self-governing Masonic Communities are quite natural, quite as natural as those the Colonies had previously exhibited to become self-governing political communities. We call those lodges which prefer to remain in allegiance to their parent Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom "loyal," because we do not well see what else we can call them; but it is absurd to suggest, after the prompt recognition accorded to these Colonial Grand Lodges and our Grand Master's patronage of such bodies, that our Grand Lodge looks down upon Colonial Masonry.

It will be seen, from a circular which appears in another part of our columns, and is addressed to individual brethren generally, that it is proposed to raise a "purse" or testimonial to Miss Davis, and present it to her on her retirement, after 35 years' services, from the post of Head Governess of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The proposal has our very warmest approval, and we sincerely trust it will meet with the success it deserves. Miss Davis has devoted the best years of her life to the training of the children in our senior School, many hundreds of whom must have been under her charge and benefited by her instruction. The success with which she has discharged her responsible duties is undoubted, and it is only fitting that at the close of her career as Governess she should receive from the Craft generally some mark of their kindly appreciation.

## 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.

### THE STATUS OF A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be glad if some of your readers will inform me if Grand Lodge has at any time been required to put a construction upon, or to define the meaning of Rule 9 of the Book of Constitutions, as regards the status of a Past Master as a member of Grand Lodge. My reading of the rule is that so long as a Past Master continues to be a subscribing member of any lodge under the English Constitution, or, for the purpose of my letter, let us say of an English lodge, he continues to be a member of Grand Lodge, and I contend also, that as such, he continues also to be a member of Provincial Grand Lodge, of the province that comprises the lodges of which he served the office of Master, and is at present a subscribing member—although different lodges—indeed, it would appear that if the Past Master of a Colonial lodge came to reside within a province, and became a subscribing member of an English lodge (having all along continued a subscribing member of a lodge under the English Constitution), he would, under Rule 81, be a member of Provincial Grand Lodge. If this is a correct rendering of the Rules, let us apply the same to the following case: Bro. Smith (shall we call him), in 1882, was a Past Master of "A" Lodge (E.C.), of which he was an initiate; in 1888 he became a founder of B Lodge in the same province, and for two or three years continued a subscribing member of both lodges, but in 1892, preferring B Lodge, of which he was a founder, to his mother lodge, he resigned the latter, only to discover a few months later that he did not receive the usual notices of the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge, and that apparently he had lost his status as a Past Master, notwithstanding the fact that he had not ceased to pay his annual subscription since his initiation; surely this is an anomaly which ought to be remedied. I venture to express an opinion that so long as Bro. Smith continued, without any break, to be a subscribing member of any lodge, whether of the lodge of which he had passed the chair or of any other lodge in the province he ought not to lose his status as a Past Master, and as there are probably a number of Past Masters whose position is similar to that of Bro. Smith, the rule in question ought—if it be necessary—to be so amended as to prevent a Past Master under the circumstances from losing his status as a member of Provincial Grand Lodge.

My contention is that from a correct interpretation of Rule 9 Bro. Smith is still a member of Grand Lodge, and if so then under Rule 81 he continues to be also a member of Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the conduct of the Prov. Grand Secretary in ceasing to send him the usual notices of the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge is unauthorised and wrong. Will some experienced brother kindly make this point clear?—Yours fraternally,

EX. SECRETARY, P.M.

### GRAND LODGE HONOURS—DISTRICTS ABROAD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

We hear a great deal from time to time on the subject of the loyal feelings of all the lodges abroad (belonging to the English Constitution, and working under some District Grand Lodge), towards the Grand Lodge of England. Sentiments of this description are frequently expressed in speeches at Masonic banquets, and I firmly believe that such loyal feelings exist.

But if, on the other hand, a foreign district (or even a few lodges in it) suggests the idea of forming a Grand Lodge of its own, the idea is at once laughed at, and all the old platitudes with reference to the above mentioned loyalty are once again trotted out, and duly expatiated upon. The whole thing is considered rank heresy by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge naturally does not like to lose its districts and its lodges, but in the matter of bestowing Grand Lodge Office it cannot be said that the Grand Master errs on the side of extravagance towards the members of foreign districts. Of Grand Lodge honours conferred last week, including the Past ranks, not a single one was given to a brother out of England. Grand Lodge is indeed an United Grand Lodge of England. I admit, of course, that all Grand Lodge offices (Treasurers excepted) are appointments by the Grand Master, but it is well known that the Grand Master can only act on the advice of others in such matters. It is not a question of what is right, or not right, but simply a question of how long the patience of the foreign districts can go on without being exhausted.—I enclose my card, and remain yours fraternally,

A PAST DISTRICT GRAND OFFICER.

May 4th.

## Reviews.

"THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR DERBYSHIRE," 1896.—This annual publication is compact and carefully edited as well as neatly printed. The frontispiece is devoted this year to an excellent portrait of Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, Prv. G. Mark Master of Derbyshire, of whom there is a brief and appreciative sketch. The Directory generally has been prepared on the old lines, and must be a positive boon to the members of the province who have occasion to consult it. There are now 26 lodges, eight Royal Arch chapters, and six Mark lodges. The votes for the Charities have been ably arranged, the total being 4775, which speaks most eloquently for the zeal and enthusiasm of the Craft in Derbyshire. The "Masonic Notes" are most helpful, and Bro. William Naylor, the esteemed Prov. Grand Secretary, is to be congratulated on the completion of another of his artistic little Masonic Annuals.

## Craft Masonry.

### Moira Lodge, No. 92. VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

By invitation, and under the guidance of, the Archdeacon of London, the member of this old City lodge enjoyed the privilege of inspecting the masterpiece of Sir Christopher Wren on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 28th ult. The party included ladies and also some visitors of the lodge. Among those who were present at the west steps of St. Paul's Cathedral at the appointed hour we noticed Bros. J. M. Mitchell, J.P.M., R. F. Gould, P.M., Wickham Noakes, P.M., Harold Carter, P.M., and G. Greiner, P.M., of 92; J. C. Partridge, P.M. 1974; Edward Macbean, W.M., G. W. Speth, Sec., S. T. Klein, S.D., and W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., of 2076; and Russell Ardagh. There were also the following ladies: Mrs. and Miss Mitchell, Mrs. J. C. Partridge, Mrs. and Miss Bohm and Mrs. Ardagh. The W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and other members of the Moira Lodge were, to their great regret, prevented by business engagements from being present.

The party, with the Tyler, Bro. George Couchman, in attendance—who was accompanied by Mrs. Couchman—were received at the west steps of the Cathedral by the Archdeacon of London, at 2.30 p.m., and then conducted throughout the building. The great mosaic decorations now in progress, from the designs and under the personal superintendence of Mr. W. B. Richmond, R.A., formed, of course, a leading feature of the very interesting spectacle which was gradually unfolded to the visitors. The designs which fill the apse proper, the flat domes, the spandrels, the panels that take the place of pictures, and the painted windows, which latter are in the Romanesque style of the eleventh or twelfth century, were all carefully described in detail by the Archdeacon, who asked his hearers to take particular note that every thing had been done on the spot by British craftsmen working under Mr. Richmond as master, by Messrs. Powell's staff of mosaic-workers, glass-painters, and glass-cutters, and by Messrs. Macmillan and Houghton's staff of decorators. Nearly every portion of the vast building was inspected in its turn. The monumental beauties of the crypt, and particularly the memorial of Sir Christopher Wren, were greatly admired.

The inspection of the Cathedral terminated most appropriately with a view of the sacred edifice from the centre dome. At 4.0 p.m. there was choral service, and at 4.45 tea in the Chapter Room, after which, the thanks of the entire party having been conveyed to the Archdeacon, the ladies made their adieus, and the brethren proceeded to the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, where a meeting of the Moira Lodge was held at 6.15 p.m. Present: Bros. M. A. Tweedie, W.M.; the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Chap., S.W.; W. F. Noakes, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., P.D.G. Reg., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D. Sec.; J. Webb, S.D.; C. E. Russell, J.D.; A. W. Smith, I.G.; J. M. Mitchell, I.P.M.; W. Bohm, P.M.; G. Greiner, P.M.; Harold Carter, P.M.; J. P. Murrrough, and Russell Ardagh. Visitors: Bros. Edward Macbean, W.M., G. W. Speth, Sec., S. T. Klein, S.D., W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and W. H. Rylands, A.G.D.C., all of No. 2076; H. Heydrick, 238; J. F. Hall, W.M. 1506; the Rev. Montague Fowler, I.P.M. 859; and the Rev. W. M. Sinclair, Archdeacon of London, P.G.C.

The ordinary business having been transacted and the cordial thanks of the lodge voted to Archdeacon Sinclair for the invitation to visit St. Paul's Cathedral, Bro. Harold Carter said they were honoured that evening by the attendance of several Grand Officers, whose names would all come before them later, but there was one of the number who could not remain to the banquet, and it was that particular brother that he wished to say a few words about. Sixteen years ago, as some of them knew, the Prince of Wales laid the foundation-stone of the Cathedral at Truro in Masonic form. Bro. R. F. Gould was one of the Grand Deacons of the year, and the Moira Lodge sent down its W.M. and Secretary to support Bro. Gould on that occasion; the W.M. was himself, and the Secretary, Bro. Houle. They met with much kindness on all sides, and experienced especial hospitality at the hands of Bro. Hughan and his good wife. All this he gratefully recollected, and therefore desired to assure Bro. Hughan that his fraternal kindness to a deputation from their body in 1880 was very greatly appreciated by the members of the Moira Lodge. Bro. R. F. Gould, who next spoke, said that though Bro. Hughan was his oldest colleague in Masonic studies, something had always cropped up to interfere with his being present at a meeting of the Moira Lodge. Over and over again during the many years they had been such close and intimate friends he had hoped to see Bro. Hughan present at No. 92. At last, however, their distinguished brother was actually with them, and he (Bro. Gould) would only say, in conclusion, that the presence in lodge of Bro. Hughan that evening afforded much satisfaction to them all. Bro. W. J. Hughan warmly thanked the lodge for the opportunity to be present at this particular meeting, especially as he had long hoped to attend out of compliment to his old and esteemed friend, Bro. Gould, the Masonic historian. He also appreciated the kind references by Bro. Carter to the visit of the Moira trio to Truro on the memorable occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the Cathedral, and much regretted Bro. Houle's absence. Bro. Hughan expressed his indebtedness to the archdeacon for his most efficient and useful services at St. Paul's, and he stated it would give him great pleasure to return the compliment if any of the members visited Torquay. The lodge had long been dear to him historically and Masonically, and it had only been due to unavoidable circumstances that his visit had been so long delayed.

