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THE REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

It is evident from the resolution which was passed at a meeting at York on the 18th May of the Provincial Charities Association of North and East Yorkshire, and which we published in our issue of last week, that the question of removing the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys from its present site at Wood Green to some more favoured locality is already agitating the minds of the brethren in some of our Provinces and that opposition of a more or less determined character may be expected to the project. The resolution was to the effect that "this meeting strongly objects to the sale of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, or the purchase of a site for a new School, and requests that, before any steps are taken in this direction the general body of Subscribers be appealed to for their opinion on the subject." As regards the proposal, it has been very generally recognised for some time past that a removal was in every way desirable, and for two principal reasons—firstly, that the soil on which the Institution stands is clayey, and secondly, that latterly a very inferior class of houses has been erected in close proximity to the School. It will be remembered that it was the Earl of LATHOM who brought the matter prominently before the brethren. His lordship presided at the first Festival held under the present régime at Brighton in 1891 and referred to the subject in his speech on behalf of the Institution. The question, his lordship pointed out, was "perfectly new to many of the brethren, if not to all of them," and therefore we cannot do better than quote in full his remarks, seeing that they so clearly explain the reasons which render the removal necessary, or at all events most desirable. "Before very long," said his lordship, "it might have to be considered whether it would not be for the benefit of the School to remove a little further into the country. The present quarters, as the brethren knew, were located on a terribly sticky, clayey soil. Everyone knew a clay soil was not conducive to health. No one purchasing a place would choose a clay soil. There were plenty of sites with a gravel soil to be got, and what a pleasant thing it would be to visit the School if it was in the country on a gravel soil. Of course, it was a financial question, and required very great care and thought. He mentioned the subject as a caution to those who wished to have more school buildings erected on the same site, because he could tell them that it was a mere waste of money. If they went on building, it would militate against the value of the site in the market. He did not know the value of

the place, but he did know that if they covered it with buildings they would not realise what they would want for the site when they desired to get rid of it. There was another reason for his wishing that they should leave the present site—the appearance of the surroundings. It was surrounded now by very small tenements indeed. That was not what they should have around a great School like this, for this was a great School." No doubt the two very serious objections to the present site which Lord LATHOM mentioned in this speech, namely, the clayey soil and the poor surroundings, must have occurred to others also when contemplating the future of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. But this, as far as we are aware, was the first time the subject was so prominently referred to on so important an occasion as a Festival. Five years have elapsed since this speech was delivered and the idea then propounded has been, so far, acted upon, that at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, held in Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 10th April, a resolution was brought forward by Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, as Chairman of the Board of Management, to the effect: "That the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of 8th April, 1892, having authorised the Board of Management to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the Estate of the Institution to the best advantage, and the Board having determined that it is desirable to remove the Institution from Wood Green to some eligible site, where sufficient space for an enlarged school-house and playground accommodation would be available, this Quarterly Court hereby authorises the Board to purchase a site and to erect thereon a new School, and to dispose of the present land and premises to the best advantage." A very long discussion ensued over this resolution, in the course of which Bro. CUMBERLAND moved, as an amendment: "That the matter be deferred until the October meeting; that the Committee shall make a report to the Subscribers to Provincial Grand Lodges and general bodies of Subscribers what they propose to do, where they propose to go, what they propose to pay, what the cost of removal will be; and let that report be made in sufficient time, so that brethren of the Masonic body may have the opportunity of considering it, either in the Provincial Grand Lodge or in lodge, and that it should be sent in time to be put on the agenda." Bro. KEYSER, however, pointed out that the Board of Management, which was composed of 32 members, represented very fairly, "the opinions of all sections of the Craft throughout the country, and it might be left to them to get a good price for the property, and also to get a convenient site for the new School." Moreover, in winding up the debate, Bro. EVE explained that "all that the Board wished to have was power, in order that they might bring something to a conclusion. He did not believe the Board of Management would have closed upon anything except in a very temporary form, with reservation that it must receive the sanction of the Court. However much power might be given them, he never should have thought of exercising it without coming to the Court for approval." On a division the amendment was lost by a substantial majority, and though another amendment was moved, that "the Board of Management commit themselves to no new purchase scheme without the approval of the October Court," this was lost, and the original motion, as proposed by Bro. EVE, was carried. From this it appears, firstly, that as far back as April, 1892, the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers gave the Board of Management authority to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the Estate belonging to the

Institution; and, secondly, that Bro. EVE's motion, passed after a very full discussion, on the 10th April last, conferred on the said Board of Management full power to purchase a site, and erect thereon a new School, and at the same time, to dispose of the present land and premises to the best advantage. But we have Bro. EVE's assurance that the Board of Management will not close upon anything "except in a very temporary form" and "with reservation that it must receive the sanction of the Court," and likewise that, "however much power might be given them, he should never have thought of exercising it without coming to the Court for approval." Under all these circumstances, it appears to us that the Provincial Charities Association of North and East Yorkshire is behindhand in reference to the matter. It is four years since the Board of Management, which represents fairly well the general body of Governors and Subscribers, was authorised to entertain negotiations for the sale of the property at Wood Green; it is more than two months since that, after a very full discussion in the Quarterly General Court, the same Board was authorised to purchase a site and erect on it new School Buildings, and we repeat we have the promise of the Chairman of the Board that this will not be done until after the approval of the Court has been given. Hence this N. and E. Yorkshire Association is not only behind the age in condemning a project to which everybody already stands committed—namely, that the Wood Green site and buildings shall be disposed of—but likewise it is requesting that a course shall be followed which we have the promise of the Chairman of the Board of Management will, under any circumstances, be followed, that is to say, that no purchase scheme will be adopted which has not received "the approval of the Court." Was it worth the while of the Provincial Charities Association of North and East Yorkshire to pass such a resolution under the circumstances we have detailed?

THE MASONIC VAGRANT.

Our old acquaintance, the "Masonic Vagrant," has turned up again, and, to all appearances, finds that his endeavours to impose upon a benevolent Masonic public are as successful as ever. True, the particular Vagrant against whom we were warned last week by one of our correspondents, has been sentenced to terms of imprisonment by two different magistrates, and cautioned by a third; but, notwithstanding the difficulties and disappointments which these proceedings must have entailed, he labours persistently in his vocation of Vagrant, and, to judge from the statement contained in the opening paragraph of our informant's letter, with, as we have said, no inconsiderable measure of success. He is an old hand at the business, having been engaged in levying toll on the unwary for several years. It does not appear that he troubles lodge Almoners to any great extent, his custom, we are told, being to call at the private residences of well-known Masons on a Sunday, using the name of another Mason as an introduction and recommendation. Whether this man might not be able to earn an honest livelihood by the exercise of some of that ability and ingenuity which enables him to fleece so many members of our Society is a question we shall leave to others to discuss. The point which we are most anxious to consider is whether it may not be possible to put an end to the annoyances to which kindly brethren are subjected by people of this class, and the difficulties which the truly deserving brother experiences whenever his hard necessities at any time compel him to solicit assistance. We believe it is possible, at all events, to reduce them to an inappreciable minimum. Last year the Province of Kent took the matter up, and the Almoner of one of its lodges brought it before Provincial Grand Lodge, when it was agreed to refer the whole subject to the consideration of the lodges and report the result at the next meeting of that lodge, which will be held shortly. The Almoner of a lodge in Surrey likewise made a move in the same direction, while correspondents from other Provinces also made it apparent that the "Masonic Vagrant" was a person it was very desirable to get rid of as speedily and as effectually as possible. What result will follow in the Province of Kent from last year's reference to the lodges remains to be seen, but no attempt to cope with the evil will

prove successful unless the matter is taken in hand seriously—not by fits and starts, when the success of the Vagrant is somewhat more in evidence than usual, but with a fixed resolve to put an end to him, or, at least, to make the pursuit of his nefarious practices still more hazardous. It will be said that a man who pursues his calling of impostor after he has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour is not so easily to be got rid of. But if a register of all such people were kept and copies furnished periodically to lodge Almoners and others, on payment of a small fee, it would not be very long before his facilities for levying toll successfully would be very seriously restricted. People will not follow the occupation of Vagrant when they find it yields them more kicks than half-pence. If Almoners and others will keep on sending us the names of the impostors as they turn up, we will compile the register and forward copies monthly—or oftener or less often as may be found desirable—in strict confidence to all who may desire to have them, on payment of a small annual fee sufficient to cover the cost of compilation and distribution.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

By command of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, P.G.W. of England, the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, on the 12th inst. The brethren, to the number of about 250, assembled at noon, and having signed the attendance sheet, at once took their places under their respective banners, after which the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers entered and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After the roll of lodges and the roll of Prov. Grand Officers had been called, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge held at Lincoln, on Thursday, June 27th, 1895, were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Master then delivered his address.

