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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

There was an exceptionally full attendance of brethren at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the vote of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, on completing 21 years of service as M.W.G. Master, being largely responsible for the presence of so large a number, while there is no doubt that the election of members to serve on the Board of General Purposes and the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had likewise much to do with it. As regards the business, the report we publish elsewhere contains a full account of what was done. The suggestion by the M.W. Grand Master, that Grand Lodge should suspend Article 87 of the Book of Constitutions, in order to allow of Provincial and District Grand Masters appointing a certain number of brethren in their respective Provinces or Districts to Past Provincial or District Grand rank was adopted without the slightest feeling of dissent, while the resolution, in which Grand Lodge tendered its hearty congratulations to his Royal Highness on having reached the 21st anniversary of his installation, was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Pro Grand Master, and adopted, amidst the greatest enthusiasm. We are also pleased beyond measure to record that the arrangements as to the pensions to be granted to Bros. LEE and GREEN on their retirement, after 23 years' faithful service in the office of the Grand Secretary, as recommended by the Board of General Purposes, were adopted instantly, and junior clerks in their stead at salaries of £100 each will be appointed. The motion of which Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., had given notice to the effect that a sum of 500 guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge towards the re-Endowment Fund of Guy's Hospital which is now being raised under the auspices of the Prince of WALES, was also carried by acclamation. As for the elections, the list of the brethren returned as members of the several Boards will be found in our report.

## THE NEW DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF BARBADOS.

We augur well for the progress of Freemasonry under the auspices of Bro. JOHN LOCKE, the new Dist. G.M. of Barbados. It is but a small District over which he has been called upon to preside. The island itself has but a limited area and population, and if, in the course of the next few weeks or months every eligible adult male who dwells upon it were enrolled as Masons, the

numerical strength of Masonry would be nothing very remarkable. Our auguries are based rather on the kindly tone and admirable character of the address he delivered after his recent installation in office. A full report of the special meeting convened for the purpose of his induction into the chair of District Grand Master appeared in our columns last week. There was no formidable attendance of the brethren, for there are but three English lodges on the island, nor was there anything special in the manner in which the ceremony was carried out, unless, indeed, we lay stress upon the fact that the Governor of the island—his Excellency, Sir JAMES SHAW HAY, K.C.M.G.—was the Installing Master. The prominent feature in the proceedings was the address which, as we have said, Bro. JOHN LOCKE delivered immediately after his installation, and in which, after he had paid a well-merited tribute of respect to Bro. Col. ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., his immediate predecessor, he went on to review the condition of the Craft in the past, and take stock, as it were, of the prospects awaiting it in the near future. His first remark had reference to the increasing extent of the exchange of fraternal courtesies among the several lodges which had become manifest since the revival a few years since of the District Grand Lodge under Bro. Col. ELLIOTT. This exchange, he pointed out, had been productive of the greatest good, "both in the relations of business and social life, by bringing into contact brethren who, perhaps, would seldom otherwise have had the opportunity of knowing each other, thereby enabling them to discover good qualities that they otherwise might possibly have remained ignorant of." This alone, he said, would justify the existence of a District Grand Lodge. In respect of Charity, which is rightly considered especially binding upon Freemasons, though he realised that it was "practised freely in all the lodges," he held that it was desirable there should be established with as little delay as possible 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, not in relieving their members so much as in dealing with appeals for relief from those who are not subscribing members, and more especially from those "wandering brethren, whose cases often require closely looking into to prevent unworthy would-be recipients obtaining the relief due to worthy men alone." As regards the material progress of the Craft, he did not think it was such as many of them might have anticipated. Good men, no doubt, had been received into the Order, men who had proved valuable acquisitions, "both as regards their Masonic work, as well as their worth and merit as private individuals." Great depression, however, had prevailed everywhere during the last two years, and, while he did not attribute the falling off in the number of candidates to any diminution in the estimation in which Freemasonry was held he thought it not improbable, in view of the prosperity which seemed to be awaiting them, for a time at all events, that they might expect to be approached by men anxious to be enrolled as members, and he counselled them to be cautious whom they admitted, so that the prestige and efficiency of the lodges might not suffer by the acceptance of unworthy persons. He also referred at some length to the necessity for brethren being punctual and regular in their attendance at the appointed lodge meetings, while, as regards their relations towards each other, he urged upon them to observe a conciliatory frame of mind and disposition, at the same time always most carefully distinguishing "minor and incidental matters from those in which offences against the laws of God or the ordinances of the realm are concerned. They were never to publish to the world the weaknesses

of a brother, but rather endeavour by fraternal methods to influence him to amend," and if they could not advance anything in his favour when they heard his conduct criticised, they should always bear in mind "those peculiar excellencies, 'a silent tongue' and a 'faithful heart.'" In short, said Bro. LOCKE, "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 precepts by doing unto our neighbour what we wish he should do unto us."

It is difficult to imagine that there will be any hesitancy on the part of the brethren in Barbados in accepting the sound practical advice given them by their new District Grand Master at the very outset of his career as to the manner in which they should carry out their duties, the caution they should exhibit in their acceptance of candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry; the necessity for being regular in their attendance; and the desirability of establishing a Benevolent Fund in connection with the District Grand Lodge. Still less do we imagine that they will allow themselves to be uninfluenced by the kindly and fraternal spirit in which he sought to impress upon them their duties towards each other. Under such a ruler so deeply imbued with the true Masonic feeling, Freemasonry, though it may not increase by leaps and bounds in the matter of lodges and members, can hardly fail to prosper if, as we hope and trust will be the case, the brethren under his charge respond loyally to the appeal he addressed to them at the commencement of his Mastership.

### A REMARKABLE VOLUME.

The "Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" is now concluded, from 1779 to 1801, the whole of these invaluable Records being reproduced, with scrupulous fidelity and exactitude, in Volume 1; which, though one of a series, is wholly complete in itself, and one of the most important works ever published in connection with the Craft.

Some idea of the vastness of the enterprise may be obtained from the fact that some 500 pages of closely-printed matter are devoted to this commendable object, including an elaborate Index of over a dozen pages, which adds immensely to the value and usefulness of the work. The frontispiece is an excellent facsimile of the plate in the "Ahiman Rezon" of 1783, of Pennsylvania, which originally appeared in the Book of Constitutions (with that distinctive name) of the "Ancients," or, "Atholl Masons" of 1764. Other Illustrations are the "Free Quakers' Meeting House," in which the Grand Lodge assembled, 1790-1799, and of the "Independence Hall," 1799-1801. The quaint looking plate of the Title page of the "Minutes and the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, According to the Old Institution in Pennsylvania and the adjacent Districts of America, therewith united in Masonic Jurisdiction, Wm. Moore Smith, D'y Grand Secy," is also an acceptable addition to the Souvenirs of the "olden tyme," the great Book throughout being the best of taste.

Freemasonry was at work in Pennsylvania so early as 1730, but the aim of Bro. Joshua L. Lyte, and the members of the Committee on Library, under whose direction this zealous Craftsman has edited the proceedings, is not to compile a History of Grand Lodge, but to reproduce *verbatim et literatim*, all the preserved Records from 1779.

An interesting document occurs in an early portion, being the Warrant of No. 2, granted in 1780, by way of confirmation of the valuable original of June 7th, 1758, which was the first of the kind chartered in any of the United States, though not the first in America. The correspondence noted with the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," London, is also both curious and suggestive, and as the Minutes are all exactly reproduced, as also all the letters and other particulars, the importance of the Volume cannot well be over estimated.

I have had something to do with "Book Making," in my time, but this great work, at the price, surpasses all previous efforts of the kind, and to me it is a marvel and a great surprise. The cost is the absurdly low sum of *one dollar* per copy, the Postage being *one-third* more. It is to be hoped that not a few Brethren will embrace this opportunity to procure copies for Masonic Libraries in this Country before the edition is exhausted, and thus secure this fine book for study and reference. Orders and Remittances may be made to Dr. Edward S. Wyckoff, Chairman Committee on Library, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. I am anxious several copies may find their way to great Britain and Ireland.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. Earl Amherst, Deputy Grand Master, presided. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, Dist. G.M. for Malta, as Past Grand Master.

Nearly 1000 brethren were present, and among them were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, as S.G.W.; Justice Gainsford Bruce, J.G.W.; Horton Smith, O.C.; R. Loveland Loveland; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.; Robert Grey; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G.M. for Guernsey; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Richard Eve, D. P. Cama, George Everett, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, H. J. P. Dumais, W. H. Spaul, Rudolph Glover, E. M. Lott (Mus. Doc.), R. Clay Sudlow, Richard Clowes, Dr. Lawrence, W. A. Scurrah, George E. Fairchild, Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Dr. Jabez Hogg, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, J. H. Matthews, The Bishop of Llandaff, G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, C. E. Keyser, D. D. Mercer, Henry Garrod, George Read, W. F. Smithson, J. A. Farnfield, James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; J. D. Langton, W. E. Chapman, Frank Richardson, Henry R. Rose, F.R.A.M.; and Samuel Cochrane.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the March Communication and of the Grand Festival, were read and confirmed.

Bro. Earl AMHERST then read a letter from the Home Secretary in response to a vote of condolence sent to the Queen on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

On the motion of Bro. Earl AMHERST, seconded by Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, this letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Earl AMHERST then moved the adoption of the following communication by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for consideration of Grand Lodge:

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.

Having been seconded by Bro. BEACH, the brethren adopted the suggestion *nem. con.*

Bro. Earl AMHERST afterwards moved the following proposition on behalf of the Earl of Lathom,

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.

Bro. BEACH seconded the proposition, which was then put and carried.

Bro. Earl AMHERST next said he had to announce to Grand Lodge that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., to the rank of P.J.G.W., but the hon. brother was not present to be invested.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH said he had a letter from him apologising for his absence on account of Parliamentary duties.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND was then re-invested as President of the Board of General Purposes.

The Scrutineers of votes for the election of the Board of General Purposes were thereafter chosen and obligated, Bro. J. H. Matthews being appointed Chairman. The ballot cards were collected, and the Scrutineers retired to count the votes.

On the motion of Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, seconded by Bro. GEORGE E. FAIRCHILD, Bro. John Smith was re-elected Grand Lodge Auditor.

The following brethren were elected members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: 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.

Bro. LETCHWORTH having read the report of the Board of Benevolence for the months of March, April, and May, the following recommendations of grants were adopted, on the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, President, seconded by Bro. D. D. MERCER, Senior Vice-President:

A brother of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London...	£75 0 0
A brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 413, 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

Bro. Earl AMHERST then asked the indulgence of Grand Lodge to retire, as he had a meeting which he must attend. His lordship then retired, and Bro. Beach occupied the chair, Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn acting as Deputy Grand Master.

On the motion of Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President, seconded by Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, Vice-President, the report of the Board of General Purposes, as printed in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

#### THE RETIREMENT OF BROS. W. H. LEE AND NEVILLE GREEN.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, in moving the resolution arising out of the report granting retiring allowances to Bros. Lee and Green, said he was very sorry to bring the matter before Grand Lodge, because they were losing two old friends, two of their faithful clerks had, through ill-health, been obliged to tender their resignation. Bro. Lee had been with them 23 years. He commenced at a salary of £100 a year in 1873; he had now arrived at the maximum salary proposed and carried two years ago, viz., £330; he

was now unable to take his proper share of the work; since his illness, in 1893, he had only been able to take but a small portion of the work. The Board had taken seriously into consideration the services of their clerk and faithful brother, and they suggested to Grand Lodge that he should be allowed to retire with a pension of £220 a year. He begged to move the adoption of that recommendation.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., seconded, and he hoped sincerely that Grand Lodge would go with the Board in their recommendation. They must consider that matter as Masons and be animated by Masonic feeling in calculating the amount of the retiring pension. The Board felt that Grand Lodge would not like to be bound by a hard-and-fast line of a Government scale, but ought to deal liberally with those brethren, and they asked the brethren therefore—and they asked with confidence—a vote of two-thirds of Bro. Lee's actual pay. Bro. Lee had a large family to support, and the Board felt they were not asking too much.

#### BRO. NEVILLE GREEN'S PENSION.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND next moved the recommendation with reference to Bro. N. Green, who also entered Grand Secretary's office in 1873, and had given to the work of that office the best part of his life. He also had arrived at his maximum salary, £285. His health broke down in 1894 and his capacity for work had been considerably impaired. The Board recommended in this case a pension of two-thirds of his salary, or £190. The joint pensions of Bros. Lee and Green would then be £410 and there would be £205 in hand, about which he would ask Grand Lodge presently to pass a resolution.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion. What he had said with respect to Bro. Lee was equally applicable to Bro. Green, whom the Board had treated on the same lines. Bro. Green was, likewise, a married man with a family, and considering his services he was sure the proposition would meet with the feelings of Grand Lodge.

Both resolutions were carried unanimously.

#### THE JUNIOR CLERKS, BROS. PALMER AND COOK.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, in moving the adoption of the recommendation to increase Bro. Frank Palmer's salary to £150 a year by yearly increments of £10 from January 1st, 1896, and Bro. Cook's similarly to £130 a year, spoke in very flattering terms of the performance by these two brethren of the duties of their office. With respect to Bro. Palmer, the Grand Secretary's private Secretary, he said he did an immense amount of work, in fact more than might be expected of him. He came to the office in 1894, and his salary had gone to £120. It was proposed that he should rise to £150. Bro. Cook came to the office in Dec., 1893, and he received £100 a year. It was proposed he should receive a yearly rise of £10 until he received £130. Bro. Cook was one of their best clerks; he was a new hand, but he got very quickly into the work, and he did more than a clerk ought to be expected to do. Having regard to all Bro. Cook had done, to the quantity of work that was put upon him, the Board considered that he was entitled to yearly increments of £10 until his salary amounted to £130.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion. Having served on the Officers' and Clerks' Committee, he had had a very good opportunity of seeing the work which was performed in the Grand Secretary's Office, and he confidently recommended this proposition to the consideration of the brethren.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND rose to make some remarks about the proposal as to the saving effected by the pensions named, and the proposal to deal with it by paying it in salaries to junior clerks; but Bro. Loveland Loveland said this was not the time to interrupt on that point, as he was going to make a proposition on that subject.