At the banquet which followed, after the toast of "The Queen and Craft," and "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. gave "The Grand Officers," saying this is a toast which is always looked forward to and received by us with the greatest enthusiasm, as we include in our numbers two distinguished Grand Officers, but this evening, brethren, we are still further favoured. We have Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, to whom several of our members are indebted for a most enjoyable and instructive visit to St. Paul's Cathedral. Then at lodge we had Bro. Hughan, who I much regret could not stop for our banquet, but even in his absence I shall express the pleasure we have experienced at having with us (even for a short time) a brother who has attained such distinction as a writer in the Craft. Then there is Bro. Rylands, Asst. G.D.C., P.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity; Bro. Kupferschmidt, Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; and Treasurer of the Pilgrim Lodge, which for upwards of a century has been working the ceremonies of Freemasonry in the German language in this City, had also promised to be here, but has been unavoidably kept away at the last moment. There are likewise here this evening Bros. Wilkinson, D.G.R., and Gould, P.G.D., whom we all know so well as members of this lodge. It gives me great pleasure to propose this toast, and to couple with it the name of Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair.

The Archdeacon of London, in an eloquent reply, narrated many interesting circumstances connected with the decorations of St. Paul's Cathedral, the designs for which, he stated, were being proceeded with, as nearly as possible, in the precise way which had been marked out by Sir Christopher Wren.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Mitchell, I.P.M.

The W.M., in replying, said: There is a certain well-known gift, which is generally spoken of in terms of scorn and derision, and looked down upon as something contemptible—that gift, brethren, is commonly known as the gift of the gab. Now, for my own part, I should hail the reception of that gift with the greatest joy; it would help me out of no end of difficulty, for it is always a labour for me to find words which will adequately express my feelings. I will not attempt to do so on the present occasion, but will ask you to take my feelings as read, and accept my heartfelt thanks for your reception of the toast, which Bro. Mitchell, I.P.M., has so very kindly proposed.

In proceeding with the next toast, the W.M. said: If there is one thing which increases the enjoyment of pleasure it is the fact of having others to enjoy it with us, and I feel that we owe our visitors a debt of gratitude for the great pleasure their society has given us this evening. Now, among the list just read by our Secretary, there are five members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge—a lodge between which and our own there has always been a strong tie, and one which is likely to be strengthened on Friday evening next, when our Bro. G. Grenier will read a paper before that lodge on "German Freemasonry in the Present Era." I give you the toast, with the fullest confidence that you will give it the reception it demands, and I will couple it with the names of the Worshipful Masters of the White Horse of Kent and the Quatuor Coronati Lodges, and I will also ask Bro. Speth to say a few words, who, I am glad to hear, will be appointed a Grand Officer at the coming annual festival of the English Craft.

Bro. John F. Hall, W.M. 1506, who first replied, said: W.M. and Brethren,—On behalf of my fellow visitors and myself, I beg to thank you most heartily for the kind way in which you have greeted this toast. There is one peculiar charm about Masonic hospitality. In the outer world a man must have distinguished himself in battle, either on sea or land, or in the world of art or science, or made money in gold mines, before he is invited to a banquet, but in Masonry the only qualification a man needs is that he should be a brother Mason, and whatever his rank or station in life may be, his welcome is equally cordial.

Bro. Edward Macbean, W.M. 2075, said that, as he had on several occasions to forego, at the last moment, the pleasure of being present at a meeting of the Moira Lodge, it afforded him much satisfaction to be among the brethren that evening. Looking round the table, he saw numerous friends, and several very dear ones, nor did he think that among any of his well-wishers in the Craft or outside of it, there was one with whom he was desirous to remain on more intimate terms than several of the Moira brethren present, whose friendship he deeply valued, and hoped long to possess. The tie between the Quatuor Coronati and the Moira Lodges was already a very close one, but it would be drawn closer still, he believed and anticipated, in the near future, by the admission of a second Past Master of No. 92—their esteemed Bro. Grenier—into the Inner Circle of No. 2076.

Bro. Speth, Sec. 2076, said: I am far from being in the position of the last speaker. This is not my first visit to the Moira Lodge by a good many. It is now some 15 years since I first came among you, and I trust that in the next 15 my visits may be no less frequent than hitherto. The W.M. has truly said that one of the great pleasures of Masonry is that of being able to tender warm hospitality to brother Masons—may I add

the converse of this proposition—that one of the greatest pleasures of belonging to a lodge is that it tends to induce Masons of the other lodges to proffer you a welcome to theirs. On such an occasion as the present, the invitation is more than usually acceptable, because, beside the work in lodge, which never fails to interest the true Mason, and beyond the pleasures of the table which have been so heartily lavished upon us, there was the opportunity of visiting our Metropolitan cathedral under the very best auspices imaginable. My W.M. has deprived me of the better part of my speech, that wherein I intended to recall once more the good offices rendered my Lodge, *Quatuor Coronati*, at its birth, by your lodge, in recommending it to the good will of the M.W.G.M., a service which we can never forget, and one which I venture to think you have little cause to regret. But, I may add, that I rejoice to see that year by year, the connection between our two lodges becomes closer, and I foresee the day when, possibly, the majority of your lodge may also range themselves under our banner.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Past Masters," saying: On looking through an old Moira Lodge musical programme, I was much surprised to find that this toast was omitted from among those which were printed as coming between the various songs. How such a thing happened I cannot say, but in any event the mistake was a big one. It is to the P.M.s. that we owe our Masonic parentage and Masonic education, and it was surely a grave error to forget our parent and our teacher. I trust such a thing will never happen again. Our P.M.s. are the backbone of the lodge—a backbone which can be seen with the naked eye, and, unassisted by the new photography—Crooke's tube, or Röntgen rays.

Bro. J. M. Mitchell, I.P.M., replied.

The toasts of "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Treasurer and Secretary," brought the proceedings to a close.

The brethren separated after a highly enjoyable evening, the interest of which was much enhanced by the excellent music, both instrumental and vocal, provided for them by many willing contributors. Among these Bros. H. Heydrick, W. F. Noakes, and J. F. Hall deserve especial mention, and their exertions in promoting the harmony of the meeting were the theme of general admiration.

### Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, W., when there were present Bros. E. Newland, W.M.; H. Scharien, S.W.; R. Phillips, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. I. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; J. Banks, S.D.; J. Worth, J.D.; H. Stokes, D.C.; E. D. Richards, I.G.; E. Lucas, Stwd.; G. Mallett, Tyler; F. J. Oliver, P.M., P.G.O. Middx., Org.; C. Barker, P.M.; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; Fred. Craggs, P.M.; W. W. Williams, P.M.; Stringer, Toovey, Cartwright, Grant, Leys, Inderwick, Dallon, King, Gerbert, White, Wilkins, Chambers, Iredale, May, Newman, Webb, and Stehr. Visitors: Bros. E. Chappell, 141; W. H. Dresden, 1602; J. J. Ponting, 2032; J. Flexman, 1743; R. N. Larter, 1791; L. Lichtwitz, 1891; F. W. Gibbs, 2512; H. Gilbert, 1828; J. Clarke, 901; E. R. Painter, 766; W. A. Perry, 101; A. Lichtwitz, 1891; B. Tree, 1706; B. J. King, 211; W. D. Watford, 2054; G. Collins, 511; J. Humphry, 55; J. Cox, 865; and J. Braddick, 1694.

The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings having been confirmed and the Auditors' report approved, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Newman and Webb, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. King was then passed to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M., Bro. Newland, then vacated the chair in favour of the I.P.M., Bro. W. W. Williams, who at once proceeded to install Bro. Hans Scharien, into the ancient chair of King Solomon in a very masterly and feeling manner, the addresses calling forth congratulation from all present. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. R. Phillips, S.W.; J. Banks, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. I. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Oliver, P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; J. Worth, S.D.; E. D. Richards, J.D.; E. Lucas, I.G.; H. Stokes, D.C.; H. J. Inderwick and G. E. White, Stwds.; and G. Mallett, Tyler. The W.M. then installed Messrs. Newman and Webb into Freemasonry in a very commendable manner. "Heartly good wishes" were given to the W.M. from each of the visitors as well as the brethren of the lodge, when the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, interspersed with vocal, instrumental, and humorous entertainments.

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

Bro. Newland, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Scharien," which was received with enthusiasm. He said it was with much pleasure he submitted the toast. He spoke of his excellent qualities during his many years in Masonry and in the various offices he had held leading to his then exalted position, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to go through his year of office, which he was sure would be done to the entire satisfaction of the brethren and honour to himself.

The W.M., in replying, said: the brethren had done him great honour, not only in electing him to preside over them, but they had poured upon him a heavy shower of honours which he did not think he deserved. He had been amongst them some 22 years, and as soon as he had passed his linguistic standard, or in other words, had learned how to speak proper English, he made for the front, to give battle to ignorance and capture the high and honourable position he now held, which he assured them had not been an easy task. He had not only had to study the land of his adoption, its customs, its stern business qualification, &c., and last, but not least, he had to get the ritual on his mind photographed, of which he had given them a sample that evening; and in conclusion, he assured the brethren he would take particular good care the honour of the Ranelagh Lodge should not tarnish during his year of office.

The W.M. gave the toast of "the I.P.M., Bro. Newland," which he considered was one of the most important duties of the evening, and proceeded to invest their highly esteemed Bro. Newland with a Past Master's jewel, which the brethren of the Ranelagh Lodge had unanimously resolved should be presented to him on his relinquishing the high position of W.M., which he had held with such distinction to himself and the satisfaction of the brethren during the last 12 months, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to wear it amongst them for many years.

Bro. E. Newland replied in feeling terms. He said he was grateful for the way in which the toast had been received; he had done his best, and if there had been more work he had no doubt he would have been able to have got through it. He thanked them for the handsome jewel, which he should ever wear with pleasure and remembrance of the brethren of the Ranelagh Lodge.

The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Initiates," said: Brethren, we have here this evening a very fair sample of initiates, who from their general demeanour and bearing promise to be a good investment to Masonry; they look as if they were not above doing some work. Brethren, no lodge can exist without occasionally refilling its ranks and replacing those that the G.A.O.T.U. has thought fit to remove from our midst. I hope that the ritual of the First Degree has made such an impression upon their minds, as to make them more anxious to plunge more deeply into the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry. In conclusion, brethren, believe me in saying that if you only act up to half what Masonry teaches you, you will find it a great guide in this life.

The toast was duly responded to.

