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SOUTH AFRICA, WESTERN DIVISION.

It is evident from the reports we have received of the District Board of General Purposes both of the District G. Lodge and District G. Chapter of South Africa, Western Division, that the Craft is making very considerable progress in this part of the British Empire. There are, it is true, but 12 lodges on the roll of District G. Lodge, and of these only one—the British, No. 334, Cape Town, which was warranted in 1811—can be said to have a history. The second senior on the roll is the Worcester, No. 1603, meeting in the town from which it takes its name, and warranted only 20 years ago—in 1876. The Carnarvon, No. 1735, which meets in Cape Town, dates from the year 1877, and the Phoenix, No. 1860, Simon's Town, from two years later. The St. Blaize Lodge, No. 1938, Mossel Bay, and the Beaufort West Lodge, No. 1946, meeting in the town bearing the same name, received their Warrants of Constitution in 1881. Then, after an interval of four years, we come to the Phoenix of Namaqualand, No. 2082, O'okiep, and the Congo Lodge, No. 2088, Oudtshoorn. In 1890, was founded the Woodstock, No. 2379, while of the three remaining lodges the St. George's, No. 2537, and the Metropolitan, No. 2538, both meeting in Cape Town, were warranted in 1894, and the Wynberg, No. 2577, Wynberg, last year. It will thus be seen that of all these lodges only one is indebted for its constitution to a former G. Master, the other 11 having been constituted by our present M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES. Moreover, South Africa, which was organised as a District, or rather as a Province in 1801, was in 1877, subdivided, the Eastern Division being placed in charge of Bro. CHARLES J. EGAN, M.D., while the Western Division remained under the government of Bro. ROBERT SOUTHEY, who had presided over the whole body of lodges in South Africa from 1863. In 1879, Bro. SOUTHEY was succeeded by Bro. CHARLES A. FAIRBRIDGE, and in 1890, the present District G. Master, Bro. the Very Rev. C. W. BARNETT CLARKE, Dean of Cape Town, was appointed his successor, nor are we in any way guilty of exaggeration when we say that it is under the auspices of our very rev. brother that Freemasonry has been making such sure and certain progress. Four of the lodges have been consecrated since he became District Grand Master, while it is mainly, if not entirely, due to his efforts that, in 1894, a District Grand Chapter was organised, with Comp. the Rev. CLARKE as Grand Superintendent, and four chapters on its roll. Again, as regards the

condition of the lodges, the reports seem to be generally satisfactory. Nothing of very great importance happened during the year 1895, but, as a whole, the lodges appear to be substantially stronger, and that, too, notwithstanding a reduction in the aggregate number of members. Thus, in 1894, when there were only 11 lodges in existence, the number of members was returned as 714, but of these as many as 101 were returned as being "in arrears," leaving a balance of members in good standing of 613. On the 31st December, 1895, when the Wynberg Lodge had been added to the roll, the aggregate membership was only 692, but the number of those "in arrears" had been reduced in the meantime from 101 to 57, so that the members in good standing was 635, or 22 in excess of the number at the corresponding date in 1894. On turning to the District Grand Treasurer's statement of account, we find, as regards the Fund of General Purposes, which opened with a small balance in hand, that there was a slight balance on the right side at the close of the account, and there is no doubt that, had it not been for the expenditure of upwards of £40 in purchasing the balance of the regalia required for the use of District Grand Lodge, there would have been a substantial sum in hand. However, District Grand Lodge is now in possession of a complete set of jewels, collars, and furniture; and, as it will not be necessary to renew them for some time, we may look to see a good round sum to its credit at the close of each year's account, instead of the nominal balance in this. The Benevolent Fund is also in a satisfactory state. The balance from 1894 was £962 16s. 3d., and the receipts from all sources amounted to £128 9s. 5d., giving a total on the debit side of £1091 5s. 8d. The expenditure, which included £15 to the Masonic Educational Fund, and a loss through the Cape of Good Hope Bank of £12 8s. 2d., amounted to £124 12s. 8d., the balance remaining to the credit of the Fund at the close of the year being £966 13s., which is, indeed, a very large sum, considering that the number of brethren in good standing in the whole District is only 635. We are told also in the body of the Report that the Masonic Educational Fund "still continues its good work, and every year finds itself in a better position to meet Educational requirements. The growth of its area may be only gradual, but it is sure and steady, and the management of the Fund reflects the greatest possible credit on those connected therewith." So much for Craft Masonry. As regards the Royal Arch, the Report of the General Board speaks of only three chapters, namely, the British, No. 334, Cape Town, which was constituted in 1829; the Phoenix, No. 1860, Simon's Town, which dates from 1887; and the Woodstock, No. 2379, Woodstock, warranted in 1893. But, according to Grand Lodge Calendar, there are four private chapters in the District, the fourth being the Albion Chapter, No. 2220, Woodstock, the warrant for which is said to have been granted in 1893. However, taking the three enumerated in the Report for last year, we find the aggregate membership set down as 187, of whom, however, 61 are returned as being "in arrears." Still, even with the total of 126 in good standing, as compared with the 635 in a similar position in the Craft, the proportion is a good one, especially as the period covered by the report is the first year that has elapsed since the District Grand Chapter was organised. It is, however, to be hoped that "the question of companions in arrears" will, as the Report suggests, be kept constantly before the chapters. "The annual subscription is very low, but, if allowed to run into a matter of years, the amounts prove hard to collect and com-

panions drop out under suspension. Your Board certainly consider the average of members two years or more in arrears far too high, and would point out that non-paying companions are not a source of strength to any chapter. They entail more postage and anxiety than the companions who cheerfully pay their dues and make no return for such extra outlay. By-laws as to arrears should be strictly carried out." We fully agree with the propriety of these remarks and trust that as in Craft Masonry, the lodges, though weaker in membership became stronger in paying members during 1895, so the chapters may lose some of their members in arrears and at the same time become stronger in respect of companions who are in good standing. However, even with this subject of complaint on the part of the Board of District Grand Chapter, we look upon Freemasonry in this division of South Africa as being in a prosperous state and congratulate the D.G.M. and his executive officers on the successful manner in which they have administered the District.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The report of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Educational Institution for the year 1895 is eminently satisfactory. It is to be regretted that there should have been any necessity for inserting the announcement "that no less than 38 lodges omit to make any return whatever, amongst them having 18 children on the Foundation, at a cost of £97 12s. 8d." We can well understand there may be lodges in West Lancashire—or in any other part of the country—which do not approve of the policy of establishing local Charities, under the impression that the Central Charities which have been established in London for the benefit of the whole body of English Craftsmen are sufficient to meet all reasonable requirements; and similarly, there is no exception to the views of those lodges and brethren who withhold support from the central Institutions in London on the ground that their first duty is to make due provision for the needs of their own local Charities. What, however, we do not understand, is that there should be lodges and individual Masons who have no scruples about availing themselves of the benefits conferred either by the Central or Local Charities, and yet omit to contribute towards their efficient maintenance and support. It is not as though these lodges were unable to contribute. Some lodges are richer, some poorer than others, but, taking them one with another, we believe they are made up of the same class of men, who, though they may not all of them be blessed with large means, are yet in a position to give some little help to their less fortunate brethren. We trust this failure on the part of the 38 lodges to contribute to an Institution from which they have not hesitated to accept its benefits for the children of some of their poorer members is due to forgetfulness on their part or to the fact that the Committee of the Institution have not been sufficiently urgent in bringing its claims to support to their notice, and that now the matter has been thus publicly mentioned they will lose no further time in doing what lies in their power to enlarge the resources of this admirable local Charity. But with this exception, the report for the year 1895 is, as we have before said, in all respects satisfactory. The donations and subscriptions received during the past year from lodges, chapters and brethren, amounted to £1070 16s. 10d., while the surplus proceeds of the annual ball, which was held in the Liverpool Town Hall, in January, 1895, reached the capital sum of £316 12s. 10d. The interest on investments amounted to £774 12s. 6d., while a legacy of £25 and £42 13s. 4d. from the friends and relatives of children formerly on the Foundation raised the total receipts from all sources to £2229 5s. 6d. The number of children on the Foundation at the present time is 206, of which 139 are on the Educational Fund, 46 on the Combined Fund, and 29 on the Advancement Fund, and the sum expended on these 206 children amounted to £1473 9s. 9d., to which must be added the yearly proportion of cost of eight presentations in the hands of the Institution, viz., £181 5s., thus raising the total sum expended on children to £1654 14s. 9d. Of this sum, and omitting the year's proportion (£181 5s.) of the cost of the eight presentations, we find that £848 19s. was disbursed for

Education and Clothing, £100 for Advancement, and £524 10s. 9d. for those on the Combined Fund. Taking the Hon. Treasurer's Account for the year we find that including a balance brought forward from 1894, of £719 19s. 9d., and £1000 which was received in repayment of Wigan Corporation Loan, the total receipts reached £3939 5s. 3d., while the total expenditure, including £1500 expended in the purchase of Dock Bonds, was £3049 13s. 1d., the only portion of this that was disbursed for other than educational purposes and in the purchase of Securities being £76 3s. 4d. for "Printing, Stationery, and Postages." The balance remaining in the bank at the close of the year was £889 12s. 2d., so that the Institution is able not only to confer great benefits on the children of reduced and deceased West Lancashire Masons, but can keep on steadily augmenting its capital and retain an ample balance at its bankers to meet any emergencies. As for the investments held by the Institution, they represent a total value, including cash in bank, of £22,117 19s. 2d. To this must be added the present value of the eight presentations before referred to, purchased by the Committee, to various educational Institutions, so that this total value is increased to no less than £23,340 5s. 8d. This is a considerable sum, and can only have been amassed by a Committee composed of good business men, well versed in the management of such a Charity, and generously supported by the constituency it appealed to. There is, indeed, at the end of the report a summary of all moneys received and disbursed in behalf of this West Lancashire Educational Institution, from the date of its establishment, in 1850, till the close of 1895, and from this we learn that the donations and subscriptions of lodges, chapters, and brethren received during that period amount to £28,996 10s. 3d.; other donations and legacy to £261 3s. 8d.; the proceeds of Masonic balls to £7474 1s. 11d.; and interest on investments to £19,165 13s. 6d.; giving a grand total from all sources of £55,897 10s. 6d. The total payments on account of children amounted to £30,274 14s. 5d., of which £965 3s. 4d. has been written off Presentations purchased by the Committee, while the rest was paid directly for the children on one or other branches of the Fund. The sum paid away in respect of printing, stationery, postages, &c., is £1932 9s. 10d., making the total outlay £32,207 4s. 3d., and leaving a balance of £23,690 5s. 10d., made up in part of £1572 6s. 8d., being the present value of Presentations, and £22 117 19s. 2d., being the total of invested funds and cash in bank.

We have gone thus minutely into the details of this report in order that our readers may be the better enabled to appreciate the extent of the work done by the Province of West Lancashire in helping the children of its deceased and necessitous members. But there are, in addition two other Institutions which have been established by the Province for providing annuities for aged brethren without means, and the widows of brethren who are similarly circumstanced. They are known as the Hamer and Alpass Institutions, and though, as they have not been so long established, they have not yet attained to the dimensions of the Educational Institution, they are both of them capable of a large amount of good, and are, indeed, the means by which an incalculable amount of service is done to West Lancashire brethren and their widows in poverty-stricken circumstances. We trust, however, the day will never come when this large and powerful Province will content itself with the support of its local Charities. The Central Charities have strong claims upon its support, and we know full well how generously those claims have been met from time to time in past years. But its contributions to two of those Central Charities at their annual festivals have been on an exceedingly small scale during the present year, and we hope we shall soon find West Lancashire figuring among the contributing Provinces in a manner worthy of its past services to these Institutions, as well as of its own great strength and importance. Its own Charities naturally have the first claim on its support, but the Central Institutions have claims which we feel sure that in its own good time it will recognise most loyally.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE visited Horsham on Saturday last, and inspected the site at Slammerham of the new Christ's Hospital, of which he is President. His Royal Highness expressed himself well pleased with what he saw, but more particularly with the elevation and airiness of the grounds.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.

2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 29th April for confirmation.

3. Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master—

It having been represented to the M.W. Grand Master that some Provincial and District Grand Masters are desirous of commemorating the 21st anniversary of the installation of his Royal Highness as M.W. Grand Master, by conferring Past Provincial or District Grand rank on brethren in their provinces and districts, and that Article 87 of the Book of Constitutions would have to be specially suspended by Grand Lodge before any such appointments could be legally made

His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master now submits the matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge, with the suggestion that if it be thought proper to sanction the suspension of the Law, the number of appointments authorised should not exceed one for every ten lodges in the province or district, with one additional if the broken number exceeds five.