The motion was then carried.

#### DISPOSAL OF THE SURPLUS.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND said the saving affected by the propositions which had just been carried would be £205 a year; but this amount was reduced to £145 by the increase in Bro. Palmer's and Bro. Cook's salaries. He now asked the authority of Grand Lodge to dispose of this by providing the Grand Secretary with two young clerks. They must be Masons, and, therefore, must be 21 years of age, or bordering on it. The Board thought £145 would be ample to provide such assistance.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND moved as an amendment that the salary be not less than £100 a year each. They had no right to cut down salaries. The work in the office was increasing. They must have clerks who were old enough to be Masons. The brethren to whom pensions had just been granted entered on their clerkships at £100 a year. Grand Lodge had plenty of money; therefore let it pay good salaries.

Bro. F. L. CHANDLER, P.M. No. 1793, seconded the amendment.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND withdrew the original motion and accepted the amendment, which was put and carried.

On the motion of Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, P. Asst. G.D.C., seconded by Bro. GEORGE E. FAIRCHILD, P. Asst. G.D.C., it was resolved:

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.

Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, P.G.D., moved—

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.

Bro. KEYSER gave a long account of the origin of Guy's Hospital. He stated that he had been over the hospital, and he found that in consequence of want of funds two wards had been closed. It took in people from all parts, and did not confine its operations to Southwark. It had in it patients from Australia, Africa, and all parts of the world, who were attracted to it by its fame for science and skill. He asked that Grand Lodge should vote 500 guineas, and he asked also that brethren should individually give subscriptions of not less than a guinea, which would entitle the donor to admission to the reception by the Prince of Wales at the Imperial Institute next Wednesday.

Bro. HENRY LOVEGROVE, G. Std. Br., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. BEACH said he would take the report of the Scrutineers in the Grand Master's private room.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

The following is the result of the election for the Board of General Purposes:

	No. of Votes.
Bro. James Stephens	527
" Ebenezer Charles Mulvey	404
" William James Mason	391
" Arthur Blenkarn	362
" John Joseph Thomas	351
" William Cleghorn	284
" James Willing, jun.	283
" William Barnes Fendick	282
" Arthur Williams	246
" John Robertson Reep	240
" Arthur G. Sandberg, M.D.	237
" Richard Philip James Laundry	211
" Frederick Buxton	177
" Charles Pulman	162
" James Whittaker Burgess	157
" Frederick Augustus Powell	138
" William Farquharson Lamony	125
" John Leach Barrett	124

#### GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master; the Marquess of Hertford, Past Grand Master; the Earl of Portarlington, S.G.W.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg., as J.G.W.; Robert Berridge, as G.M.O.; Richard Eve, as J.G.O.; Admiral Hastings Markham, Lord Bolton, Charles Letch Mason, R. Loveland Loveland, President of General Board; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, Dr. Balfour Cockburn, W. M. Stiles, G. Everett, Baron de Ferrieres, Col. A. B. Cook, W. J. Hughan, Henry Lovegrove, and Dr. Lawrence.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in ample form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. MATIER, G. Sec., said he had to announce that he had received a letter from the Home Secretary, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, in which her Majesty begged to thank Grand Mark Lodge most graciously for the vote of condolence passed on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

The report of the General Board, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was, on the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. The Kirby Lodge, No. 285, Saidfind, Bengal, was erased, and a grant of £25, recommended by the Board to a necessitous brother, a subscriber for 15 years, was confirmed.

The report was then adopted on the motion of Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was afterwards declared to be re-installed M.W.G.M.A.M., and was proclaimed by Bro. Dr. J. BALFOUR COCKBURN, G.D.C.

The Earl of EUSTON said the great honour had been conferred on him by the Prince of Wales of being re-appointed Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year.

His lordship was then proclaimed by Bro. Dr. BALFOUR COCKBURN, and saluted according to ancient custom.

Bro. Viscount Dungarvan was re-appointed Deputy Grand Master, proclaimed, and saluted.

The other Grand Office appointments were:

Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P.	... S.G.W.
" The Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson	... J.G.W.
" James Balfour Cockburn	... G.M.O.
" The Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C.	... S.G.O.
" W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.	... J.G.O.
" Rev. Thomas Edwards	... } G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Vitruvius Partridge Wyatt	... }
" Major Clifford Probyn	... G. Treasurer.
" Frank Richardson, P.G.W.	... G. Registrar.
" R. Loveland Loveland	... Pres. Gen. Bd.
" Charles FitzGerald Matier	... G. Secretary.
" Major Walter Edward Williams	... } S.G.Ds.
" George Everett	... }
" Philip Felix Renaud Saillard	... } J.G.Ds.
" Frederick Hughes-Hallett	... }
" Rowland Plumbe	... G.I. of W.
" Major Charles William Carrell	... G.D. of C.
" John Taylor, J.P.	... } A.G.D. of Cs.
" William Henry Stanger	... }
" Major-General Edward Coysgarne Sim, R.E.	... G.S.B.
" John Evan Bowen	... } G. Std. Brs.
" Charles Arthur Bathurst Bignold	... }
" James Turle Lee	... G. Organist.
" Thomas Phipps Dorman	... G.I.G.
" Lawrence Steele	... A.G.I.G.
" Edward James Mills	... G. Tyler.

Bro. MATIER announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to nominate for the Grand Board Bros. Gordon Miller, Charles Belton, C. H. Driver, A. Woodiwiss, Richard Eve, and G. C. W. Fox-william; the brethren nominated for election and elected were Bros. R. Clowes, A. Stewart Brown, Frederick West, T. P. Dorman, and Frederick Cleeves.

The new Grand Stewards H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint were:

Bros. Wright Wilson, Howe (T.I.); E. F. Schnitger, Northumberland and Berwick (T.I.); D. O. Hobbs, 63; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, 168; C. E.

L. B. Hudson, 224; W. T. Buxton, 234; Nelson Prower, 238; J. Clifton Thompson, 282; J. R. Eastwood, 302; T. F. Bland, 330; O. Papworth, 334; W. H. Lovell, 425; W. J. Ebbetts, 454; and H. Thomson Lyon, 476.

The following brethren were nominated by the M.W. Grand Master as members of the General Board: Bros. Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas.; Chas. Bolton, P.G.O.; Charles Henry Driver, P.G.W.; Abraham Woodiwiss, Prov. G.M. Derby; Richard Eve, P.G.O.; and G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Deputy Prov. G.M. Norths, and Hunts, and Beds.

The following brethren were elected as members of the General Board: Bros. Richard Clowes, P.G.O.; A. Stewart Brown, P.G.D.; Frederick West, D.P. Prov. G.M. Surrey; T. P. Dorman, G.I.G.; and Frederick Cleaves, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. MATIER announced the receipt of a telegram from Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W.P.G.M., expressing his regret at not being able to be present at that Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the brethren proceeded to Freemasons' Tavern where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The Earl of Euston presided.

The usual toasts followed the dinner, and the speeches were interspersed with some beautiful singing by Bros. Frederick Bevan, P.G.O., J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell, and Robert Hilton.

Bro. THOMAS FENN proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the M.W. Past Grand Masters" and said the honour had been thrust upon him but although he highly appreciated it he felt it necessary to remonstrate against it because there were so many present who were more worthy than he. He did not understand why he had been selected, and could only conjecture that the reason was that he was probably the oldest man in the room. He was 76 years of age, which was most likely no one else present was. The toast required very little eloquence to impress at least the first part of it upon the brethren. The Pro Grand Master had made himself so popular in every Degree and place in Freemasonry, that there could be no doubt that his name would be received not only in Mark Masonry, but in every lodge and in every Degree where his health might be proposed. In everything he undertook he did well, and that was what made him so popular, as he set a good example to others. The Past Grand Masters would also be well received, as they were good workers in Craft, Arch, and Mark. When he was President of the Board of General Purposes he had the opportunity of witnessing how attentive Lord Lathom was to his duties, and if he had done his work as well in the Mark as he had in the other Degrees he was worthy of his name being well received. With these few observations he submitted the toast to the brethren.

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply, said he fully appreciated the kind words which had been used respecting him, because Bro. Fenn was a P.M. in the art of working which nobody had been able to touch yet, but he was afraid Bro. Fenn had given him more credit than he deserved. Certainly he had done his best and the brethren knew his heart was in Masonry. Whatever he could do, wherever he was wanted, in whatever position they placed him he would always try to please and discharge the duties cast upon him. He could have no greater pleasure than when he was amongst the Masonic brethren. So long as he was Pro Grand Master if he was wanted in any part of the country and could do any good there, so long as it was compatible with his position he would be delighted to attend.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK proposed "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Lord Dungarvan had stated to him that evening how sorry he was he could not stop to the festival and asked him to express his apologies to the brethren for his absence. No one who knew Lord Dungarvan could help liking him and the brethren would congratulate him upon being appointed Deputy Grand Master for another year. The genial, kindly, and ever amusing way in which he presided at any assembly endeared his lordship to all who knew him. The Past Grand Officers had shown how well they always could fill any gap that might occur. The present Grand Officers were many of them so new to him, some of them not being known to him by sight, he could not say what they could do, but some of them he knew could fill up gaps. It was through such brethren that Mark Masonry had proved so great a success. With this toast he should couple the name of a brother who had survived no less than five Parliaments, Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., and a brother who had done that, he thought, could look forward to being a member of the Grand Officers' mess. (Laughter).

Bro. W. E. M. TOMLINSON, M.P., Junior Grand Overseer, responding, said he hardly expected, when he had the privilege of joining the Mark Degree, that he would ever have to acknowledge the toast of the Grand Officers. He wished Lord Stanley had been present to respond. The brethren had heard that the principle of selection was the good work brethren had performed in the Order. Bro. Lord Euston therefore deserved his high position, as he was always ready, as he had said, to go anywhere in the country if he could advance the good of Mark Masonry, to encourage by his example, by his height, and by his countenance other brethren to work in the Degree. It was the duty of the Grand Officers to return the compliment paid to them by assisting wherever they could to raise the tone, improve the position, and sustain the eminence of Mark Masonry. If they did that, the Grand Master would have no reason to regret appointing them to Grand Office.

The Earl of EUSTON proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund." As Masons, Charity was their first concern; their hearts warmed to it, and whatever good they could do they did. In the Mark Degree they had a distinct fund, apart from the Craft, for annuities and for education, and the distribution was conducted without expense, and the money subscribed went absolutely to the objects for which it was intended. That was a great feature of the fund. They had no buildings to keep up and no rates and taxes to pay. Such a Charity deserved the support of all Mark Masons. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. G.M.M.M. for West Yorkshire, would preside at the next festival on July 8th, and he would respond to that toast. Long might the Mark Benevolent Fund go on and prosper from year to year, increase in power, and do even more good in the future than it had done in the past, great though that had been.

Bro. CHARLES LETCH MASON, in the course of his response to the toast, said that, as the Pro Grand Master had informed the brethren, the Fund was managed free of expense. None of the money subscribed went in officers or buildings. In educating children they were not taken out of their families. In Craft Masonry, where there was a large family, if one or two children were taken away from it and well educated, when they rejoined the family circle they were on a higher level than those who had been left at home, and there was a difference between the highly and the lowly edu-

cated. With the Mark Benevolent Fund they tried to do away with that, and had the children educated in their own neighbourhood. The Pro Grand Master hoped the festival that year would be larger than its predecessors. His lordship had promised that when a festival exceeded the result of that over which he had presided, he would take the chair again, and try to exceed that—(cheers)—so that if they all united to make the coming festival the greatest, they would secure Lord Euston for a Chairman on a future occasion. West Yorkshire was not a large province in the Mark Degree, having only 12 or 13 lodges, and the Mark Masons there were not a rich body, but they would try and do their duty. They gave £200 last year; they would try and double it this year. He hoped the brethren present, who were not already Stewards, would make up their minds and enrol themselves on the list.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Visitors," whom Mark Masons were always pleased to see, more especially if they came from foreign climes.

Bro. J. WALDIE PEIRSON, P.M. 744, Johannesburg, in reply, said, although he came from that much maligned portion of the world—the Transvaal—he could not help feeling flattered at the honour done him by being coupled with the toast of the visitors in Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. There was no part of Masonry which inspired so much loyalty in the hearts of the English in the Transvaal as Mark Masonry. Whenever they made the statement of the title of Grand Mark Lodge, which included the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, they always felt that, although they were nominally a foreign country, they were united to the British Empire and were an integral portion of it. Although the present was not an occasion when they could trench upon politics he might say that Mark Masons among the British colonists felt loyal to the Mother Country. He believed, too, that in Masonry would be found one of those uniting bonds between the two races in the Transvaal. At the present time it was his proud boast to be the Master of a Dutch Craft lodge in the Transvaal—an honour which had seldom been enjoyed by any person claiming to be a British subject, and he had at all times and on all occasions in the Transvaal claimed that character. Since the present trouble had taken place there the Prince Frederick, the Dutch Lodge, forgot all their political trouble and met on the broad standpoint of Masonry in the Transvaal. Although there was necessarily much tension he thought that that at least was a good sign and spoke well for the benefit of Freemasonry throughout the world. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier, was the father of Mark Masonry in the Colonies and he thanked him for his invitation to the present meeting. But for Bro. Matier he did not know what Mark Masonry would be able to do in the Colonies. They were placed there under greater difficulty than they were in England; they had not the people there to guide and advise them and they had to look to Bro. Matier for guidance. As he had been in the past he hoped Bro. Matier would in the future be the support of Mark Masonry throughout the world.

Bro. J. J. THOMAS, President of the Board of Stewards, responded to the toast of "The Stewards," which was proposed in flattering terms by Lord Euston. He said the Stewards had endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors to make this festival a success. It had been a success, but that was due to the very great exertions of Bro. John Smith, the Secretary. The Stewards had depended on Bro. Smith and his great experience in Secretarial duties. They had done the right thing and Bro. Smith had managed with a very great degree of acumen. The Stewards as a body had but little to do.