The W.M. gave the toast of the "Installing Master, Bro. W. W. Williams." He said they had heard the magnificent ceremony of installation rendered in such a manner they could not but agree with him that it could not have been better or more impressively done. There is no doubt that Bro. P.M. Williams had the ear of his audience. He is a thorough hard-working man, and well acquainted with the whole of the ritual ceremony, and ready and willing at all times to assist when wanted. I thank him more particularly for his kind services this evening, and hope he may remain in health and strength for years to be of service to the Ranelagh Lodge.

The Installing Master rose amidst great applause, and said that evening he felt he was in a very proud position, having fulfilled the office of I.P.M., he believed, to the satisfaction of all present, and he hoped, as he was now removed from the chair, he would be equally as useful to the lodge as before.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Visitors," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Cox.

Bro. Cox expressed his pleasure at visiting the lodge, which he had long had a desire to do, and which to him had great ties. He had attended the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, and met some of the brethren. He congratulated the W.M. on his working, and the brethren for giving him and the large number of visitors such an enjoyable evening.

"The Past Masters and Officers" were duly toasted and responded to, the W.M. expressing his pleasure at having such efficient officers, which were a credit to the lodge.

The W.M. then addressed the Secretary, and said: Bro. Coplestone, P.M., the brethren of the Ranelagh Lodge have unanimously decided that this very handsome jewel should be presented to you as a small recognition of the many services you have so freely accorded to your lodge in the carrying out of your most important office, which you have done with great efficiency and satisfaction to the brethren. In fastening this jewel on your breast, let me assure you it has been given unstinted, and may the Almighty grant you health and strength to proudly wear it for many years to come.

Bro. Coplestone, P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their handsome token of satisfaction of his Secretaryship. It had been his pleasure in every way to endeavour to promote the welfare of the lodge, which pleasure would be still further increased when proudly wearing the jewel.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Bro. A. Williams, P.M., acted as D.C. during the installation ceremony, which he did in a most able manner, and all who know Bro. A. Williams must admit that he is the life and soul of the Ranelagh Lodge—ready at all times to do any work, from the lowest to the highest, without assumption.

### Shakspeare Lodge, No. 1009.

The installation meeting was held on Friday, the 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. There was a very large number of brethren present, as usual, at this event. In addition to the installation, the summons advised a passing and also a raising, so that there was an abundance of work as well as of pleasure on the occasion. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Joe Young, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted, and showed a balance of £90 and upwards, whilst the Charity Fund account showed contributions to different sources of £58. The reputation of this admirable lodge is always to the front, and we observe they are in possession of 193 votes in the various Institutions, including the London and local Charities. The W.M. performed the ceremony of passing, and the raising was undertaken by Bro. Joseph Crossland, P.M. Bro. Young took the first portion of the installation, and Bro. Wm. Brookes, P.M., placed Bro. Wm. Horsley, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair, when he was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three Degrees, under the direction of Bro. Brookes. The following were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Joe Young, I.P.M.; Geo. Brookes, S.W.; Gilbert Lewis, J.W.; J. Crossland, P.M., Chap.; C. S. Allott, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Southwell, P.M., Sec.; W. Brookes, P.M., Charity Representative and D.C.; J. Goodier, S.D.; G. E. Carter, J.D.; A. Frankish, I.G.; C. H. Horley, Org.; and S. R. Moss, W. Smethurst, F. Huffam, and B. D. Beever, Stewards, and their duties were explained to them in a very able manner by Bro. J. Halden, P.M. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. C. S. Allott, P.M., Treas.; that to the Wardens by Bro. Southwell, P.M.; and to the brethren generally by Bro. Crossland, P.M. The whole proceedings were very well conducted throughout, and it was a very pleasurable and instructive meeting.

At the close of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to celebrate the Festival of St. John and also to commemorate the Immortal Bard, to whom during the evening many allusions were made, and an exposition of one or two favourite portions of his works was given by Bro. Thomas Black, P.M., and were received with great enthusiasm, which they richly deserved.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by a capital programme of music, rendered by Bros. Cuthbert Blacow, Smethurst, Wm. Howard, Wood, C. S. Allott, and Horley, being accompanied by Bro. Batey.

The following brethren signed the attendance book, viz.: Bros. Joe Young, W.M.; Chas. C. Hilton, I.P.M.; Wm. Horsley, S.W.; Geo. D. Brookes, J.W.; Joseph Crossland, P.M., Chap.; C. S. Allott, P.M., Treas.; J. Halden, P.M., Sec.; Gilbert Lewis, S.D.; Jno. Goodier, J.D.; Wm. Brookes, P.M., D. of C.; B. Carter, I.G.; A. Frankish and Sam. R. Moss, Stwds.; A. H. Flomerer, P.M., P.G. Tyler; J. Rome, P.M., P.G.S.; Geo. F. Pringle, P.M.; C. W. Southwell, P.M.; Herbert Horsley, Fred. Huffam, W. H. Huddleston, Thos. Walinough, C. H. Horley, B. D. Beeveres, P. W. G. Wood, E. H. Hartley, Hy. Bentley, W. C. Beninson, and Wm. Smethurst. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Dampier, G. B. Goodfellow, W.M. 1030; Ernest Filton, P. B. Welch, P.M.; Jno. G. Brownley, P.M.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org. East and West Lancs.; Fred. R. Cooper, P.M., W.M. 2387; Wm. Leybourn, W.M. 1110; W. H. Wagstaffe, Samuel Moore, P.M.; Thos. Black, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. A. Eason, Geo. Heys, T. W. Ashworth, Edwd. Hadfield, Herbert F. Burrows, P.M.; Jno. E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; John C. Jackson, S. Saunders, W. Cuthbert Blacow, E. W. Calvert, and Wm. Howard.

### Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 8th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., W.M.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D., as S.W.; A. Toulmin, P.M., P.P.G.D., as J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Bright, J.D.; and E. W. Davis, I.P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. H. Thompsett was raised to the Third Degree in an impressive manner by the W.M. The Treasurer then submitted to the lodge his annual financial statement, which was of the most satisfactory nature. The Secretary having reported the sudden death of Bro. Dr. J. Wynne-Jones, I.G., a resolution of condolence was passed, with many individual expressions of regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. A. B. Brown, J.W.; Dr. Hinton, S.D.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., Chap.; and others.

The lodge was then closed. Refreshment followed labour. A few toasts followed.

### Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. Bachhoffner, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P. G.D.C., G.S., Treas., as S.W.; J. M. Murphy, J.W.; J. Evans, S.D.; W. R. Witt, J.D.; H. Harden, D.C.; J. D. Webb, A.D.C.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.; N. P. Lardner, P.M.; H. Herbert, I.P.M.; W. Ramsey, P.M. (hon. member); C. G. W. Moore, C.C., P.M. 227; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.M. 1768; and E. Mallett, P.M. 141, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, three brethren were duly passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Murphy, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. E. Mallett, Tyler. Three brethren were elected as Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. in recognition of his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Woodhill, S.W.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Dr. E. Lott, P.G. Org. England, Org.; Dr. Hinton, P.P.G. Org., Asst. Org.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed.

### Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 1st instant. Present: Bros. E. Macbean, W.M.; W. J. Huggan, P.G.D., as I.P.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S. G.C., S.W.; C. Purdon Clarke, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; S. T. Klein, S.D.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B., J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; E. Conder, jun., I.G.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott; W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C.; and E. J. Castle, Q.C. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. H. D. Willcock, the Rev. A. G. Lenn x-Robertson, T. Charters White, C. B. Barnes, the Rev. J. W. Horsley, the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, W. McCullough, Prov. G. M. New Zealand (S.C.); F. W. Levander, J. W. Barnes, G. Powell, T. Cohn, J. M. Mitchell, J. R. Farrar, C. H. Rosher, W. N. Haydon, T. Mysey, W. J. Batho, H. R. Hazen, R. Palmer-Thomas, J. T. Ellis, W. R. Thompson, A. Knight, the Rev. H. Thomas, H. B. Papenfus, A. G. Boswell, J. M. Hamn, C. H. Bestow, P. W. Mitchell, G. G. Gerner, F. M. Williams, W. Taillby, G. Stevens, R. T. Ellis, G. J. Taylor, E. Glaeser, E. C. Stimson, C. H. Barnes, E. G. Spiers, W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; E. H. Bramley, W. G. Poole, T. Adams, P. Becker, C. K. Hokanson, J. P. Richards, J. S. Cunbriland, P.D. G.S.B.; Major J. H. Leslie, R. Finlay, H. W. Noakes, W. J. Songhurst, and J. W.



Aplin. Also the following visitors: Bros. D. T. Taylor, 66; T. L. Wilkinson, P.D. G. Reg.; C. W. Duncan, P.M. 45; G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59; J. Harrison, 99; W. Hastings Jones, 2087; M. F. Tweedie, W.M. 62; Luke Hansard, P.M. 1506; and the Archdeacon of London, P.G.C.

The congratulations of the lodge were tendered to the following members of the Correspondence Circle, on their appointment to Grand Office, viz.: Bros. E. D. Anderton, J.G.D.; E. St. Clair, A.G.D.C.; H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br.; J. Boulton, G. Pust.; Col. Hunter, P.G.D.; Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. G. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; C. W. Carrell, P.G.S.B.; J. M. McLerd, Secretary R.M.I. Boys, P.G.S.B.; and to their own Secretary, G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C.