4. The Most Worshipful PRO GRAND MASTER will propose :

That this Grand Lodge desires to record its gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe that the 21st anniversary of the installation of his Royal Highness the Grand Master has been attained, to the great advantage of the Craft in general and the happiness of the brethren in particular, and this Grand Lodge earnestly prays, that by the protecting blessing of the Most High, his Royal Highness may continue to be the wise and enlightened ruler of English Freemasonry for many years to come.

5. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.

6. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.

7. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.

8. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :

A brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London...	£75 0 0
A brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford ...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-Super-Mare ...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London	75 0 0

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board beg to report that it recently came to its knowledge that the St. George's Lodge, No. 112, Exeter, had for many years been in the habit of returning as subscribing members, brethren whose subscriptions had been commuted by the acceptance of a consideration in gross, a practice which had been declared illegal by the Board of General Purposes and reported to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on the 4th June, 1873. The Board, after a full consideration of the circumstances, has informed the lodge that all such members must in future pay the annual subscription fixed by the by-laws of the lodge in order to entitle them to the privileges of membership.

The Board have further to report that the last edition of the Book of Constitutions being exhausted, it has ordered a reprint, with such alterations and additions as have been sanctioned by Grand Lodge.

The attention of the Board has been directed to what is understood to be a not uncommon custom for Masters of lodges to omit to hand over to initiates, copies of the Book of Constitutions; an omission which is frequently pleaded as excuse for the total disregard of some of the most important and essential rules and regulations governing the Craft.

The Board cannot too strongly insist on the duty of every Master of a lodge to satisfy himself that all initiates are put in possession of copies of the Book of Constitutions, by the rules of which every member of the Craft is bound.

The Board have to report the unfortunate failure in health of two of the senior clerks, and, after the fullest consideration have arrived at the conclusion to recommend the retirement of Bros. Lee and Green, who for the past 23 years have faithfully fulfilled their duties, but whose state of health precludes the hope that they will be able in the future to carry out efficiently the work they were formerly able to accomplish.

The salary Bro. Lee is now receiving is £330, and the Board recommend the grant to him on retirement of a pension of £220, being at the rate of two-thirds of that amount.

Bro. Green's salary at present is £285, and the Board recommend the grant to him on his retirement of a pension of £190, being at the same rate. The combined salaries of Bros. Lee and Green amount to £615, and the proposed pensions would be £410. The Board are of opinion that for the next few years, at least, it will be possible to provide for the efficient working of the office by the appointment of junior clerks, whose combined salaries would amount to somewhat less than the difference between the salaries paid and the pensions proposed to be granted.

The Board desire to express its satisfaction at the manner in which Bro. Palmer (the Grand Secretary's personal clerk) and Bro. Cook discharge their several duties, which are of a very varied and responsible character. Both these clerks exhibit considerable ability and intelligence, coupled with most commendable industry and zeal. The Board feels itself perfectly justified in recommending that Bro. Palmer's salary be increased from £120 by annual increments of £10, as from the 1st January last, to £150; and that of Bro. Cook be increased in like manner to £130.

The Board also submit a statement of Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £9705 11s. 9d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
19th May, 1896.

This being the last meeting of the present Board, it was resolved unanimously that the members of the Board of General Purposes desire to place on record their high appreciation of the skill, ability, and courtesy displayed by the President, Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, in presiding over their deliberations during the past year.

19th May, 1896. W. A. SCURRAH, Vice-President.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks :

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Ahiman Rezon, 1895 ...	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
Three Irish Masonic Certificates ...	Albert Lucking, P.G.P.
Two Old Masonic Aprons (Foreign) ...	Col. Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B.
An Old Masonic Jewel ...	Lewis Lazarus, P.M. No. 188.
Records of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281 ...	H. Longman, P.P.G.S. Wks.
A Collection of Anthems ...	Neville Green, P.M. No. 1962.
An Old Masonic Tobacco Box ...	John Turner, P.M. No. 779.
An Irish Past Master's Jewel ...	H. Kemp, J.W. No. 862.
Masonic Fiction Exploded ...	Jacob Norton, Boston, U.S.A.
The General Ahiman Rezon, &c. ...	M. C. Gossett, P.M. No. 66.
History of Freemasonry on the Coast of Coromandel ...	Rev. C. H. Malden, P.M., &c.
Alphabetical Lists of Members of Old Lodges ...	W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C.
Mahogany Cross with Masonic Emblems ...	James Terry, P.G.S.B.
Le Parfait Tailleur, &c. (MS. with hand-painted Illustrations, &c.) ...	Rowland Plumbe, G.S. Wks.
Two Jewels of the National Masonic Veterans' Association ...	F. F. Schnitger, P.M., &c.
A Souvenir of Lafayette ...	William Michie, Cincinnati.
Photograph of Warrants of No. 311 ...	The W.M. of the South Saxon Lodge.
Six Masonic Prints ...	Tyson Crawford, No. 256.

11. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 15th May, 1896, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. By Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D.C.—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

2. By Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, P.G.D.—

That the sum of 500 guineas be contributed from the funds of Grand Lodge in aid of the special effort now being made under the chairmanship of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of Guy's Hospital, with the object of re-endowing and permanently improving the financial condition of that noble institution.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes :

NAME.	NOMINATED BY
Bro. John Leach Barrett, W.M. 2369 ...	Bro. W. Jas. Hughan, P.G.D.
" Arthur Blenkarn, P.M. 2381 ...	" G. R. Langley, P.M. 2881.
" A. Stewart Brown, P.M. 708 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" J. Whittaker Burgess, P.M. 1325 ...	" R. Wylie, D.P.G.M. W. Lances.
" Frederick Buxton, P.M. 1891 ...	" G. Everett, P.G. Treas.
" Wm. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287 ...	" C. Kempton, P.M. 1287.
" Wm. Barnes Fendick, P.M. 1321 ...	" G. Everett, P.G. Treas.
" Major C. E. Gubbins, W.M. 1724 ...	" S. C. Didben, P.M. 181.
" Joseph Harrison, W.M. 810 ...	" Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br.
" Wm. F. Lamonby, P.M. 962 ...	" G. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec. Cumb. and West.
" R. P. J. Laundry, P.M. 1681 ...	" G. Read, P.G. Std. Br.
" Wm. James Mason, P.M. 1328 ...	" G. Read, P.G. Std. Br.
" E. Charles Mulvey, P.M. 179 ...	" S. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642.
" F. A. Powell, P.M. 457 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" Charles Pulman, P.M. 1712 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" John R. Reep, P.M. 1260 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" A. G. Sandberg, M.D., P.M. 3 ...	" S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.
" James Stephens, P.M. 1425 ...	" John Aird, M.P., P.G.D.
" John Joseph Thomas, P.M. 753 ...	" G. Everett, P.G. Treas.
" C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M. 1997 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" Arthur Williams, P.M. 834 ...	" W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.
" James Willing, jun., P.M. 2455 ...	" J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons : Bros. T. I. Bird, P.M. 1567; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 2168; Lieut.-Col. Durrant, P.M. 569; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228; Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; William H. Hubbert, P.M. 1625; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; F. H. B. Riddle, P.M. 1723; and C. V. Burgess, W.M. 2024; nominated by Bro. A. R. Trew, P.M. 1662, P.P.G.D. Suffolk.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :

No. 2603, The London County Council, London.
2604, The Moore, Bangalore, Southern India.
2605, The Wyreside, Garstang.
2606, The Forest, Treharris, South Wales.
2607, The Prosperity, Johannesburg, South African Republic.
2608, The Headingley, Leeds.
2609, The Travellers, Chester.
2610, The Beresford Peirse, Bedale.
2611, The London School Board, London.
2612, The Navy, London.
2613, The Amity, Charters Towers, Queensland.
2614, The Household Brigade, London.
2615, The Zodiac, London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., under the banner of the York Mark Lodge, T.I. At three o'clock the Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Lord Bolton, accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. Col. R. G. Smith; Bro. C. Leitch Mason, Prov. Grand Mark Master West Yorkshire; Bro. J. Barker, D.P.G. Mark Master West Yorks; Bro. G. H. Parke, P.J.G. Warden, West Yorks, Grand Steward of England; Bro. J. Matthewman, P.G. Sec. West Yorks, and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers entered and opened Prov. Grand Lodge. There were also present a large number of brethren of the province, including the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Overseers, of the different lodges. The P.G. Mark Master, his Deputy, and the distinguished visitors were then saluted according to ancient custom.

*Brethren who have already served on the Board.
†Past Master of a Colonial lodge.

A large number of apologies were read, and the PROV. G. SECRETARY then read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which showed an increase of seven advancements during the year, but a total decrease of 17 in the strength of members.

A resolution was passed on the proposition of Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD P.P.G.W., seconded by Bro. Col. R. G. SMITH, D.P.G.M. Master, voting the sum of £10 10s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Prov. G.M. Master then appointed his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. W. Holloway, P.M. 276	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
W. A. Wetman, W.M. 291	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
J. Edgar, W.M. 281	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
S. Walgate, S.W. 277	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
F. Dunstan, J.W. 276	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
Rev. E. A. B. P. man, Chap. 277	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
W. J. Marshall P.M. 277 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
E. W. Pu nell, W.M. York T.I.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
R. McBean, S.W. 95	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
J. Harrowing, M.O. 337	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
M. Gage, S.W. 291	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
J. L. Spetch, S.D. York T.I.	...	...	Prov. G. Insp. Wks.
S. Ridge, 297	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Dr. Grainger, J.D. 337	...	...	Prov. Asst. G.D.C.
J. O. Cooper, Treas. 281	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Dr. Buchanan, York T.I.	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
W. Peacock, 95	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
F. W. Halliwell, Sec. York T.I.	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
H. C. Godfrey, 291	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
W. Sockdale, Tyler 277	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler

Four Stewards to be nominated by lodges, Middlesbro', 276. Drifelt, 291. Fitzwilliam, 277. and Beverlac, 281. The Prov. G. Auditor, and Board of General Purposes were re-elected.

Bro. G. H. PARKE, P.J.G.W. West Yorks. as President of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, thanked the Prov. G. Lodge for the handsome donation made that day towards the funds of the Institution, and trusted that, as the Prov. Grand Mark Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. C. Letch Mason, would preside on the occasion, the brethren of the sister province would rally round and support him by their influence and donations.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then invited to hold its next meeting at Scarborough, under the banner of the Star in the East Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren, and, after thanking them for their attendance and support, expressed his great gratification at the presence of the distinguished visitors from West Yorkshire, as showing the kindly feeling that existed between the two provinces, and trusted that he might before long be able to return the compliment. After alluding to the decrease in the number of members, he expressed the hope that, as there was plenty of good material to work upon, there would be a strong accession of members during the year. He expressed his pleasure at the Prov. Grand Treasurer's report, and was gratified that they had been able to vote the sum of 10 guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. He then expressed the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge to the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge (T.I.) for their kindness in receiving Prov. Grand Lodge that day, and went on to refer to the services of the late Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. A. W. Walker, who for 10 years had so ably steered the affairs of Prov. Grand Lodge, and moved that the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge be accorded to him for his services.

This was seconded by Bro. Col. R. G. SMITH, D.P.G.M., and carried unanimously.

Bro. A. W. WALKER thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his kind remarks as to his services, and also the brethren for their hearty endorsement of the same, and trusted that his services to the Degree would not diminish in any way.

The P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. C. LETCH MASON, then thanked the brethren for their kindly reception, and expressed the pleasure he had had in taking part in the proceedings, and, after alluding to the important position that Mark Masonry held in the Masonic world, concluded by trusting that good feeling and unity would always exist between the two provinces.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Prov. G.M. retired with the visitors and officers, and afterwards presided at dinner at the North-Eastern Hotel.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BARBADOS.

Pursuant to a summons issued by command of Bro. John Locke, D'st. G.M. (designate) a special communication of the District Grand Lodge of Barbados was holden under the banner of the Albion Lodge, No. 106, E.R., at the Masonic Hall in Spry-street, on Thursday, the 9th ult., for the purpose of installing the Right Worshipful Brother as District Grand Master of Barbados. Bro. his Excellency Sir James Shaw Hay, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor of the Island, presided as Installing Master. The following officers and members of District Grand Lodge were present:—

Bros. Robert Haynes, P.M., Dep. Dist. G.M. (designate), acting as Dist. G.M.; J. P. d'Alberquerque, P.M., Dist. S.G.W.; J. W. Croney, P.M., Dist. J.G.W.; Alexander Bayley, P.M., H. T. Armstrong, P.M., F. N. A. Clairmonte, P.M., P.D.G.Ws.; James Gibbons, P.M., Dist. G. Treas.; R. J. Clinckett, P.M., Dist. G. Reg.; H. Withstandley, P.M., P.D.G. Reg.; C. J. Lawrence, Dist. G. Sec.; B. E. Bynoe, P.M., Dist. S.G.D.; V. Hanschell, W.M., Dist. J.G.D.; E. F. S. Bowen, Dist. G. Supt. of Works; J. J. Warner, P.M., Dist. G.D. of C.; Capt. W. I. Smith, Dist. G.S.B.; J. K. Valverde, Past D.G.S.B.; A. S. Bryden, Dist. A.G.S.B.; J. Collins King, Dist. G. Std. Br.; George Hoad, Dist. G. Org.; W. H. Hutchinson, W.M., P.D.G. Org.; P. P. Spencer, Dist. A.G. Sec.; C. H. Stokes, Dist. G. Purst.; W. T. Armstrong, P.D.G. Purst.; and Evan St. John Greaves, Dist. A.G. Purst. There were also present the representatives and members of the lodges in the District, together with Bro. Sir W. Brandford Griffith, K.C.M.G., No. 757, (Victoria), and other brethren.