The proceedings then terminated.

The Stewards were Bros. J. J. Thomas, 458, President; Dr. H. W. Roberts, 448, Treasurer; John Smith, 434, Secretary; H. J. Macfarlane, 5; H. J. Rolls, 17; V. T. Murché, 22; J. S. Tamburini, 104; G. H. Parke, 110; J. D. Terson, 152; Charles James, 176; Robert Lawson, 211; Major J. H. Leslie, 219; J. Badger Clarke, 234; and Capt. Geo. Hearn, 454.

Kingsley's "Westward Ho" was requisitioned in the following lines, printed on the envelopes in which the cigars were enclosed: "With the Stewards' Hearty Good Wishes. When all things were made, none were made better than Tobacco; to be a lone man's Companion, a bachelor's Friend; a hungry man's Food, a sad man's Cordial, a wakeful man's Sleep, and a chilly man's Fire. There's no herb like it under the canopy of Heaven."

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

### CONSECRATION OF ST. SAMPSON'S LODGE, E.C., No. 2598.

A ceremony of a most imposing character took place at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, Guernsey, when St. Sampson's Lodge, No. 2598, was solemnly consecrated in the presence of about 120 brethren by Bro. Dr. J. B. Cockburn, M.D., Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. C. W. Carrell, P.S.G.W.; Thomas Cohu, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. C. Stuart Stitt, M.A., Curate of St. Helier's, Jersey; C. F. Matier, P. G. Std. Br.; H. Wilkins, P.G.D.C.; and R. Rowcliffe, P.G.P.

The hour for the ceremony was fixed for 5 p.m., but, owing to various delays, the consecration did not begin until about 5.30. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. R. Berridge, P.G.D.; Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P. G.M. Jersey; J. C. Barette, P.G.D. Jersey; Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, P.J.G.D. Jersey; Arthur W. Godfray, Sec. 877; C. G. Vatcher, S.D. 877; A. Woodiwiss, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; J. P. Dorman, P.M. 1764, P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts; Clifford Probyn, P.M. 18; G. Powell, P.M. 142; besides a great number of Worshipful Masters and Past Masters of lodges of that island.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the patriarchal benediction by the Provincial Grand Master closed the interesting ceremony. The Provincial Grand Master also congratulated the W.M. designate of St. Sampson's Lodge upon the very large number of influential and distinguished brethren who had gathered to grace the consecration ceremony by their presence.

The consecration having been concluded, the lodge business was commenced, and Bro. Wm. Stranger, P.M. 1809, was installed as Worshipful

Master by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.P.G. Std. Br. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. R. Ogier, S.W.; A. H. Terry, J.W.; G. A. Eastland, S.D.; D. F. Ogier, J.D.; and Brouard, Tyler. The addresses to the officers and the brethren were then given in a most able manner by Bro. Matier. Bro. J. Stranger was elected Treasurer of the lodge, which was then closed.

After about half-an-hour's interval most of the above-mentioned brethren re-assembled in the lodge room, for the transaction of business in connection with the above Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren having been called to order, the Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, the Stewards being first, the *cortège* being closed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. B. Cockburn, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. E. C. Ozanne.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, after which the minutes of the meeting of May 31st, 1895, were read and confirmed.

The Auditors' report was read and adopted, Bro. T. C. ROYLE, one of the Auditors, congratulating the Prov. Grand Master on the very satisfactory balance in hand.

Bro. J. T. Laine, Prov. Grand Treasurer, was proposed in eulogistic terms for re-election by Bro. T. J. MITCHELL. Bro. Laine was re-elected amid applause.

Bros. H. Merrall, 1809, and C. T. Cooke, W.M. 243, were unanimously elected Auditors for 1896-97.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:

Bro. F. Clarke ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. T. Laine ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. M. Smythson ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Hume Spry ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Stranger ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. F. Peek ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. Wilkins ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. B. Nicholls ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. T. O. Cooke ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Capt. A. H. Terry ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Major Hearn ...	
" T. G. Barnes ...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. B. Rowcliffe ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. R. Ogier ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" H. L. Doras ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. W. Jausserand ...	
" G. Richards ...	
" R. Martyn ...	
" H. M. Bichard ...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. Biddiscombe ...	

Bros. Major F. C. Græme and Major Quayle-Jones would have been invested as Prov. Grand Wardens respectively, only that their military duties prevented their crossing over to Guernsey in order to be invested. Their chairs were occupied for the rest of the evening by Bros. C. W. Carrell, P.S.G.W., and Thomas Cohu, P.J.G.W. Bro. Rev. T. Jesse, P.G. Chap., was also absent.

During the course of the investiture the PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked Bro. Rev. S. Stitt for having officiated as Chaplain, not only for the Provincial Grand Lodge, but also for having assisted at the consecration of St. Sampson's Lodge.

Prov. Grand Lodge was afterwards closed, and a banquet was held in connection with the new St. Sampson's Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was attended by a large number of brethren.

During the course of the evening, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Saturday last Bro. Sir Walter Wilkin, P.G.W., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and the Lady Mayoress, with their daughter, Miss Eva Wilkin (all being Life Governors of the Institution), received and hospitably entertained at the Mansion House 150 of the elder pupils, who were accompanied by Misses Davis, Buck, and Redgrave, and about a dozen other members of the Staff. The Guildhall, with its interesting Museum and Art Gallery, having been first visited, on his lordship's suggestion the children marched across to the Mansion House under kindly and careful police escort and soon settled down to the enjoyment, in the Saloon, of the well-known entertainment of Bro. Harry Tipper, P.G. Purst., assisted by the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers and Glee Singers and the Misses Gertrude and Florence Tipper. This was most delightful, and was followed by tea in the Egyptian Hall and dancing in the old ball room, and at seven o'clock the little guests departed to drive home, well pleased with a novel treat they will not readily forget. The House Committee and Secretary, by special invitation, were in attendance.

### CONSECRATION OF THE TRAVELLERS' LODGE, No. 2609.

There was a large and distinguished gathering of brethren at Chester on Saturday, the 30th ult., on the occasion of the consecration of the above lodge. The new lodge, which makes the fourth in the city, numbered respectively, 425, 721, 2386, and 2609, has been formed mainly, though not exclusively, for the convenience of commercial travellers who are members of the Craft. For the first time in Chester, if not in Cheshire, the consecration was performed by the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. E. Letchworth, who had the assistance of several distinguished Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. Bros. Lord Egerton and Sir Horatio Lloyd, the latter, at the last moment, were unable to be present, but the attendance was in various respects unique in the annals of local Masonry.

Bro. W. Peers, P.M. of 721, and P.S.G.D., was installed by Bro. Letchworth as the first W.M. of the new lodge, and he, in his turn, invested the following officers: Bros. A. Parker, I.P.M.; Thos. Owen, P.M. of the Fitz-Alan Lodge, and P.P.G. Stwd. of Shropshire, S.W.; Hugh Roberts,

P.M. of the Caradoc Lodge, and P.P.G. Stwd. of North Wales, J.W.; George Biggley, Treas.; W. H. Davies, Sec.; F. J. Duck, S.D.; D. P. Morgan, J.D.; Richard Roberts, I.G.; R. Butterworth, Org.; T. Woolliscroft and T. Mayo Johnson, Stwds.; and H. Doughty, Tyler.

The founders numbered 17, and eight new members—initiates and joining members were proposed.

During the consecration ceremony Bros. Gordon Small, P.G.D.C., assisted as D. of C.; George H. Brown, P.P.S.G.W., as S.W.; and Thomas Shaw, P.P.J.G.W., as J.W.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Bridgwater, on the 28th ult., under the banner of the Perpetual Friendship Lodge, No. 135. There was an unusually large number of brethren present from all parts of the province, who were presided over by Bro. Lord Dungarvan, P.G.M.

The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. T. Baker, W.M. and P.M. 135	Prov. S.G.W.
" B. Whitby, P.M. 329	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. A. Sandford	Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. H. Child, W.M. 1750	
" C. F. I. Edwards, (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
" Sebastian Sellick, P.M. 1222	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. F. Wade, P.M. 291, P.P.S.G.W.	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. T. Dunsford, P.M. 291	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. J. Hill, P.M. 1296	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. H. Hoyle, P.M. 437	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. W. Roberts, P.M. 2390	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. E. Burnett	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. H. Wade, P.M. 261	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. H. Stringfellow, P.M. 1197	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" P. Edinger, P.M. 973	
" C. S. Page, P.M. 2038	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Tucker, P.M. 53	
" E. C. Davies, P.M. 772	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. E. Norrington, P.M. 1953	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. W. Gover, W.M. 41	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. M. Williams, P.M. 772	
" H. J. Lye, P.M. 814	Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. J. Mills, W.M. 906	
" A. J. Salter, Tyler 53	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
" S. Bigwood, 41	

Bro. J. C. Hunt, for several years Prov. G. Secretary, having resigned, was presented with a handsome silver tea and coffee service, together with an album of signatures of the W.Ms. of the several lodges throughout the province, as a mark of esteem and acknowledgment of his services.

### Royal Arch.

#### Zetland Chapter, No. 236.

The installation meeting of this chapter, attached to the York Lodge, No. 236, was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there was a numerous attendance of companions, presided over by Comp. M. Rooke, P.Z., P.P.G.J. In the absence of Comp. T. G. Hodgson, M.E.Z., Comp. M. Rooke, P.Z., performed the ceremony, installing Comps. C. M. Forbes as M.E.Z., and Rev. C. E. L. Wright as H. Subsequently the newly-installed M.E.Z. invested the officers as follows: Comps. J. Todd, P.Z., Treas.; Purnell, S.E.; Jones, S.N.; Gramshaw, P.S.; Tweedy, 1st A.S.; Bryson, 2nd A.S.; Biscoombe, D.C.; Hepper, Org.; Sampson, Stwd.; and Hall, Janitor.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions dined together in the banquet-room of the lodge, the M.E.Z. presiding.

#### St. Magdalen Chapter, No. 242.

This chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall, Doncaster, on Friday, the 29th ult. Present: Comps. J. Constable, M.E.Z.; F. Webb, acting H.; F. E. Fretwell, J.; J. Fitzgerald, S.E.; H. Foster, S.N.; H. A. Fenton, P.S.; the Rev. G. E. Stocks, 1st A.S.; R. Brew, 2nd A.S.; and others.

The chapter having been opened, Bro. C. Richardson was exalted by dispensation to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, all the officers doing their work most creditably.

The companions afterwards partook of light repast in the Club Room.

#### Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194.

The installation meeting was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 16th ult. There was a good attendance, among whom we noticed Comps. Seton, M.E.Z. elect; W. H. Barber, H. elect; J. W. Drysdale, J. elect; Taylor, P.G.J.; Treas.; J. Gordon Langton, P.G.N.; Harry Bateman, P.G.N.; Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; Bartley Dennis, J. 2489; W. Dodd, S.E.; F. Botley, P.Z.; Edwards, and Palmer.

The minutes were approved, and the three Principals were installed by Comps. Sudlow, Taylor, and Dodd, and the officers invested by the M.E.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was read, and showed a balance of about £70, all of which was in the Post Office Savings Bank. The Treasurer said he had arranged to pay the £100. voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution "In Memoriam Comp. Kirby, Z., 1895." Comp. Dennis thanked the chapter for placing the amount on his list as Steward, and was pleased to say the total of his list was over £200. Comp. Sudlow also proposed a vote of £3 3s. from the chapter fund towards the "Kirby Memorial." This was seconded by Comp. Langton, and the chapter also passed a unanimous vote that the grant should be devoted towards the proposed memorial over the late companion's grave.

The companions dined together, and it is needless to say anything in praise of the dinner or the cooking, for which the Mitre is so well known.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the visit of Comp. G. Botley, who was exalted with his brother, Frederick Botley, on the proposition of the late Comp. Roebuck, some years since, and having gone to Hastings to reside, and done good work in Chapter No. 40, has been appointed Prov. G.J. of Sussex by the Grand Superintendent.

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As the figures have not been published, for the information of those who did not remain in Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst. to hear the result, and in response to several inquiries to be furnished with the particulars, I append them.

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Votes Poll.	ELECTED.	No. of Poll.
527	Stephens, James ...	1
404	Mulvey, Ebenezer Charles ...	2
391	Mason, William James ...	3
362	Blenkarn, Arthur ...	4
351	Thomas, John Joseph ...	5
284	Cleghorn, William ...	6
283	Willing, James, jun. ...	7
282	Fendick, William Barnes ...	8
246	Williams, Arthur ...	9
240	Reep, John Robertson ...	10
237	Sandberg, Arthur G., M.D. ...	11
211	Laundy, Richard Philip James ...	12
177	Buxton, Frederick ...	13
162	Pulman, Charles ...	14
157	Burgess, James Whittaker ...	15
138	Powell, Frederick Augustus ...	16
125	Lamonby, William Farquharson ...	17
124	Barrett, John Leach ...	18

### NOT ELECTED.

118	Wilkinson-Pimbury, Charles James ...	19
97	Harrison, Joseph ...	20
82	Gubbins, Major Charles Edgeworth ...	21

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1896.

### Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, and the Grand Festival of the Order at the Freemasons' Tavern adjoining, on Tuesday, the 2nd instant. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, presided, both in Grand Lodge and at the banquet table, and everything passed off with the greatest success. The business, as shadowed forth in the paper of agenda in our last week's issue, was carried out strictly in accordance with the several recommendations, while, as regards the Festival, we need not say more than that the Stewards well merited the compliments paid to them for the excellence of their arrangements.