The finance statement of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. C. M. Nesbit, was presented, and showed the Prov. Grand Lodge to be in a flourishing condition.

The returns of the lodges from the Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. H. Watson, were then received, together with the report of the Committee, an abstract of accounts of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, Oliver Memorial Fund, Smyth Scholarship Fund, and Sutcliffe Fund.

Bro. VICKERS, P.G. Sec., presented the report of the Prov. Grand Charity Committee, and the Prov. Grand Charity Stewards (Bros. B. BEESON and F. BARRETT) appointed at last Prov. Grand Lodge to act on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, also presented their report, which showed that during the past year £1500 had been sent to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls from Lincolnshire.

Bro. W. H. Sissons, D.P.G.M., proposed "That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to record its high appreciation of the services of Bros. Bennett Beeson, and Frank Barrett as Provincial Grand Charity Stewards from 1894 to 1896, and has much pleasure in presenting to them the suitable Charity jewels, to which they have become entitled by their services."

This was carried.

The Committee appointed to make special arrangements for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge last year, upon the occasion of the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough as Prov. Grand Master, presented their report and financial statement, after which the inventory of the property of the Prov. Grand Lodge was presented by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. C. M. Nesbit was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and two Auditors for the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence were also appointed.

It was decided that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls should be the Charity to have the support of the province next year, and Bros. B. Beeson, Grantham, and F. Barrett were re-appointed Prov. Grand Charity Stewards.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, it was decided—"That a sum of 150 guineas be granted to the Prov. Grand Charity Stewards, Bros. Beeson and Barrett, as a contribution for this year to the Provincial Benevolent Fund," the votes secured thereby to be placed in the name of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master."

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. C. Maddison	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Dr. Behrindt	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. W. Hall	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. G. S. Tyack	...	...	...
" C. M. Nesbit	...	...	...
" H. Watson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" B. Vickers	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Dr. Alexandra	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Doughty, M.P.	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. B. Dickinson	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. F. Barrell	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. Wks.
" F. Fletcher	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. P. Pullen	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. J. Eve	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. F. Sowerby	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" H. Healey	...	...	...
" A. Ramage	...	...	...
" T. Nettleship	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. H. Read	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
				Prov. G. Purst.
				Prov. A.G. Purst.

Bro. F. J. Clarke... }
 " J. Raynor ... }
 " H. Knight ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
 " J. Cross ... }
 " C. E. Bonner ... }
 " W. Donner ... }
 " W. Dixon ... }
 " The Deputy Prov. Grand Master is Bro. W. Harling Sissons, J.P., D.L., Past A.G.D.C. England.

It was decided to hold the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Spalding.

The banquet was afterwards held in the Town Hall, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. Grand Master, presiding, and being supported by about 200 of the brethren.

Selections of music were rendered during the repast by Mr. A. Collinson's excellent orchestra, and a programme of vocal music was given under the direction of Bro. A. J. Lancashire, F.R.C.O., the performers being Bros. Bingley Shaw, W. B. Greasley, W. Holbrook, and the Apollo Quartette.

The toast list was confined to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the Prov. G. Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," referring to the great success which had attended the Provincial Grand Lodge during his term of office, and remarking that this augured well for its future prosperity.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Prov. Grand Chapter took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 9th inst., in the Church Institute, Bradford. The meeting was held under the auspices of the three local chapters, and there was a large attendance of companions. The proceedings commenced by the opening of an ordinary chapter, the Principals being Comps. S. A. Bailey, 302; F. P. Carter, 600; and C. W. O. Smith, 974. These received the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then opened by Comp. the Right Hon. W. LAWIES JACKSON, M.P., Grand Superintendent, who, in an address, said that that was practically the first chapter he had attended in his present position as Grand Superintendent, and it was some years since the Provincial Grand Chapter was held in Bradford. In examining what had been done in the province, he could not help being struck by the fact that whilst the Craft seemed to be in an extremely vigorous and healthy condition, there were not the same signs of life and progress as regards the Royal Arch. Whilst in the province they had 3850 Craft Masons, they had only a little over 1300 members of the Royal Arch. That was anything but beneficial to the Order in the province. He referred to the consecration of a new chapter at Sheffield by Comp. Ensor Drury, and thanked him for the excellent manner in which the ceremony had been carried out.

The balance-sheet, which was read by the Prov. G. Treasurer, Comp. J. DYSON, 306, and afterwards confirmed, showed a balance in hand at the commencement of the year of £213 12s. 9d., and at the end £244 6s. 4d.

Comp. W. Smith, 1042, was elected Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year.

The Grand Superintendent proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers:

Comp. H. Smith, 302	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" G. Buckley, 61	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. G. E. Green, 154	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. M. Holmes, 387	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" P. B. Coward, 904	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Bates, 308	...	...	Prov. Dep. G. Reg.
" W. R. Thompson, 208	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" T. Atkinson, 2c67	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" F. C. Robinson, 302	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" T. B. Wilson, 306	...	...	Prov. G.S.Bs.
" C. W. O. Smith	...	...
" W. A. Slatter, 154	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. V. S. Dearden, 139	...	...
" G. H. Holdroyd, 275	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. Greenwood, 448	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" W. Allatt, 258	...	...
" W. O. Meliciffe, 600	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Constable 242	...	...
" J. J. Martin, 1019	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.

At the close of Prov. G. Chapter, tea was provided in the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORWALL.

RESIGNATION OF BRO. SIR CHARLES B. G. SAWLE.

By command of Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M., a meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., under the banner of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 417, at the Wesley Church Parlour, Camborne. Those present included—

Bros. P. Colville Smith, P.M., P.G.D. of England, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Alfred Walters, P.P.G. Reg.; W. J. Johns, P.G. Sec.; A. Dunkin, S.G.D.; Richard Rowe, P.P.G.M.O.; Hugh P. Vivian, P.P.J.G.W.; John Adams, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas H. Menadue, P.G.S.; R. H. Lee, P.G.O.; Theo. Mitchell, P.P.J.G.O.; W. L. Chegwiddden, P.P.J.G.O.; E. M. Milford, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; George B. Reed, P.P.J.G.W.; W. W. J. Sharpe, Prov. G. Reg.; J. M. Carne, P.P.S.G.W.; J. N. Francis, P.P.G.I.G.; E. W. Carus-Wilson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Collins, P.G.D.C.; G. Timmins, P.G.D.; G. R. Mockridge, P.S.G.O.; M. Sampson, P.G.M.O.; N. C. S. Couch, J.D.; H. W. Hockin, P.P.J.G.W.; William Vial, P.G.D.C.; Ed. Venning Bryant, P.A.G.D.C.; Richard Pearce Couch, P.P.G.D.C.; William G. Hancock, P.P.G.M.O.; F. G. W. Reed, J.O.; E. W. Newton, S.O.;

John Fitton, R. Taylor, W. R. Erskine, S. Milford Abbott, J.W.; William Gundry, F. W. Mitchell, J. Vivian, Thomas, J. T. Letcher, W.M.; E. Benney, J.W.; O. I. Blackford, S.O.; J. T. Gear; W. C. Wickett, J.W.; T. Tidy, J.O.; C. B. Rashleigh, J.O.; S. J. Partridge; John Cleave, W.M.; William Colenso, P.M.; A. Noall; C. F. Zimmer, P.G.S.B.; N. Lean, M.O.; and John Nicholas.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £21.

The reports for the several lodges were considered very satisfactory.

Bro. LETCHER, Fortitude Lodge, remarked on the serious loss sustained by that lodge by the death of Bro. Mack.

Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle invested the Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Bro. P. Colville Smith	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" R. Rowe	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. S. Carus-Wilson	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. Vial	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" George Timmins	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. T. Letcher	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. W. R. Erskine	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Colenso	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. M. Milford	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. J. Johns	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Cleave	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Adams	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Retallick	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Fitton	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" N. Lean	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" Battie Rasleigh	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Bennallack	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. H. Menadue	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Nicholls	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" F. W. Mitchell	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Tidy	...	...
" John Langdon	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. W. L. Chegwiddden, P.P.J.G.O., was unanimously re-elected Auditor.