The officers and members of Dist. G. Lodge, accompanied by Bro. his Excellency Sir James Hay, K.C.M.G., the Installing Master, entered the lodge room in procession.

The acting Dist. G.M. having taken the chair, and the Dist. G. Lodge Officers their places, the opening hymn was sung and Dist. G. Lodge was opened in form.

At the call of Bro. J. J. WARNER, P.D.G.W., Dist. G.D. of C., the brethren present saluted the acting Dist. G.M. in the chair.

Copy of the notice convening the meeting was read by the Dist. G. Sec. At the request of the acting Dist. G.M., the Installing Master, Bro. his Excellency Sir JAMES HAY, assumed the chair in order to perform the ceremony of installation, and proceeded to deliver the following address:

Worshipful Deputy District Grand Master, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren,—Before I proceed to address you on the immediate object of our meeting, with your permission I propose briefly to refer to some points in the history of our Craft which are, I think, of interest. Time will not permit me to touch on the traditional portion of our history, nor to remind you but in the tersest manner of the part played by the brethren in the Middle Ages, especially during the time of the Crusades, at which period the Masonic life was full of energy. Nor is this to be wondered at when we remember what are the fundamental principles on which our Order is based. They are, as you are aware, the two great commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy strength, and thy neighbour as thyself." It is therefore no matter for surprise that the Masonic world should have been deeply moved when an irresistible wave of religious enthusiasm swept over Europe. The intimate connection between the Order of the Temple and the then styled Guild of Masons should not be overlooked, the latter enjoying the protection of the former as far back as the twelfth century; and it is more than probable that the Templars left their impress on the Craft and influenced the Masonic formulary. Up to the beginning of the sixteenth century it is evident that the Guild of Masons was composed only of Operative Masons, but the Cologne Charter drawn up in 1535 at a reunion of Freemasons gathered at Cologne to celebrate the opening of the Cathedral is signed by Melancthon, Coligny and others, which tends to show that the speculative element was then being introduced, although, as far as I am aware, we have no positive proof of such being the case. We have, however, undoubted evidence of the presence of a non-Operative or Speculative Mason at a meeting of the Lodge Edinburgh, on the 8th of June, 1600, and as was not uncommon in those days, Bro. John Boswell, Esq., of Auchinleck, was unable to write and affixed his "mark." Passing over the 17th century, we arrive at the period which has the most interest for us. For a long time previously, irregularities and abuses had been allowed to creep in, and a determined and successful effort was made to correct the same by the inauguration of the Premier Grand Lodge of the World, at the Apple Tree Tavern, London, on the 24th of June, 1717, on which occasion the first Grand Master was installed. Four old lodges, for certain, and probably more, took part in its proceedings, and from that body so formed has sprung directly, or indirectly, every Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the universe working the Three Degrees. I should state that these old Masons were not, as far as I can trace, warranted so to meet by any legal paper; they were, when assembled, sovereign and independent of one another, yet governed by the Ancient Charges of Freemasons, a most interesting subject on which much might be said did time permit. Where the four lodges to which I have just referred originated is not known, but some of them, doubtless, dated from the 17th century. There were several other old lodges working by their own prescriptive rights in England during the second decade of last century, though they took no part in the new organisation at first, but after a short, separate existence, they gave in their adhesion. In such manner was the Grand Lodge of England formed, and we are now about to assist in the solemn and interesting ceremony of installing the brother selected by the M.W. Grand Master to be our District Grand Master. I have used the word solemn in connection with this evening's proceedings, though the term is applicable to all our meetings, having regard to the fact that the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. is always invoked on our undertakings, and that our obligations are taken on the V. of the S.L.; but they are, I think, especially so on this occasion, when our respected brother assumes such grave responsibilities and anxious duties. Bro. Locke is, I think, called to his office at a difficult time. Thanks to the zeal and energy of our much-respected and esteemed Brother Elliott, the Craft under his administration has exhibited a vitality for long unknown in this District. Now that mysterious law of life from which there is no escape, and which from the earliest ages has compelled nations and races to a ceaseless struggle and competition, a ceaseless and inevitable progress, is operating in our midst as powerfully as ever, and the same holds good in the Masonic life. There can be no halting, no resting by the way, but an ever pressing forward towards the light, for where progress ceases retrogression and decay rapidly follow. Now, in a small community like ours there will always be causes which militate against an extension of our sphere of usefulness; it is, therefore, for that reason I think our much-respected brother is likely to find that the cares of his office will be by no means light. We have, however, in him a most worthy successor to a most worthy chief, one who, deeply imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, will not be found lagging in the race, but who, by precept and example, will promote to the utmost the cause we have at heart, and I am convinced that he may ever count on the fraternal and loyal assistance as well as the sympathy and affection of the brethren. In what way, brethren, can we assist him? I venture to answer, by cheerfully responding when summoned by our respective Masters for the discharge of duty, and by showing more and more to the outside world by our daily lives that Masonry is not confined to forms and ritual, but is in very deed and fact a powerful influence for good. So mote it be.

On the conclusion of the above address, Bro. J. J. WARNER, D.G.D. of Ceremonies, moved that it be entered on the minutes of the meeting. This motion, having been seconded by Bro. ROBERT HAYNES, Dep. Dist. Grand Master designate, was carried unanimously.

The DISTRICT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, having announced the arrival without the lodge of Bro. John Locke, District Grand Master designate,

The INSTALLING MASTER (in the chair) directed the District Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire and request the District Grand Master (designate) to send in his patent of appointment. This command having been obeyed, the Installing Master examined the patent, and then appointed Bros. A. Bailey, F. N. A. Clairmonte, and H. Withstandley, P.Ms., and Bros. W. H. Hutchinson and J. M. Gaskin, W.Ms., as a deputation to introduce the District Grand Master (designate); and Bros. R. J. Clinckett and H. T. Armstrong, P.M., as Bearers of the Regalia. The brethren named, accompanied by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, then retired from the lodge, and shortly afterwards returned escorting the District Grand Master (designate), who was conducted to the pedestal, the clothing, chain, and jewel of his office being borne in front, the brethren present meanwhile all standing to order and a voluntary being played on the organ.

At the command of the Installing Master, the DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY read Bro. Locke's patent of appointment.

The INSTALLING MASTER, addressing the District Grand Master (designate), inquired whether he could conscientiously undertake the duties of District Grand Master of Barbados; and that question being answered in the affirmative, that brother took the solemn obligation.

The District Grand Master was then invested with the clothing, chain, and jewel of office, and duly placed in the chair by the Installing Master, and proclaimed and saluted in due form.

The D.G. MASTER then announced that he had appointed Bro. Robert Haynes as Deputy District Grand Master, and the latter, having been obligated and invested, was placed in the chair to the immediate right of the D.G.M. During the investiture, the D.G.M., addressing his Worshipful Deputy, said: In accepting the position of Deputy District Grand Master, you are conferring more honour on us than we confer on you in soliciting your acceptance of it, and I hope you may long live to wear the jewel of your office.

The D.G.D.C. having proclaimed Bro. Robert Haynes as Deputy District Grand Master of Barbados, and the brethren having saluted the worshipful brother, the roll of lodges in the district was called, and duly responded to by the members present.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then delivered the following address:

Worshipful Deputy District Grand Master, your Excellency Bro. Sir James Shaw Hay, and Brethren,—It is considerably over five years since a ceremony in many respects similar to the present was performed, namely, the installation of our highly-esteemed Bro. the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, Col. John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., by Bro. Sir Walter J. Sendall, K.C.M.G., the then Governor of this colony. The installation, as you know, was held in the Legislative Council Chamber, when brethren to the considerable number of nearly 80 were present, a very especial feature being that it represented the reformation of District Grand Lodge for the third time after an abeyance of nearly 50 years. In some respects my position among you makes it easier, and in others renders it somewhat difficult, to address you. It is easy, in the sense that I think I am more or less personally acquainted with nearly all the brethren here assembled, who know well my sentiments towards our noble institution, and it is difficult, because anything I may now say has in some form or another been brought to your notice on the various occasions I have had the pleasure of addressing you. Before proceeding further, brethren, it is proper I should express my very great appreciation of the high honour conferred on me by his Royal Highness the M.W. the Grand Master in appointing me to the responsible position of your District Grand Master, and also to express and acknowledge the personal obligation I feel towards his Excellency Bro. Sir James Shaw Hay, K.C.M.G., the Governor of this Colony, for associating himself so closely with Freemasonry by undertaking the ceremony of my installation. But, brethren, there is another name which I could not possibly omit on this occasion, a name that doubtless has at once occurred to you, I mean that of your late Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Colonel John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., whose zeal and affection for the Craft is so well known to all of us, and to whom this District Grand Lodge as well as myself personally are under grateful obligations, and whose best welfare and long life we all sincerely desire. My feeling of appreciation and pleasure is greatly enhanced by the knowledge that my appointment has met with such satisfaction from the brethren, and I need not say that in possessing your hearty good wishes and loyalty I have full confidence that our new relationship will cement the kind feelings we have mutually entertained and conduce to the continuance of the harmony of the District and the general good of the Order. Reviewing the period during which the District Grand Lodge has been in existence, it affords me great pleasure to recognise the increasing extent of exchange of fraternal courtesies between the several lodges, which, so far as I can judge, has been for good, both in the relations of business and social life, by bringing into contact brethren who, perhaps, would seldom have the opportunity of knowing each other, thereby enabling them to discover good qualities that they otherwise might possibly have remained ignorant of. This alone would amply establish the value of a District Grand Lodge, for it is largely on the basis of brotherly love that our great and world-wide Fraternity justifies its existence. There is, however, brethren, another characteristic, which is considered especially binding on us as Freemasons. I mean that of Charity; and while this is, no doubt, practised freely in all the lodges, yet it does not take the position which, I am sure, you all consider it should do as regards the collective action of District Grand Lodge. On several occasions the subject has been raised and some preliminary steps taken by the appointment of a Committee to arrange for contributions from the several lodges to a District Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, which, in view of the limited number of lodges might fulfil collectively with advantage the work now done by each. This, of course, does not contemplate relief extended by lodges to their own members, but more especially to appeals from those who are now subscribers to any lodge, including wandering brethren, whose cases often require closely looking into to prevent unworthy would-be recipients obtaining the relief due to worthy men alone. I trust the Committee will soon be able to hold a meeting, with a view to submit a scheme for the consideration of District Grand Lodge at its next Communication in July. In taking a retrospective view of the material course of affairs during the period under notice, I think on the whole it may be considered one of progress, though, it must be acknowledged, we have not achieved the prosperity that some of us looked forward to when the present District Grand Lodge was inaugurated; still we may congratulate ourselves on the aggregate increase of our numbers, though, owing to the terrible depression of the last two years, more than one lodge has experienced adversity. Prior to this, the increase in each was noticeably large, scarcely a meeting having been held when work was not performed, and it affords me pleasure to state my conviction that, on the whole, judicious selections have been made, while no inconsiderable proportion of the newly admitted brethren have proved valuable acquisitions to the Order, both as regards their Masonic work, as well as their worth and merit as private individuals. In respect to the falling off of candidates, I do not believe it is attributable to a diminution of the estimation in which the Craft is held in the Colony by those eligible, so much as to the hard times already referred to, but, in view of a measure of prosperity on which I trust we are now entering, at any rate, for a time, we may perhaps expect to be approached by some worthy candidates. Another matter of importance is the attendance of members; this I am sorry in more than one lodge leaves much room for improvement, and brethren can suppose how keenly an able and energetic Worshipful Master feels when he finds a scarcely sufficient number to open the lodge, while some even of the officers are absentees, and do not observe the duty of sending an excuse. In connection with this subject, I may observe that there are a large number of brethren who have ceased to subscribe to any lodge, and I would earnestly invite such to rejoin and take an active part in the Craft which at one time doubtless engaged their warm and loyal interest. As showing the substantial interest felt in Freemasonry in this District, it is right to refer to the fact that since the re-establishment of District Grand Lodge a second commodious Masonic building has been erected in Belleville, while the one previously in existence in Spry-street has been considerably enlarged and improved, so that while on the former occasion the ceremony was carried through in the Legislative Council Chamber, for want of accommodation in the lodge room, we have now amply sufficient space for all purposes. Turning from the material position of Freemasonry (in this District), it had occurred to me to offer some remarks in detail on the attitude brethren should exhibit towards one another, but while lately re-reading the "Ancient Charges" in the Book of Constitutions I was so struck with the logical and exhaustive manner in which the whole subject is treated that I cannot do better than exhort Worshipful Masters to have them read in open lodge as time and opportunities occur, and I can assure brethren who may not have read them that they are well worthy their closest attention and regard, as embodying the ideas of past worthies of the Craft, who devoted loving care and attention to gathering and collecting from the rules, regulations, and