The following seven lodges and 77 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz:

Lodge Aramac, No. 2338, Aramac, Douglas Lodge, No. 2252, Port Douglas, Celtic of Ithaca Lodge, No. 810 (S.C.), Brisbane, Lodge Maranoa, 730 (S.C.), Roma, Lodge Unity and Concord, No. 292 (I.C.), Maryborough, all in Queensland; Buffalo Lodge, No. 1824, East London, South Africa; and Lodge Carl zur gekroenten Saeule, Brunswick, Germany. And the following brethren: In India—Bros. Brigadier-General H. M. Evans, C.B., P.M. 391, Major J. C. B. Craster, 391, C. Ross-Alston, P.M. 391, of Allahabad, and W. L. Crawford, 2576, of Satilpur, Mysore; C. C. Sonne, 570, Shanghai; in New Zealand—R. Spencer, 101, Auckland, and H. J. Williams, P. Dep. G.M. Wellington; in New South Wales—C. W. J. H. Kautz, S.4, Inverell, and T. E. Spencer, Dep. G.M. Sydney; in Queensland—H. J. Boreham, W.M. 932, Rockhampton, W. E. Benbow 752 (S.C.), Bundaberg, E. J. Thompson, Dr. H. J. Hewer, 2207, Blackall, A. Witty, 810 (S.C.), J. M'Dougall, W.M. 339 (I.C.), Brisbane, D. W. MacLean, 730 (S.C.), Redford, H. W. Lee, 2573, Childers, C. S. Eden, 775 (S.C.), and R. L. Jackson, 292, Toowoomba; in the Orange Free State—C. Palmer, P.M. 1469, Jagersfontein, M. P. Myers, and C. C. Thomas, 2522, Bethlehem; in the South African Republic—S. Begemann, P. J. J. Ikkink, H. J. Schuyling van Doorn, 2480, Boksburg, and T. Sheffield, P.M. 2313, Johannesburg; in Cape Colony—E. Searle, 711, Port Elizabeth; in the United States of America—H. C. Curtis, P.M. 149, Plainfield, E. S. Wyckoff, P.M. 10, Beverley, New Jersey, W. L. Gorgas, P.M. 21, Harrisburg, J. E. Stevenson, P.M. 219, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and C. Cameron, 398, Lochiel Arizona Territory; Capt. D. H. Colnaghi, and Lieut. G. Vawdrey, 349, Malta; A. Smythe, P.M. 269 (I.C.); T. R. G. Joze, G. Org. (I.C.); Sir C. A. Cameron, M.D., P.G.D. (I.C.); J. White, P.M. 117 (I.C.); J. P. Pile, 53 (I.C.); J. J. Crowe (I.C.); R. Noble, 339 (S.C.); H. Brown, P.M. 124; R. B. Jones, 216; F. F. Fisher-Jones, 1674; J. S. Derbyshire, 1045; E. A. Hirst, 289; R. Abbott, P.M. 2069; J. C. Kirk, 2069; R. Tasker, 1211; W. Walker, 2321; Rev. W. Wilkinson, P.M. 44; H. Deighton, W.M., T. Pratt, P.M., E. M. Southwell, P.M., J. H. Cooksey, P.M., W. W. Craig, Capt. E. W. F. Acton, and F. M. Southwell, all of 1621; A. Graham, P.M. 262; Lieut. A. R. Finlay, 1960; Rev. W. Cunningham, 859; Surgeon-Major S. J. Flood, W.M. 2555; Capt. A. E. Sandbach, R.E., 1960; Capt. H. A. Lafone, 2587; W. J. Baker, W.M. 1892; F. H. Bright, P.M. 1024; R. S. Ellis, W.M. 2242; M. Gippis, A. Knight, P.M. 1152; H. J. Collier, 2192; W. J. Batho, 1708; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; J. R. Farrar, 1339; S. A. Graddage, W.M. 1709; E. Tidman, 1716; E. G. Young, W.M. 19; and E. A. Rice, 1320.

A letter was read from Bro. A. M. Maas Gesteranus, the D.G.M. of the Netherlands, acquainting the lodge with the death of Bro. J. P. Vaillant, G. Sec. of the Netherlands, a member of their Correspondence Circle, and contributor to their Transactions. Bros. Speth and Gould, as personal acquaintances of the late Bro. Vaillant, bore testimony to his character as a genial, courteous, and learned brother, and it was ordered that a letter be written to the D.G.M., expressing the regret and conveying the condolence of the brethren of the Quatuor Coronati. The Secretary called attention to the following exhibits, which were displayed on a table in the centre of the lodge: The petition and act of constitution of the French lodge in London, 1755; an engraved, hand-coloured satin apron, date 1789, belonging to the Lion and Lamb Lodge, Whitby; three Irish certificates, 1816-1819, granted to W. Mackay, the grandfather of the exhibitor, Bro. Alex. Bruce, of Glasgow; two silver collar-jewels, exhibited by Bro. J. T. Thorp, of Leicester; the I.P.M. collar-jewel of Lodge St. James Union, No. 180, exhibited by Bro. G. J. Taylor; three handsome jewels of the Order of Bucks, exhibited by Bro. Batho; and a photograph of the plate of Death and the Freemason from the original edition, sent by Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati. Bro. G. Greiner read an interesting paper, entitled "German Freemasonry in the Present Era." In this he gave a short retrospect of Masonic history in Germany, and then went into details of the foundation and organisation of the eight German Grand Lodges, followed by statistics of their lodges, membership, &c. The most interesting part of the paper was that dealing with the customs of the Fraternity in the Fatherland, affording a good idea of the inner life of the Craft in that country. Comments were made on the paper by Bros. R. F. Gould, W. J. Hughan, W. McCullough, W. H. Rylands, C. Kupferschmidt, E. Conder, and G. W. Speth, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed and acknowledged. The following brethren were proposed as joining members from the chair, and seconded by the S.W., as is usual in this lodge: Bros. G. Greiner, the Rev. J. W. Horsley, and the Rev. C. H. Malden.

The brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, when Bro. S. Robinson, W.M., was supported by Bros. Alfred Stephenson, Prov. G.D., D. of C.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec., as I.P.M.; J. B. Fearnley, S.W.; R. S. Hird, J.W.; T. H. Bedford, as S.D.; W. Docksey, as J.D.; C. J. Paul, as I.G.; J. R. Peat, and others.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Fred Kinder, who was declared duly elected, and the lodge was closed.

On Thursday, the 9th ult., a lodge of emergency was held, when there were present Bros. S. Robinson, W.M.; John Niven, as I.P.M.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; A. Stephenson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D., D.C.; J. B. Fearnley, S.W.; R. S. Hird, J.W.; J. Morton, as S.D.; J. W. Bland, J.D.; W. Walker, as I.G.; John Harland, H. Holmes, Tyler; R. B. Nicholls, as Org.; C. Wood, J. S. Hedley, F. Betteridge, B.A., J. R. Peat, C. Wood, A. E. Harris, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Ash, P.M. 1019, P.P.G. Org.; R. Sheard, I.P.M. 1019; J. A. Thornton, P.M. 1019; J. H. Lee, S.W. 1019; F. Massie, I.G. 1019; and J. Tilley, 600.

Mr. Fred Kinder was initiated by Bro. Bailey, P.M., Treas., the working tools being explained by Bro. Hird, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Fearnley, S.W. After apologies had been tendered for the unavoidable absence of a number of brethren, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made for refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, and, as several of the visitors from a distance had to catch the evening London express,

Bro. J. T. Last, P.M., was entrusted by the W.M. with the toast of "The Visitors." On behalf of the lodge Bro. Last expressed the gratification it afforded the brethren to be honoured with a fraternal visit from several distinguished members of Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, the Lodge Acacia extended to them a most cordial welcome. Bro. Last referred to the very generous hospitality which he and some other members of the lodge had received at Sincerity Lodge two or three times during the present year, when he had seen each of the visiting Past Masters that evening temporarily occupying the Master's chair and conferring the several Degrees upon candidates, and remarked that it appeared to be a rule with Sincerity Lodge, as with this lodge, that the W.M. was not expected to undertake all the work that fell to the lodge during his term of office but the ceremonies were distributed amongst the Past Masters, that he ventured to think was an exceedingly good practice, as it kept them efficient as regards the ritual and tended to retain their interest in the lodge. The toast was very cordially received.

Bro. Wm. Ash, P.M. 1019, P.P.G. Org., in acknowledging the toast, thanked the brethren for their hearty greeting and assured the W.M. that he and the other Wakefield brethren had been pleased to have had that opportunity of visiting the lodge, and complimented the officers on the efficient manner in which they had discharged their respective duties. He referred to a remark of Bro. Last in proposing the toast, that it was a pleasure for the lodge to receive visitors from sister lodges, but he assured the W.M. that it was a great privilege to visit other lodges, to exchange fraternal courtesies, and to observe the slight variations that were observed in different lodges in the working of the ceremonies; he had observed one or two points in the working in the lodge that evening that he considered worthy of adoption. He concluded by expressing a hope

that the W.M. and brethren would not be very long before they honoured Sincerity Lodge with a visit, and he assured them of a hearty welcome.

"The Initiate" was proposed by Bro. Walker, who stated that he had been intimately acquainted with Bro. Kinder for a considerable time, and had always found him a good and upright man in his intercourse with his fellow man and he felt confident that he would prove a worthy Mason.

Bro. Kinder, in responding, thanked the brethren for the kindly manner the toast of his health had been proposed and received. So far as he could judge from the charges and exhortations that had been addressed to him in the lodge, the principles of Freemasonry were nearly identical with those by which he had tried to shape his life and actions towards his fellow-man. He fully appreciated the lessons conveyed by the initiation ceremony, and he thanked the brethren for admitting him to membership of the lodge. He hoped that by his conduct he would prove worthy of their confidence.

Bro. Niven, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and

Bro. Robinson, W.M., suitably responded. He referred to some of the advantages of Masonic visiting. That evening amongst their guests was Bro. Sheard, of 1019, Wakefield, whom he had met in business matters for several years, and yet until that evening he had not known him to be a Freemason. The W.M. referred to the invitation for the members to visit the Harmony Lodge, No. 600, on the following Thursday, and he hoped to be well supported by the officers and brethren on that occasion.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Last, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Fearnley, S.W., who stated that it was very gratifying to have heard the testimony of the visiting brethren that they had satisfactorily discharged their duties in the lodge. He was proud of his office, and it was his object and endeavour to support the W.M. to the best of his ability.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant meeting to a close, the harmony of which had been much enhanced by songs from Bros. Tilley, Fearnley, Last, Harris, Kinder, Nicholls, and Walker.

### Doric Lodge, No. 2359.

A meeting was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Conservative Club, Didsbury. There was a large gathering of brethren. The meeting was presided over in a most able manner by Bro. J. M. Veal, W.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst those present were: Bros. John Walker, S.W.; Fred Thomas, J.W.; J. Laurisch, S.D.; W. W. Wilkinson, I.G.; John Laurensen, J. Ward, Sec.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O., Dir. of Cers.; E. W. Rowsell, C. E. Towell, P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M.; J. Rudd, J. W. Wardle, A. A. Kay, G. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C.; James Sharples, F. J. Brundrett, J. H. Norris, J. Moore, Parfue, and others.