Bro. Sir CHARLES BRUNE GRAVES-SAWLE said he found the state of his health such that he could not discharge his duties as efficiently as he could wish. He had been obliged to retire almost altogether from public life, and he feared that to continue to hold his present position would be detrimental to the Province of Cornwall Mark Masonry. He retired with deep regret, and assured them that he fully appreciated the kindness and assistance rendered him by officers and Mark Master Masons. The assistance and kindness he had received made it difficult for him to say goodbye to the lodge, but he felt obliged to place in the hands of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales his resignation, and shortly they would have to elect another in his place. He ever would feel deep gratitude for the great kindness that had been extended to him. (Applause.)

Bro. R. R. FRASER-FRIZELL said it would ill become them as representatives of Mark Masonry in Cornwall to receive that serious announcement without expressing deep regret that the state of health of Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle should compel him to place his resignation in the hands of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He proposed that they receive with deep regret the announcement from their Prov. Grand Master of his retirement.

Bro. P. COLVILLE SMITH seconded, remarking that they owed Bro. Sir Graves-Sawle a deep debt of gratitude.

The vote was carried unanimously, and the Prov. Grand Master briefly acknowledged the vote.

Subsequently the brethren dined together at the Commercial Hotel.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A highly interesting gathering of the above Provincial Priory took place at Skipton Castle, on Saturday, the 6th instant, under the banner of the Plains of Rama Preceptory, No. 3. By the kind permission of R. B. Barrett, Esq., the knights of this distinguished Order met at the castle in the banqueting hall of that venerable edifice. In the course of an instructive address, the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight J. DUNNING KAY, gave a sketch of the history of the castle, &c.

Subsequently Sir Knight Harold Thomas was obligated and invested the E. Sub-Prior of the province, and proclaimed by the Prov. Sub-Marshal, and saluted.

The assembly was the largest on record, more than one-third of the members on the roll of the province being present, and every preceptory of the province was represented.

The officers present were Sir Knights J. Dunning Kay, V.E. Prov. Prior; Harold Thomas, E. Prov. Sub-Prior; George Althorp, Prov. Prelate; J. W. Monckman, Prov. Chancellor; Keighley Walton, Prov. Constable; F. W. Reuss, Prov. Marshal; John Davis, Prov. Treasurer; Thomas Heaton, Prov. Registrar; Wm. Watson, Prov. Vice-Chancellor; Wm. Laycock, Prov. Sub-Marshal; Wm. Harrison, Prov. Almoner and Chaplain; Thomas Gaukroger, Prov. Warden of Regalia; F. W. Turner, Prov. Herald; Walter Dickenson, Prov. 1st Std. Br.; J. Paget Priestley, Prov. 2nd Std. Br.; G. H. Parke, Prov. Prior's Banner Bearer; Richard Moore, Prov. 1st Aide-de-Camp; Geo. Illingworth, Prov. 2nd Aide-de-Camp; Thos. Norfolk, Prov. Chamberlain; Wm. Crossley, Prov. 1st Captain of Guards; R. A. Pullan, Prov. 2nd Captain of Guards; T. Rowbotham, Prov. G.S.B.; Simeon Whiteley, Prov. Organist; and G. Wilkinson, Prov. Equerry.

Amongst the distinguished visitors was Sir Knight W. Tyrer, the E. Prov. Sub-Prior of Lancashire, who suitably responded after salute.

The sir knights subsequently mustered strongly to partake of tea, kindly arranged by the sir knights of the Plains of Rama Preceptory, No. 3, and served by Bro. Carlsh, at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting of Grand Conclave was held at Freemasons' Tavern Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 17th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of members of the Order. The Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, G.S.R., presided, and was supported by Bros. I. Zacharie, I.P.G.S.R.; Baron de Ferrieres, W. G. Lemon, J. Lewis Thomas, Dr. W. H. Kempster, Capt. T. C. Walls, J. J. Pakes, J. Tickle, J. J. Thomas, H. Tipper, Sir T. Wright, J. Skinner, Nelson Prower, W. R. Shutt, H. P. Hay, F. S. Guy, G. W. Capel, E. Mitchell, Buckley Carr, D. Hargreaves, H. Lewis, J. Stephens, Major Penrose Dunbar, J. Marshall, A. T. Norton, W. J. Spratling, R. Eve, and many others.

Grand Conclave was opened, and the roll of conclaves having been called, the minutes were confirmed. The Grand Supreme Ruler was proclaimed and duly saluted.

The GRAND S. RULER then addressed the brethren and expressed his great satisfaction at the honour conferred upon him by re-electing him their Grand S. Ruler. Perhaps they would allow him to address a few words to them on that occasion. He would recall the fact that when he was installed a year ago they were suddenly astonished by an announcement—which gave evidence of a somewhat hostile appearance, which was made by brethren who had until recently been members. It was so sudden that small expression of opinion was given, and very fortunately, for it would have been unfortunate if in the moment of angry astonishment any words had been uttered which they might have been sorry for and which would have disturbed that true feeling of brotherly friendship which, in his opinion, was the foundation and secret of their Order. It behoved them to consider the situation, and, in conjunction with the Grand Officers, they thought that nothing could be better than to apply to some one of high standing in the Masonic sphere who would act as arbiter. No brother was better qualified than Lord Lathom, if he would be good enough to act. Lord Lathom when applied to very readily consented, but at the same time expressed the opinion that he had no jurisdiction, and only in the position of a friend could he endeavour to act. A statement was carefully drawn up by Bro. Philbrick and the Grand Recorder, which was conservative in nature and to which no exception could be taken. The general principle was that the Order was one of no mean position, for many were initiated into the Order by the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke. The Lord Chancellor—Bro. Lord Halsbury—was one whom they had the honour to regard as a member. On the last meeting Lord Halsbury told him most distinctly that he attended at some sacrifice to show how fully he supported them and wished to support them. It was obvious that, recognising no supreme authority over themselves, they could not possibly sit under the slight which they had received and which was calculated to do harm to the Order, and therefore they endeavoured to get Lord Lathom to arbitrate. Lord Euston, with whom he (the G.S.R.) had always been on terms of friendship, offered to meet him, but, having referred the matter to arbitration, he thought it would not be right to enter into discussion. That was how the matter stood as they had been out of town, but he hoped it would be settled in the course of the next few days, and as soon as a decision was arrived at he would take care that the Grand Recorder sent notice of the fact to them. It was needless for him to say they considered themselves as great in importance as the Allied Degrees. The Order of the Secret Monitor was a powerful body in this country and also in the Colonies, where the brethren had taken a great interest in it, and he thought it was a proud position for him to fill, to act as their G.S.R. It was important that there should be nothing done by himself or the Grand Officers which would be antagonistic to those truest principles of Freemasonry which, all their lives, they had to the utmost of their ability, tried to support. He would ask, therefore, for their patience until a decision was pronounced, and was sure it could only be a decision satisfactory to themselves, and bring them in accord with those brethren from whom, unfortunately, at the present time, they were temporarily severed. He hoped they would all think that he and the Grand Officers had been in no way neglectful of their interests.

Bro. W. G. LEMON said that having heard the manner in which the G.S.R. had acted for them, they would not be doing justice to their own feelings if they did not acknowledge his kindness by a cordial vote of thanks. The G.S.R. had done everything that a firm ruler and a wise councillor should do, and the best that any brother could possibly have done under the circumstances.

Bro. BARON DE FERRIERES seconded the motion, which was carried *nem con.* and the G.S.R., who was heartily received, briefly acknowledged the vote.

The following Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. Issachar Zacharie, M.D.	I.P.G.S.R.
" His Honour Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	D.R.O.
" The Right Hon. Baron Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain)	G. Chancellor.
" Richard Eve, P.G.G.	G. Treasurer.
" C. E. Keyser, J.P., 5, P.G.V.	G. Chamberlain.
" Sir T. Wright, K.B., P.S.R. 9	G. Guide.
" T. Cook, P.S.R. 15, P.G.C., District G.S.R. for South Africa	P.G. Guide.
" W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.S.R. 2, P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex	G. Recorder.
" A. T. Norton, P.S.R. 2, P.G.C.	G. Visitors.
" John Marshall, Treas. 25 and 26, P.G.C.	
" Major Penrose Dunbar, P.S.R. 5, P.G.C., P.G. Std.	P.G. Visitor.
" J. Stephens, S.R. 5, P.G. Std.	G. Std. Bearer.
" J. E. Green, P.S.R. 22, P.G.C.	P.G. Std. Bearer.
" H. Lewis, S.R. 9, P.G. Std.	G. Bow Bearer.
" J. T. Greator, P.S.R. 14, P.G. Std.	P.G. Bow Bearer.
" Buckley Carr, S.R. 26	G. Gdr.
" R. Douglas Clark, P.S.R. 15, P.G. Std., Dep. Ruler of the District of South Africa	P.G. Gdr.
" Daniel Hargreaves, S.R. 25, P.G. Std.	G. Councillors.
" W. Henry Harris, P.S.R. 15	
" Edward Mitchell, S.R. 10, P.G. Std.	
" A. Parker McMillan, 27	
" H. Bannister, S.R. 27	P.G. Councillors.
" His Honour Judge Macleod, M.A., LL.D., S.R. 28	
" T. C. Edmonds	G. Sentinel.