precepts of the Operative Masons of bye-gone ages those quaint but noble expressions of honour and fraternal affection which are placed before us for our instruction and improvement. I may, however, be permitted to say on the subject of our relations to each other, that while at all times a conciliatory frame of mind and disposition should be entertained between brethren, even although differences may have arisen, with a view of reconciliation, yet we should at all times carefully distinguish minor and incidental matters from those in which offences against the laws of God or the ordinances of the realm are concerned. Speaking generally, we should never publish to the world the weaknesses of a brother, but rather endeavour by fraternal methods to influence him to amend, and if we can advance nothing in his favour, when we hear his conduct criticised, ever to remember those peculiar Masonic excellencies, "a silent tongue" and "a faithful heart." In short, brethren, the sum of the teachings of Freemasonry is, what in a perfect state of society, would be the universal practice of mankind, to exemplify and carry out the most noble precept by doing unto our neighbour what we wish he should do unto us. While we have much to be thankful for to the G.A.O.T.U. who has extended our lives with all their opportunities for usefulness, and can look around and see with pleasure many brethren who were present on the former similar occasion, it is with feelings of regret we observe the absence of many—some of whom are in distant lands, and for whom we have hearty and fraternal feelings, among them being our late District Grand Master, Bro. Col. Elliott,—our Past Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. C. C. Knollys, and Past District Senior Grand Warden, Bro. J. C. Oughterson; and to all of these I am sure we desire every good thing that this world can afford. But, brethren, there are some who have departed this life with whom many of us have taken good counsel together, and who in the several ways open to them did their best to promote the good of our Order. The names of the most prominent will readily occur to you, Bros. Mark Wilson and M. E. Doorly, the former who is still regarded with especial affection by the brethren of the Albion Lodge, No. 196, while we all know that his zeal for the interest of Freemasonry continued active to the end. We all remembered with sincere sorrow the death of Bro. M. E. Doorly, Mus. Bac., whose loss is, as we are all aware, still most intensely felt by his family—his great musical talents were always at the disposal of any charitable cause, while his services to the Craft were highly appreciated and remembered by every one of us. May the memory of these departed brethren teach us to reflect on our inevitable destiny, and guide our thoughts to that most important study, the knowledge of ourselves, to such good purpose, that when we too are called from this sublunary abode we may ascend to that Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

At the conclusion of the address, Bros. CLAIRMONTE, Past D.G.W., CLINCKETT, Past D.G.W., and other brethren having tendered their congratulations to the D.G.M., and a vote of thanks to his Excellency, Bro. Sir J. Shaw Hay, as Installing Master, having been passed by acclamation, Dist. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING OF RELIEF LODGE, No. 42.

The annual social gathering of this old and distinguished lodge was held at the Grey Mare Hotel, Bury, on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., and was attended by about 60 persons, including brethren, their wives, and lady friends, who sat down to an excellent knife and fork tea, catered for by Bro. L. R. Duckworth and Mrs. Duckworth, in their usual style, after which a lengthy programme was gone through.

Bro. V. Brown, W.M., presided, Bros. O. Wild, S.W., and J. Booth, J.W., acting as Deputy Chairmen, and Bro. T. Rigby, P.M., P.G.S.B. E. Lancs., as Director of Ceremonies.

The following toasts were proposed during the evening:—

"The Queen," proposed by the W.M., was honoured by the singing of the National Anthem, the solo being taken by Bro. H. Matthews.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Order, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was responded to by Bro. E. ROYLES, who sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The other toasts were "The Worshipful Master," coupled with "Prosperity to Relief Lodge, No. 42," proposed by Bro. R. W. BUNTON (who sang "Here's to his health," to which the W.M. duly responded, by giving the guests a hearty welcome, and thanking them for the kind and enthusiastic manner in which they had received and honoured the toast.

"The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. J. CHADWICK, P.M., Charity Representative, was responded to by Bro. T. H. SLEIGH, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. E. Lancs., Treasurer.

"Our Entertainers," proposed by Bro. T. S. COLLINGE, was responded to by Bro. W. DICKSON.

"The Ladies," proposed by Bro. J. W. KENYON, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. E. Lancs. (the oldest Freemason present), was responded to, on their behalf, by Bro. JAS. WILD (the youngest member of the lodge).

"The Host and Hostess," proposed by Bro. S. COX, P.M., Almoner, was responded to by Bro. L. R. DUCKWORTH and Mrs. DUCKWORTH.

The following programme of songs, recitations, &c., was also gone through: Glee, "Allan Water," by glee party—Bros. H. Matthews, E. Royles, and W. Dickson, and Messrs. F. Savin and Ingham; humorous song, "A thing he had never done before," Bro. R. Gregson; song, "The charmed cup," Mr. F. Savin; recitation, "Tantler's sister," Mr. H. Riley; song, "It's such a dainty dame," Bro. E. Royles; song, "I'm off to Philadelphia," Bro. W. Dickson; song, "I seek for thee in every flower," Bro. H. Matthews; duet, "The moon hath raised her lamp," Bro. E. Royles and Mr. F. Savin; song, "The postillion," Bro. W. Dickson; humorous song, "I've worked eight hours this day," Bro. R. Gregson; glee, "The pretty little flower and the great oak tree," glee party (as above); recitation, "The old man out of town," Mr. H. Riley; song, "Mary," Bro. E. Royles; song, "Unrequited love," Mr. F. Savin; glee, "Sleep, gentle lady," glee party (as above); song, "I dream of the sweet Madoline," Mr. Ingham; and recitation, "Mark Twain on the guides of Rome," Mr. H. Riley.

The proceedings were concluded with the Tyler's toast and the National Anthem.

Bro. J. W. Wolstencroft played the accompaniments during the evening in a most efficient manner.

The gathering was one of the most successful ever held in connection with the lodge, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and expressed their delight on being present at such an evening's entertainment.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and Prince Charles of Denmark, attended by the Dowager Countess of Merton, Miss Knollys, General Sir Dighton Probyn, Major-General Ellis, and the Hon. Derek Keppel, arrived at Sandringham on Saturday last for the Whitsuntide holidays.

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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

There is a fair amount of business to be dealt with at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 3rd prox. There is, in the first place, a communication from the M.W.G. Master, in which his Royal Highness suggests that, in the event of its being deemed proper to sanction the suspension of Law 87 with a view to enabling Provincial and District Grand Masters to confer Past Provincial or District Grand Rank in their Provinces and Districts in commemoration of H.R.H.'s installation as M.W.G. Master, "the number of appointments authorised should not exceed one for every 10 lodges in the Province or District, with one additional if the broken number exceeds five."

There will also be a resolution submitted by the M.W. Pro Grand Master to the effect that Grand Lodge is desirous of recording its gratitude to T.G.A.O.T.U. that the 21st Anniversary of his Royal Highness's

installation as M.W.G. Master has been attained, and earnestly prays that by the protecting blessing of the most High, his Royal Highness may continue to be the wise and enlightened ruler of English Freemasonry for many years to come.

In the Report of the Board of General Purposes, will be found, firstly, a reminder that the commutation of annual subscriptions by the payment of a certain sum in gross is illegal, as declared by the Board and reported to Grand Lodge on the 4th June, 1873, and directing on the case of a certain lodge which had adopted this practice for some years past, that in future all such brethren who have been returned as subscribing members, must pay the annual subscription as fixed by the lodge by-laws. The Board further impresses upon Masters of lodges the necessity of seeing that every Initiate is presented with a copy of the Book of Constitutions, so that none may plead ignorance as an "excuse for the total disregard of some of the most important and essential rules and regulations governing the Craft."

There is also a recommendation that retiring pensions equal to two-thirds of their respective salaries be granted to Bros. Lee and Green, whose health necessitates their retirement from the active duties they have so ably and zealously performed during the last 23 years. We must all sympathise with these worthy brethren in the circumstances that have compelled them to retire. At the same time we feel sure that Grand Lodge will recognise these services by unanimously adopting the recommendation of the Board, and we trust our Bros. Lee and Green may be spared for many years to enjoy the rest from labour to which they are so justly entitled.

There is yet one other matter to be noticed. Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., will move that a sum of 500 guineas be contributed from the funds of Grand Lodge "in aid of the special effort now being made under the Chairmanship of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of Guy's Hospital, with the object of re-endowing and permanently improving the financial condition of that noble Institution." Here, again, we imagine—at all events we hope—that the brethren will be unanimous in their acceptance of the proposed motion. Hospitals are institutions which appeal most strongly—and, we rejoice to say, seldom in vain—to the public for the means to carry on their beneficial work, and Guy's Hospital, through the depreciation in value of its property, is only able to effect about one half the good it effected some 20 or 25 years ago, and to assist in restoring it to its former standard of usefulness is a work which, of all others, must commend itself to the Masonic body.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday next, the 2nd June, when the M.W.G. Master will be installed and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested. At the conclusion of business the Grand Festival will take place in Freemasons' Tavern at 7 p.m., under the presidency of the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

From the report of the General Board, which will be submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge, we learn that H.R.H., the M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint his Excellency Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, who is Pro-District G. Master of Bombay in Craft Masonry, to be Dist. G. Mark Master of Bombay in succession to Bro. the Hon. Justice H. J. Parsons, who has presided over the District for the last 10 years with the greatest advantage to Mark Masonry; that Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy G. M.M., has been appointed Prov. G. Mark Master for Kent in succession to the late Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson; and that Bro. John Owen Marsh, Deputy Prov. G. Master in charge of the Province of Monmouthshire, has been appointed Prov. G. Master thereof in succession to the late Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray. We are also informed that his Royal Highness has been pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years Bro. the Earl of Radnor as Prov. G. Master for Wiltshire, Bro. the Marquis of Hertford as Prov. Grand Master for Warwickshire, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Prov. G. Master for Sussex.

It appears from the Returns furnished in the same report that warrants for four new Mark Lodges have been granted since the last Communication of G. Lodge, of which the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 494, meets in Hol-

loway, while the other three have been established in the District of Bengal, namely, the Keystone, No. 495, at Barrackpore; the Zuriel, No. 496, at Naraungunge; and the Sir John Edge Lodge, No. 497, at Cawnpore. The Certificates issued during the quarter to 31st March are—Mark Certificates, 527, raising the total number of registered Mark Masons to 35,502; and Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 133, raising the number registered to 4880.

We have been requested to state that *Thursday, the 4th prox.*, is the *last* day on which petitions for candidates for the Girls' School must reach the offices of the Institution, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., in those cases in which it is desired that the children's names shall appear in the list for the October Election.

To-morrow (Saturday) is appointed for the consecration of the Travellers' Lodge, No. 2609, Chester. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, who will be assisted in his task by Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; Richard Newhouse, Dep. G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, Prov. G. Chap.; Henry Bratt, Prov. S.G.W.; Thomas Shaw, Prov. J.G.W.; H. Gordon Small, Prov. G.D. of C.; and F. Broadsmith, P.P.G. Registrar. When the lodge has been constituted, the Grand Secretary will install Bro. W. Pears, Prov. G.D., as the first W.M. The other principal officers of the new lodge are Bros. Thomas Owen, P.M., and Hugh Roberts, P.M., who are S.W. and J.W. designate respectively. The musical arrangements will be in charge of Bro. James Stevens. The consecration is fixed for 3 p.m., and the banquet at 6 p.m.

We are informed that, at the request of a very influential body of Mark Masons, Bro. George Henry Parke has consented to allow himself to be put in nomination for the office of Grand Mark Treasurer for the year 1897. Bro. Parke is a well-known and enthusiastic Mark Mason, is a Grand Steward, a Past Grand Warden of Lancashire, and, in conjunction with Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., has recently accepted a Wardenship in West Yorkshire.

Always a staunch supporter of our Charities, Bro. Parke holds the distinguished position of Patron not only of the three Craft Institutions, but also of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and has recently been appointed President of the Board of Stewards for the coming Festival on the 8th July next. On that occasion Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, will preside, and, largely through the advocacy of Bro. Parke, that Province has been roused to take an interest in the Mark Charitable Fund, far in excess of what it has ever previously shown. We are quite sure that the candidature of Bro. Parke will be a popular and successful one.

GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

At the last meeting of the above, on the 8th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, the Great Sub-Prior (the Earl of Euston), in expressing regret at the resignation of the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., G.C.T., &c., as Great Prior, moved the following resolution:

"That this Great Priory do record on their minutes their deep sense of the distinguished services which have been so gracefully rendered to the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales by the Very High and Eminent Knight the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., G.C.T., &c., &c., who has occupied the exalted position of Great Prior since 1877.