### Ascot Lodge, No. 2460.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Royal Ascot Hotel, Ascot, on the 25th ult., and attracted a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The picturesque surroundings, excellent working, genial companionship, and excellent cuisine all combined to render the meeting attractive and pleasurable, and under the genial presidency of Bro. C. O. Burgess, the newly-installed W.M., a most successful gathering was the result. The members present included Bros. F. Buxton, W.M.; C. O. Burgess, P.G.D. Surrey, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; F. Kedge, P.M.; W. B. Fendick, P.M.; Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; Margaret, P.P.G.W.; and Dr. A. G. Lacy, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C. Surrey, Sec.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. G. Gray, P.M. 1900; A. Cogliati, W.M. 1559; H. Rosedale, P.M. 1673; W. Harbert, J.W. 1937; W. J. Hill, 2536; N. Dukas, 2398; W. F. Bates, P.M. 1507; E. Marshall, W.M. 771; A. D. Barber, 771; G. Gardener, 2120; A. G. Hutchins, J.D. 2120; A. L. Bullen, P.M.; S. Hewett, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Hopps, J.D. 1900; W. J. Harris, P.M. 1321; J. Sparrow, W.M. 1489; J. Rowe, 2191; J. Woodward, 2191; R. P. J. Laundy, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey; E. A. Berry, S.W. 2473; H. J. Keen, J.D. 2473; G. Coleman, P.M., Treas. 1614; J. R. Cleave, W.M. 2473; Sidwell Jones; Stimpson, P.M.; W. Lee, P.M. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bro. J. H. Harding was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. W. Parton, 1426, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. C. O. Burgess, the W.M. elect, being also the present W.M. of No. 1614, a dispensation was read from the M.W.G.M., and Bro. Burgess was duly installed by the retiring Master, Bro. Buxton. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. F. Buxton, I.P.M.; H. Luff, S.W.; J. B. Evans, J.W.; A. G. Lacy, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, Sec.; W. Truman, S.D.; F. D. Norman, J.D.; W. W. Floyer, I.G.; E. Jukes, D.C.; T. W. Walford, Org.; S. W. Clarke, Stwd.; and G. Mason, Tyler. The W.M., in presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Buxton, I.P.M., said it was no formal gift from the brethren, but carried with it the best sympathies of the lodge. They regarded the I.P.M. as one of the most genial brethren in Masonry, and it was no flattery to say that his name was always mentioned with kindness and affection. Bro. F. Buxton, I.P.M., returned thanks for the gift which he should always regard a souvenir of a happy year of office. Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., was re-elected Charity Representative on the Provincial Committee. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bro. Morland, Deputy Prov. G.M., in charge, and others. The W.M. was appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the next Girls' School Festival, and a sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds, this amount being made up to 70 guineas during the evening.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was afterwards enjoyed.

After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said they appreciated very highly the kind and cordial manner in which that toast was always received. Everyone who knew the W.M. knew what a thorough good fellow and good Mason he was, and also knew that if he supported a case, it was a guarantee that it was a deserving one. He (Bro. Everett) was pleased to be present again, for the Grand Officers liked to see a lodge properly conducted and the work done in a proper manner—and that had been carried out to the fullest extent on the present occasion. The work was impressively performed, and the new Worshipful Master started on his career in a way that must have given them all satisfaction. Everything combined to augur that the Ascot Lodge had a very happy and prosperous career before it.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Dep. Prov. G.M. in charge and the Prov. Grand Officers," regretting the absence of Bro. Morland—who always lent dignity to their gatherings—and coupled the names of Bros. Margaret and Martin to reply.

Bro. Margaret, P.P.G.W., briefly replied, after which

Bro. Martin, Prov. G. Sec., remarked that he was pleased to hear the W.M. was going up as Steward for the Girls' School, and that he would doubtless take up a list worthy of the lodge. Their province was doing well, increasing in numbers and quality, and that was a feature in Masonry, for they wished to get the right sort, and only those who would do good suit and service. They could be under no better chief than Bro. Morland, who was an energetic and anxious Mason, endeavouring to do his duty impartially, and succeeding in gaining the esteem and affection of the brethren. They were sorry to hear Bro. Morland had lost his fourth son who died suddenly three weeks ago, but he looked to the brethren to condole with him. He (Bro. Martin) hoped the fraternal regard now existing would continue for many years to come, and human nature would be none the worse for it. He congratulated the lodge on its work and on the splendid gathering. The Ascot Lodge deserved well of the province and he was delighted to meet the members at the provincial meetings.

Bro. F. W. Buxton, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he did so with a very great deal of pleasure. He had placed in the chair a very dear friend and brother whom they all esteemed as highly as it was possible for one brother to love another. He (the I.P.M.) should like to mention the W.M. Master's qualifications. Bro. Burgess was a P.M. of the Molesey Lodge, W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, S.W. Molborn Lodge, J.W. Anglo American Lodge, honorary member of the Ember Lodge, a member of four Royal Arch chapters, and of the Rose Croix, a Mark Master Mason, and a Secret Monitor, Vice-President of all the Charities and had served eight Stewardships. In addition to those qualifications Bro. Burgess was a S.G.D. of Surrey and that was something that lodge should be proud of. With such a W.M. they could not fail to go on by leaps and bounds, and make the lodge a successful one.

Bro. C. O. Burgess, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the very kindly terms in which he proposed the toast, and also the brethren for the enthusiastic reception given it. The I.P.M. had exceeded the eloquence of many Masters, for in his tone had been the ring of true sincerity. Bro. Buxton always said what he meant, and sincerity was worth



more than flowery compliments. The I.P.M. had been good enough to mention that he belonged to many lodges. He had certainly interested himself greatly in Masonry, and some lodges he went to for duty and some for pleasure. It was true pleasure, as well as good Masonry, to meet the genial brethren of that lodge, for the members, though comparatively few, were select, and the individual friendships formed in it made their meetings a pleasant coterie of friends. The Ascot Lodge had each year sent up a Steward for the Charities, which showed they were not merely a dining club, but attached to the principles of Masonry, and the dissemination of Charity. Bros. Fendick, Kedge, and Buxton had each taken up good lists, and, through the generosity of the brethren, his (the W.M.'s) list had been increased to nearly 70 guineas which was highly creditable to the lodge. He owed a debt of gratitude to those who had come forward to support him. If they continued to support the Charities in that way the province would be proud of their lodge. He thanked them for the kind expressions voiced by the I.P.M. and he hoped that during the year he should be as well supported as his predecessors.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said he was somewhat embarrassed by the kindly remarks of the I.P.M. They had had proof of the excellent Masonic work of the I.P.M. whose genial good fellowship had endeared himself to them all.

Bro. F. W. Buxton, I.P.M., responded, and thanked his officers for the support accorded him. He had endeavoured to do his duty and was sure that would be faithfully followed by every Master who succeeded him.

For "The Visitors" Bros. J. H. Price, Prov. G. Treas. Surrey, Stimpson, Hewett, Bates, and Laundry replied, and Bro. Fendick, P.M., acknowledged "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary."

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable meeting.

Bro. T. W. Walford, Prov. G. Org., was in charge of the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Miss Maricn Blinkhorn, Bro. Sidwell Jones, and Mr. Walter Banks.

### Clissold Lodge, No. 2551.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Highbury Station Hotel on the 16th ult. Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. J. Lamigeon, S.W., W.M. elect; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Secretary; H. Townsend, T. Carleton, W. Hicklin, P.M.; A. H. Cooper; G. S. Elliott, P.M.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; W. R. Itter, E. A. Broad, H. A. Badman, W. B. Trick, P. C. Cooper, Harry Hall, T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler, and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Jas. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Vice-Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; J. Irvine, P.M.; Ramsey; J. B. Moulder; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Dunstan; and R. F. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and the Auditors' report adopted, Bro. J. J. Lamigeon, the W.M. elect, was presented and installed into the chair by Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas. The following brethren were appointed officers, and, with the exception of Bro. Robert Emery, S.W., who sent a telegram expressing sincere regret that he was unable to attend through great trouble, were invested: Bros. H. Townsend, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M., G. Treas.; T. Carleton, Sec.; W. Hicklin, P.M., S.D.; A. H. Cooper, J.D.; G. S. Elliott, P.M., D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; W. R. Itter, I.G.; E. A. Broad, H. A. Badman, W. B. Trick, P.M., and P. C. Cooper, Stwds.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. The beautiful ceremony of installation was performed in a most exemplary manner by Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., which must leave a lasting impression on the brethren who had the good fortune to hear him, and he closed his career as the first Worshipful Master of the Clissold Lodge with *éclat*. The next duty of the new W.M. was, as he observed, a very important and pleasing one, it being to present Bro. W. M. Stiles, Grand Treas., I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel as a small token in recognition of his eminent services, which would never be forgotten by the members. Bro. W. M. Stiles, acknowledged the jewel in brief but eloquent terms. Bro. W. M. Stiles, Grand Treas., stated that Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., had rendered great service on the formation of the lodge, and he regretted that he had had to resign the Secretaryship in consequence of his business arrangements, which had also compelled him to give up all his other Masonic offices, and he had much pleasure in proposing that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge. In putting the proposition, the W.M. spoke in the highest praise of the great things Bro. Hogard had done for Freemasonry. In acknowledging the vote, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Hogard said that he had received many kindnesses from all the members during the last 12 months, and he hoped to be spared for many years to be among them. Five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Boys' School, which, he stated, amounted to upwards of £67. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

At the close of the repast the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in earnest and happy terms.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master made special mention of Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., who were much esteemed, and it gave him pleasure to couple the name of Bro. J. Terry with the toast.

Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., said he appreciated the honour in being called upon to respond to the toast, but he was a subordinate officer in the presence of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. M. Stiles. He was glad to know that Bro. McLeod was to receive Grand honours, and, on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, he wished the W.M. every happiness and a successful year of office.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said that it afforded him much pleasure to submit the toast, as in Bro. Lamigeon they had one who had done a great deal in the formation of the lodge, and it was a question between the W.M. and Bro. Robert Emery, who, he was sorry to say, was not able to be present, as to who had done the most in the formation. Bro. Lamigeon was a very good fellow, and they all appreciated his going into the chair, and there was no doubt that he would look after the interests of the lodge in every way.

Bro. J. J. Lamigeon, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. He said, as brevity was the soul of wit, he would be brief. He did not know how to thank Bro. Stiles for his kind words, which coming from so eminent a Mason were very gratifying to him. Although a Frenchman, he was an Englishman at heart, having been in this country for 20 years, and the dearest friends he had in the world were Englishmen. He had been a Mason for 16 years, and was proud to be W.M.; he had a great task to follow Bro. W. M. Stiles, but he would do his very best in his new office, and he hoped he would give every satisfaction to all the members.