The following Grand Stewards were appointed: Bros. F. S. Guy (President), Major Henry Wright, Rev. A. W. Gross, Geo. Wm. Capel, Otto Heinemann, J. H. Gadd, W. Campbell Taylor, John Wood, G. F. Travers-Drapes, John Wallace Bradley, E. Gordon Sinclair, Arthur Chapman, Patrick Hehir, M.D., Joseph Waldie, Peirson, D. R. Chichgur, David Bradley, W. Alderley Boyer, Fras. W. Maxwell, and W. Shackleton.

Grand Conclave was closed, and a banquet was afterwards held, which was attended by about 50 brethren, and was presided over by Bro. the Earl of Warwick, G.S.R.

The preliminary toasts having been disposed of,

Bro. I. ZACHARIE proposed "The Health of the G.S.R.," and said that during the past year they had had reason to be proud of their Ruler.

Bro. the Earl of WARWICK, G.S.R., said he felt very deeply the kind manner in which his name had been received. He fully recognised the great responsibility of being their G.S.R., and only wished he had done his duty. He had a sincere feeling of loyalty to them and the Order, and they would give him credit for good intentions and for doing that which was right. He felt it was necessary he should say a few words to them, but he must be discreet, for up to the present time nothing had been said in public that could prejudice them in the Masonic world. As he had previously said, he looked upon the fact that true brotherly friendship was a principle that they should uphold. He sincerely hoped the time would come when they would be amicably joined together with those from whom they were now temporarily parted. The Order was auspiciously started, for many were initiated into its mysteries by Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, and it had been supported since by many distinguished Freemasons. The principal logic of Freemasonry was Charity, and a body like theirs—which had its ramifications wherever the sun shone—should see that the flag of Masonry was upheld, and in no way suffered from their connection with it. He trusted that before they next met there would be many members joining them, and that they would be more certain of their position, and that when the cloud—which was only a fleeting one—had passed away, many distinguished brethren would recognise the fact that although young, they were a powerful and increasing body that was not to be easily set aside. He would endeavour to do the best he could for the interest of the Order, and not do anything that would cast a slur or disgrace upon them.

Bro. W. G. LEMON then proposed "The Health of Bro. I. Zacharie," and referred to the invaluable services rendered by that brother in the organising of the Order. Reference had been made to some who were with them, and were not now amongst them, but in the words of St. Paul—"They went out from us, because they were not of us, for they would not have departed if they had been of us." Those who held those great principles of friendship where not to be turned aside, because some for the moment had left them.

Bro. I. ZACHARIE, P.G.S.R., returned thanks and said the Order was now entering upon its 10th year in this country. Words could not express his gratitude to them for their kindness during the past nine years, but he felt the Order was now in the hands of a ruler who would do all that was right.

Bro. BARON DE FERRIERES gave "The Grand Officers," which was replied to by Bro. R. EVE, G. Treas.

Bro. Sir THOS. WRIGHT submitted "The Grand Stewards," for which Bro. GUY, President, suitably replied.

The last toast given by the G.S.R. was "The Health of the G. Recorder, and Bro. SPRATLING having responded, the proceedings closed.

Bro. H. Tipper was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Gertie Tipper, Messrs. Sidney Anning, and G. W. Turner.

AN ORATION.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. C. C. BLUETT at the consecration of the Stanley of Preston Lodge, No. 2600, on the 7th ult.:

We are all familiar with the test question leading to the Second Degree, "What is Masonry?" and with the suggestive answer which the candidate to be passed is instructed to give—"That it is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols"—an answer which, if duly expanded, will lead a Mason desiring light and knowledge into a train of thought at once both pleasurable and profitable. But to the question so frequently asked—"When had Masonry its Origin?"—We are not in a position to return an answer altogether satisfactory. There is little doubt that for years, if not for centuries, it existed as an organisation confined to workers in stone and other materials used in the erection of stately edifices, and particularly those to be dedicated to the honour, glory, and worship of the Most High. But when and under what circumstances a religious element was first introduced into its teaching, it seems almost impossible to determine. The knowledge we possess as to the building of the first Temple at Jerusalem, and as to the workmen who were permitted and privileged to take part in that holy work; how they were chosen from a people under Divine government, trained and disciplined, through years of trial and tribulation, in which they were taught ever to venerate the Most High, strictly to observe and obediently to keep the Holy laws He laid down for their constant rule and guidance, all point to a combined mental and moral qualification, a standard of excellence far beyond that of mere craft ability. Coming down to the historical, rather than the traditional, period of Masonry, we find a religious element of a certain character, and, although there is no direct acknowledgment of our Christian faith, yet in the Middle Ages, probably when those grand and noble cathedrals were erected on the Continent, France and Germany adopted a patron saint of their respective Orders, and the monks made use of this organisation amongst the skilled artisans, as they also used mere Pagan rites and ceremonies, to facilitate the propagation of their own religious views. It was not, however, till a later date that Masonry shook off the trammels of mere craft and operative teaching and membership, and offered to the whole world a noble science for human development, which, if carried out to its fullest extent, would indeed bring about a mighty moral revolution among all nations, and secure for us, in deed and in truth, a perfect paradise here below with the blessings of peace and goodwill amongst men. Now our association, formed and perfected with so much unanimity and concord, has long been aiming at seeking to accomplish this happy result. The very order of our established Degrees, with the distinctive teaching of each, indicate the progressive character of the instruction given, so that the path of the truly taught Mason, which is surely the "path of the just," shall be "as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." In the First Degree we seek to impress the newly-initiated with the wonder occasioned by the mere beholding of the glorious works above and around us; specially the sun that rules the day, the moon and stars that govern the night, yea, all the Heavenly Host which the Glorious Architect of the Universe "hath divided into all nations under Heaven," "For there is neither speech nor language where their voices are not heard, and as the Heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament that sheweth His handy work." Wonder cannot be suppressed, and cannot fail to deepen into veneration and awe. Passing to the Second Degree, we are yet more startled and deeply impressed, as in using the intellectual faculties with which we are endowed, we learn something of the perfect laws by which the Grand Geometrician of the Universe directs, controls, and preserves in perfect order and harmony all that He has created and made. And as the rays of heaven shed their influence to enlighten us in the paths of virtue and science, so are we constrained to glorify the Supreme Governor of the Universe in regard to all His works, saying—"In wisdom hast Thou made them all." On being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, we think of man as the crowning act of creative power, and we are taught therein his relationship to the Divine Being and his consequent responsibilities, so that he may seek to learn not only how best to live, but also how best to die, and thus lay up for himself a crown of joy and rejoicing which will continue when time with him shall be no more. We yet have to notice the crowning teaching of Masonry, viz., true Charity, which aims at the dethroning and destroying of mere selfishness, and the development of the true fraternal spirit, even up to the standard of the golden rule—"doing to others as we would they should do to us." Through this beautiful ceremony it is that we enjoy blessings which seem to make life pleasurable and profitable, as the Almighty and the All Merciful Creator intended it should be. As students of nature and men of scientific knowledge are

ever revealing to us the blessings we derive through the natural atmosphere—such blessings as modulated light, nurturing heat, and varying seasons, yea, the very existence of life itself—so as we continue to live in the Masonic atmosphere of true Charity are we realising in ourselves and proving to the world the happy and beneficial effects of our ancient Institution, conveying to us the heavenly rays of light and understanding and preparing us for a happy existence in the Grand Lodge above, in the dazzling light of our Divine Creator and Architect and in the full enjoyment of light, bliss, and glory evermore. Just permit me a word or two in reference to the title so happily chosen for this new lodge. It is my privilege to offer to the brethren of Preston the hearty congratulations of the brethren throughout the province on the consecration of the Stanley Lodge of Preston. Prestonians are naturally proud of being associated with the name of Stanley for so many generations, and as they call to remembrance the deeds that have made the family so illustrious, they feel so inspired with enthusiasm that finds fitting and delightful expression in the words of the song dear to all Prestonians—"Stanley for ever." The lodge starts to-day under the happiest auspices, having the Earl of Derby as its first Worshipful Master and the most experienced and enthusiastic Masons appointed and invested as his officers, each animated by a fixed resolve to co-operate with their W.M. to make the lodge a great success, realising to the full the high honour he has done them and all the brethren by his acceptance of such an important trust. May our genuine principles be transmitted pure and unpolluted through this lodge from generation to generation!