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The annual athletic sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will, by the kind invitation of Bro. George Everett, Past Grand Treasurer, be held at Kempton Park on Saturday, the 13th instant. The arrangements are about the same as they were last year. A special train will leave Waterloo (North) Station, No. 8 Platform, at 12.45 p.m., and, calling at Vauxhall at 12.50, Clapham Junction at 12.55, and Richmond at 1.13, will arrive at Kempton Park Station at 1.30 p.m. Return fares, first class, 2s.; second class, 1s. 6d. Tickets will only be issued to holders of invitation cards, and will also be available by the ordinary trains at 1.25 and 2.15 p.m. from Waterloo to Sunbury, which will specially stop to set

down at Kempton Park. There will be ample provision on the ground for those who need refreshment the catering being in the hands of Messrs. Bertram & Co., the charge for dinner being 3s. 6d. each, and for tea 1s. The band of the T Division of Metropolitan Police will play from 1 p.m., and there will be dancing in the Pavilion from 6.30 p.m.

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Of the 13 new lodges for which warrants of Constitution have been granted since the March Communication of Grand Lodge, five are located in London, namely: The London County Council, No. 2603; the London School Board, No. 2611; the Navy, No. 2612; the Household Brigade, No. 2614; and the Zodiac, No. 2615. Five are located in the Provinces, namely: The Wyreside, No. 2605, in Lancashire; the Florest, No. 2606, South Wales; the Headingley, No. 2608, Leeds, West Yorkshire; the Travellers', No. 2609, Cheshire; and the Beresford-Peirse, No. 2610, Bedale, in Yorkshire. The following three are located abroad: The Moore, No. 2604, Bangalore, in the District of Madras; the Prosperity, No. 2607, Johannesburg, in the District of the Transvaal; and the Amity, No. 2613, in Queensland.

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The Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, will be the scene of an interesting Masonic function on Monday next, the 8th inst., when the Sympathy Chapter, No. 483, will be consecrated. The ceremony will be performed by Comp. Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent for Kent, who will be assisted by the officers of his Prov. Grand Chapter. Subsequently the Principals designate will be installed, and there will be the customary banquet at 5 p.m. The hour fixed for the consecration is 2.45 p.m.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at the Public Hall, Harrow-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, the 27th instant, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master. The hour fixed for opening Provincial Grand Lodge is 3.45 p.m., and a dinner will be served in the Assembly Room adjoining the King's Head Hotel, for which tickets, price 6s. each, exclusive of wine, must be applied for to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. H. H. Room, 19, John-street, Adelphi, not later than Friday, the 19th instant.

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The 109th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held in Trenton on the 29th and 30th January last, under the presidency of Bro. C. Belcher, M.W.G.M., among the visitors present being the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of New York, and the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, the J.G. Warden and Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania. In the course of his address the Grand Master is reported to have announced that he had suspended three W.Ms. from office for gross irregularity in work and disciplined four lodges for neglecting to comply with the law. He also reported that he had made a Mason at sight, which the *Voice of Masonry* regards as "an inexcusable thing," it being its opinion that a Grand Master possesses no such prerogative. Grand Lodge declared—and very properly—that "the use of robes or costumes in conferring the degrees of Symbolic Masonry" was "an innovation," while the Grand Master was given very plainly to understand that he has no power "to annul a regular election of officers, nor to order a new election for the stations and places filled by them, and that such new election was a nullity and conferred no authority upon the brothers chosen thereat." The number of lodges on the roll of this Grand Lodge is 165 and the number of subscribing members 15,686. Bro. Belcher was succeeded as Grand Master by Bro. George W. Fortmeyer, while Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway remains at his post of Grand Secretary.

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The Grand Chapter of New York held its 99th Annual Convocation in Albany, on the 4th and 5th February, Comp. M. L. Greenwood, G.H.P., presided, and in addition to the Grand Officers, Present and Past, there attended the representatives of 183 chapters. The G.H.P., in the course of his address, referred to the near approach of the Centenary of the Grand Chapter. The sum of 250 dollars was voted towards the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Comp. John L. Lewis, Past G.H.P. There are 186 chapters on the roll, with an aggregate of 19,000 subscribing members. Comp. George E. W. Stivers is the G.H.P. for the present year, and Comp. Christopher G. Fox still occupies the post of Grand Secretary.

## Correspondence.

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

### THE RE-ENDOWMENT OF GUY'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I venture to solicit your powerful advocacy in furtherance of the appeal which I made in Grand Lodge last Wednesday to the brethren, to supplement by their individual donations, the magnificent grant of Five Hundred Guineas so generously voted from the funds of Grand Lodge to the scheme for the re-endowment of Guy's Hospital.

The sum of £1000 will permanently endow one bed, and as the special effort to resuscitate the financial condition of the hospital is being made under the most distinguished Chairmanship of our M.W.G.M., it does seem a great opportunity for the Craft to show their interest in the fortunes of one of our great national Institutions, and to perpetuate their connection with it by providing this sum of £1000, at the time of its most urgent need of pecuniary assistance.

Can we express in a more practical manner our love and allegiance to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and our appreciation of the great services rendered by him to the Craft, over which he has now so ably presided for a period of twenty-one years, than by perpetuating the name of the Fraternity with this re-endowment scheme, at the time when H.R.H. is leading the gigantic effort to raise the sum of £500,000, to consolidate the financial position of the hospital, and enable it to carry on in the future the splendid work of relieving the suffering and distressed, and, through its famous medical school, of disseminating throughout the world the improved scientific knowledge so necessary to enable the Profession to deal more confidently with the complicated diseases and accidents to which suffering humanity is subject.

I am in hopes a grant of One Hundred Guineas may be sanctioned from the funds of Grand Chapter, and as I am willing to contribute a similar amount, I feel confident that individual brethren will come forward and make up the small balance required to complete the £1000.

All contributions forwarded to me to the address below, will be duly acknowledged, and, I need hardly add, will be most thankfully received and faithfully applied.—Yours truly and fraternally,

CHARLES E. KEYSER, P.G.D.

Aldermaston Court, Reading.

P.S.—I am authorised to state that any brother sending not less than a guinea on or before Sunday, will receive a card of admission to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's reception at the Imperial Institute next Wednesday.

### CRAFT JEWELS IN A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Until the present year I have been accustomed to wear several Craft and Charity jewels in our local Royal Arch chapter, but at our last meeting a P.Z. Companion informed me that it was only permissible to wear Royal Arch jewels in a chapter. The other day I attended our Provincial Grand Chapter, and noted that the Prov. Grand Asst. Scribe E. wore all his Craft and Charity jewels as well as those appertaining to the chapter.

I shall be greatly obliged if some experienced companion will kindly inform me as to the usual custom and strict etiquette in the wearing of Craft jewels at a Royal Arch chapter.—Yours fraternally,

CRAFT AND CHAPTER.

May 27th, 1896.

## Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1896-97."—Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, the editor of this comprehensive and accurate Masonic guide for Somerset, has again made the province his debtor, the present issue being No. 15 of the valuable series. It has been edited on the same lines as recent numbers, and is brimful of information of the greatest utility for the 1233 members of the 26 lodges, the 11 chapters, the 9 Mark lodges, and the other Masonic bodies working in Somerset. The Charities are well represented, as usual, the total votes being 4699—a most creditable record—and the Charity Organisation Committee is a real live Society, doing a grand work for the province. The frontispiece for the year is a portrait of Bro. C. F. Marshall, P.M. 53, Bath, who was appointed to the high office of S.G.D. of England in 1895. The Calendar is most complete and neatly printed.

"MASONIC YEAR-BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF SUFFOLK, 1896."—The portrait of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, appears in this issue, and will doubtless be eagerly welcomed by the members of the province, as it is a good likeness, and a most appropriate frontispiece. Bro. Tracy, the Prov. Grand Secretary and editor, has done his utmost to make this issue both interesting and instructive, for it is actually, as well as nominally, a *Year Book* for the province, able accounts being inserted of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Aldburgh on July 29th, 1895, and the special meeting, at Ipswich, on January 16th, 1896. A balance-sheet is also given, which is of a most satisfactory character, as well as condensed reports of the 22 lodges, the latter being an excellent feature and worthy of general adoption. The membership has now reached the four figures, the total being 1001. The charities receive due attention, the votes amounting to 6114, but, as these include the double votes for Girls and Boys, the net total is nearly 1600 less, which is, after all, a grand record. The particulars afforded concerning the lodges, chapters, &c., are numerous and ably arranged, as usual, the annual being most reliable and to date.

"MASONIC FICTION EXPLODED."—By Bro. Jacob Norton, Boston, Mass., 1895. —This is a collection of articles and letters which from time to time have appeared in sundry Masonic periodicals, both English and American, over the well-known signature of "Jacob Norton," and we have no hesitation in describing it as one of the most interesting and most readable books that have ever been published in reference to Masonry. In saying this, we are very far from commending, as a rule, the opinions which the writer so freely expresses. On the contrary, it is difficult to say in what we agree with him. To paraphrase a familiar expression—There is no theory reasonable or unreasonable on any Masonic subject Bro. Norton has written about, which he has not set himself to demolish. He seems to have made it the business of his Masonic life to attack everything and everybody, and there is no doubt that in the case of many of the absurd theories which were formerly palmed off by foolish writers on a credulous public as Masonic history he has succeeded in upsetting them as unceremoniously as the skilful player knocks over his ninespins. In his time he has exploded much fiction, and he has done it as effectually as the man of whom we read in the "Pickwick Papers," who, on the authority of Mr. Samuel Weller, practised shooting at a dead bird on a post to such good purpose, that, after the first discharge of his fowling-piece, nothing, not even the suspicion of a feather, was ever again seen. But though Bro. Norton has blown away much fiction, he has never attempted to supply its place with anything in the way of fact. He has done much in the way of destruction, but nothing in the way of construction. And yet in his peculiar way he has done good service to Masonry. There are but few men in the world who

have more carefully or more thoroughly studied the subjects he has written about than Bro. Norton, and we cheerfully add, there are few who have shown themselves more capable of more closely following up a definite line of argument. He is, indeed, a most able writer and we advise none but those who are as conversant as he is with the many difficult questions which are constantly arising in the treatment of Masonic subjects to venture upon crossing swords with him. He is a doughty champion to enter the lists with and unless you are well armed at all points, you had better think twice about engaging with him in any contest. As for the subjects about which Bro. Norton has written there number is legion, as will be seen from a cursory glance at the titles of some of the articles contained in this volume. The second treats "About the Origin of Freemasonry in Ireland," and in this Bro. Norton has a merry bout with Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, author of "Cæmentaria Hibernica," to whom we are undoubtedly indebted for much valuable information about the Craft in Ireland. Other articles treat "About Fictitious and Forged Masonic MSS.," of the "Various Origins" that "are ascribed to the Royal Arch," "How Bro. Sadler made much ado about nothing," "Some hints to Bro. Sadler," "How Masonic writers perverted Masonic History," "So-called Masonic Jurisprudence," "Faith and Belief," "Was Henry Price ever appointed Prov. G.M. over America?" "Our two American Champions for Masonic Mothership," &c. All are most interesting, and the collection, as we have before said, constitutes a most valuable addition to our Masonic literature, though, as the articles have previously appeared in the "Masonic Review" of Cincinnati and other periodicals, the probabilities are strongly in favour of many, if not most, of our readers having met with them already. However, they are well worth a second, and even a third, reading, and for this reason is it that we are so thankful the spirit has moved our respected and able brother to issue them in collected form for the perusal of the numerous friends and admirers he has made in the course of his Masonic controversies.

### ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1471.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. WALTER HANCOCK.

The last meeting before the recess was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday evening, the 19th ult., when there was a numerous attendance. Much interest was created by the announcement that a presentation of plate was to be made to Bro. Walter Hancock, P.M. 2191, Preceptor. The usual order of business being set aside, the proceedings took the form of a musical and social evening.

The chair was taken by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, one of the Secretaries of the lodge, who was supported by Bros. J. W. Clarke, P.M. 1512, Asst. Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M. 59, Sec.; and the following Past Masters and brethren: Bros. R. Philip Upton, P.M. 1328; S. Napper, P.M. 1471; G. T. Peall, P.M. 2361; W. J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. H. Snelling, P.M. 1541; P. F. Holmden, P.M. 198; W. Sergeant Lee, P.M. 2488; A. Wolter, P.M. 1791; A. Oliver, P.M., Treas. 820; S. Abell, P.M. 2032; H. B. Harding, P.M. 1471; J. H. Wood, P.M. 145; H. Hill, P.M. 1305, Preceptor Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction; R. W. Nicole, W.M. 2278; D. C. Ritchie, W.M. 1471; H. Parkinson, J.D. 1328; C. Isler, S.D. 1471; T. Simpson, Sec. 2157; C. Smith, S.W. 1328; W. Rapley, S.D. 1987; C. W. Rayner, J.W. 1681; H. C. Rayner, S.D. 1681; J. A. Stone, I.G. 1298; M. Hepner, J.D. 59; J. E. Thomas, Stwd. 1087; E. J. Harrison, J.W. 1471; T. W. Peart, I.G. 11; C. W. Austin, J.W. 160, Sec. Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction; and many others.

The presentation was made by Bro. R. P. UPTON, on behalf of the Committee, who referred to Bro. Hancock's long connection with the lodge, the services he had rendered to it, and the success that had been attained under his guidance.

Bro. HANCOCK thanked the brethren for their splendid gift, and for the goodwill which had prompted the brethren. It was very gratifying to find that the services he had rendered were so much appreciated, and he hoped to be spared to assist in promoting the interests of Freemasonry in that lodge for years to come. Bro. Hancock's remarks were received with much applause, and he was greeted with musical honours.

The entertainment, which occupied the greater part of the evening, was a most excellent one, and the talent so abundant, that several brethren could not be called upon to contribute. The instrumental items of the programme were a pianoforte solo by Bro. H. Wharton-Wells, L.R.C.O., and an excellent violin solo by Bro. H. C. Rayner, with songs by Bros. R. P. Upton, C. Isler, A. Henning, D. C. Attwater, W. F. Roberts, G. Wheeler, S. Abell, A. Donald-King, J. A. Stone, H. R. Bower, A. C. Little, C. Nicole, and W. E. Houghton, and recitations by Bros. H. Parkinson, W. Sergeant Lee, and Henning.