"That this Great Priory do beg to offer to him their sincere and heartfelt thanks for the deep and continued interest he has taken in the advancement and welfare of the Orders, and earnestly hope he may long be spared in his retirement from office.

"That a copy of this resolution be engrossed on vellum and presented to the Noble Knight.

"GRAND MASTER.

"GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR."

It needs no words from me to show how deeply we regret his leaving us, but I am certain that if ever his advice or help is wanted for the Order we may be sure we may depend upon him to render any assistance in his power. Personally, I thank him for the assistance he has always given me, and in the name of Great Priory I humbly thank him for what he has done for us all. (Cheers.)

V.E. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P.: I heartily endorse the sentiments which Lord Euston has expressed, and desire very cordially to second the motion.

The motion was put and carried by acclamation. The Very High and Eminent Great Prior (the Earl of LATHOM): I thank you extremely for the

kind vote of thanks which you have passed, and I thank you, Sir Knight Lord Euston, for the more than kind words you have used relating to myself. I can assure you that I have come to the conclusion not to offer myself again for election as Great Prior for one reason alone, and that is that my engagements are now so numerous, and they are increasing every day, that I feel it impossible to fulfil the duties of that high office in the manner in which they ought to be fulfilled. You have been extremely kind to me during the 19 years that I have held the office in not calling upon me to do my duty in the manner I ought to have done it. My heart will always be open to you. I shall always be mindful of the welfare of the Order, and, though I shall be no longer one of your high officers, I shall continue to take a deep interest in its welfare. (Cheers.) Sir Knights, I thank you. (Renewed cheers.)

The following officers were invested for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight Right Hon. the Earl of Euston ...	G. Master.
" Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan ...	G. Seneschal.
" Rev. C. E. L. Wright ...	G. Prelate.
" R. Loveland Loveland ...	G. Chancellor.
" Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough ...	1st G. Constable.
" Col. Frederic R. Sewell ...	2nd G. Constable.
" Ralph Clutton ...	G. Treasurer.
" Frank Richardson ...	G. Registrar.
" C. F. Matier ...	G. Vice-Chancellor.
" Charles Belton ...	G. Marshal.
" Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austen ...	G. Almoner.
" Col. George Lambert ...	G. Warden of Regalia.
" Arthur Wigelsworth Orwin, M.D. ...	G. Herald.
" Robert Edward Baynes ...	G. Std. Br. (Beauceant).
" Alfred Cooper ...	G. Std. Br. (Vex. Belli).
" Perck Harris ...	G. Prior's Ban. Br.
" Col. Henry Fawcett Pudsey ...	G.S.B.
" Joseph Arthur Robinson ...	1st G. Aide-de-Camp.
" Frederick Mead ...	2nd G. Aide-de-Camp.
" Captain George Hearn ...	G. Chamberlain.
" J. W. Howard Thompson ...	1st G. Capt. of Guards.
" Dr. Nathaniel Goodchild ...	2nd G. Capt. of Guards.
" Frederick Bevan ...	G. Org.

In investing the Great Registrar, the GRAND MASTER said: I regret that the late Grand Registrar has found it necessary to resign, but in announcing to you that we have been able to secure the services of Sir Knight Frank Richardson as his successor I think Great Priory will be disposed to agree with me that we have gained almost as much as we have lost.

The GRAND MASTER then nominated the following as members of the Council: Sir Knights Ralph Gooding, K.C.T., Charles Belton, K.C.T., Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., and Major-General J. C. Hay, K.C.T.

Sir Knight Lord SKELMERSDALE proposed as members of the Grand Masters Council Sir Knights Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G.C.T., Sir George D. Harris, K.C.T., Gordon Miller, K.C.T., A. Woodiwiss, P.P., and J. Balfour Cockburn, P.P.

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.

GRAND LODGE HONOURS—DISTRICTS ABROAD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Past District Grand Officer" is in error when he says "Colonials pay dues to Grand Lodge." Since the year 1819, I think lodges in "Foreign Parts" have not been called upon to pay dues or contributions to the Fund of Benevolence and General Fund of Grand Lodge; they simply pay for registrations and certificates. This was a common, and, of course, erroneous notion, at the formation of the various Grand Lodges in Australia.—Fraternal yours,

W. F. LAMONBY,

May 23rd.

P.D.S.G.W. Victoria.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your editorial remarks on my letter in your columns of last week's (May 23) issue are exactly expressive of the amount of consolation that Colonial brethren receive from England on the subject of an admitted grievance—the amount being nil.

I do not, for a moment, admit that it is impossible for Colonial brethren to attend Grand Lodge, but I have no hesitation in saying that if Grand Office was offered to a Colonial brother, and he knew he could not attend Grand Lodge, he would not think of accepting it. Judging from the frequent number of absentees that we see among the Grand Lodge Officers when Grand Lodge meets, it does not seem that attendance is considered a *sine quâ non*.

But, granting your contention, granting the impossibility of attendance, and granting that Colonial brethren are thus, in the eyes of the Grand Master and his advisers, for ever debarred from appointment to Grand Office, I humbly suggest that the case is one to which the consideration of conferring Past Grand rank is particularly suitable. Colonial brethren, I admit, have no right to expect anything—except that they should not be quite forgotten.

I thank you for having afforded space for my letters in your valuable columns, and trust, in conclusion, that I have not said anything to unduly shock the conservative opinions of your readers.

I enclose my card, and remain yours fraternally,

PAST DISTRICT GRAND OFFICER.

May 24th.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. J. GARNETT, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S.B. WEST YORKSHIRE, &c.

On Saturday evening, the 9th inst., the members of the Craft in Sheffield assembled in large numbers at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, for the purpose of recognising in a permanent and substantial manner the great and indefatigable services rendered to Freemasonry in Sheffield and the Province of West Yorkshire for a period of nearly 40 years by Bro. H. J. Garnett.

Among those present were Bros. Ensor Drury, P.M., P. Asst. G. Soj. (Chairman of the Presentation Committee), who presided; H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire; Rev. Williams, P.P.G. Chap.; T. E. Barker, W.M. 1239 (Honorary Secretary of the Presentation Committee); S. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Shaw, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Hunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Harold Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Harrison, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. E. Vernon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Gadsby, P.M., P.P.G.D.

Derbyshire; R. Arnison, P.M. 296, P.P.G.W.; E. E. Holiday, P.M. 1239; Joseph Jackman, P.M. 139 and 2491; Middleton, W.M. 139; J. Robertshaw, J.P., P.M. 1239; E. Dickinson, I.P.M. 139; C. F. Brindley, W.M. 2491; C. Stokes, P.M. 1239, W.M. 2558; and a representative gathering of members of the eight lodges in Sheffield, and visitors from the Chantrey Lodge, No. 2355, Derbyshire.

After the brethren had partaken of supper, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the HON. SECRETARY of the Presentation Committee announced the receipt of letters of apology for inability to be present from subscribing brethren, many of whom expressed their hearty sympathy with the desire to render well-deserved honour to the guest of the evening.

Bro. DRURY, in making the presentation, gave a brief account of the initiation of the testimonial which owed its inception to the I.P.M. of 139, Bro. Dickinson, during his year of office, and to whom hearty thanks were due for the trouble he had taken, and the successful result which had been achieved. A Committee was appointed, of which Bro. T. E. Barker was elected Hon. Secretary, and he (Bro. Drury) Chairman. The Committee thought the best way to meet the wishes of the subscribers would be to have a portrait of Bro. Garnett painted, and they had accordingly commissioned an eminent local artist, Bro. Ernest Moore, to do the work. He felt sure that when he had the pleasure in a few moments to unveil the portrait they would agree that Bro. Moore had carried out the commission in an admirable manner. In addition, it was thought that a fitting accompaniment would be an illuminated address, containing the names of the brethren who had subscribed to the testimonial, and a balance still remaining in hand, it had been decided rather than burden Bro. Garnett with some useless gift, to ask him to accept a purse of gold, to be expended in such a manner as he thought proper. Bro. Drury said that he thought there were among the brethren in Sheffield some who might be better fitted to make the presentation than he was, but, perhaps, the honour had been conferred upon him partly because he had now become—by reason of the recent death of Bro. Longden—the senior P.M. of the Craft in Sheffield, and it was not inappropriate that the eldest brother should make the presentation, especially as he was the only one present who could speak to the whole of the Masonic life of Bro. Garnett. They were both initiated in the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, in 1859, and had worked together ever since to do what they could for the good of the Craft. Bro. Drury gave an interesting account of the meetings of the lodge in the early days of Bro. Garnett's connection with Freemasonry, and traced his career from that time to the present. He spoke in terms of the highest praise of Bro. Garnett's self-sacrifice and his willingness at all times to give a helping hand, either in preparation for working or in actual work in open lodge. He also mentioned that among the many offices which Bro. Garnett had held in Craft, Arch, Mark, Templar, Rose Croix, and Red Cross Masonry, both local and provincial, not the least useful or appreciated were those of Treasurer of the Paradise Chapter for 34 years and Preceptor of the Britannia Lodge of Instruction for 28 years. He was sure Bro. Garnett had deserved and appreciated very highly indeed the many honours which had been conferred upon him, but he did not think there was one he would value so much as the presentation which was about to be made, and which was a tribute of esteem, not from any particular lodge or section, but from the general body of members of the Craft in Sheffield and carried with it their hearty good wishes. He hoped Bro. Garnett would be spared for many years, but when the time came, and the wisest among them knew not how soon that time might come, when Bro. Garnett was removed from them, it would be a satisfaction to Bro. Garnett and to his brethren in the Craft to know that the building in which they met would contain his portrait, which would hang on the walls of the lodge room amongst those old worthies and pillars of Masonry whom they had been taught to look up to from their earliest connection with the Craft. Bro. Drury then unveiled the portrait, which was received with loud and long-continued applause.

"The Health of Bro. Garnett" having, on the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, been drunk with enthusiasm, he acknowledged the presentation in felicitous terms and with much feeling. He thanked Bro. Dickinson, the I.P.M. of his mother lodge, for the kindly spirit which had prompted him to suggest that handsome testimonial and for the great amount of work which he and the Hon. Sec., Bro. T. E. Barker, had done to bring the matter to so successful an issue, and also his dear Bro. Drury, who was his oldest friend in Masonry. He gave an interesting account of their experiences from their initiation in 1859 and related how some of the younger brethren of those days met at each other's residences for mutual improvement in the ritual until they became almost letter perfect. Soon after he was raised he was put into harness in his mother lodge, and he had been in harness ever since in some branches of Masonry. There was one peculiar circumstance which happened in connection with the celebration of the centenary of No. 139, in the year 1865. There were present at the banquet on that occasion a number of members of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296, who, in a jocular spirit, invited those present to attend the centenary celebration of their lodge, which would take place in 1895, 30 years afterwards. He accepted the invitation, and the G.A.O.T.U. saw fit to preserve him, along with Bros. Arnison and Drury, as the only three brethren present in 1865, who were also present at the centenary of No. 296, in 1895. He paid a high tribute of praise to the artist, Bro. Moore, for the kindly and considerate manner in which he had carried out the commission, and thanked the brethren most heartily and sincerely for their kindness and the great honour they had done him. In conclusion, Bro. Garnett asked the W.M. of No. 139 to accept the portrait, on behalf of the lodge, as nothing could give him greater pleasure than to know that it was to become the property of his mother lodge.

Bro. MIDDLETON, W.M. No. 139, having accepted the picture, and made a suitable acknowledgment, other toasts were proposed and acknowledged, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Drury for presiding concluded the proceedings.

The speeches were interspersed by musical contributions from several of the brethren present.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday next, the 2nd prox.: Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 3rd March.

Report of the General Board—

During the three months ending 31st March, 1896, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 517; total number registered, 35,502.

Warrants for new lodges, four viz.:

- 494, St. Pancras, Holloway.
- 495, Keystone, Barrackpore, Bengal.
- 496, Zuriel, Naraungunge, Bengal.
- 497, Sir John Edge, Cawnpore, Bengal.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 133; total number registered, 4800.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint His Excellency the Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, to be R.W. District Grand Master for Bombay, in the place of R.W. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice H. J. Parsons, who has ruled over the district during the last 10 years with the greatest advantage to the Mark Degree, and to whom the thanks of Grand Lodge are due on his retirement from active office.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the R.W. Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master, to be Provincial Grand Master for Kent, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson.

His Royal Highness has been pleased to appoint the W. Bro. John Owen Marsh, Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge, to be Provincial Grand Master for Monmouth, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray.

His Royal Highness has been pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years:

Rt. Hon. the Earl of Radnor as Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire.

Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford as Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., as Provincial Grand Master for Sussex.