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided. Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their usual places. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren present were Bros. J. H. Matthews, Major-General F. Gadsden, George R. Langley, Charles J. R. Tijou, Henry Garrod, T. W. Whitmarsh, S. F. Abraham, W. Fisher, S. H. Goldschmidt, James Boulton, George Graveley, Henry Landon Diprose, J. A. Duff, Capt. F. Mills, J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, H. Massey, Alfred Charles Dowding, S. R. Baskett, W. J. Coplestone, William Darlington, J. W. Burgess, Charles Woods, and William Robert Barr.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the May assembly to the amount of £270. There were 30 cases on the new list, only four of which were qualified through London lodges. The remainder were qualified through lodges at Reigate, Aston, Durham, New York, Southend, Maryport, Stockton-on-Tees, Bangor, Thame, Hanley, Liverpool (four), Taunton, Norwich, 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment, Guildford, Ipswich, Aldershot, Margate, Ilminster, Devonport, Torpoint, Radcliffe, and Hull. The Board sat for three hours, and in the course of that period dismissed five of these petitions, and deferred two. The total of £575 was granted to the remainder. Three grants of £50 each were recommended for the approval of Grand Lodge in September; the Grand Master was recommended to approve of two grants of £40 each, six of £30 each, and one of £25; and immediate grants were made of £20 each in four instances, £10 each in five, and £5 in two.

During the latter half of the sitting, as Bro. Robert Grey had to leave to fulfil another engagement, the chairs were filled by Bros. Mercer, Cottebrune, and C. J. R. Tijou.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

By the kind invitation of Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treasurer and Vice-Patron of the Institution, the annual athletic meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Kempton Park on Saturday last. There was a very large attendance of friends and visitors and thanks to the splendid weather, and the general excellence of the arrangements made by the Sports' Committee, another and not the least successful of red-letter days has to be recorded in the annals of the Institution. The programme was a large one, containing as many as 21 events, and the performances did credit not only to the boys themselves, but also to those who had coached them.

The following are the results of the several competitions:

HIGH JUMP (OPEN).—First prize, tankard; second prize, five gloves, presented by Mrs. F. S. Guy. Five entered and Marston clearing four feet four inches was placed 1; Truine, 2.

HUNDRED YARDS (under 13). First prize, photographic album, presented by Bro. H. Pritchard; second prize, cricket pads. 23 entries. Chadwick, 1; Tanner, 2.

440 YARDS (OPEN) HANDICAP. First prize, handbag; second prize, cricket ball, presented by the Logic Club. 22 entries. Marston (scratch), 1; L. Greenwood (36 yards), 2.

300 YARDS (OPEN). First prize, cricket bat; second prize, batting gloves presented by Bro. F. S. Guy. 24 entered. Marston, 1; Bedford, 2.

HIGH JUMP (PREPARATORY). Prize, Military hair brushes, presented by Bro. Thos. Morris. Seven entered; the contest resulting in a tie between Frost and Malby.

200 YARDS (UNDER 13) HANDICAP.—First prize, cricket bat; second prize, pair of brushes, presented by Bro. F. Orchard. 23 entries. Chadwick (3 yards), 1; Curtis (18 yards), 2.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—First prize, Gladstone bag, presented by Gavel Club; second prize, the ball. Truine threw 75 yards, 1; Kent, 2.

100 YARDS (OPEN).—First prize, presented by Bro. Eve; second prize, racquet bat.—20 entered.—Marston, 1; Bedford, 2.

400 YARDS (UNDER 13) HANDICAP.—Prize, 200 foreign stamps (value £2), presented by Bro. G. E. Fairchild. 14 entered. Chadwick (6 yards), 1; Owen (22 yards), 2.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—First prizes, cricket bats, presented by Committee Dinner Club; second prizes, cricket balls; 15 entries.—Kennedy and Lowenthal, 1; Spain and Hayward, 2.

220 YARDS (PREPARATORY) HANDICAP.—First prize, silver watch and chain, presented by Bro. R. Topping; second prize, cricket bat, presented by Bro. R. Clowes; 16 entered.—Frost (scratch), 1; Taylor (16 yards) and A. W. Swan (scratch) tying for second place.

880 YARDS (OPEN) HANDICAP.—First prize, 300 foreign stamps (value £5), presented by Bro. G. E. Fairchild; second prize, cricket bat; 29 entries. Campbell (88 yards), 1; Mills (68 yards), 2.

100 YARDS (PREPARATORY).—First prize, writing case, presented by Mrs. John Sayers; second prize, five gloves; 19 entered.—Frost, 1; A. W. Evans, 2.

HIGH JUMP (UNDER 13).—Prize, silver watch and chain, presented by Bro. R. Topping; eight entries; Brock, 1; Campbell and Seabrook (æq.), 2.

220 YARDS STRANGERS' RACE.—Open by invitation to Boys under 16 from Public Schools.—First prize, value £1 1s.; second prize, value 10s. 6d. (to the first under

14 years). Stranger (St. Olave's School), 1; Vanderbrook (Tottenham Grammar School), 2.

220 YARDS (OPEN) HANDICAP.—First prize, Gladstone bag, presented by the Derby Allcroft Lodge. Second prize, cricket bat; 23 entries.—Owen (24 yards), 1; Marston (scratch), 2.

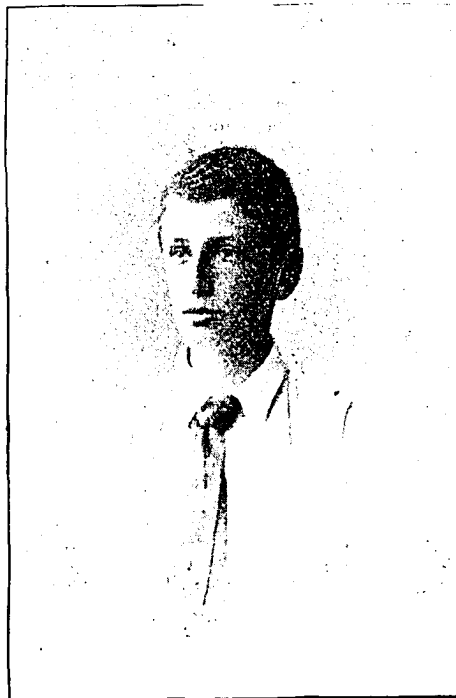
THE OLD MASONIANS' RACE (220 yards).—Prize, presented by Bro. James Willing, jun. No race unless six starters—won by Churchill.

OBSTACLE RACE.—First prize, handbag; second prize, handbag, presented by Bro. Jas. Stephens; third prize, tennis racquet; 47 entries.—Spain, 1; Bedford, 2; Dods, 3.

TUG OF WAR.—Prizes, 12 silver pencil cases, presented by Bro. W. Manfield—Whitehall, Metcalf, Barker, Binks, Marston, Chines, Kent, Bedford, Longbottom, Hayward, E. J. Brown, and Davey (Capt.), 1; Leeming, Rangeley, Clarke, Foote, Martin, Midgley, Dickenson, Robinson, Brewis, Cooper, Troop, and Groombridge (Capt.), 0.

CONSOLATION SACK RACE. First prize, tennis racquet; second prize, handbag, presented by the Hampden Lodge. Austin, 1; Garraway, 2.

VICTOR LUDORUM. Over 13: silver watch and chain, presented by Bro. George Everett—Marston; under 13: tankard, presented by the Assistant Masters—Chadwick. Winners of open events only were eligible: a first place counting 3; a second, 2; and a third, 1.



VICTOR LUDORUM—MASTER MARSTON.

There was also a gymnastic display on the parallel bars, pyramid, high vaulting horse, under the direction of Instructor Sergeant Willmott (Rifle Brigade), in which the following boys took part, viz.: Groombridge, Leeming, Whitehall, Binks, Robinson, Coates, Fitzwater, Foster, Spain, Truine, L. O. Roberts, and Bedford.

After tea had been served to the boys in the tent, the prizes were distributed by Miss Della Everett, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed by acclamation for so kindly undertaking that agreeable duty.