Bro. T. E. Newman was the musical director, and the accompaniments were admirably rendered by Bro. Wharton-Wells. Where all was so well done, it would be difficult to select any one for special praise; that the efforts of the brethren named were appreciated was evinced by the hearty applause accorded them.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, briefly proposed, and as briefly acknowledged, this most successful evening's entertainment was concluded.

### OUTING OF THE YORK COLLEGE OF ROSICRUCIANS.

The above college met at Harrogate on the 16th ult., the fratres, upwards of 40, assembled at 2 p.m. at the Commercial Hotel and drove in four-in-hand coaches to Ripley Castle and the church, where the vicar conducted and explained the interesting features and pointed out objects of interest.

The fratres having passed a vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness and courtesy, the drags were again requisitioned, and the party proceeded back by Knaresborough and on to the Masonic Hall, Victoria-avenue, Harrogate, where the college met at 4.30 p.m., Frater W. N. Cheesman, the Celebrant, presided three (Selby) brethren were admitted into the Order, and the regular work of the college over, the members repaired to the Commercial Hotel, where a capital dinner was partaken of, and after the customary loyal toasts,

The acting Deputy Frater MONCKMAN, Bradford, proposed "The Health of the Celebrant," who, in responding, congratulated the college on the successful meeting, nearly every officer being present, and intimated that the August meeting would be in the north of the province, probably Durham or Middlesborough.

Donations from the funds of the college were voted towards the Micklefield Colliery disaster and to the Mount Grace Priory Exploration Fund.

THE DUKE OF YORK, attended by his equerry, dined with Lord Belper and the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms at their mess in St. James's Palace on Monday, Bro. Admiral of the Fleet the Hon. Sir H. Keppel and Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart being also present.

## NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EMPLOYMENT OF EPILEPTICS.

A ceremony took place on the 26th ult., on a beautiful upland in Buckinghamshire. With full Masonic honours, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Addington, P.G.M. Bucks, laid the foundation-stone of a home for women, as the previous one was intended for men, at Chalmont St. Peter. A large number of brethren assembled in the iron structure adjoining the Passmore Edwards' house, amongst those present were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Addington, Prov. G.M.; J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G.C.; Will E. Chapman, A.G.D. of C.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Jos. Bliss, P.S.G.W.; E. T. Mackrill, P.M. 948; A. Turner, P.P.S.G.W. Bucks; W. Wollett, W.M. 1566; F. J. Hubbin, P.M. 2492, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. S. Holland, P.M. 948, 1492; J. Reader, S.W. 591; W. Sutcliffe, 591, J.W. 2420; A. Payne, 2492; W. Rotherham, 591; G. Darlington Goff, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; March, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Carter, J.D.; Lounds; Ferdinand de Rothschild, J.W. 2420; Col. Halwood, P.M. 591; King, P.M. Winslow Lodge, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Brown, 248; E. Allinson, 2192; General Moberley, Dr. Buzzard, Dr. Ferrin, Col. Montfioere, Dr. Shuttleworth, Dr. Wood, Sir Samuel Lewis, John Stait, P.M. 2492; Passmore Edwards, and many others.

The order of procession was very beautiful, the Tylers, with drawn swords, preceding; on arriving round the stone, the P.G.M. ascended the platform. The Prov. G. Chaplain offered up prayers, and the P.G.M. then read the inscription—"This stone was laid with Masonic honours on the 26th May, 1896, by the Prov. Gd. Master, Lord Addington." The G.T. then deposited coins in the cavity, and the P.G.M. laid cement under the stone, and adjusted with plumb rule, level, square, and mallet, handed to him by the Wardens and D.G.M.

Lord ADDINGTON declared the stone to be duly levelled, plumb, and squared. He scattered corn over it as an emblem of abundance, he poured wine on it as an emblem of joy and gladness, and he poured oil over it as an emblem of peace and unanimity. His lordship hoped that prosperity, happiness, and goodwill would prevail amongst those who should minister within its walls. He thanked, amidst cheers, Bro. Passmore Edwards for his munificence.

Mr. MONTEFIORE NICHOLLS, the Chairman of the Executive of the women of the National Society for the Employment of Epileptics, said that with the new home they would enter upon a new stage in the life of the colony. There was no class of people that deserved more pity than epileptics. The Society had been able, by the generosity of a gentleman who was known all over the country, to buy the farm of 135 acres to start the first home for males and now to start a second home for females. They looked forward to the building of a dairy and to grow sufficient fruit for a jam factory. They intended also to start laundry work, and that would require buildings and more money. A generous donor had recently given £1000 for the equipment of the new home. The colony would not be complete without a home for children, and he had great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Passmore Edwards was preparing for the early erection of a home for children who might be paralysed. (Cheers.) He was also pleased to announce that the Duke of York had become patron of the Society. (Cheers.)

Mr. NICHOLLS then presented Mrs. Edwards with a beautiful bouquet. On his motion, seconded by Dr. BUZZARD, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Lord Addington and Bro. PASSMORE EDWARDS, who asked that he might postpone his reply until he had laid the foundation-stone of the children's home. (Laughter and cheers.)

## CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S MARK LODGE, No. 492, AT LARNACA, CYPRUS.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, on April 25th. Bro. Arthur Jones, I.P.M. 455 (of Limassol), was the Consecrating Officer, a letter from Grand Lodge having been sent authorising him to undertake the ceremony. He was assisted by Bro. Dr. Carageorgiades, W.M. 455, and other officers and members of St. Paul's Lodge.

The petition for the warrant of constitution was unanimously signed by the resident members in Cyprus of St. Paul's Lodge, the reason for the formation of the new lodge being the distance from Limassol of the members residing in Larnaca, Nicosia, and Famagusta, Larnaca being 50 miles, Nicosia 60 miles, and Famagusta nearly 80 miles by road from the Limassol Lodge. For the convenience of those brethren residing in the three towns mentioned, and to enable others who wished to be admitted, it was decided to petition to form a lodge at Larnaca, and the warrant received was the result thereof.

The lodge was opened by the Consecrating Officer, and then, in a most able manner, consecrated by him, the ceremony being given with an amount of precision and impressiveness by Bro. Jones that was highly creditable to him, seeing that it was the first occasion on which he had acted in that capacity.

The lodge being duly consecrated, dedicated, and constituted, the brother named in the warrant—Bro. F. O. Harvey, P.M., P.Z.—was installed in the chair of A. by the Consecrating Officer, and the newly-installed Master invested the Wardens designate with their collars and jewels of office, Bro. A. Morton, P.M. 2402, being invested as S.W., and Bro. W. H. P. Turner, W.M. 2402, as J.W.

The following officers were also appointed: Bros. C. Carmons, M.O.; F. H. Parker, S.O.; H. Longcroft, J.O.; Guy, S.D.; Rossides, J.D.; and Skyrianides, as I.G.

Bro. Jones was unanimously elected as Treasurer, and invested with collar and jewel of office.

A vote of thanks was passed, by acclamation, to the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Jones, I.P.M., to Bro. Carageorgiades, and the rest of the Consecrating Officers for their kindness in having made the long journey from Limassol to Larnaca for the sole purpose of assisting at the ceremony of the day.

Bros. JONES and CARAGEORGIADES suitably replied to the compliments paid them.

The by-laws, which had previously been approved and signed by all the founders, were then submitted for confirmation, and were unanimously passed.

Bro. J. P. White, P.M. 455, who had given great assistance in England in the formation of the lodge, was unanimously elected an honorary member.

Four propositions for advancement at the next regular meeting having been made, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together in the St. George's Lodge banqueting-room.

The new lodge has a good prospect for the future. The W.M. is a most energetic Mason, and has already done good service for the Fraternity in Cyprus. The funds of the lodge are provided, and in this department the St. Paul's Lodge greatly assisted by kindly presenting to the new lodge the officers' collars; this shows the brotherly feeling which exists between the Masonic bodies at Limassol and Larnaca. Four candidates have been already proposed, and there is a prospect of several others in the near future. Bro. Frederick Oxley Harvey, the first W.M., was initiated in the Albion Lodge, No. 9, London, in March, 1879, of which lodge he is still a member. He was exalted in the Albion Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9, in June, 1890, and was advanced in the St. Paul's Lodge of M.M.M., No. 455, Limassol, in January, 1894. He was a founder and acted as S.W. at the consecration of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, Limassol, in 1888; was a founder and first W.M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 2402, Larnaca, consecrated November, 1891; a founder and first J., second H., and third M.E.Z. of St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277, founded March, 1892. He has served as Treasurer and S.W. in the St. Paul's Mark Lodge, and is now Treasurer of St. Paul's Chapter and St. George's Lodge; he is also Life Governor of the R.M.B.I. and R.M.I.G., having served a Stewardship for both these Institutions.

The consecration of this lodge brings the number of Masonic institutions in Cyprus up to six, which have all been erected since the British occupation. They are the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277; St. George's Lodge, No. 2402, both under the E.C.; the Zenon Craft Lodge at Limassol, working under the Grand Lodge of Greece; the St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2277; the St. Paul's Mark Lodge, No. 455; and the St. George's Mark Lodge, No. 492. These are all regularly working, and are in good circumstances, both as regards finance and membership, and although the membership in no case amounts to 40, the work done is good, and points to a continued prosperity of the Craft in Cyprus.

## Craft Masonry.

### John of Gaunt, No. 523.

At Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 21st ult., a very memorable meeting of this lodge was held to signalise an epoch in its existence. The meeting was the ordinary one of the lodge, and it marked its jubilee, it having been consecrated in May, 1846. The proceedings having commenced, the W.M., Bro. W. A. Spencer, presided, and was supported by all the officers of the lodge. After the raising of a brother, the elections for the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year were taken. A paper by Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M., was then read, consisting of extracts from the minutes of the lodge for the past 50 years. Among its founders were the late Bro. Wm. Kelly, its first Master, P.P.G.M., and also Bro. the Earl Howe, who was then D.G.M. England, and also another brother who afterwards held that proud position. The paper was extremely interesting, as it brought to memory many notable events and some curious reminiscences, and was listened to with deep attention. Of the P.M.s. of the lodge, there are still 21 now subscribing, and of this number 16 were present on the occasion. At the conclusion of the paper a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thorp, and it was ordered to be printed. Bro. Thorp acknowledged the vote. The W.M. then presented to Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M. 523, D.P.G.M., a cheque for 50 guineas, subscribed by the brethren of the lodge as a memento of their 50 years' existence, for the Kelly Memorial Fund. Bro. Partridge, in a feeling speech, acknowledged, on behalf of the fund, the very handsome donation, and also added a few words appropriate to the special occasion.

After other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of supper under the presidency of the W.M., when the proceedings were of a very enjoyable character.

### Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. S. J. BYNG, P.M., SECRETARY.

A most successful and numerously attended meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. Cowland, W.M.; E. W. Pillenger, S.W.; C. Butcher, J.W.; G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; W. Bean, S.D.; J. J. Fifield, J.D.; G. J. Brown, I.G.; S. Rashleigh, I.P.M.; J. Beddoes, P.M.; E. S. White, P.M.; W. R. Larter, P.M.; H. Norrington, P.M.; W. C. Smith, F. Reeves, A. C. Jenkins, F. Tolhurst, W. Merrett, C. F. Newman, J. Young, C. Taylor, Bryant, J. F. Chiverall, R. H. Marchbank, J. H. Stanley, J. T. Oscroft, C. Wright, C. Horton, H. Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; and many others. The visitors were Bros. W. Graves, G. Cole, 137; W. R. Barr, 1632; W. J. Gardner, P.M. 411; J. T. Byng, P.M.; J. Neller, 1360; W. J. Juby, J.W. 975; G. Smith, S.W. 554; T. W. Fisher, P.M. 192; O. E. Ritchie, W.M. 2409; J. W. Folthardt, P.M. 2345; G. Bugg, 1044; L. White, 2384; T. O. Neill, Lane, B. Morgan, P.M. 1901; W. Musto, 1816; Dodson, P.M.; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M., Bro. Cowland, passed Bro. C. Taylor, and afterwards initiated Mr. M. P. Plunkett. The working of the W.M. was carried out in an excellent manner. Bro. E. W. Pillenger, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. G. Gabb, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. Gilbert again appointed Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Cowland, W.M., for his excellent services, which he acknowledged, remarking that he hoped he had done his duty, and when he went on the shelf of the Past Masters, he would continue to do his very best to promote the interests of the lodge. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a substantial banquet, which was well served under the superintendence of Bro. Collins.

In giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. set the example of short speeches.

The I.P.M., Bro. S. Rashleigh, proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said that would be the last time he would have the pleasure to submit the toast. The W.M. had been excellent in every way, and he had had a very happy and successful year of office. He was one of the best of fellows, and looking to the large number present that evening it showed that he was honoured by them all, and that his great services were appreciated.

Bro. C. Cowland, W.M., on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He thanked them for the way the toast had been received, which he should never forget. When he came into the chair he stated he would do his best to carry out the duties of that exalted office, and he had done so. He was initiated 10 years ago, and had attended lodges of instruction the whole of that period. He had had a happy time as Master, and he was loth to leave the chair; but if his services had been appreciated he was gratified. He would be succeeded by Bro. Pillenger, who would make an excellent ruler, and would keep up the well-known reputation of the Burgoyne Lodge.

In submitting the toast of "The Secretary, Bro. S. J. Byng, P.M.," the W.M. stated that it was exceptional to propose the Secretary without the Treasurer, but there was a reason to single out the Secretary on that occasion. Bro. Byng had been with them since May, 1871, and had scarcely been absent during the whole of that time. His knowledge of Masonry was great, and he had been in touch with all the Past Masters since he had been Secretary, and he had certainly been of great assistance to him. He held in his hand a little history of the lodge, in which he found the following extract, and he thought it would be interesting to the members and the visitors if he read

it. It was as follows: "Bro. Byng was chosen to preside over the lodge, which he did with conspicuous zeal and ability, and during the following year—owing to the regretted illness of the W.M. precluding him from fulfilling his duties with the assiduity and regularity usual in the occupant of the presidential chair of the Burgoyne Lodge—Bro. Byng, as I.P.M., still further merited the gratitude and esteem of the brethren by the manner in which he supplied the place of the incapacitated incumbent." It was not necessary for him to add anything to that, except to record that he had worked hard for the lodge since that period. He then presented him with a very handsome diamond ring which he placed on Bro. Byng's finger, observing that the ring would bind the members with him for many years to come, and that he earnestly hoped he could continue as Secretary.