V.W. Bro. C. H. Driver, P.G. Ov., having retired from the office of Grand Inspector of Works, in which position his professional services have always been at the command of the Board and of Grand Lodge, his Royal Highness the Grand Master has been pleased to confer on him the rank and dignity of a Past Grand Warden.

The Board recommend that the Kirby Lodge, No. 385, who has neglected to comply with the requirements of the Book of Constitutions, Article 150, and who has, in consequence thereof been summoned to appear in Grand Lodge to show cause and has not replied, should be erased.

The Honorary President of the Board of Festival Stewards of 1895, having reported to the Board that a brother who had been appointed Grand Steward had refused to pay his proportion of the deficit of the Festival in June, 1895, the Board have no option but to recommend the Most Worshipful Grand Master to cancel the appointment, and to rule that the brother is not entitled to assume the rank or wear the clothing of a Past Grand Steward.

The Board have to report, with great regret, the death of their old and valued colleague, Bro. Jabez Church, P.G. Overseer, a member since 1891.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have the pleasure to announce that the 28th Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, 8th of July. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, has most kindly consented to preside, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of ladies and brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The following cases have been relieved:

Mrs. E. P., widow of a brother of Lodge No. 111	...	...	£10
Mrs. M. H., widow of a brother of Lodge No. 226	...	...	15
Bro. R. H. S., Lodge No. 351	...	...	10
Bro. R. S., Lodge No. 126	...	...	5
Bro. G. F. C., Lodge No. 92 and 317	...	...	5

and the Board recommend to Grand Lodge,

£25 to Bro. C. J. W., Lodge No. 266.

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Grand Secretary.

7th May, 1896.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the following resolution was passed:—"That the cordial thanks of the members of the General Board be and are hereby tendered to their President, Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year."

CHARLES BELTON,
Acting Vice-President.

Recommendations arising out of the Report:

(a.) That the Kirby Lodge, No. 285, be erased.

(b.) Fund of Benevolence—Grant recommended:

£25 to a brother of the Amherst Lodge, No. 266.

Installation of the M.W.G.M.

Appointment and investiture of Grand Officers.

Nomination by the M.W.G.M. of six members to serve on the General Board.

Election, by Grand Lodge, of five members to serve on the General Board. (Five only are nominated).

List of brethren nominated for the General Board.

Masters and Past Masters.

Nominated by

*Richard Clowes, P.G. Overseer	...	W. C. Woollett, W.M. No. 489.
*A. Stewart-Brown, G.J.D.	...	Rowland Plumbe, P.G.I. of Wks.
*Frederick West, Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey	...	Thomas J. Ralling, P.G.D.
T. P. Dorman, G.I.G.	...	Jas. J. Hart, G. Stwd., P.M. No. 245.
	...	George Butcher, P.M. No. 245.
	...	G. Ellard, P.G. Stwd., P.M. No. 245.
	...	H. J. Garnett, P.G.D.
Frederick Cleever, P.G. Std. Br.	...	George Wragg, P.M. No. 53.
	...	John Unwin, jun., P.A.G.I.G.

* Are present members of the Board.

Craft Masonry.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, Doncaster, on Friday the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. J. Henry Pawson, W.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, I.P.M.; R. Bridge, S.W.; F. H. Buckland, J.W.; Rev. G. H. Stock, Chap.; F. Rand, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; G. Smith, S.D.; W. W. Peacock, J.D.; F. Webb, D.C.; S. Lester, I.G.; F. Duff, Org.; H. Foster and S. B. Castle, Stwds.; J. Mason, Tyler; C. Richardson, Asst. Tyler; C. Goldthorpe, Charity Steward; W. W. Peacock, Almoner; S. Smith, T. Amley, J. Denison, T. Bletcher, J. W. Chapman, C. Porrett, C. Reasbeck, J. T. Hanson, J. Hastie, T. W. Turner, Dr. McCull, J. W. Hainsworth, G. Brooke, P.M.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; J. Fitzgerald, P.M.; T. J. Forth, P.M.; and C. M. Hartley, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Beck, Blagboro, S. Pegler, Thomas, Lazenby, and Charles, all of 1802; Middleton, 139; Constable, Hirst, Barber, and Fenton, all of 2259. Bro. Woodhouse, I.P.M., presented Bro. R. Bridge, W.M. elect for installation. Bro. Pawson, W.M. acted as Installing Master and went through the ceremony most creditably. Bro. Forth gave the working tools in the First and Second Degrees and Bro. Woodhouse in the Third. Bro. Rand gave the addresses with much feeling. Bro. Blagboro sang the solo "Be thou faithful unto death," exquisitely. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Pawson, I.P.M.; F. H. Buckland, S.W.; G. Smith, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; F. Duff, Sec.; H. C. White, S.D.; T. W. Turner, J.D.; C. Goldthorpe, D.C.; C. H. Woodhouse, Org.; H. Forster, I.G.; S. B. Castle and H. Burnett, Stwds.; and W. Mason and Richardson, Tylers. Bro. S. Pegler, P.P.G. Reg. Notts, was proposed as a joining brother, and Bro. J. Constable, P.P.G. Std. Br. West Yorks, as an honorary member. Hearty votes of thanks were

accorded to the Mayor, the Vicar, and Mrs. Pawson for their respective kindness at the late meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in Doncaster.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given from all the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

A splendid banquet followed the lodge, which was held in the ante-room, when, after the brethren had done ample justice to the viands and dainties provided, the usual toasts followed.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877.

The 35th anniversary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Helier, Jersey, on the 14th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Dr. A. C. Godfray, P.M., P.G.S. Jersey, in the chair for the ensuing year. Amongst those present were: Bros. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M.; F. J. Godfray, W.M. 877; Dr. M. Le Cronier, P.M. 877; Dr. A. C. Godfray, P.M., W.M. elect; J. Lesbirel, W.M. 244; E. Brée, P.M. 590; J. Vautier, W.M. 245; S. Picot, W.M. 491; H. T. Wakley, W.M. 1003; T. Cummings, W.M. 958; Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.M. 491; C. Duffin, P.M. 10 (I.C.), and many other brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report having been adopted, the W.M. informed the lodge that the Installing Master, Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, and he had, therefore, requested Bro. Dr. M. Le Cronier, P.M., to undertake the necessary duties of the office. The W.M. elect was then presented to the Installing Master, who not only showed himself thoroughly acquainted with his work, but also gave it in a manner which would be very difficult to surpass. The impressiveness of the ceremony was considerably increased by the introduction of several appropriate Masonic odes, which were most admirably rendered under the direction of Bro. Rev. S. S. Stitt. The W.M. having been placed in the chair, then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. H. Wilson, P.M., S.W.; G. Roy, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Payne, Chap.; Dr. M. Le Cronier, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Godfray, Sec.; C. G. Vatcher, S.D.; H. G. Watson, J.D.; Rev. C. H. Gough, I.G.; Capt. T. S. Marquis, D.C.; S. S. Stitt, Org.; and W. H. Hambly, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet in the lower hall, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In responding to the toast of "The Officers and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge," the P.G.M. said he was very glad to see that the lodge was doing its utmost to uphold and improve Freemasonry in the province by exercising its discrimination in the selection of its candidates. He was extremely pleased at the manner in which the musical portion of the ceremony had been carried out, and hoped that an old custom thus revived in their lodge would be adopted by the other lodges of the province. The manner in which the installation ceremony had been conducted was, he considered, worthy of all praise; in fact, he had never attended any installation meeting at which the ceremony had been performed more effectively than it had been that night. It was impossible to bestow too much praise on the Installing Master, Bro. Dr. M. Le Cronier, especially in view of the fact that he had been called upon to act at but very short notice. In conclusion, he said that he felt confident that under the able guidance of the W.M. the lodge would maintain its good reputation and continue to prosper.

Other toasts, interspersed with songs by Bros. Dickson, Brée, Dyer, and others, and recitations by Bro. Middleton and the W.M. followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 11th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. H. Saunton, W.M.; H. T. Tallack, I.P.M.; C. H. Wheatley, S.W.; J. Wheatley, J.W.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx., Sec.; J. H. Anderson, S.D.; T. J. Peckham, J.D.; W. Beaton, I.G.; F. Tallack, P.M.; D. Hart Davies, P.M.; F. W. Tallack, P.M.; J. W. Brett, Steward; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. H. Room, G. Std. Br. and Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; W. Dickinson, 957; G. Peguet, 2060; D. Harlow, 65; E. Talbot, 65; E. Janan, P.M. 1641; W. Edwards, P.M. 2503; W. Becroft, P.M. 1158; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; J. Oppenheim, W.M. 2060; A. Fredericks, 1056; A. Trehearne, P.M. 657; and F. W. Taylor, 1260.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. H. H. Room, G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec. Middx., was admitted and saluted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, and it was resolved that the same be received, adopted and entered on the minutes. Bro. J. Beresford Ryley introduced the visitors' *seriatim* to the W.M. Bro. J. Beresford Ryley announced that having acted as a Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he had great pleasure in stating that the lodge and brethren had contributed about £30 to his list, including £5 5s. from himself. Bro. H. H. Room stated that the Province of Middlesex, consisting of 42 lodges, had contributed about £3700 to the Charity; that the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord George F. Hamilton, M.P., Past G.W., who had presided, was well pleased and gratified with the result. The ballot for Bro. Moss as a joining member, proposed at the last meeting was not proceeded with. Bro. J. Beresford Ryley presented Bro. C. H. Wheatley, the W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation. The W.M. recited the several qualifications which are essential for every candidate for the Master's chair, and the Secretary read the ancient charges and regulations to all, of which Bro. Wheatley gave his unqualified consent, and was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. C. H. Wheatley duly installed. Bro. Saunton was invested as I.P.M. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. Wheatley, S.W.; J. H. Anderson, J.W.; T. J. Peckham, S.D.; W. Beaton, J.D.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; D. Hart Davies, P.M., I.G.; J. W. Brett, Steward; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. J. Beresford Ryley, seconded by Bro. Tallack, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Saunton for the excellent manner in which he had installed his successor, and Bro. Saunton acknowledged the vote with thanks. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. in recognition of his past services, for which Bro. Saunton expressed his grateful thanks. The Secretary announced that the resignations of Bros. J. Faulkner, P.M., and W. Faulkner, P.M., had been received. It was moved, seconded, and resolved, that the same be accepted with regret. The Secretary reported that he had paid £5 5s. voted from the Benevolent Fund to Bro. Henman, and that he had received the announcement of his death on the 8th March last; also that a letter of condolence had been sent to his widow. The Secretary reported that having been informed in October last of the death of Bro. Dvereux, the late Secretary of the lodge, a wreath with a letter of condolence was sent to the widow on behalf of the lodge, and that the Treasurer, Bro. J. Beresford Ryley, and the Secretary, Bro. Wingate attended the funeral at Norwood Cemetery. The attention was acknowledged by one of his sons in a letter then read to the lodge. Bro. Wingate presented to the lodge a large photograph taken on the occasion of the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, in Masonic frame, which the W.M. accepted on behalf of the lodge. Bro. Saunton moved, and Bro. J. Beresford Ryley seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Wingate for the gift, which was carried unanimously. Communications were then read from absent brethren, and "Hearty good wishes" received from visiting brethren.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and visitors then partook of the banquet at the hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and fully honoured.

Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, High Wycombe, Bro. H. Hambling, W.M. presiding, a goodly number of officers being present. Bro. B. R. Wright, J.D., having expressed his desire to represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival, the lodge, on the proposition of Bro. Bliss, P.M., Sec., seconded by Bro. James, P.M., voted £10 10s. from the funds of the lodge to be placed on the list of Bro. Wright. Bro. Bliss, P.M., spoke of the work of the Charity, and urged on brethren who had votes to send them in on behalf of their esteemed Bro. Pawson, P.M., who was seeking to get into an almshouse. Bro. Rose, P.M., then proposed that the sum of £5 5s. be voted from the funds of the lodge to purchase a Past Master's jewel for the W.M., Bro. Morris, P.M., seconded, and it was carried. Bro. J. J. Simcox, S.W., was unanimously elected into the chair for the year ensuing. The installation is fixed for October 22nd. The lodge was then closed.

Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Capt. H. E. Fraser, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, the out-going Master, being the Installing Master, and Bro. F. J. Wray, P.M., acting most ably in the capacity of D.C. on the occasion. After the usual preliminary business of the lodge had been performed, the W.M. raised Bros. W. Wheatley and R. Blunden to the Third Degree in his usually impressive manner. Bro. W. J. Thatcher, W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., and installed. The addresses were given in a manner which gave great satisfaction to the brethren present. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. J. Thatcher, then invested the following officers, quite in accord with the reputation of the lodge: Bros. Fraser, I.P.M.; C. T. Smales, S.W.; H. Gardiner, J.W.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; Capt. F. Butterworth, Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; J. Roberts, S.D.; E. H. Lewis, J.D.; G. F. Brooking, I.G.; W. C. Jones, D.C.; W. W. Girling and T. Goldfinch, Stewards; and A. G. Young, Tyler. The following brethren were duly elected to serve on the Committee of Reference for the ensuing year: Bros. Jamieson, Holmes, Bailey, Moon, Walker, and Howlett.