Ample provision in the shape of luncheons, dinners, and light refreshment had been prepared by the caterers, Messrs. Bertram, and at 6.30 p.m. there was dancing in the Pavilion to the strains of the band of the T Division of the Metropolitan Police, whose performance of a choice selection of music at intervals during the day greatly enhanced the pleasures of the meeting.

The Sports Committee, to the excellence of whose arrangements we have already borne testimony, consisted of Bros. George Everett (Treasurer), R. D. Cummings, Richard Eve, G. E. Fairchild, J. P. Fitzgerald, John Glass, Rev. H. Hebb, C. W. Hudson, J. M. McLeod, H. Manfield, H. Pritchard, James Stephens, J. J. Thomas, and James Willing jun.

The School Committee were A. E. Davey, N. C. D. Foote, W. Binks, J. C. Longbottom, B. Moore, and G. Marston.

The starters were Mr. G. A. Roberts and Sergeant Willmott, and the judges Bros. W. J. Jones, J. P. Fitzgerald, Rev. H. Hebb, R. Topping, and H. Pritchard, and Mr. H. V. Crane.

Royal Arch.

Lewis Chapter, No. 1185.

A convocation of emergency of the above chapter was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Saturday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of exalting Bros. Frank W. Rose, P.M. 1607; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M. and Sec. 1571; and Arthur Watts, P.M. 1571. The visitors included Comps. Henry Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Davies, M.E.Z. 1348; J. Halle, 820; and James R. Large, 174.

The ceremony was very ably performed by Comps. W. F. Darnell, Z.; Hewett, H.; Hildreth, P.Z. (acting J.); R. S. Cushing, P.Z. (acting N.); G. Cunningham, S.N. (acting P.S.); W. Wood and C. H. Halford, Assistants. The chapter was also attended by Past Principals Osterstock, Powell, G. J. Row, and H. T. Thompson, with Comps. Stiffen and Webb.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Matier Lodge, No. 400.

A meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on April 24th. Present: Bros. Raymond Tucker, W.C.N.; George E. Lake, Japhet; Charles E. Keyser, Shem; Belgrave Ninnis, P.M., Treasurer; Charles Moore Jessop, P.M., Scribe; Henry Wright, J.D.; Wm. Westcott, Guardian; H. W. Kiallmark, P.N.; G. Danford Thomas, G. P. Parker, and Wm. Vincent, A.G.D.C., Hon. Member.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the meeting in October were read and confirmed. The Treasurer, whose accounts had been duly audited, announced that he had a good balance in hand. Bro. Belgrave Ninnis presented Bro. G. E. Lake, P.M. 241, to the Installing Officer, Bro. Raymond Tucker, who, assisted by Bro. Vincent, A.G.D.C., impressively enthroned Bro. Lake as W.C.N. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Charles E. Keyser, Japhet; James H. Bradshaw, Shem; Belgrave Ninnis, Treasurer; Charles Moore Jessop, Scribe; H. Wright, S.D.; Wm. Westcott, J.D.; G. P. Parker, Guardian; and E. J. Mills, Warden. Bro. Phineas Abrahams, 469, was proposed by Bro. Raymond Tucker, and seconded by Bro. Kiallmark, as a member.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together afterwards at Freemasons' Tavern.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

At length we are in what it is the fashion to call
"measurable distance" of the last great anniversary
Festival of the year, which will take place at the
Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday next, the 24th inst.,
under the presidency of Bro. His Grace the Duke of
Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, Prov. G.
Master for Derbyshire. The Board of Stewards is
probably not as strong as the majority of those that
have been organised by Bro. Secretary McLeod,
but it comprises already about 480 ladies and brethren,
and doubtless before the actual day arrives will have
reached 500. The outlook is also promising, and we
have all reasonable confidence that next week it will
be our privilege to record that the third great Festival
of the year, like its predecessors, has been a great
success, resulting in a total of donations and subscrip-
tions sufficient to make good the year's deficiency of
income and allow of a further increase of the invested
capital.

As for the arrangements, we described them last
week, but it will be as well if we repeat that the
Special Trains which the London, Brighton, and South
Coast Railway Company have arranged to provide for
the Stewards and their friends will leave Victoria at
11 a.m. and London Bridge at 1.35 p.m., and return
from Brighton, for both Victoria and London Bridge,
at 9.15 p.m., calling both on the out and home journeys
at Clapham Junction and East Croydon. Those who
may miss the specials to Brighton will be allowed to
travel by the 11.40 a.m. (Victoria), and 1.50 p.m.
(London Bridge), while tickets for a limited number
will be issued for the 3.50 p.m. from Victoria
and 4 p.m. from London Bridge. The return
tickets will be available for any of the ordinary
trains on Thursday or Friday, without extra charge,
and by any such train on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday
on payment of an extra charge of 2s. at the Brighton
Booking Office.

The whole of the Royal Pavilion and its lawns have
been engaged for the day. Dinner will be served in
the Dome at 5.30 p.m., while, as regards the Musical
Arrangements, the London Military Band will play
on the Eastern Lawn from 3 to 5.15 p.m., and an
orchestral band will play in the Dome from 5 p.m.
and during dinner, and on the Eastern Lawn from 7 to
8.30 p.m. Stewards will have the further satisfaction
of being able to enjoy the performances on the Lawns
in privacy, as the Corporation have agreed to close
them to the public from 2 to 8 p.m. For any further
information we must refer our readers to the Hon.
Secretary, Bro. McLeod, who will advise them on all
points which we have omitted to refer to.

Speech Day and the Distribution of Prizes, which
form a part of the annual proceedings in connection
with the Festival, will take place in the Great Hall of
the Institution, Wood Green, on the day previous—
Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m. The prizes will be
distributed by her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire,
who will no doubt be accompanied by the Duke. Trains
run at frequent intervals from King's Cross to Wood
Green so that there will be no difficulty on the part of
the Stewards and their friends in attending this
function. However, those who may be doubtful as to
any points should consult Bro. McLeod.

The Annual Sports of the Institution which were
held on Saturday last at Kempton Park passed off
admirably. There was a good programme of sport,
in which the boys showed themselves to have been
well-trained, and in the intervals there was plenty of
good music discoursed by the band of the T. Division
of the Metropolitan Police. Moreover, there was danc-
ing in the Pavilion from 6.30 p.m. till the time drew
near for the return journey.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for
London and the Metropolitan Counties of the Royal
Order of Scotland will be held at 33, Golden-square,
on Friday, the 3rd July, at 5 p.m. precisely, under
Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. The business
will include the advancement and promotion of
approved candidates and the appointment and invest-
iture of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
The banquet will take place at the Grafton Rooms, 7,
Beek-street, at 7.30 p.m.; tickets, 21s. each.

The next regular meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coro-
nati, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on
Wednesday, the 24th instant. The business will include
election of members of the Correspondence Circle and
the ballot for Bros. G. Greiner, P.M. No. 92; the Rev.
J. William Horsley, M.A. Oxon, Lodge No. 1973; and
the Rev. C. H. Malden, M.A. Cambridge, Lodge No.
2579. Bro. S. T. Klein will subsequently read a paper,
entitled "The Law of Dakhil and other Curious
Customs of the Bedowin." The annual excursion—
which will this year be into Shakespeare's country—
will commence to-day (Friday) and last till Sunday,
the 21st instant.

We understand that at the request of many Masonic
friends Bro. William Pile, Past Master of several
local lodges and M.E.Z. of the Lorne Chapter, has
consented to his name being put forward as a candi-
date for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer at
the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of
Surrey, which will be held at Kingston on July 22nd.
Bro. Pile will be supported by the outgoing Treasurer,
and by the representatives of all the local lodges and
chapters, a strong Committee having been formed to
promote his election.

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.

GENERAL BOARDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Observer" is perfectly correct when he refers to the General Boards of the Templar and Mark Orders being composed, year after year, of Past Grand Officers. I would add that the same undesirable state of things prevails in the Red Cross Order. In other words, it is considered the height of presumption for anyone not belonging to the "Upper Ten" to put himself forward as a candidate for election on a General Board. But the "cutting and drying" process will always prevail until the rank and file rouse themselves, and evince more interest in their voting rights and privileges than they have hitherto done.—Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER OBSERVER.

CRAFT JEWELS IN A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your recent correspondents on the subject of prohibited jewels will find a list of the jewels which may be worn in Craft lodges and Royal Arch chapters in my "Master Masons' Handbook," and, as the proof sheets were examined by the V.W. Grand Registrar before he kindly accepted the dedication, I think the list may be accepted as accurate and authoritative.—I am, very fraternally yours,

FRED. J. W. CROWE, P.P.G.O., &c.

Marsden, Torquay, June 17th.