The remarks of the W.M. were received with great applause.

The ring bore the following inscription: "Presented by the Brethren of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, to Bro. S. J. Byng, P.M., Secy., in commemoration of the 25th year of membership, May, 1896."

Bro. S. J. Byng, P.M. and Secy., who was well received, responded. He said that it was always a difficult thing to return thanks for one's self, but on that occasion it was more than a difficult task. When he got into the chair with the assistance of his old friend, Bro. Gabb, P.M., the Treasurer, he did his very utmost to make the lodge a success. He had received every kindness from them all during his long and happy membership, and he was exceedingly gratified to have evidence of their appreciation by the splendid ring which they had presented to him that evening. He was "Father" of the lodge and they were all his boys and he was proud to receive the ring as their father.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Initiate" remarking that they were always pleased to have initiates because it meant fresh life to the lodge. During his year of office he had seven initiates and he was proud to have had so many. The new brother who had been received had paid strict attention to what he had gone through and he hoped he would turn out one of the best of Masons.

Bro. M. P. Plunkett replied in brief terms, thanking the members for having made him one of them.

In giving "The I.P.M., Bro. Rashleigh," the W.M. stated that Bro. Rashleigh was now going on the shelf of the Past Masters, but he did not think he would cease working as he was one of the best of Masons and had Masonry at heart. He had done great things for the Charities, having taken up over a hundred guineas in his Stewardship for the Girls' Institution, which he thought was a good record, but coming from so good a fellow they were not surprised.

Bro. S. Rashleigh, I.P.M., on rising to respond, had a very hearty greeting. He said there was present a large number of Past Masters, and it was nice to see them there. When the lodge next met he would be one of the so-called old fossils, and he was proud to be one of them. As Master and I.P.M. he had done his level best, and he would continue his efforts for the lodge, which he dearly loved. He thought the lodge should subscribe liberally to the Charities, as they could well afford it. When he went up as Steward for the Girls the members well supported him, and he felt they would extend their liberality to another Steward.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," remarked that it was a toast that was always received there in a cordial manner. They were honoured by the presence of a goodly number, and they were all welcome.

Bro. W. J. Gardner, P.M., 411, responded. He said that he was initiated 20 years ago, belonged to two lodges and was the "father" of one of them, and had twice filled the chair. It was a great pleasure for him to be present to see such excellent working, which must have impressed the initiate, and if he followed what he had gone through, it could not but make him a better man.

Bro. J. T. Byng, P.M., stated that it was a great surprise to him that he had been called upon to acknowledge the toast, but he was glad to be present on such an auspicious occasion to see the presentation made to his brother, their Secretary. He concluded his remarks in a very humorous strain, which was received with much laughter.

Bros. O. E. Riche, W.M. 2409; W. R. Barr, 1632; G. Cole, 137; and T. W. Fisher, P.M. 192, also responded, bearing testimony to the excellent working and the way the visitors had been received and entertained.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Past Masters," observing that no words of his were necessary to call attention to the great services they had rendered to the lodge, which were appreciated.

Bros. J. Beddoes, P.M., and E. S. White, P.M., responded in brief, but happy, terms.

The W.M. proposed "The W.M. Elect." He said that he was a good fellow, and they well knew his many qualities, and he would faithfully carry out the duties appertaining to the office of W.M.

In response, Bro. E. W. Pillenger stated that he was proud he had been elected W.M., and he would be gratified if he turned out the success the present W.M. had been.

"The Masonic Press" was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. R. T. West, who responded.

In an eloquent speech, the W.M. gave "The Officers," thanking them for their great assistance, which had made, he thought, his year of office a good one, and he joined with the toast the name of Bro. C. Butcher, J.W., who responded in very brief terms. Bro. White also acknowledged the toast.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful gathering to a close.

The following, vocally and otherwise, entertained the brethren: Bros. G. Gabb, P.M.; R. H. Marchbank, J. J. Fifield, J. Young, E. S. White, P.M.; Auger, J. T. Byng, P.M.; J. H. Stanley, and O. E. Riche, who received a well-deserved encore.

### St. John's Lodge, No. 1343.

The annual festival was held at the King's Arms, Grays, on the 20th ult. Mr. Jas. Higgins having been initiated, Bro. H. E. Brooks was passed, and Bros. J. Sivewright, T. A. Capron, and J. W. T. Bowton were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., after which Bro. F. W. Pelling, P.G.S., S.W., was presented to Bro. Charles Westwood, W.M., by Bro. R. Atkins, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and who duly placed him in the chair of K.S. Bro. Pelling's first pleasing duty in his new position was the investment of the I.P.M. and the decorating him with a well-deserved Past Master's jewel and collar. The jewel was of an especially elaborate character, in token of the lodge's appreciation of his brilliant services during his year of office. On the hanger of the jewel was a portraiture of the patron saint of the lodge. It was a most artistic work in enamel, and was greatly praised and admired. Bro. Pelling subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Ayres, S.W.; J. Weymouth, J.W.; Rev. F. Haslock, P.G.C., Chap.; J. Howell, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; H. C. Borradaile, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Charles Cobham, P.P.G.S. of W. Durham, Asst. Sec.; G. H. Silverwood, S.D.; Charles Asplin, J.D.; G. Bird, I.G.; J. G. Wingrove, P.G.O., Org.; R. Matthews, Asst. Org.; R. Atkins, D.C.; R. Walker and H. H. Slater, Stwds.; and G. Martin, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by the host, Bro. G. Cunningham, and a happy evening followed.

The musical programme included songs by Madame Marie Malia, Miss Lucy Johnstone, Mr. Norman J. Alston, and Bros. J. R. Horncastle, Roland Henry, and Henry J. Andrew, Bro. J. Hay, a visitor, also contributing.

The toast of the evening was that of "The I.P.M." by the W.M. He was most highly complimented for his able work and his number of excellent initiates; his resuscitation of the lodge of instruction and his "record" balance-sheet; the success of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held in Grays, under his banner, and his captivation of the ladies with a most successful Masonic ball, with last, but not least, his most magnificent help to the Charities, and which had topped the whole province.

Among the visitors might be noticed Bros. George Harlow, P.M., P.Z. 1013; G. F. Gissing, I.G. 1056; C. Harris, 1599; H. Hyde, J.W. 1227; J. W. Ward, 766; G. H. Seage, P.M. 781; W. G. Dingle, 2068; A. Ferguson, 192; Orilton Cooper, P.M. 261; J. H. Rose, W.M. 1022; E. J. Bowmaker, W.M., and F. J. Cumine, I.P.M., of 1009; John Ferguson, 1445; Albert Lucking, P.G.T., Prov. G.D.C.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P. England; and Bros. H. Forss, J. G. Beamish, E. B. Wilks, and W. T. Corely, as distinguished visitors from Gravesend.

The menu, or programme, of the evening was quite a work of art, and contained all the words of the songs, among which Bro. Horncastle came out most thrillingly in the "Song of Thanksgiving"—

"Let my voice swell out through the great abyss  
To the azure dome above,  
With a chord of faith in the harp of bliss;  
Thank God for Love!"

### Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender Gardens, S.W., on the 21st ultimo. Present: Bros. H. S. Windsor, W.M.; H. J. Ollive, S.W.; A. C. Mead, J.W.; R. Q. Moody, P.M., I.P.M.; A. Southam, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Marten, J.D.; P. Dodd, I.G.; H. J. Adams, Stwd.; J. J. Joseph, P.M.; F. W. Bramall, P.M.; J. Merry, P.M.; H. G. Hills, P.M.; G. S. Graham, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey; G. Hayles, E. Hickmott, F. Kingsbury, and W. Barrow. Visitors: Bros. G. White, P.M. 975; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; F. W. Bailey, 2398; W. J. Woodward, 728; and A. Milne, W.M. 840.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Permanent Committee was received, which showed the lodge to be in a highly prosperous state, a sum of £207 being in hand. Bro. Hickmott was raised to the Third Degree and Mr. Philip Rashleigh Dodwell was initiated. Bro. Henry John Ollive, Master elect, was then presented by Bro. R. Q. Moody, P.M., and duly installed in the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. H. S. Windsor. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. C. Mead, S.W.; H. J. Marten, J.W.; H. S. Windsor, I.P.M.; E. Spooner, P.M., Treas.; A. Southam, P.M., Sec.; P. Dodd, S.D.; H. J. Adams, J.D.; G. E. Hayles, I.G.; R. Q. Moody, P.M., and F. Kingsbury, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on Bro. Windsor's list.

The lodge being closed, the usual banquet was held, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, "The Initiate" receiving special recognition.

Bros. White, Worrell, Bailey, and Milne responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

An excellent musical entertainment was carried out, in which the following took part: Miss Bessie Spells, Mrs. F. W. Bailey, Bros. G. S. Graham, W. J. Woodward, and F. W. Bailey.

During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. S. Windsor for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office.

### Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556.

An important meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Saturday, the 9th ult., when there were present Bros. Sydney G. Edridge, W.M.; A. Young Hyland, S.W.; J. M. Newnam, J.W.; H. J. Thompson, P.M., P.P. G.W., Treas.; A. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Joseph Harrison, acting J.D., W. M. St. Grand Steward; Alfred Pusey Keith, I.G.; W. H. Lascelles, D.C.; John Chumley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. A. Stovell, P. A. Rentom, R. B. Paul, Frederick T. Edridge (Mayor of Croydon), and R. F. Grundy. The joining members were Bros. Dr. Nicholls, 463, P.P.G.D.; G. J. Allen, W.M. 1329; L. Richardson, I.P.M. 157; and E. Mawdesley (Town Clerk of Croydon), 208. The initiates were Messrs. John Aris, Joseph George Frisch, Henry Berney, and T. W. Dobson. The joining members were balloted for, and it proved to be unanimous in their favour. The ceremony of passing Bro. P. A. Rentom was then gone through, and afterwards the four candidates were initiated in a very masterly and impressive manner by the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and heartily responded to, the W.M. proving himself equally an adept in his speeches at the banquet table as in the lodge.

Bro. Dr. Thompson was likewise most entertaining in his response to the toast of "The Treasurer."

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were perfectly carried out by Bro. Stovell.

This lodge is most ably conducted, and may congratulate itself upon possessing not only a Secretary who is devoted to his work and a Treasurer who guards its funds, but also a W.M. who has the affection and respect of every member of the lodge, who know his worth and his kindly disposition.

### Greenwood Lodge, No. 1982.

One of the most interesting and successful gatherings of this prosperous lodge took place on the 23rd ult., when a large number of brethren assembled at the Public Hall, Sutton, to enjoy the goodly entertainment provided of excellent working and bountiful hospitality, and last, but not least, to congratulate Bro. H. W. Noakes on having initiated his son into the Craft. A reputation for a high standard of excellence in working creates a responsibility which some Masonic lodges might shrink from, but the visitors to the above-named lodge discovered that the determination of the W.M. and officers to maintain the character and prestige which the lodge has gained in the past has been amply justified, and the personnel of the officers leaves no room for doubt that for, at any rate, several years to come, there is no fear of any falling off in point of excellence.

The lodge was opened in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors, including the following: Bros. Hallows, W.M.; H. W. Noakes, I.P.M.; Thos. J. Carpenter, acting S.W.; Capt. C. Phillips, acting J.W.; W. T. P. Montgomery, S.D.; Dr. P. P. Whitcombe, J.D.; C. R. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; H. F. Gardner-Salt, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; B. H. Dames, I.G.; C. J. Parke, P.M.; J. C. Day, Stwd.; Ernest Collard, Jas. R. Watson, and Capt. Leslie Antill. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, Sec. 2076, P.A.G.D.C. England; Rev. H. W. Turner (Rector of Sutton), P.M. 1347, P.P.G. Chap.; J. C. Barry, P.M. 1347, P.P.G. Org.; Chas. E. Everett, W.M. 869; A. Owen, 395; A. Stribling, W.M. 1347; H. Whitney, W.M. elect 801; G. Greiner, P.M. 92; and others. After the usual formal business of reading the minutes of the last regular meeting, a ballot was taken for Mr. Louis Foley Noakes (only son of the esteemed I.P.M.), Dr. Jones, and Mr. Carl Weil, and having proved unanimous they were initiated in a masterly style by Bro. H. W. Noakes. To say that the working was perfect is but faint praise, the beautiful ceremony from beginning to finish, and the charge, was rendered with an eloquence which will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of listening to it.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, presided over by the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most forcibly given and right royally received.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," at the same time expressing the pleasure he felt in having, as a visitor, Bro. G. W. Speth, 2076, P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. Speth, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Greenwood Lodge for the splendid reception given him that evening. He congratulated the lodge on the excellent work done by its officers. Replying on behalf of the body of Grand Officers of England, he said there could be little doubt that however often deserving aspirants for that high honour might of necessity be disappointed, few or none ever attained the dignity who had not rendered good suit and service to the Craft. As one of the latest additions to the distinguished body which he then had the honour of representing, he had made a special study of the Grand Officers and their duties. He had come to the conclusion that some were useful and some merely ornamental. Such officers as the Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Grand Secretaries, the Presidents of the various Boards, and the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters had undoubtedly a great deal of important work to get through, and he appealed to the brethren present whether they did not do it admirably? Others were useful in a minor degree, but in spite of all his researches, he (the speaker) had been unable to ascertain that a P.A.G.D.C. ever had any work to do at all, and he supposed that he must therefore relegate himself to the ranks of the purely ornamental Grand Officers. He always threw his whole soul into any work he was called upon to perform, and he therefore trusted that, as his duty was to be ornamental, he should succeed in being very ornamental indeed.

Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G.C. (rector of Sutton), in response to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," said the duties of Prov. Grand Officers were not very arduous in themselves, but he hoped their collars were given to them in recognition that they had tried, in their respective spheres, to keep up to a good standard the work of the ancient and beautiful ceremonies, and promote the true interests of the Craft. Personally, it was a very great pleasure to him to be present on such an interesting and touching occasion, when an old friend of his own had had the privilege of initiating his son, and it was pleasant to think that the affectionate and happy relationship of father and son which existed between them would in future be cemented and enhanced by the further relationship of brother to brother, based on the grand principles of the Order. The worthy brother concluded his otherwise admirable little speech by remarking that

the Greenwood Lodge could now boast not of one alone, but of two specimens of what, he hoped, would prove *ever green oaks*.

In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Noakes, I.P.M., reminded the brethren of his prediction when, in September, he had the honour to instal Bro. Hallows, that he would prove a capable worker, and in every respect a worthy Mason, and, truly, their W.M. had more than justified it. Bro. Noakes took the opportunity (as he might not have another) to thank the W.M. for his great kindness and courtesy in having vacated his chair that evening to enable him (Bro. Noakes) to initiate the three candidates, one of whom was his only son, and requested their indulgence to enable him to express the pleasure it had been to him in enjoying that privilege, surrounded and supported by a few of his oldest and best friends (notably, Bros. Turner, Greiner, and Speth), whose kind expressions of sympathy and affection had touched his inmost heart. In these days of great pressure, harassed by care and worries of many kinds on their pilgrimage through life, there were yet many wayside flowers and gleams of sunshine to cheer them on their way if they would but observe them.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the enthusiastic reception of his name, said he had great pleasure in following Bro. Noakes, who had proved himself such a good W.M., and he would do his best to carry out the duties of the chair in the efficient way hitherto done by his predecessor.

Bro. H. W. Noakes, in reply to the toast of "The I.P.M.," said: Such a gleam had shone out that day, and to have initiated in his mother lodge one's only son was a wayside flower of no ordinary kind. On that day a month ago he had sat in the beautiful parish church of Stratford-on-Avon, and listened, with rapt attention and delight, to the gifted Ambassador of the United States, who opened his eloquent discourse on Shakespeare by a reference to a great Mason, who, when asked by God in a dream what should be given to him, replied "Give thy servant an understanding heart." Bro. Noakes commended that remarkable and most sage reply to the earnest attention of all present: to the initiates, and especially to his son, and concluded by expressing the hope that T.G.A.O.U. might give them all understanding hearts.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M., on behalf of the Craft and the members, extended to them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would become honourable members in Freemasonry.

Bro. Louis Foley Noakes, in reply, said he had been very much impressed by the ceremony he had gone through. He had long desired to become a member of the "Great Brotherhood." He knew that his father had always expressed so great an admiration for it, and, as he was going abroad for a considerable time, he desired his father to make him a member of it. Anywhere wherever he might be, he would always do credit to the Craft. Bros. Dr. Jones and Carl Weil suitably replied.

"The Visitors" was next proposed by the W.M., who observed that they were more than welcome. Having read out the names of the guests, with a kind word to each, he hoped to be honoured again with their presence.

Bro. G. Grenier, P.M. 92, expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to be present again as the guest of his old friend, the I.P.M., Bro. Noakes, especially on that most interesting occasion, and cordially sympathised with him in the great pleasure it must have been to initiate his only son, whom he had known from his earliest childhood. From his intimate knowledge of the newly-made brother he felt sure his Masonic career, begun under such happy auspices, would be distinguished by such loyalty to the Craft as marked his affectionate duty to his parents and family. He also congratulated his fellow-countryman, Bro. Weil, on his entry into Masonry, and hoped the beautiful charge, which had been so impressively given to the initiates, would never fade from their minds. Bro. Grenier added his great satisfaction at again visiting the Greenwood Lodge, and to see his friend, Bro. Hallows, the W.M., occupying the chair, than whom he knew none worthier.

Bros. Everett, Burry, and Stribling also expressed, in terms of appreciation, the goodfellowship and kindness they had experienced at the hands of the brethren of the Greenwood Lodge, and also for the admirable work and generous hospitality.

To the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," Bros. Noakes, Ellis, Salt, and Parke replied in suitable terms, expressing their solicitude for the continued prosperity and usefulness of the Greenwood Lodge in particular.

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

#### Agricola Lodge, No. 1991.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, York, when there was a numerous gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Bro. J. W. Dow, the W.M., presided, and he was supported by the whole of his officers with the exception of the Secretary, Bro. J. P. Gill, who was unfortunately on a bed of sickness. The Secretarial duties were efficiently carried out by Bro. E. A. Robinson. After the usual preliminary business the Installing Master, Bro. David Young, took the chair and proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Spence; Bro. Young being ably assisted by Bros. J. W. Dow, W.M.; Dr. M. Bryson, W.M. 236; and J. E. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P. The W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. W. Dow, I.P.M.; Geo. H. Stott, S.W.; Geo. Woolford, J.W.; Col. Sergt. George Pincombe, Chap.; Joseph Booth, Treas.; James P. Gill, Sec.; J. H. Hill, S.D.; Lieut. W. H. Barton, J.D.; David Young, D.C.; Sergt. W. Wild, A.D.C.; T. F. Walton, Org.; E. A. Robinson, I.G.; T. Leatham, R. Rock, and H. Masser, Stwds.; David Young, Charity Representative; Joseph Booth, Almoner; and R. Woodall, Tyler. Amongst the members of the lodge present, in addition to the above, were Bros. Capt. Hewson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Geo. Manton, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Woolford, W. Abbey, F. Bouttell, J. Press, W. Seymour, R. B. Gray, E. Lee, James Buckle, A. Cowper, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. S. Border, P.M. 236, P.P.G. Reg.; Dr. M. Bryson, W.M. 236; Fras. H. Vaughan, W.M. 1611; J. Alexander, P.M. 582 (Morning Star of India); A. Procter, 236; W. S. Child, 1611, P.P.G. Org.; B. Kilvington, 1611; W. Bear, 1611; C. Wilson, 1611; Dr. G. Chalmers, 236; J. E. Matthews, 697; W. N. Stimpson, 236; W. Hockett, 200 (S.C.); and others.

The acting Secretary read letters of apology for absence from Bros. Lord Bolton, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; the Dean of York, P.G. Chap. Eng.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. G. Butcher, M.P.; Sir F. Lockwood, M.P.; Sir Joseph Terry; J. S. Rymer, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Smith, P.M. 1611; J. P. Carr, W.M. 2328; F. Shann, P.M. 2328; A. Jones, P.M. 236; T. H. Lindberg, 2328; F. W. Halliwell, 1611; J. Hutchings, and J. Challis.

The usual banquet was held subsequently at Bro. Bucktin's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Low Ousegate, when a pleasant evening was spent, interspersed with harmony, contributed to by Messrs. W. H. Dawson, J. E. Wilkinson, J. W. Dow, G. Woolford, G. H. Stott, C. Wilson, and B. Kilvington. Mr. T. F. Walton presided at the piano.

#### Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALDERMAN W. VAUGHAN MORGAN, P.M.

A very large number of members and visitors attended this function at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, assisted by Bros. Mason and Soper, Wardens; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Henry Lovegrove, G.S.B., Sec.; J. S. Crowther, J.D.; J. Dangerfield, Steward; W. T. Buck, P.M.; C. S. Buck, P.M.; J. R. Reep, P.M.; J. F. Hepburn, C.C., P.M.; F. W. Potter, P.M.; Lowe, Foss, Stuart, Walmisley, Fiery, Johnson, C. Beaby, W. Bauer, A. Bull, E. Loxley, and W. F. Hepburn. Grand Officers—Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; Sir G. D. Harris, P.G.D.; C. W. Hutton, P.G.D.; P. H. Waterlow, P.G.D.; J. D. Langton, D.G.D.C.; Ald. Frank Green, P.G.D.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; and Henry Buc, P.G. Std. Br., making a total of nearly 70 brethren.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan, was presented by the senior P.M., Bro. W. T. Buck, and was duly installed by his predecessor, Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The ceremony was performed in excellent style, and the following officers were duly invested: Bros. R. C. Mason, S.W.; J. J. A. Soper, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Henry Lovegrove, G.S.B., Sec.; J. J. Crowther, S.D.; W. Bauer, J.D.; J. Dangerfield, I.G.; J. R. Reep, P.M., D.C.; P. Beaby, A.D.C.; W. F. Buck, P.M., F. Stuart, J. Foss, and A. T. Walmisley, Stewards; and J. Rawles, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing W.M. The members had subscribed to make a very handsome presentation to the Secretary on his attaining to rank as a Grand Officer.

A banquet in the Pillar Hall followed, after which there was an excellent musical programme, under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, assisted by Bros. Webb and Butler, Miss Hermione Hamilton, and others.

#### St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ultimo, at the Masonic Rooms, Thorne. Present: Bros. J. Constable, acting W.M.; A. L. Peace, acting I.P.M.; T. Barber, S.W.; H. A. Fenton, J.W.; R. Brew, acting Sec.; G. Eland, S.D.; E. Hirst, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; E. Simpson, I.G.; T. J. Smith, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; E. Shillito, T. R. R. Marsdin, W. Pickering, T. Tomlinson, J. Dugdale, and H. E. Hardcastle. Visitors: Bros. T. Spowart, 1239; T. W. Turner, 242; and H. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B., Robinson, W.M., and W. T. Lumley, all of 428.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. G. E. Hardcastle was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the acting W.M., Bro. J. Constable. The questions were given by Bro. Barber, and the working tools by Bro. Peace.

The brethren afterwards adjourned for a slight repast, when the toast of "The Visitors" was particularly honoured.

#### Scarlsbrick Lodge, No. 2295.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Buildings, Low-street, Southport. Bro. William E. Bland was installed W.M. The Installing Master was Bro. Alleyne Brown, W.M., assisted by Bros. Warick Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Lancs.; T. E. Williams, P.M.; and Dr. A. J. Charlack, P.M. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. L. Rooke, S.W.; H. A. Clarke, J.W.; John Hatch, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; T. E. Williams, P.M., Sec.; Rev. C. S. Hope, P.P.G.C., Chap.; T. H. Fisher, S.D.; Frank Moore, J.D.; R. A. Chadwick, P.M., D.C.; Walter Wilkinson, Org.; T. Stanley Bower, I.G.; J. M. Dewhurst and J. H. Knowles, Stwds.; and G. Rockliff, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony Bro. Alleyne Brown, I.P.M., was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel.

The brethren dined subsequently at the Prince of Wales's Hotel, and the usual toasts were given and honoured.

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.—[Adv't.]

#### ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

The following is the business to be transacted at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 17th inst.:

The convocation of Grand Council will be held at five o'clock precisely, for election of G.S.R. and G. Treasurer, and for other business.

At 5.45 o'clock Supreme Rulers of the Order will be admitted to the Grand Council meeting. Supreme Rulers and P.S.R.R. who are not members of Grand Council must bring with them their official voucher of the Third Degree, or they cannot pass Grand Sentinel.

Grand Conclave will be opened at six o'clock punctually, and the roll of conclaves will be called.

The minutes of the last Grand Conclave will be submitted for confirmation.

The Grand Supreme Ruler will be installed and proclaimed.

The Grand Officers of the year will be invested and installed.

The Grand Stewards for the year will be announced in due form.

The banquet will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, at seven o'clock, when the G.S.R. will preside.

#### Mark Masonry.

##### Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Vincent (in the unavoidable absence in the country of the W.M.), and Bros. J. Campbell Johnstone, A. Mullins, and R. E. Clarke were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. The chair was then assumed by Bro. Green (a relative of the W.M. elect), and Bro. John Smith was installed in the chair of A. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. Sir T. D. Carmichael, Bart., M.P. (by deputy), S.W.; J. R. Reep, J.W.; A. Lowe, M.O.; A. Mullins, S.O.; J. C. Johnstone, J.O.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of Works, Treas.; Charles Pulman, P.G.I.C., Sec.; R. E. Clarke, S.D.; C. J. Axford, P.M., P.G.S., I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. Bro. Rev. Vitruvian Wyatt kindly acted as Chaplain in his usual style.

THE OLD TROCADERO went the way of all things but in its stead there has been raised a Trocadero which bids fair to altogether eclipse the memories of the old favourite place of amusement. A magnificent restaurant has been raised upon its site, and Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, have succeeded beyond their anticipations in making this the most attractive and comfortable resort of the kind in Europe. A Masonic Temple is included in its many attractions and exceptionally good arrangements are being made for the convenience of lodges. Application for particulars should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co. Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[Adv't.]

#### Obituary.

BRO. T. C. HOROBIN, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

The Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482, Lincoln, has lost a very worthy member by the very sudden death of Bro. T. C. Horobin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. He was, after passing through all the minor offices, elected by his brethren to the chair of K.S., in 1886; he was very shortly afterwards appointed by the Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire to the office of P.S.G.D. He was overtaken by the hand of death on Friday evening last, in one of his fields where he had gone for a little sport. He was very highly esteemed by all the brethren who knew him, and beloved by those of No. 1482. He was interred in Crowle Cemetery on Monday last, and was followed to his last resting place by his sorrowing widow and children; by the members of his lodge, in white gloves and carrying sprigs of acacia; by his brother magistrates (he being a J.P. for Lincolnshire); members of the fire brigade, of which he was captain, and by hundreds of the inhabitants of the Town of Crowle. The service was conducted according to the ceremonies of the Congregationalists, by the Rev. J. A. Hamilton, of which he was an earnest and zealous member. In fact, the whole neighbourhood appeared in mourning for the loss of a sincere friend, one who was ever ready to help the needy, and assist very practically in any good work, without thought of sect or party. He was born in 1836, W.M. in 1886, died in 1896. Truly may we say R.I.P. The following brethren attended the funeral: Bros. J. Hemingboro, R. Wood, T. Staniforth, W. Chamberlain, J. Constable, R. N. Brunyee, and C. Fox, all P.Ms. of 1482; H. L. Burtonshaw, W.M., W. Pickering, S.W., W. S. Scholey, J.W., G. Tyack, J.D., W. Oates, I.G., W. Cundall, A.I.G., W. Wressell, Cranidge, Drury, Hoe, Barratt, I.G., Naylor, Tyler, J. Constable, P.M., W. P. Robotham, T. Tomlinson, W. Hallgarth, W. Pickering, and R. Wood, all of 2259; and C. Kingdon, P.M. 600; and others.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, at 4 p.m.