In giving "The Installing and Immediate Past Master, Bro. Stiles, G. Treasurer," which, the W.M. remarked, was the toast of the evening, he said it was impossible for any lodge to have a better member than Bro. Stiles. He had done great things for the Craft and the Charities, and, in having him as their first W.M., he was second to none, and if all the members would follow in his footsteps the lodge would be a marked one in London. He was honoured to have him as I.P.M., and he would be able to go through his duties with the knowledge that he had one of the best Preceptors in the Masonic world to assist him in the ritual.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., I.P.M., on rising to respond, received a very hearty welcome. He said that it was a great honour to be the first Master of a lodge, especially when it was a success. He was glad that they considered he had carried out his duties well, and he hoped to carry out in the future every thing they thought he was capable of. He again referred to the Past Master's jewel, which he should always honour.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," which, he stated, was a toast that was always received at every Masonic gathering with enthusiasm. They were honoured with the presence of good representatives of the Craft. He made special mention of Bro. J. B. Moulder, who had travelled 250 miles to witness his installation, and he joined his name and those of Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Ramsey, and Dunstan.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Vice-President Board of General Purposes, responded. He said it was a great pleasure to visit the lodge. He was present at its consecration when Bro. Stiles was installed the first Master and it had made great progress under his reign and he hoped it would so continue under Bro. Lamigeon, who had been installed W.M. in a very admirable manner. He would not inflict upon them a long speech but would content himself by simply thanking them for their great hospitality.

Bro. Ramsey also responded. He stated that the name of Bro. Stiles was a household word in Masonry and his being the first W.M. spoke volumes for the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. J. B. Moulder said that he had known the W.M. for 20 years and had come a long way to see him installed, and he had had a great treat in the working of Bro. Stiles, which was grand. From his knowledge of Bro. Lamigeon he felt he would be able to

carry out his duties with every satisfaction to the members and he hoped his initiates would be quality and not quantity. In conclusion he gave them all a cordial invitation to attend his lodge in Plymouth.

Bro. Dunstan also acknowledged the toast, remarking that if the members gave the W.M. plenty of work he would not disgrace it.

In submitting the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. stated that they had with them Bros. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., who took a great interest in them and they deserved the highest praise for the great work they did for the noble Institutions they so well represented. He referred to his Stewardship for the Boys' Festival and urged the members to help to make his list amount to over three figures, and he associated with the toast the name of Bro. McLeod.

In response, Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., said that he would have wished his more expert senior, Bro. Terry, had been called upon to acknowledge the toast, because he would have done so in better terms than he could, but he supposed that as the W.M. was going up as Steward for the Boys, that was the reason he was named. The lodge, although a very young one, had not forgotten the Charities, for which he was grateful. He then gave some full and interesting details of the three Institutions, and in referring to the Old People he paid a tribute to the great energy displayed by Bro. Terry.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the W.M., and was most ably responded to by Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., and T. Carleton, Secretary.

In giving "The Officers," the W.M. observed that he was honoured with a splendid staff, to which suitable responses were made.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

The excellent musical programme was under the able direction of Bro. Willie Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by the Elite Concert Party, Bros. Richd. Evans, Harry Hall, Sam Wright, and Oswald Sharpley, and Miss Phyllis Hope and Miss Florence Glover, but a word of praise is due to the two ladies for their sweet and exquisite singing.

A GRAND MASONIC TEMPLE is being arranged for at the new Trocadero Restaurant which Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. are now completing at Piccadilly Circus. Spacious and complete accommodation will be provided for large and small lodges, and the tariff will be strictly in accord with the moderation which has hitherto characterised J. Lyons and Co.'s charges. The cuisine will fully sustain the high reputation this company have already earned, and the decorations and comforts of the whole place will mark a new era in the record of Masonic gatherings. Inquiries as to particulars should be addressed to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

## Royal Arch.

### Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185.

The installation meeting of this old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 14th ult. Among those present were: Comps. Dr. Frye, M.E.Z.; Islemann, H., M.E.Z. elect; Cleghorne, P.Z., as J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Harfield, P.Z., Treasurer; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; Ambley, Johnston, and Isaacson. Among the visitors was Comp. Tuck of the Jordan Chapter. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. installed Comp. Islemann as First Principal. The installation of the Second Principal, Comp. Blankley, in consequence of his unavoidable absence, had to be postponed. Among the officers invested were Comps. G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Harfield, P.Z., Treasurer; Ambley, P.S.; Johnston, A.S.S.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.Z., Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Dr. Frye. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Blankley, H. elect; Hill's, J. elect; Witthaus, S.N. elect; N. Moss, J.P., P.Z.; Staley, P.Z.; Hardy, P.Z., and others. The chapter was then closed.

At the subsequent banquet the M.E.Z. presided most ably, and he also provided a very excellent programme of music, which gave the most unqualified satisfaction to the companions. The M.E.Z., the S.E., and Treasurer, are to be congratulated on the great success that attended the whole proceedings.

### Victorian Chapter, No. 2184.

At an emergency meeting of the above chapter, held at the Phoenix Hotel, Rainham, on Thursday, the 30th ult., the following candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason: Bros. J. W. Joyce, D.C. 2184; J. Hills, 1441; E. J. Couves, 2184; T. Welch, 1472; W. Reynolds, J.W. 2184; and Jas. Millin, Stwd. 2184. The chapter was opened by Comps. C. Jolly, P.Z. 913 (belonging), P.Z. 1472, as M.E.Z.; J. Block, H. 73, &c., 2nd Ass. Soj., acting as H.; and J. C. Milbourne, P.Z. Pythagorean, as J. (Comps. Ringrose and Hammond, the H. and J. of the chapter, being unavoidably absent; Comp. Ringrose arrived at a later period of the proceedings). F. J. Eedle, P.Z. 141, I.P.Z.; H. C. Talbot, M.E.Z., P.S.; G. R. Nichols, J. of 913, acting as S.N.; W. Harvey, S.E.; and J. Ives, Janitor. There were a number of the companions and visitors present, and the chapter was honoured by the presence of Comp. T. J. Ralling, P.G.S.B., and S.E. of the province. The whole of the work was splendidly done by the Principals and P.S.; receiving the hearty commendations of Comp. Ralling and the visitors present.

The banquet was superbly placed upon the table by Comp. Joyce, and some excellent singing and reciting enlivened the proceedings.

THE GLORIES of the old Trocadero in its best days are to be more than revived, as Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. have erected upon its site at Piccadilly Circus one of the grandest restaurants to be found in Europe. For elegance and convenience of construction, splendour of decoration, and the comfort and completeness of the general appointments it would be difficult to find its peer. The cuisine of J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., has earned for this Company the title of The Only Perfect Caterers, and the Trocadero Restaurant will be a distinct acquisition to Masonic lodges. Applications respecting bookings should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., Cadby Hall, Kensington, W.—[ADVT.]

## Knights Templar.

### St. Joseph Preceptory, No. 9.

The regular conclave of this prosperous preceptory was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, when there was a large assembly of Sir Knights present. Amongst whom were the following: Sir Knights J. Hardwicke-Marsh, E.P.; G. A. Myers, S. W. Arnott, J. W. Bone, Sergeant Searle, F. W. Lean, E. Pike, G. S. Smith, and A. C. Wilson.

Sir Knight J. Hardwicke-Marsh, installed Comp. John R. Woodhead as a Knight of the Order, the latter portion of the ceremony being given by Sir Knight Lean. Altogether it was a most successful meeting.

### Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, No. 154.

The installation meeting was held at 33 Golden-square. Sir Knight T. Phipps Dorman, E.P., presided. Sir Knight Harry Parnell Hay was installed as E.P. for the ensuing year, and Comp. W. J. Reeve Knapp was admitted to the Order, both ceremonies being performed by Sir Knight H. Lovegrove, P.E.P., P.Z., C. of G. The officers were appointed as follows: Sir Knights J. J. Pakes, Constable; A. S. Brown, Marshal; R. C. Leversedge, Prelate; H. Lovegrove, Registrar; O. to Heineman, Sub-Marshal; G. W. Capel, C. of G.; H. Manfield, Almoner; F. S. Guy, S.B.; P. P. Staley, S.B.; J. Read, Org.; C. B. Barnes, Pursr.; and G. Austin, O.G.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Invicta Chapter, No. 10.

The last meeting of the session was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on the 17th ult., E.P. Bro. Rev. Fayer, D.D., presided, the ceremony of perfecting Bro. Major Lewis H. Isaacs being undertaken by Ill. Bro. W. M. Bywater, 32°. Besides the above brethren there were present Ill. Bros. Henry Lovegrove, 31°, and G. Mickley, 31°; E.P. Bros. George Powell, J. J. Pakes, F. A. Manning, C. B. Brener, W. J. Songhurst, A. D. Green, Capt. Hastings Jones, and F. W. Faulkner.

### Our Portrait Gallery.



COMP. G. G. BENEDETTI,

whose portrait is this week added to our gallery of portraits of W. Masters and M.E.Zs., was initiated in the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1115, in 1877, and has served the office of W.M. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329, and having already served as M.E.Z. of the Star Chapter, No. 1275, of which he is a joining member, was quite recently installed as Z. in his mother chapter.

### Lodges of Instruction.

#### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., when there were present Bros. Emden, W.M.; E. Croft Wise, S.W.; T. White, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; W. C. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Meadows, Sec.; William Baker, S.D.; W. J. Greig, Asst. Preceptor, J.D.; Spencer, I.G.; Jas. Smith, P.M.; Maidwell, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Niven, R. Sarson, Strong, Shepherd, Drake, Downs, J. Kinipple, Butcher, Buss, Evans, and J. G. Robeson.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of installation was performed, Bro. Niven, acting as W.M. elect. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Niven, who invested his officers. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Butcher acting as candidate. The lodge was closed.

#### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. M. Beedle, W.M.; T. Smale, P.M., S.W.; L. Goldstein, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; A. Terry, S.D.; J. Mason, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler; and L. S. Genese.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Paul and Hill. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Thom, P.M., being the candidate. The W.M. having risen the first, second, and third times, and the S.W. duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed. The 13th ballot of the Charitable Association was won by Bro. T. H. Clear.

#### RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. James Banks, W.M.; Robert Reid, S.W.; E. H. Tompsett, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; R. Phillips, S.D.; Wm. Hide, J.D.; J. J. Lewin, I.G.; W. Hinds, Steward; W. W. Williams, P.M.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Middx.; Joseph Cox, W.M. 865; Hans Scharien, W.M. 834; J. Worth, A. J. Dalton, H. Sellick, T. Knights, and A. J. Clayton.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, it was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second. Bro. Worth offered himself as a candidate for raising, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the 15th inst., the next meeting being officers' night. The lodge was then closed.

#### HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. Weston, W.M.; McVey, S.W.; Lavine, J.W.; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Aubrey, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Beasley, I.G.; Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Lynn, P.M.; Rudrum, P.M.; Dingley, Thompson, Mills, Driver, Ball, and Johnson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lewis acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Driver having been examined and entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Driver duly raised to the degree of a Master Mason. The W.M. rose for the first, second and third times, when Bros. Thompson, Lavine, and Beasley were elected unanimously members of this lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

#### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. R. P. Upton, P.M., W.M.; J. E. Thomas, S.W.; C. Smith, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Heris, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. C. Renaud, S.D.; C. T. Rayner, J.D.; M. Hepner, I.G.; E. J. Harrison, H. F. Facks, E. Faux, C. Horst, V. J. R. Longman, H. Parkinson, A. L. Langton, A. F. Hardymont, C. W. Rayner, G. Yexley, G. A. Hopkins, W. Rapley, A. Oliver, P.M., J. R. Carter, G. T. Stock, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and T. Spotswood.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Faux, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Parkinson being the candidate. Bro. Upton resumed the chair, and the lodge was closed down. Bro. J. R. Carter was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

THE OLD TROCADERO went the way of all things but in its stead there has been raised a Trocadero which bids fair to altogether eclipse the memories of the old favourite place of amusement. A magnificent restaurant has been raised upon its site, and Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, have succeeded beyond their anticipations in making this the most attractive and comfortable resort of the kind in Europe. A Masonic Temple is included in its many attractions and exceptionally good arrangements are being made for the convenience of lodges. Application for particulars should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co. Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[Adv.]

### THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Since our last notice of the above distinguished society, in January of this year, we have had the privilege to peruse the report and balance-sheet to December 31st, 1895, which is remarkable for the enormous growth of its totals, the undivided surplus on a 4 per cent. standard having now reached £8,412,502, which is in advance of the preceding year's total by £655,044, whilst the assets have increased by £3,326,058—bringing the total of that category up to the magnificent total of £41,876,955. The total income of the society amounted to £9,260,642, and the amount paid to policy-holders, £4,076,805; new assurances written, £27,516,360; whilst proposals for assurance examined and declined reached the sum of £4,718,436. The latter item shows the determination of the control to eliminate doubtful business, in pursuance of their rejection of new proposals from those parts of the world where the mortality is unfavourable, as well as in those countries where the conditions and enactments are arbitrary and adverse to the general interests of the general body of policy-holders. Notwithstanding this bold, withal wise, course, the volume of business is exceptionally large, and, though of the most lucrative character, the cost of the assurance is exceedingly small, frequently resulting, as we have already observed, in no cost at all, with an ample marginal profit in the bargain. The securities under the heading of "United States Stocks and other Investments," as per market quotations on December 31st, 1895, showed an appreciation in value on their cost price of no less than £644,439, and this fact is very impressive when the unfavourable conditions of trade and commerce in the period acted so detrimentally to all interests on both sides of the Atlantic. It would appear, indeed, that, in despite of all disadvantageous circumstances, the progress of the society is unassailable, and the grand administration of its executive ever to be rewarded with the fullest measure of benefit.

For 29 years British insurers have enjoyed the matchless advantages of the American insurance, and during the year last past English policy-holders or their survivors have been paid from the British branch alone over £300,000 in death claims and matured policies. If the objection should be suggested that the Equitable Life of the United States is an American office, *pur et simple*, the answer emphatically is that, through its centre, St. Cheapside, E.C., whence, we understand, an exodus is shortly to be made to larger and more commodious premises at 6, Princes-street (opposite the Bank of England), the policies issued therefrom are under the immediate jurisdiction of the British courts of law, protected by a special security for £100,000 in the Bank of England, vested in the trustees, the Right Hon. the Earl of Denbigh and the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, and when such a security is in vogue, and it is considered that the transactions of the society are under a far more stringent State surveillance in America than obtains with us here, enquirers should be satisfied that their interests will be in safe keeping, and that they are environed by a double *posse* of guardians. Additional and highly interesting testimonies are published by grateful policy-holders, who are loud in their praise of the extreme promptitude of the officials in the satisfaction of claims and the marvellous issues realised by the Tontine system of the society, and the following will more forcibly give point to these facts than a mere description in general terms:

Writing from Stromness, on March 1st, 1895, Mr. Wm. D. Firth says: "I am in receipt of your letter of 27th inst., enclosing cheque for £700 in favour of Mrs. Catherine M. Brass, being amount payable under this policy (No. 271,185). I have to thank you for the exceeding promptitude with which this claim has been settled. In every way the matter has been most satisfactorily conducted."

Mr. L. J. Vergara, of 36 Weighon Road, Anerley, writes 12th March, 1895: "Having this day presented at your office the papers in connection with my late father's life policy, and forthwith received payment of my claim for £5,743 11s. 10d., I have great pleasure in testifying hereby to the promptitude of your settlement."

Mr. Arthur Long, Stock Exchange, London, June 28th, 1895: "I have much pleasure in expressing my satisfaction at the prompt manner in which you have settled the claim under Policy No. 212,162, and also at the small amount of trouble given."

Mr. John H. Phipps, 246 Oxford Street, Manchester: "I must take this opportunity of thanking you for so promptly settling these policies. I got your cheque by return of post on my sending you the necessary papers."

Letters of this kind continue to pour into the Manager's hands, and they are the best possible proof of the valuable and highly appreciated work well and continuously performed by this establishment, whose only concern it appears to be to give a maximum of benefit for a minimum of cost, administering the same with the natural grace and courtesy which make a visit to the official's a pleasure and an event to be remembered.

## Obituary.

### BRO. FRANCES SHARRATT.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Frances Sharratt, which occurred at his residence, Cromwell Lodge, Norwood, on the 2nd inst. Bro. Sharratt was for upwards of 24 years a member of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, and had been twice elected to the chair. At the time of his death he held the office of Treasurer. He was the recipient of a handsome testimonial in recognition of his successful efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Sharratt was also P.Z. and Treasurer of the Beadon Chapter.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, May 16, 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 11.

## CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner-stone, Freemasons' Hall.  
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
1306, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.  
1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
1789, U'ique, Criterion.  
1825, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1925, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.  
2030, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.  
2426, Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

730, Panmure, Horns Tavern.  
865, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel.

## MARK LODGE.

410, Eclectic, Mark Masons' Hall.

## ROSE CROIX.

53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 12.

Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 33, Golden-square.

## CRAFT LODGES.

167, St. John's, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead Heath.  
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.  
751, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.  
1353, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
1608, Samson, Cafe Royal.  
1700, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.  
2420, Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms.  
2440, Rahere, Frascati Restaurant.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1880, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.  
2305, Avondale, Anderton's Hotel.

## MARK LODGE.

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

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Fifth, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Mount Edgecombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Frederick, William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13.

FESTIVAL OF THE R.M. INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 33, Golden-square.

## CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.  
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
823, Lily Lodge of Richmond, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1619, United, Freemasons' Hall.  
1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.

1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.  
2347, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant.  
2470, Telegraph Cable, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant.

## MARK LODGE.

350, Temperance-in-the-East, Bromley Vestry Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 14.

## CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
1070, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.  
2108, Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2417, Bolingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.  
2509, Barnet, Assembly Rooms, New Barnet.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
2272, Rye, Public Hall, Peckham.

## MARK LODGE.

331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 15.

Annual General Meeting of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.

## CRAFT LODGES.

143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.  
1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.  
1591, St. Dunstons, Cafe Royal.  
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.  
2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

45, United Preceptory Kemeys Tynte and Temple Cressing, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.

Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

## SATURDAY MAY 16.

## CRAFT LODGES.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1707, Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel.  
2041, West Kent Volunteers, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.  
2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.  
2406, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.  
2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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## SAVOY THEATRE.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN BALL will take place at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, the 29th June.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, K.P., Commander-in-Chief, arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, when her Majesty presented his lordship with the stick of office as Gold-Stick-in-Waiting.

BY THE QUEEN'S COMMAND, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold a Levee at St. James's Palace on Monday, the 1st June, at which presentations to his Royal Highness will be considered equivalent to presentations to her Majesty.

IT HAS BEEN decided by the Union Steamship Company that their mail boats shall no longer call at Plymouth as they have been in the habit of doing for several years past, but shall proceed, without stopping, direct from Madeira to Southampton.

IN ACCORDANCE with orders issued from the head-quarters of the Home District, the band of the Royal Horse Guards will play in Hyde Park on Sunday next from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and that of the Coldstream Guards in the Green Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

THE FESTIVAL DINNER on behalf of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Lord Wolverton, when subscriptions amounting to £2110 were announced.

BRO. SIR JAMES WHITEHEAD, Bart., has resigned his seat on the Court of Aldermen of the City Corporation, and among the candidates for the vacancy thus caused in the Ward of Cheap are Bro. Sheriff Cooper, Bro. Ex-Sheriff George Hand, J.P., and Deputy R. C. Halse.

AT THE CORONATION of the Czar of Russia at Moscow next week, Her Majesty the Queen will be represented by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, for the latter of whom a special train, such as is worn at the English Court, of the most beautiful character, has been specially made.

HER MAJESTY'S birthday will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 20th inst., when the Marquis of Salisbury will entertain the diplomatic corps at dinner at the Foreign Office, and Lady Salisbury will afterwards hold a reception, at which their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will be present.

THE MEMBERS of the Shorthorn Breeding Club dined together at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Sir Nigel Kingscote, among those present being the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Bros. the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Dunmore, and the Earl of Feversham, and Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, Commander-in-Chief, will hold a Levee at the Horse Guards on Thursday, the 21st instant, the number of officers to be received being limited to 150. Officers on full pay will appear in uniform (Levee dress), but ribbons of the Grand Cross of any Order are not to be worn, while officers on the retired list or half-pay will wear morning dress.

BROS. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKER-DUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

SINCE THE London County Council's order for muzzling dogs was issued on the 17th February to the 18th April, the number of unmuzzled dogs seized by the police in the Metropolis was 14,479, and of these 3205 have been reclaimed by their owners, while the rest have been done to death. First offenders were subjected to a caution, but for a second offence the person was summoned and fined by the magistrate, the number thus dealt with being 45 and the amount levied in fines, exclusive of costs, £20 18s.