Reviews.

"THE INDIAN FREEMASONS' ALMANAC AND DIARY FOR THE YEAR 1896."—

This very useful and comprehensive Masonic Annual, edited by Bro. Prosonno C. Dutt (Past Deputy Dist. G.M. of Bengal, &c.), is in its 28th year of publication, and of its kind has no superiors, and but few equals. Over 200 pages of closely-printed matter, condensed, and excellently arranged, must have required no end of labour, patience, and skill, the particulars being so numerous, and many of the details lacking interest even to the compiler, though needful in such a work. The Calendar portion supplies the dates of all the Masonic Bodies meeting in Calcutta, according to the Hindu and English chronology. The whole of the District Grand Lodges, with their subordinate lodges, and also the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in India are duly represented in this large Directory, so that its size and importance are equal to that of a Grand Lodge. Bengal has 44 lodges, the courteous Dist. G. Sec. being Bro. H. M. Rustomjee; Bombay returns 26 lodges as its quota, the respected Dist. G. Sec. being Bro. Edward J. Smith; Burma is credited with 11 lodges; Punjab has 23 (Bro. William Bull being the effective Dist. G. Sec.; and Madras reckons 24 lodges on its roll (Bro. J. T. Greatorex, Past Asst. G.D. of C. of C. England, Dist. G. Sec.), the grand total on the English Register for India being 128 lodges, without those of Scottish origin, numbering some 45 more. All the other Masonic Bodies are also duly attended to, including the Royal Arch and the Mark especially, and the work is likewise historical, particulars of the officers from the earliest dates, and much else of a most instructive character being also given in detail, so that Bro. Dutt has most thoroughly discharged his duty as editor.

Craft Masonry.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.

The steady and most satisfactory improvement in the working and numbers of this lodge since the installation of the present popular and very energetic W.M. Bro. C. M. Wilson, is most gratifying. There have been a larger number of initiates and joining members since last September than there have been for years during the same time, and now that Bro. Wilson's year of office is drawing to a close, it is felt by many of the members that it would be the best thing possible for the lodge, if he could be induced to retain his position for another year. A lodge of emergency had to be held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., in order to get through the work that was lying over. One candidate was passed to the Degree of F.C., and another raised to the Degree of M.M. The revised and amended by-laws were fully and separately discussed, and some important alterations made by vote of the lodge. In the old by-laws three black balls excluded a member. The revising Committee recommended that two should be sufficient, but the lodge, on the motion of Bro. P.M. Hoskins, decided that for the future one black ball should exclude, giving the W.M. power to order a second ballot if at once requested to do so. A simple, but effectual rule was adopted to deal with members who were in arrear with their subscriptions. A motion to raise the fees for initiation to £8 8s. was not adopted. Bro. Canon Cooper, P.M., gave notice that he would move at the next regular meeting "That a Board of three or more Past Masters be appointed to examine all Warden's in the working of the three ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising, before electing them to the Worshipful Master's chair." The lodge was then closed after a good evening's work.

Doric Lodge, No. 2259.

The seventh installation of this very prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Chelton cum Hardy. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, and the W.M., Bro. J. M. Veal, opened the lodge punctually at that hour. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. We were very pleased to see Bro. Veal, W.M., undertook to install his successor, which duty he accomplished with a very marked degree of ability and impressiveness, his rendering of the ceremony being quite a treat, and subsequently he was highly complimented upon his success. He appointed as Installing Officers Bros. George Alfred Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M., as J.W.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., as D.C.; and Thomas Cavanah, P.M., as I.G. The D.C. presented Bro. John Walker, S.W., W.M. elect, to the Installing Master, and the ceremony was proceeded with, as before stated. Subsequently Bro. John Walker, the newly-installed Master, was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in each Degree, and he proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. M. Veal, I.P.M.; F. Thomas, S.W.; Jos. Ward, J.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M., Treas.; F. Morgan, Sec.; J. Laurisch, S.D.; J. Lawrenson, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O. East and West Lancs., D.C.; F. J. Brundrett, Org.; R. J. H. Sayers, I.G.; W. F. Jepson and J. J. Booth, Stewards; and G. Metcalfe, Tyler. The other portions of the installation were undertaken by the Past Masters as follows: proclamation conducted by the D. of C.; Bro. Geo. Alfred Myers addressed the W.M. and Wardens; whilst the brethren were addressed by Bro. A. K. Boothroyd. The balance-sheet showed the lodge to be in a very prosperous condition, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being upwards of £100, and during the six years of the lodge's existence it has contributed no less a sum than £235 4s. 6d.

to various Charities. We congratulate the new W.M. upon ruling such a successful lodge, and trust he may have a very prosperous and happy year.

When all lodge business had been attended to, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together, when the usual toasts were given and duly honoured.

During the evening a magnificent Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. M. Veal, the I.P.M., for the affection which the brethren have for him, and for his valuable services as ruler of the lodge for the past year.

Bro. Veal suitably acknowledged the handsome gift.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. M. Veal, W.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, I.P.M.; John Walker, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; Joseph Ward, Sec.; Fred. Morgan, S.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O., D. of C.; J. Laurisch, J.D.; Fred. J. Brundrett, Org.; J. Lawrenson, Stwd.; R. J. H. Sayers, G. A. Myers, P.P.G. D. of C.; James Sharples, F. B. Ratcliff, J. Morris, John H. Morris, J. H. Wardle, E. H. Jackson, A. W. Moore, J. Dearnley, H. A. Kay, W. P. Jepson, F. J. Passmore, W. Rowsell, and A. L. Boothroyd. Visitors: Bros. James Walker, P.P.G.W.; H. S. Hiles, W. H. Anderson, P.M.; Thos. Cavanagh, P.M.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.P. G.D. of C.; W. Campbell, P.M., P.P.A.G. D. of C.; W. R. Box, C. H. Clubb, H. B. Dresser, R. Wotham, and R. Dothe, P.M.

Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., at that charming quaint hotel, the Crown, at Broxbourne, the members of the above lodge assembled to instal for the current 12 months a new W.M. The distinguished position has been held hitherto by Bros. Kelly, P.P. G.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. G. Cobb, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. M. Coxon, P.P.G.D.; the late lamented Bro. H. J. Nell, Prov. G.D.; C. H. Moore, and R. W. Nicole, who occupied the chair for the year 1895-96, and who presided last Saturday at the opening of the lodge, and until his successor, Bro. E. Blinkhorn, was installed. There were present at the meeting the following: Bros. R. W. Nicole, I.P.M.; Edwin Blinkhorn, S.W.; John Petch, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; John F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Std., Sec.; J. Gravatt, S.D.; A. Ingram, J.D.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., D.C.; Arthur A. Kelly, Org.; Charles E. Renaud, Stwd.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Donald King, A. T. D. R. Palmer-Palmer, H. R. Bower, A. Franklin, D. Taylor, C. Nicole, E. N. Benningfield, H. F. Facks, F. Page, J. Stephens, and F. H. Johnson. Visitors: Bros. F. Hallows, P.M., W.M. 1892; James Palmer, J.W. 1472; J. Berridge, 1962; H. W. Lee, P.M. 1056; G. Redding, P.M. 917; Tom Taylor, J.W. 45; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1982; and T. W. Williams, Tyler.

After the preliminary business had been performed, Mr. Francis Henry Johnson was initiated, and then Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., was requested by the W.M. to take the chair for the installation ceremony. This he did, and on presentation duly made to him by Bro. Cobb, P.M., D.C., he installed Bro. E. Blinkhorn as W.M. in a truly masterly style. The brethren invested as his officers were Bros. J. Gravatt, S.W.; A. Ingram, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; John F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Steward, Sec.; C. C. Renaud, S.D.; E. N. Benningfield, J.D.; H. R. Bower, I.G.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; F. Page and C. Nicole, Stewards; and T. Williams, Tyler. Propositions for the next meeting were then made, and the brethren after closing the lodge sat down to a delightful banquet.

The subsequent proceedings consisted of honouring the customary toasts and the rendering of an excellent musical performance by Bros. R. W. Nicole, Donald King, E. H. Moore, Charles Nicole, F. N. Johnson, Tom Taylor, H. J. Macfarlane, A. Kelly, H. R. Bower, E. N. Benningfield, and J. Stephens.