All business being ended and the lodge closed, some 80 of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Spiers and Pond, in the Crown Room.

The usual loyal toasts received full justice.

The W.M., in response to the toast of his health, which was very ably proposed by the I.P.M., stated that it would be his utmost endeavour to emulate the work of the Past Masters of the lodge, who numbered more than a dozen on the occasion, and he trusted, at the end of his year of office, to hand over the gavel to his successor with satisfaction to himself and the gratification of the brethren. He then proceeded to decorate the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel.

The I.P.M., in reply, stated that, although his breast was covered with jewels, that from his mother lodge, would be more esteemed by him than any of the others.

Bro. Brookson, in replying for "The Past Masters," introduced a humorous composition by himself, with respect to the origin of the lodge, he being one of the founders.

The harmony of the evening was promoted by the humorous ditties of Bro. George Thatcher; a clarinet solo by Bro. J. H. Browne; song, "The old soldier," by Bro. H. Gardiner; "Jameson's ride" was recited by Bro. G. Holland, P.M.; and several songs by Miss McGrath and Mr. Frank Hobbs.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., in the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, Bro. C. M. Wilson, W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance. An entered apprentice having been passed to the degree of F.C., a ballot was taken for the Rev. John Hunt, T.C.D., and the ballot being unanimous, he was initiated by the W.M., the charge being delivered by Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, Prov. G. Chaplain. The revised by-laws were brought forward and their confirmation postponed until the next meeting. The committee that had been elected to consider the case of an aged brother brought up its report, and Bro. P.M. Batchley, Sec., said the recommendation was that a grant of £5 5s. from the lodge funds be given to Bro. Cooper. A private subscription from the brethren present was made later on, and nearly £2 raised for this aged brother. Bro. Rev. R. B. Matson, B.A. Oxon, was proposed as a joining member. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together.

A very enjoyable evening was spent. The W.M. was heartily congratulated by Bro. P.M. Dr. Harrison on the accession of so many desirable members, and also on the very admirable manner in which he had performed all the ceremonies and ruled the lodge.

Several excellently rendered songs and recitations were given during the evening, and the brethren separated.

Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

The first regular meeting of the season was held on Saturday, the 9th instant, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, and was presided over by Bro. R. W. Nicole, W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. H. Moore, I.P.M.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Std., Sec.; and the following officers and brethren: Bros. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., S.W.; N. Pearce, J.W.; A. Ingram, J.D.; C. C. Renaud, Stwd.; E. N. Benningfield, H. R. Bower, H. F. Facks, J. Stephens, H. Rasbham, C. G. Nicole, D. Taylor, A. T. D. R. Palmer-Palmer, A. C. Little, A. Donald King, and A. Franklin. The following visitors were present: Bros. J. J. Lamigeon, W.M. 2551, Treas. 1929; F. W. Ulrich, 2467; D. A. Langdon, I.P.M. 45; Tom Taylor, J.W. 45; D. C. Attwater, 1471; W. Amies King, Org. 55; G. Yexley, 1471; H. H. Brothers, 1366; and A. A. Kelly, J.D. 1288.

The minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, the next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Petch, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer for the sixth year; and Bro. T. Williams was re-elected Tyler. The report of the Charity Committee of the province was read, and Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., was re-elected to represent the lodge on that Committee. A Past Master's jewel, which was voted one year previously to the I.P.M., Bro. E. H. Moore—who has been away since then in South Africa—was presented to him, and he was congratulated on his safe return. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. R. W. Nicole, W.M., in recognition of the ability with which he has conducted the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. It has, in fact, been the most successful year the lodge has experienced since the first year of its existence.

An Audit Committee having been appointed, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After dining, the toasts given were few and brief, the W.M. having arranged an excellent entertainment, which was highly appreciated. The programme was a lengthy one, and was carried out with complete success. Valuable assistance was rendered by Bros. Attwater, Kelly, Donald King, Moore, Ulrich, Benningfield, Bower, Little, and Tom Taylor, who delighted the brethren with his comic contributions; Bro. Amies King ably accompanied.

The W.M. may congratulate himself that his last meeting was not the least successful of a successful year of office.

A GRAND MASONIC TEMPLE is being arranged for at the new Trocadero Restaurant which Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. are now completing at Piccadilly Circus. Special 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.]

The Royal Arch.

St. Magdalen Chapter, No. 242.

A meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday evening, the 24th ult. Present: Comps. J. Constable, M.E.Z.; C. Goldthorpe, H.; T. Fretwell, J.; H. A. Fenton, P.S.; J. Fitzgerald, S.E.; H. Foster, S.N.; S. Pegler, P.Z.; W. Mason, Janitor; the Rev. S. Stock; F. Webb, P.Z.; R. Bridge, and R. Brew.

The chapter having been opened, Bro. F. H. Buckland was exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

The companions afterwards partook of light refreshment.

Humphrey Chetham Chapter, No. 645.

The installation of Principals took place on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester, as follows: Comps. Nathan Heywood, as M.E.Z.; J. Griffiths, as H.; and R. W. Routley, as J. The ceremonies were admirably rendered by Comp. James Hill Sillitoe, P.P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G.H., assisted by

Comps. Samuel Warburton, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., as H., and G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org., as J.

Present: Comps. P. E. Lees, A. J. Smith, T. Black, Wagenthallee, J. E. A. Götz, and Furness-Craig. Visitors: Comps. A. H. Gelbody, P.Z., P.P.G. Suj., and W. B. Akerman, P.Z., P.G.D.C.

Comp. Nathan Heywood, M.E.Z., is the son of the late estimable Comp. Charles Heywood, who was the First Principal of the chapter, and who also was installed in that position at the consecration, 15 years ago, by Comp. Sillitoe. Thus having installed both father and son, we should think this is unique, and shows clearly that Comp. Sillitoe's zeal for the Royal Arch is as true as it was in those days, and bears out prominently the large amount of work he must have performed, and which has been recognised very recently. Comp. Heywood, the present M.E.Z., is a Life Governor of four Masonic Institutions.

King Solomon Chapter, No. 2029.

This temperance chapter held its installation meeting on the 4th instant at Mark Masons' Hall. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., S.E., took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. J. Bamford Slack, 1324, as a joining member, and for two brethren for exaltation. Bro. E. A. Gibson, 2029, being in attendance, was duly exalted. After the necessary dispensation had been read, the acting M.E.Z. proceeded to induct Comp. Dr. H. W. Williams, who is M.E.Z. of 141, into the chair of M.E.Z., he having had the privilege of installing him as M.E.Z. in Faith Chapter last January. Comp. Major Richardson then assumed the chair of H. and duly installed Comp. Major F. Sheffield as Second Principal. Comp. Harry Tipper, P.Z., was then inducted as Third Principal. The investiture of the officers was the next business, the officers being Comps. R. A. Gowan, P.Z., Treas.; Major Richardson, P.Z., S.E.; R. Mills, S.N.; Dr. F. J. Allan, P.S.; W. F. Roberts, 1st A.S.; E. Macbean, 2nd A.S.; T. Knights, D.C.; T. H. Browne and F. H. Searle, Stewards; and E. J. Mills, Janitor. The usual handsome P.Z.'s jewel was then presented to the I.P.Z., Comp. L. E. Newnham. The Finance Committee reported having examined the books, &c., and that the chapter is in a very prosperous condition. After this the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to supper, and an exceedingly pleasant social evening was spent.

Broxbourne Chapter, No. 2353.

An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on the 16th inst., at Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, when there were present: Comps. E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z.; S. Litchfield, H.; H. Gardiner, J.; E. J. Gittens, S.E.; T. J. Phillips, 1st A.S.; A. Long, D.C.; E. Greening and T. Kelly, Stwds.; H. Evenden, Tyler; Lewis, McVey, Wall, and Elliott.

The chapter having been opened, a ballot was taken for Bros. Lewis, W. J. Wall, J. Elliott, and M. McVey, which proving unanimous in each case, those brethren were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry.

The companions afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner served in Bro. Bennett's well-known style.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, enlivened by good singing by various of the companions.

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Mark Masonry.

Stamford Lodge, No. 148.

A very interesting meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday, the 18th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Fred. Broadsmith, P.M., P.G.S.W., took the chair, and advanced Bro. Hollins in a manner which was everything to be desired and admired. There were present in addition to Bro. Broadsmith, Bros. Rev. C. Chetwyne-Atkinson, M.A., P.J.G.W.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; John Law, M.O.; J. Dykes, S.O.; J. Nicholson, I.G.; Ferguson, Treas.; J. Stanley Derbyshire, P.A.G. Sec.; and Davenport.

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The Craft Abroad.

Light of the South Lodge, No. 1553.

On Tuesday, February 4th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Rosario (Argentine Republic), when the three surviving founding members of this flourishing lodge were presented with founders' jewels in commemoration of the 21st anniversary, or "coming of age," of the Light of the South Lodge.

Bro. F. W. Salmon, W.M., in the chair, in suitable terms presented the jewels to our "fathers," Bros. H. S. Chappell (twice P.M. of the lodge, and D.G.S.W.), T. Barkas, P.M., and John Galloway.

Bro. Chappell was unfortunately not present at the meeting, but Bros. Barkas and Galloway duly acknowledged the jewels.

It may interest brethren who were once amongst us here, but are now residing in the old country, to know that the Light of the South Lodge now numbers 97 subscribing members.

ROYAL ARCH.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277.

A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, on the 25th ultimo. The chapter was opened by Comps. Jones, M.E.Z.; Morton, H.; and Harvey, P.Z., as J. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee and the balance-sheet of the previous year were received and unanimously passed. The election then took place of the officers for the ensuing year with the following result: Comps. Jones, M.E.Z. (a second term of office); Dr. W. W. Kenny, H.; Dr. Carageorgiades, J.; F. O. Harvey, P.Z., Treas.; Longcroft, S.E.; Parker, S.N.; and Rossides, P.S. The election of 1st A.S. and 2nd A.S. was deferred until the next meeting of the chapter, which is to be held at the Masonic Rooms, Limassol. After the installation of Principals and investment of officers, four candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards dined with the brethren of the St. George's Mark Lodge, of which they are all founders.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, June 6, 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, JUNE 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

10, Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole.
1310, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
2008, Harlesden, National Schools.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1801, St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant.

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, JUNE 2.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

Colonial Board, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

171, Amity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2108, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2524, Train-bands, Finsbury Barracks.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

92, Moira, Albion Tavern.

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, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
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 Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maid 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, JUNE 3.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at 6 for 7.

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.
Palmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
St. Leonard, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
Southgate, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 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, JUNE 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
1155, Excelsior, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1301, United Service, Cafe Royal.
1700, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1050, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
2202, Regents Park, Frascati Restaurant.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

34, Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Countess, 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.
Creston, 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, JUNE 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.

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, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6.

CRAFT LODGE.

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

173, Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall.
975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

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, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH left town on Saturday last for Warwick Castle, on a visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Warwick.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, as Chancellor of the University of Wales, has sent an address to the University of Glasgow, congratulating it on the Jubilee of Lord Kelvin as Professor of Natural Philosophy.

ADDITIONAL birthday honours have been conferred, with her Majesty's approval, on various personages, among them being Bro. the Duke of Portland, who has been made a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

THE WHOLE OF THE National Museums in London were thrown open to the public on Sunday last, and though the weather was fine and the outdoor attractions to holiday-stickers were numerous, there was a considerable attendance of visitors, of whom 3173 visited the South Kensington Museum, 2437 the National Gallery, and 1644 the British Museum.

THE ROYAL BERKS YEOMANRY CAVALRY, commanded by Colonel the Hon. Osbert Craven, completed its annual training on Saturday last; when they were inspected by the officer commanding the 40th Regimental District. One of the bandmen named Smith, who sounded the charge at Kassassin, was kicked by his horse and had his leg fractured.

BRO. ALDERMAN TERLOAR has very kindly promised to preside as Chairman at the festival dinner of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, which, by the kind permission of the Stationers' Company, will be held in their hall, on Wednesday, the 10th June. The charity, which was founded in 1893, is a most deserving one, and we trust will meet with a large measure of support on the occasion.

BRO. R. D. CUMMINGS, P.M. and Sec. of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, has made arrangements for an entertainment (instrumental and musical) to be given to the Boys at Wood Green, on Friday, June 12th, under the direction of Bros. Short and Bradford of the same lodge. We understand that last year's very successful entertainment will be improved upon if possible, and we should advise our readers to make an early application for tickets of admission the number of which is very necessarily limited.