THE MARRIAGE of the Princess Louise, eldest daughter of the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, and niece of the Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince Frederick of Schaumburg-Lippe, was celebrated on Tuesday evening at the Crown Prince's Palace of Amalienburg, near Copenhagen. The King and Queen of Denmark, the Crown Prince and Princess, the Prince and Princess of Schaumburg-Lippe, the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Luxemburg, the Duke and Duchess of York, and others, were present on the occasion.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, who will preside at the Festival dinner shortly to be given on behalf of Guy's Hospital, visited the Institution unexpectedly on Tuesday, and inspected the wards, museums, medical and dental schools, &c., expressing his gratification with what he saw and also with the progress the fund was making which it would be his duty to announce at the Festival. His Royal Highness was received by Lord Aldenham (the President), the Treasurer, and the medical staff, and was warmly cheered on his departure by the large crowd which in the meantime had assembled outside the hospital as soon as his visit became known.

A SPECIAL COURT of Aldermen was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin, for the purpose of receiving the resignation, on the ground of ill-health, of Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., to whom a cordial vote of thanks for his services was passed by acclamation. His lordship subsequently announced that a Wardmote of the Ward of Cheap would be held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., for the election of a successor to Sir James, and that in the event of a poll being demanded, it will take place the following day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

THE CARDIFF FINE ART, Industrial, and Maritime Exhibition was opened by the Mayor, Bro. Lord Windsor, on Saturday last, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Previous to the ceremony, his worship entertained a large number of Mayors and other civic dignitaries from South Wales and the West of England at luncheon in the Town Hall. When this was over, a procession to the exhibition grounds took place, and when the National Anthem had been sung in the Concert Hall, the Mayor declared the exhibition open.

THE MAYOR OF BOURNEMOUTH has received an intimation from Bro. Viscount Wolsley, to the effect that his lordship has accepted the invitation of the Corporation of Bournemouth to a luncheon, on Saturday, the 23rd instant, when he will open the new Volunteer Drill Hall, which has been erected at a cost of some £3000, and presented by a lady to the local Rifle Volunteers. His lordship will also inspect the Hants and Dorset Yeomanry Brigade, which will be undergoing their annual training during the same week.

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION of horse-drawn and horseless carriages was opened at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, by Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir Walter Wilkins, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, among those present being Alderman and Sheriff Pound and Mrs. Pound, Bro. Sheriff Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, the Under-Sheriffs, the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir John B. Monckton), and the leading members of the Coachmakers' Company. There was a very large collection of Royal, civic, official, and other carriages, and after luncheon a trial of the horseless carriages was made on the North Parade and Terrace.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF HUNGARY opened the Millennial Exhibition in Budapest on Saturday last. Their majesties were accompanied by magnates, dignitaries, and military, no such splendid scene having been witnessed since the coronation of the Emperor and Empress as King and Queen many years ago. On Sunday, a solemn thanksgiving service was held in the Matthias Church in the Hungarian capital, in the presence of their Majesties, the Archdukes and Archduchesses, the Diplomatic Corps, and the members of the Hungarian aristocracy. Cardinal Vaszary, Primate of Hungary, delivered the festival address to the Emperor-King. In the evening the city was brilliantly illuminated.

THE TROCADERO RESTAURANT will shortly be opened by Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, after a lengthened period of preparation. No effort is being made to make this the handsomest and most perfectly-equipped dining palace in Europe, and the arrangements for Masonic meetings will be made a special feature. Applications respecting bookings should be made as early as possible to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington, where all inquiries should be addressed.—[ADVT.]

PARTICULARS OF THE Midland Railway Company's Whitsuntide excursion arrangements will appear in our advertisement columns next week.

THE PRIVATE VIEW of the Cabinet Picture Society's Inaugural Exhibition will take place at the Society's Gallery, 175, New Bond-street, on Saturday, the 16th instant.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will preside at the annual regimental dinner of the 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars, which has been fixed to take place at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday, the 4th June.

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT, who is between 13 and 14 years of age, having successfully passed his entrance examination at Eton, has been placed in the "Middle Fourth." There are now 1020 boys at the College, this being a larger number than has been known before.

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY has conferred the Grand Cross and Collar of the Order of the Red Eagle on Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, and the Order of the Crown of the First Class on M. Stoiloff, the Bulgarian Premier, and General Petroff, the Minister of War.

THE WILL of Bro. John Symonds, of Idol-lane and Castle House, Bexley, who died on January 20th, has been proved by Mr. Richard John Symonds, the son, Mr. Henry Law, and Mr. Alexander Miller Hullett, the executors, the value of the personal estate being £1267.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Royal School for Naval Officers' Daughters, was held at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, on Saturday morning last, under the presidency of Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of Clanwilliam. The report, which was adopted, showed that the school was in a high state of efficiency.

THE CROWN PRINCESS SOPHIA OF GREECE, daughter of the Empress Frederick of Germany, and granddaughter of the Queen, has just given birth to a Princess; this is the third child of her Royal Highness, the two eldest being boys. The intelligence reached Windsor on Saturday last, and gave great gratification to her Majesty.

THE CONCERT given by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society in the Queen's Hall on Saturday afternoon last was honoured with the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. There was a very full attendance, and the funds of St. Thomas's Hospital, in whose aid the concert was held, will doubtless be found to have been greatly benefited.

WE HAVE MUCH pleasure in announcing that by the kind invitation of Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., and his co-directors of Kempton Park, the annual athletic sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at that delightful resort on Saturday, the 13th June. Arrangements are being made for a special train service, &c., such as proved so successful last year.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES arrived at Warwick Castle on Saturday afternoon last on a visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Warwick, the house party including Lady Cairns, Lady Rosslyn, Lord Kenyon, Lord Willoughby de Broke, and others. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales is still in the Riviera, where her sister, the Empress Dowager of Russia, and her son, the Czarewitsch, are staying for the benefit of the latter's health.

THE CHILDREN'S SALON, of which the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein is patroness, gave their annual "At home" in aid of the London Schools Dinner Association, at the Westminster Town Hall, on Saturday last. The "Salon" was founded about five years since with a view to encouraging young people in good circumstances to work for and help those less fortunately placed. There were ready purchasers for the work exhibited on the stalls, and in the morning there was a series of competitions in piano and violin playing, singing, reciting, and dancing.

THE HOTEL CECIL, which was opened on Wednesday last for the reception of visitors and public business, whilst possessing the distinction of being the largest hotel in Europe, is possibly unequalled for magnificence of decoration and furnishing, and its situation overlooking the Embankment Gardens and the river Thames, is unrivalled in the Metropolis. The building is absolutely fire-proof, all floors and partitions being cement concrete, and the sanitation, aided by the incline of its site, has been perfected under the supervision of the best sanitary experts in London.

AT THE FOOD EXHIBITION, which was held at the Imperial Institute, and opened by the Princess Louise, Messrs. John Hill & Son, of Ashton-under-Lyne, obtained a somewhat special honour. They were permitted to present Her Royal Highness with a beautifully-ornamented cake as a souvenir of the Cookery and Food Exhibition of 1896. The cake was certainly a work of art to look upon, and the exhibit of the firm, with its infinite variety of cakes practically from sixpence to twenty-five pounds, was a splendid one. The Princess in accepting the gift was more than gracious and enthusiastic, and Messrs. John Hill & Son, who obtained the highest awards in all classes, are to be congratulated.

TREASURE TROVE, as everyone knows, is a find of which a certain proportion has to be handed to the Crown authorities. As far as can be judged by its prospectus, the new company just launched, Hannan's Treasure Trove, means to hand its finds over to its shareholders, and, according to the reports of experts, the finds upon the property are of very considerable value. Hannan's Treasure Trove is situated in the most auriferous district of Western Australia, at a spot where several reefs converge, all running into this particular property. As many of the companies holding ground in the immediate vicinity are standing at enormous premiums in the market, those who are lucky enough to get hold of any shares at par in Hannan's may be regarded as extremely fortunate.

IT IS STRANGE how the public seem to neglect some first class investments, and I then wonder that such a big margin of profit could have been made by a judicious purchase. At the present moment the Coolgardie Gold Syndicate (Sherlows) is in high feathers, having paid with the 100 per cent. dividend just announced, over 200 per cent. on its capital in the short space of 16 months. This Syndicate has two subsidiary Companies, whose shares are at a ridiculously low figure. Sherlows Gold Mine can be bought now at 13s. 6d. to 14s., and Great Reef 11s. 6d. to 12s. Considering that the manager of the Sherlows Gold Mine is buying shares rapidly, the public has only its own apathy to blame if it loses a good chance. The Great Reef assays 4½ to 50z. to the ton, and the machinery will be at work in a couple of months. The management of both Companies is in excellent hands, and the shareholders are on the threshold of returns.

A HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN THE CITY.—Bro. Dr. Martin, the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, was the victim of a daring robbery on Friday last. At a quarter-past six o'clock, while he was walking in Aldersgate-street, an active young man suddenly closed with him, and wrenched away a valuable watch and chain, tearing at the same time a large portion of his waistcoat. The man disappeared down a narrow passage, and the Doctor gave chase, but was impeded by an accomplice (there were, he believes, three of them), and the ruffian succeeded in getting off. "Nothing could be more satisfactory," adds the Doctor, "than the intelligence and interest shown by the police in the case, and it is known all over the kingdom that they do their duty in the most admirable manner; but are they sufficiently numerous to protect us from outrages like this, or perhaps worse? I think I am right in saying that this is not the first occurrence of the same kind in the same locality."

THE FOURTH ANNUAL Home District Rifle Meeting was held at Bisley, on Saturday last, the chief event being the competition in route-marching and shooting combined, which was open to all volunteer, militia, and regular battalions in the Home District. The competing teams consisted of an officer, non-commissioned officer, and 14 men, and of these 37 out of the 40 entered took part in the contest, the prize being a trophy value 50 guineas, offered annually by the proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph*. The distance to be covered was 11 miles from Weybridge Railway Station to Bisley, and the time allowed was three hours. On completing the march, each team was to advance to the attack and fire 10 rounds at a target, with six human figures upon it, the time allowance being 15 minutes. The cup was won by the 2nd Grenadier Guards' team, with a score of 186, a purse of £15 to the team, and bronze medals to each member, including the officer, being also given. Money prizes and bronze medals were also given to the nine next highest teams, which were the 3rd Grenadiers, 2nd Coldstreams, the 20th Middlesex, 3rd East Surrey, 1st Scots Guards, London Scottish, 13th Middlesex, 1st V.B. Royal Fusiliers, 1st Grenadiers, and the Hon. Artillery Company. Other competitions also took place, and the prizes were afterwards distributed by Lady Wolseley. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to her ladyship and the Commander-in-Chief, which was moved by Bro. Bro. Lord Methuen, and carried by acclamation.