THE ROYAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Saturday last and will remain open till the end of next week. Several competitions took place, and there was the usual musical ride by a team of the Scots Greys.

VISCOUNTESS WOLSELEY has very kindly consented to present the prizes at the annual sports of the Duke of York's Royal Military School, on Friday, the 3rd July, at 3 p.m. The band of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, will play during the afternoon.

THE BOROUGH of King's Lynn, after consulting with her Royal Highness, has decided to present Princess Maud of Wales, on her marriage, with a private omnibus for use between Appleton Hall and Wolferton Railway Station. The City of Norwich will present her with a Victoria.

THE MAYOR OF SWANSEA, Alderman Bradford, has received a communication from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, informing him that, should weather permit, the yacht Britannia reaching Swansea in time, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would have much pleasure in racing her at Swansea Regatta on July 25th.

THE QUEEN'S birthday parade of the Honourable Artillery Company was held in the drill ground, Finsbury-square, E.C., on Saturday last, when Field-Marshal Sir Donald Stewart was present, and complimented the Earl of Denbigh, commanding officer, on the appearance and turn-out of the regiment.

LADY WATKIN, wife of Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, till lately member for Hythe, and widow of Mr. Herbert Ingram, founder and proprietor of the *Illustrated London News*, was buried at Boston, Lincolnshire, on Saturday last. There was a very large attendance of the townsfolk, and the wreaths were numerous and very beautiful.

HER MAJESTY'S JUDGES will attend in State at the afternoon service in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday next, and will be received with the usual ceremonial, at 3 p.m., by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin and the Corporation. His lordship has been on a short visit to the Continent, but will return to the Mansion House to-morrow (Saturday).

BY PERMISSION OF THE BENCHERS, the Inner Temple Gardens were opened to the public on Monday evening, from 6 p.m. till dusk, and will be open every evening for the same time to the end of August. The privilege is intended more especially for the benefit of the poor children who dwell in the densely-populated neighbourhood round about.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Major-General Ellis, arrived at Clivedon on Saturday afternoon last on a visit to the Hon. W. Astor, among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness being the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, Lady Randolph Churchill, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Yarborough, Bro. Earl and Countess Carrington, Bro. Lord Roberts, Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Lawson, and Lady de Trafford.

A MEETING of the Council of the Royal Botanic Society was held at the headquarters in Regent's Park on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Duke of Teck, when it was decided as an experiment that six musical promenades commencing from Saturday, the 13th inst., should be held in the gardens to which the public should be admitted on the payment of one shilling each, 23 of the Fellows having agreed to guarantee £5 each against the risk of loss.

THE FIRST MEETING during the season of the Coaching Club took place at the Magazine, Hyde Park, on Saturday last and brought together an immense concourse of spectators. As many as 28 coaches put in an appearance. Bro. Albert Brassey led the way, and was followed by Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Mr. Hanbury, &c. At the Queen's Gate the procession broke up, 17 of the coaches going on to Hurlingham, where later they were joined by five others, and a number of driving competitions were held.

THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday evening last. Bro. the Earl of Lathom occupied the chair, and among those present were Bro. Viscount Powerscourt, Bro. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., and others. The subscriptions amounted to close upon £2000, including £25 from the Queen, £105 from Messrs. Rothschild, and £52 10s. from Bro. the Duke of Bedford. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. Schartau.

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE.—On Saturday, the 20th inst., being the 59th anniversary of her Majesty's Accession, the Lord Mayor will unveil in the interior court of the Royal Exchange a marble statue of the Queen by Mr. Hamo Thornycroft, R.A., which will replace a statue of inferior merit on the same spot. Her Majesty, it will be remembered, opened the Royal Exchange in 1844. The statue has been provided by the Gresham Committee, a body representative of the Corporation, and the Mercers' Company, and has taken some years to execute.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES held the last Levee of the season on behalf of her Majesty at St. James's Palace on Monday. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Prince Charles of Denmark, and among those present were the Italian, American, Turkish, Austrian, and Spanish Ambassadors, the Dukes of Norfolk and Westminster, Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Sir H. H. Fowler, Lord James of Hereford, Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin, Bro. Lord Halsbury, Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., the Earl of Cadogan, and the Marquises of Salisbury and Lansdowne.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, as colonel of the regiment, presided at the annual dinner of the 1st Grenadier Guards' Club, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present, as also were, among others, Bro. General Sir R. Gipps, Bro. Major-General Lord Methuen, Bro. the Duke of Bedford, Lord Chelmsford, Bro. the Hon. H. F. Eaton, Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Hood, Bro. the Earl of March, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lord Saltoun, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and the Duke of Wellington. The band of the regiment, under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, played during dinner.

A MASONIC MIRAGE.—A strange phenomenon was seen in Warsaw, Indiana, recently. It was a mirage of the Masonic Temple, in Chicago. The great building hung in the sky, apparently over a waggon factory, near the public square. The town had been visited by a storm; the wind was high and rain fell furiously. Hail as large as walnuts rattled on the housetops and battered the windows of buildings. A great cloud hung, after the storm had subsided, in the western sky, and on its face was pictured the Masonic Temple in complete mirage. The structure was plainly visible, and people could be seen walking about in its vicinity. Warsaw is 109 miles from Chicago, on the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne road. It has a population of 3500.—*Echo*.

A NEW FOUR-HORSE COACH has been put upon the road by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. It is called "The Criterion," and leaves their establishment of that name in Piccadilly-circus at 11.30 a.m. every week-day, proceeding *via* Putney, Richmond, Twickenham, Teddington, Bushey Park, Hampton Court, and Thames Ditton to the Southampton Hotel at Surbiton, where a two hours' stop is allowed for luncheon, which in fine weather is served at separate tables on the lawn. It then returns *via* Ewell, Worcester Park, Ccombe Warren, Roehampton, arriving in London at 6.30. Five first-class teams are provided by Messrs. McNamara and Co., contractors to the General Post Office, and who provide the teams for the working of the four-horse parcel post vans that leave St. Martin's-le-Grand every night for various destinations in the country. This coach affords one of the most charming and delightful drives near London, and offers an advantage over most of the coaches leaving the Metropolis in the fact that the time of its departure is somewhat later than is usual.

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.]

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY has invited the members of the Institute of British Naval Architects to Potsdam on Friday, the 12th instant, when a grand tattoo will take place in their honour.

THE BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SHOW at St. Albans, which was opened on Wednesday, the 27th ult., was closed on Monday evening. The total of those who paid for admission was 34,100 as against 43,000 at Taunton in 1895.

WEDNESDAY WAS the birthday of the Duke of York, who was born on the 3rd June, 1865, and the auspicious event was observed at Windsor in the usual manner, the bells ringing out merry peals, and a Royal salute being fired at noon in the Long Walk.

AS A RESULT of the Grand Fancy Fair held at Shortlands on Friday and Saturday of last week, which was opened on the former day by the Duchess of Albany, a cheque of £1000 will be handed to the Prince of Wales's Fund for the re-endowment of Guy's Hospital.

AT THE MASONIC BUILDINGS, Southport, on Saturday last, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Sec., assisted by Bro. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., and several Grand Officers, consecrated the Southport Council of the Allied Degrees, No. 25, in the presence of a large gathering of distinguished brethren.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE will hold a conversazione at their Central Technical College, Exhibition-road, S.W., on Friday next, the 12th instant, from 8 to 11.30 p.m. At 9 p.m. Bro. Lord Halsbury, Chairman of the Council, and Lady Halsbury will hold a reception in the Library of the College.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, held at Manchester, on the 13th ult., Bro. James Newton was appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Secretary in succession to Bro. John Chadwick, who retires after 17 years' service. Bro. Newton has held the position of Assistant Prov. Grand Secretary since 1886.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, Prince Christian and his daughter, the Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince Christian Victor, and Prince Charles of Denmark visited the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on Monday and witnessed a performance of "Hänsel and Gretel" and "Pagliacci."

THE 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Surveyors' Institution was held at the premises of the Society in Great George-street, Westminster, on Monday, under the presidency of Mr. Daniel Watney. The report showed that the membership of the Institution had increased during the past year by 223 and the investments by £4500, raising the total of the latter to close on £35,760.

THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF RUSSIA visited the St. Catherine's Hospital, Moscow, on Sunday, for the purpose of seeing the persons lying there who were injured at the recent terrible catastrophe during the coronation festivities. The number lying there was 150, and their majesties spoke kindly to all of them, afterwards visiting the other hospitals where sufferers are accommodated.

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON LAST, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford opened the new premises of the Temple Yacht Club on the West Cliff, Ramsgate. His lordship spoke in high terms of the lifeboatmen of Ramsgate, and expressed his belief that it would be an excellent thing if the boys and apprentices of the smackmen could be drafted into the reserves as they attained the age of 20 years.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S yacht Britannia won the first-class match from Southend to Harwich in connection with the Royal Thames Yacht Club Races, on Saturday last, Sitanita, who passed the winning post first, covering the distance in 4 h. 34 m. 32 sec., and the Britannia in 4 h. 37 m. 37 sec., Ailsa being third in 4 h. 41 m. 56 sec. The Britannia won on her time allowance.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. H. Meysey-Thompson with Miss Williamson, daughter of Bro. Sir Hedworth and Lady Williamson, of Whitburn Hall, Durham, was solemnised at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Monday, among those invited to the ceremony being the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, Sir H. and Lady Meysey-Thompson, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Ravensworth, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Folkestone, the Earl and Countess of Idlesleigh, and Lord and Lady Newton.

A MEETING of the Barnby Memorial Trust Fund was held at Novello's, under the presidency of Mr. Brooke Hitching, Chairman of the Guildhall School of Music, on Wednesday, when subscriptions amounting to upwards of £1000 were announced, among the subscribers being Bros. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin, Sir A. Harris, Sir E. Clarke, Archdeacon Sinclair, and W. Ganz. Leeds and Cardiff have collected about £50 each and New York promises about 1000 dollars. A grand concert in the Albert Hall in aid of the Fund is proposed.

AUTUMN MANŒUVRES.—Nothing has been definitely settled as to the autumn manœuvres in England, but they will probably be on a very large scale. The Commander-in-Chief intends to have all the infantry regiments in England present, leaving only just enough men to carry on the duties in garrison towns. There will be a large force of artillery and all the cavalry in England. If there are no grand manœuvres, there will at least be cavalry manœuvres alone, under the Inspector-General, General George Luck, and they will take place in the neighbourhood of Aldershot in the second week in August.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Lewisham Lodge of Instruction, No. 2579, will be held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, when the chair will be taken by Bro. Christopher Sims, W.M. 2579, P.M. 1208, 801, &c., P.Z. 1391, &c., P.M. (Mark) 223, assisted by the officers of the Lewisham Lodge, and the symbols of the Craft Degrees in Ancient Freemasonry, and subjects relating to present-day working, with many interesting diagrams, showing the connection of our whole system and the relative dependency of its several parts, will be illustrated with lime-light diagrams, by Bro. Walter Clement Tyler, S.D. 862, I.G. 2579, 1567, &c., and their meanings expounded by Bro. Charles L. Nelson, W.M. elect 1702, D.C. 781, &c. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock, and the lecture will commence at 7.30 p.m. punctually.

A LIVERPOOL ALDERMAN AND THE SULTAN.—We have been favoured by Bro. Alderman Houlding with the following account of his sojourn in Constantinople: On Friday we drove to the Palace and Mosque of the present Sultan, Abdul Hamid, to witness the Selamlık or Sultan's procession to the Mosque. On presenting our embassy card we were shown into a special room overlooking the Palace-road and Mosque entrance. The spectacle was simply grand—soldiers to the number of 10,000, with their bands playing and colours flying, marching to their various stations, the officers all in full dress. About noon his Excellency Wood Pasha, introduced me to the Sultan's Chamberlain, who informed me that his Imperial Majesty had been pleased to confer upon me the Order of the *Imteaz*, first-class, for services rendered; and as there were so many visitors present he added that if I would select a party after the Sultan had returned from the Mosque, we could visit the stables and palace grounds, which opportunity we eagerly availed ourselves of. He also informed me that the Sultan had given me permission to select a party of eight or 10 to visit the Treasury, Seraglio, and the other palaces next day. At night we had a fancy dress ball on board, to which several visitors from shore were invited, and at the supper table his Excellency Wood Pasha, in the name of the Sultan, decorated me with the Order that his Imperial Majesty had so graciously conferred.

THE GREATEST ENTHUSIASM was shown on the Epsom Downs, and at the theatres, music halls, Olympia, the Indian and Ceylon Exhibition, and other places of public resort over the victory won by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's horse, Persimmon, in the great race for the Derby. The only other horse that had the slightest chance of beating him was Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's St. Frusquin, which won the Two Thousand. The struggle for victory was a grand one, but in the result, Persimmon proved the victor by a neck. In the evening his Royal Highness gave his usual Derby dinner at Marlborough House, among the guests being the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, the Duke of York, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, Prince Soltykoff, Bros. the Duke of St. Albans and the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Westminster, the Marquis of Londonderry, Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, the Earl of Coventry, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Earl Cadogan, Bro. the Earl of Cork and Ossery, Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Bro. the Earl of Durham, the Earl of Ellesmere, Bro. Lord Stanley, the Right Hon. J. Lowther, Lord Alington, the Right Hon. H. Chaplin, and Bro. H. McCalmont. Among those who were prevented by various causes from obeying his Royal Highness's command were the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Beaufort, Bro. the Duke of Portland, Bros. the Earl of March, the Earl of Derby, and the Earl of Bradford, and Mr. L. de Rothschild.