LILIAN, DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH, opened a grand Gainsborough Bazaar in the Great Hall of Canford Manor, Lord Wimborne's residence in Dorsetshire, on Monday last, in aid of the restoration of the old church at Hampreston. The stallholders, who were all dressed in pretty Gainsborough costumes, included Lady Wimborne, Lady Glyre, the Countess of Malmesbury, Lady Rodney, and others. In the grounds a grand fête, including a military tournament by the Royal Artillery, was also arranged.

THE TROCADERO RESTAURANT will shortly be opened by Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, after a lengthened period of preparation. Every 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.]

SUNDAY LAST was the 77th anniversary of the Queen's birthday, her Majesty having been born on the 24th May, 1819. Next month her Majesty will have reigned 59 years, and as she is, happily, in the enjoyment of the best of health, there is every prospect that she will reign longer than her grandfather, George the Third, who ascended the throne in 1760 and died in 1820. The auspicious event was referred to in many of the churches and chapels in London and the country, while flags were loyally displayed on many public buildings.

THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF GERMANY gave a large luncheon party at the new palace, Wildpark, near Potsdam, on Monday last in honour of the Queen's birthday. Covers were laid for 70 persons, and among those present were the British Ambassador, with Lady and Miss Lascelles, the Chancellor and Foreign Minister of the Empire, several of the Ministers of State, Prince and Princess Frederick Leopold, and the civil and military suites of their Majesties. In Paris, the British Ambassador (the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava) gave a dinner party, at which the guests numbered 60, while the anniversary was also noted at Rome, Constantinople, and Athens.

A DISPENSATION HAS BEEN granted for brethren to appear in full Craft clothing at a special Masonic service to be held at St. Augustine's Church, Honor Oak Park, on Tuesday next. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Kito, Prebendary of St. Paul's, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Westminster. Brethren will assemble at 7.30 p.m., in morning dress, with black ties and white gloves, and clothe in the Parish Room adjoining the church. A procession will be formed at 7.45 p.m., and enter the church by the West door, where they will be met by the clergy, churchwardens, and choir. The offertory will be given to Masonic Charities.

THE PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION with the festival in aid of Guy's Hospital which is to be held on the 10th June at the Imperial Institute will be on a very grand scale. The Duchess of Portland, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the Countess of Warwick, Lady Aldenham, Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady A. Gordon-Lennox, and others are acting as the Committee for the reception which will be held in the Institute. After the dinner, at which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will take the chair, his Royal Highness will lead the way into the West Garden, which, with the rest of the grounds, will be illuminated for the occasion, and here the Monte Carlo Band will play from 9 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. The whole of the buildings will also be set apart for those who attend the dinner and reception.

FARMHOUSE, SEASIDE, AND COUNTRY LODGINGS.—The Great Western Railway Company have issued a nicely illustrated pamphlet, containing lists of Farmhouses, Seaside and Country Lodgings, Hotels, and Boarding Houses in the Districts served by the Great Western line, including Jersey and Guernsey. The pamphlet shows the accommodation obtainable, and the features of interest in the various localities, and will be found exceedingly useful to Tourists. Copies can be obtained free on personal application at the Company's London Receiving Offices, and at Paddington Station and the principal stations throughout the line. The Company's Divisional Superintendents at Paddington, Reading, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Penzance, Swansea, Llanelly, Cardiff, Pontypool-road, Hereford, Worcester, Birmingham and Chester, will forward pamphlets on receipt of twopence to defray postage, and copies can be obtained at Messrs. Smith & Son's bookstalls at the stations on the Great Western Railway, at the price of 1d. each. The pamphlet is published by Messrs. Walter Hill & Co., of 67 and 69, Southampton-row, London, W.C.

AN URGENT APPEAL is being made to the public for its assistance in raising a sum of £3000 with which to enlarge and improve the premises of the "Princess Louise Home—National Society for the Protection of Young Girls—Norbiton, Kingston-hill, Surrey." The institution was founded in 1835, and since then has been the means of rescuing some 1700 young girls, from all parts of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands, from bad surroundings. Of these about 1200 have been placed in service, and nearly all of them have done well, while in very many instances the girls still keep up an interest in the Home in which they were trained. Some 30 years ago, the annual subscriptions averaged close on £700. In 1885, however, owing to commercial and agricultural depression, there was a falling off to the extent of about £200, and at the present time they amount to less than £300 a year. The management, however, have fought bravely to keep the Home going, and for some time past have earned a considerable amount by means of laundry work towards the support of the institution. In 1892 the Home was removed from Wanstead to Norbiton, and it became necessary to erect and furnish a new laundry. The £2000 which was borrowed for the purpose has been paid off, but the number of girls in the Home has increased to such an extent that additional laundry accommodation has become absolutely necessary, as well as a play-room for the children in bad weather and during the winter months. In order to carry out this scheme, it is proposed to convert the present schoolroom into a playroom, and build a new schoolroom. It is for this that the £3000 is required, and considering the good work the Home has done in the past, and that at the present time it has 106 girls in its charge, we trust that the appeal will not be made in vain. Full particulars can be had on application to the Secretary, 32, Sackville-street, Piccadilly, by whom, as well as by the Treasurer, Richard M. Harvey, Esq., 7, Mincing-lane, E.C., contributions and subscriptions will be most gratefully received.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has appointed Thursday, the 9th prox., for the inspection of the Yeomen of the Guard at St. James's Palace.

DEAN FARRAR'S FUND for the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral now amounts to £8600, among the latest contributions being one of £250 from the Goldsmith's Company and £100 from Mr. W. Hoare.

MISS ROGERS, sister of the late Prebendary Rogers, who was long connected with the Parish of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, died recently at the Old House, Mickleham, the Surrey residence of her late brother, at the age of 75 years.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, M.P., will distribute the prizes at the fourth Annual Athletic Sports of the Bellenden-road, East Dulwich, higher standard Board School, to be held at the London County Athletic Grounds, Herne-hill, on Friday, June 26th.

GENERAL LORD CHELMSFORD reviewed the boys of the Church Lads' Brigade at Furzedown-park, Tooting, which was lent for the purpose by Bro. Sir Charles Seely, on Whit-Monday. There were over 2500 lads who were entertained at a substantial tea, and afterwards reviewed in five brigades.

THE DEATH IS ANNOUNCED of Mr. Edward Armitage, R.A., who succumbed after an illness of about three weeks, at Tunbridge Wells on Monday. Mr. Armitage, who was in his 79th year, first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1848. In 1872 he was made an Associate, and three years later became a full Academician. The deceased excelled in religious subjects.

THE HOUSE PARTY which Bro. the Earl and Countess of Warwick has been entertaining at Warwick Castle, during the Whitsuntide holidays, included the Austria-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess of Deym, the Earl and Countess of Westmoreland, Lady Randolph Churchill, the Hon. Alwyn Greville, the Hon. Sidney Greville, and Lord and Lady Norreys.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS of the Boys' School will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Kempton Park. Arrangements have been made for special trains, &c., as last year, particulars of which we hope to give in our next issue, and these with tickets may be had from Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Institution, at the Offices, or from members of the Board of Management.

AT THE FIRST meeting of the members of the Cabinet Picture Society the following officers were elected for 1896, viz.: President, Mr. J. L. Pickering; Vice-President, Mr. Carlton A. Smith, (R.I.); Council—Messrs. Almond, Wilfrid Ball (R.P.E.), Bundy (R.I.), Clifford, Val Davis, Farquharson, Kinsley, Sheridan Knowles (R.I.), Coutts Michie (A.R.S.A.), Scott (R.I.), Weedon, (R.I.), and Serrick-Williams. Sixty members contribute works to the inaugural exhibition which has just been opened at the Society's Gallery, 175, New Bond-street.

THE HON. E. CHANDOS LEIGH, as Chairman of the London Playing Fields Committee, has received towards the expenses of laying out the new field of 25 acres at Brockley £200 from the City Parochial Foundation, £100 from the Brewers' Company, £50 from the Goldsmiths' Company, £50 from the Clothworkers' Company, £25 from the Skinners' Company, £50 from Bro. Lord Kinnaird, £20 from Bro. Lord Llangattock, and £15 15s. from Sir Frederick Wigan.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY visited Bournemouth on Saturday last for the purpose of opening a new volunteer drill hall and inspecting the Portsmouth Brigade of the Hants and Dorset Yeomanry, assembled there for their annual training. After inspecting the Yeomanry, his lordship proceeded to the new drill hall, where he was entertained at luncheon by the Mayor and Corporation, a number of distinguished officers and others being invited to meet his lordship.

THE NEW SECOND-CLASS Cruiser Venus, which was laid down at the works of the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company, Glasgow, towards the end of June, 1894, is on the eve of being delivered to the authorities, and orders have been given by the Admiralty for her to be completed for commission at Chatham Dockyard. The Venus has a displacement of 5600 tons, and will be armed with five 6-in. and six 4.7-in. quick-firing guns, with torpedoes, &c. Her total cost, including guns, is estimated at £267,138.

GUY'S HOSPITAL FESTIVAL.—In addition to the Stewards, the following ladies have consented to form the Reception Committee:—The Duchess of Portland, the Duchess of Sutherland, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the Countess of Warwick, Lady Aldenham, Lady A. Gordon-Lennox, Countess Grey, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lady R. Churchill, Lady Tweedmouth, Mrs. Cosmo Bonser, Mrs. A. L. Cohen, Mrs. W. H. Grenfell, Mrs. R. M. Harvey, Mrs. Howse, and Mrs. Pye-Smith.

THE THIRD ANNUAL gathering of the London Highland Athletic Club took place at the Stamford-bridge Grounds on Whit-Monday, when there was a very large attendance of visitors. The sports included pipe-music, reels, and strathspeys, throwing the hammer, putting the shot, &c., &c. The Marquis of Tullibardine officiated as referee, and the prizes were distributed by the Duchess of Atholl. In the evening, the Club held their annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, the chair being taken, in the absence of the Marquis, by Mr. William Grant.

THE PRINCE'S RESTAURANT.

It has long been a reproach to London that, though the greatest and wealthiest capital in Christendom, it has never possessed such a restaurant as might favourably compare with those palatial saloons which are to be found in the fashionable thoroughfares of Paris. It has had hotels of the very highest character, but not an establishment of the kind we have mentioned that would combine the advantages of being at one and the same time both central and sufficiently fashionable to commend itself to the *élite* of English Society. However, this reproach no longer exists. Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, which has hitherto been devoted to music, elocution, and oratory, has been converted into a restaurant, which, if only it is supported as it deserves to be, will prove a resort of sufficient exclusiveness to entitle it to take precedence of all other places of a similar character. This new restaurant is the property of a company, whose directors have the advantage of being, all of them, practical men, and in order to render the success of their project as assured as the success of anything can be, they have enlisted the services of those who already enjoy the highest reputation in the various departments of a restaurateur's business. Mr. Benoist, who is one of the Board of Directors, has been known in England for the best part of half-a-century, who was associated with the Bristol and the Berkeley in their best days, is the proprietor of the Hôtel du Palais, at Biarritz, formerly the seaside residence of the third Napoleon. Mr. T. A. Highton, who for 11 years held the arduous and important post of Secretary of Prince's Hall, has been engaged as Secretary of Prince's Restaurant. M. Fourault, whose fame as a maître d'hôtel is unequalled, has been engaged as manager, while the *chef* is M. Azema of the Café Anglais in Paris, who brings over with him a staff of the most experienced *sous-chefs*, and the maître d'hôtel is M. Laurent, formerly manager of the Café Anglais, and until quite recently maître d'hôtel at the Savoy. The building comprises a splendid central saloon, which, as regards dimensions and artistic mural decoration, will compare favourably with the principal room in any restaurant in Europe, and a number of special apartments with separate entrances unconnected with the principal hall for such guests as may desire to lunch, dine or sup in private. As for the service, its special feature is that everything will be brought to the guests by hand, without the intervention of lifts. The kitchens, larders, and wine cellars and the general arrangements for the preparation and conserving of food are on a scale commensurate with the rest of the building, while the latest and most improved system of ventilation and all the best sanitary devices for the cuisine have been adopted. As for the wines, the extensive cellars are already furnished with an immense and varied stock, but, in addition, one of the greatest of our wine importers, who holds stocks of the choicest ports, burgundies, champagnes, clarets, and sherries, has entered into negotiations with the directors, and has agreed to give them the first refusal of his finest bins at all times and seasons. In short, everything has been done in order to secure the best men for presiding over the numerous departments of so vast a business, and that what is supplied to the patrons of the restaurant shall be of the choicest and best that artistic skill and money can provide. Add to this that the very best arrangements that could be devised have been made for the accommodation of those who delight in balls and Cinderellas, conversations and receptions, and other functions of a similar character, and that the directors are in touch with the authorities of the Royal Institute, we think we have said enough to show that the directors of the Prince's Restaurant have done, and are prepared to do, everything in their power to ensure its equalising or, if may be, surpassing, all other establishments of a similar character, no matter how great their fame in the past may have been. For the sake of the Metropolis, we wish the directors of the new restaurant that success which they have laid themselves out to secure.