Bro. Blinkhorn, W.M., after proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," whom he described as a thorough gentleman and a thorough Mason, having the interests of Masonry at heart in every particular, submitted to the brethren the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. G. E. Lake, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." He said it was a very gratifying thing to know that the interest of the brethren of the Kingswood Lodge in the province had been recognised by the Provincial Grand Master appointing many of its members to Provincial Grand Office, and those brethren had distinguished themselves. When Bro. Halsey appointed Bro. Coxon, whose name he was going to couple with that toast, he did a very wise thing, for he appointed a brother who was well able to perform his duties, as the brethren could testify after seeing him perform the installation that day.

Bro. Coxon, P.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he felt it a very great honour to belong to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Herts, and particularly to be connected with the Kingswood Lodge, which always did its best to forward the interests of Freemasonry in the province. While they had such men in the province to rule over them as they had now Masonry must flourish. He did not take any credit to himself for being one of the founders of the lodge, but the Provincial Grand Lodge showed its appreciation of the efforts made in forming the Kingswood Lodge by giving Provincial Grand office to its members, and so far the lodge had been a great success. He was only too pleased to do all he could to help Masonry in the province. He was quite sure the lodge would be a great success in the future.

Bro. R. W. Nicole, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He did it with great pleasure because Bro. Blinkhorn had the interests of the lodge at heart.

Bro. Blinkhorn, W.M., said, in the course of his reply to the toast, which was most cordially drunk, that, as he had observed on former occasions, he was afraid he was going into the chair with an awful reputation. When he came up to London he was said to be a great sportsman, but that was the last thing he was. He went to cricket, and by some chance he made one or two splendid hits, and got the reputation of being a great cricketer. That character hung on him several years, and he was much afraid that that was the position he held in the Kingswood Lodge, for he came in with the reputation of being a shining light. He had been 20 years in Freemasonry and he could lay some claim to ability to perform the ceremonies; but that was not all that was wanted; more was required from a W.M., for instance, the capacity to preside at the table. His experience of Freemasonry had shown him that if they wished to be thoroughly happy and successful they must have a Master who could preside at the banquet. He should endeavour to perform that duty properly. The brethren had the idea he was a shining light, but he was afraid he should not be able to preside over them as they would wish. It was not in the lodge alone that the cementing of good fellowship was effected because inside the lodge everything was to a certain extent formal and it was difficult to fix up brethren. It was at the banquet table they were able to form their great friendships, and the social side of Freemasonry was what he greatly appreciated. Freemasonry was like a good many other things—a club; there they became acquainted and were well known to each other. That was what he was anxious should take place in the Kingswood Lodge. At these tables he should be very pleased if the brethren would sit down at their social gatherings and stay in the room and enjoy each other's society. He was very proud to be their Master, and as far as he was concerned he should endeavour to keep the brethren together and make his year of office a pleasant one.

Bro. Blinkhorn, W.M., next gave "The Installing Master." Bro. Coxon and he had been associated together many years in Masonry. He initiated Bro. Coxon in another lodge, and had watched his career. Bro. Coxon was an enthusiastic Mason, and when he took up anything he went on with it. The lodge had very great reason to be proud of him, for he took an active interest in its formation, and had also had a great deal to do with the success of Masonry in the province. He was glad to instal Bro. Coxon in the chair of the Islington Lodge, and was sorry he could not do so in the Kingswood Lodge. He could not, however, trench on the rights of the then outgoing W.M. He was delighted that Bro. Coxon installed him that day in the lodge.

Bro. Coxon, P.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he was pleased he had been allowed by the I.P.M., Bro. Nicole, the privilege of installing Bro. Blinkhorn. The W.M. had said that he (Bro. Coxon) took great interest in Masonic matters. Whatever he had done was due to the example set him by his seniors in the Islington Lodge and the Kingswood Lodge. The W.M., his sponsor, had set him an example he had done his best to follow. When he was introduced to the Islington Lodge by Bro. Petch he took particular care that he entered rightly on his duty as a Mason, had done his best to follow his precepts and example, and if in anything it had been his privilege to do the Kingswood Lodge good, it was a source of pleasure and gratification to him. It had been his privilege and pleasure to assist in the installation of four Masters of that lodge, but all the Masters were capable of doing the ceremony, and he did not suppose he would have to do it again.

Bro. Blinkhorn, W.M., in proposing "The Initiate," said he believed in keeping up the Craft, and not in crowding people into it whether they were fit or not. He believed they ought to be very careful whom they admitted. Some thought that getting into a lodge a man who could sing was a great idea; but that was not the be-all and the

end-all in Freemasonry. He had spoken about the social side of it; if they could get a man who could sing it was a good thing, but it was not everything. If a man's characteristics were not those of Freemasonry, Masonry would not alter them, and, therefore, they should be very careful whom they introduced. A man came into Freemasonry absolutely in the dark; he did not know what it involved, or what expense was connected with it; some believed they were providing for their wives and families; but they should be disabused of such ideas. Freemasonry was a luxury, and if a man was not able to come into it in a reasonably financial way he had better join the Foresters or Buffaloes. Masonry involved expense; it did not provide for a man's wife or family. Masonry was spreading no doubt—whether wisely or not he would not say—but before the Prince of Wales became Grand Master it was very much smaller. He could not help noticing when looking over the lists of candidates for the Institutions that many of those who had joined Freemasonry did so when they ought not, and spent money in it when they should not. He held strange views, perhaps, in these matters, but he hoped he was not putting them too far, and he had the courage of his opinions. It was, perhaps, because men did not say what they thought that things went drifting along. He was pleased to introduce Bro. Johnson that night, because he knew he was a man they could depend on in the future.

Bro. Johnson returned thanks for the compliments paid him, and hoped he should prove a good Mason with the excellent example he had to follow.

Bro. Rowland Walter Nicole, I.P.M., in returning thanks for the toast proposed in his honour, and for the handsome Past Master's jewel which was presented to him, said he had always taken an interest in the Kingswood Lodge, and the jewel he had received would always rank with him first in importance.

Bro. Petch, P.M., returned thanks as Treasurer, and Bro. Bell, as Secretary, to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the toasts of "The Visitors" and "The Officers" were then given, honoured, and replied to, and the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant day.

Rahere Lodge, No. 2546.

The first installation meeting of this important lodge was held on the 9th instant in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., the magnificent old hall bearing an animated appearance when the members and visitors, to the number of 110, assembled to witness the installation of the second W.M. During its first year's existence the lodge has prospered exceedingly. Starting with 26 founders, the numbers have been increased to 91, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £320. The Charities have not been neglected, about £120 having been subscribed during the year. It will thus be seen that the lodge has in every possible way justified its existence, and the members—who are all connected with St. Bartholomew's Hospital—have every reason to be proud of its success. The members present included Bros. Clement Godson, P.G.D., W.M.; T. Trollope, I.P.M.; Alfred Cooper, P.G.D., S.W.; W. J. Walsham, J.W.; D'Arcy P.P.G.W., Treas.; T. G. Burns, P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. Gripper, S.D.; P. S. Abraham, J.D.; F. S. Edwards, D.C.; G. H. R. Holden, I.G.; E. Clarke, Org.; Hugh Mackintosh, P.G.D.; F. Lawrence, P.D.G.D.C.; R. D. Darlae, the Rev. Sir B. Savory, and others. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Bucks; Thos. Fenn, Past Pres. Board Gen. Purps.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.G.M. Suffolk; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Sir T. O'Brien, P.G.D.; J. Vincent Coterell, P.P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; M. R. Sewell, P.G.S.; C. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Trimmer, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; Capt. H. P. Johnson, 1383; R. Cross, P.M. 208; C. Christopherson, S.D. 1842; W. H. Dipstale, P.M. 55; A. Symons Eccles, 687; W. J. Tich, 404; P. L. Franks, S.D. 96; E. Coterell, 2127; D. H. Williams, S.D. 170; W. G. King, 6; W. J. Batho, J.W.; J. C. F. Tower, P.P.G.D.; the Rev. W. H. Seton, P.M. 1965; W. Arbuthnot Lane; E. H. Cartwright, W.M. 69; E. Stratton Gerrish, W.M. 2520; Major H. Wright, P.M. 1827; H. Thomson Lyon, S.W. 2533; J. Morgan, P.M.; Dr. J. Pollard, P.M. 2000; and W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, and Bros. G. H. Robinson, 2101, and J. H. Simpson, P.P.J.G.W. Warwickshire, were elected joining members. Messrs. Balfour Neill, M.D.; H. W. Lance; E. W. Willett, M.B.; H. W. Newton, M.R.C.S.; and W. H. Cross, were next impressively initiated, the charge being afterwards given by Bro. Cripps, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Alfred Cooper, P.G.D., was then duly installed as W.M. and the following officers invested: Bros. Clement Godson, P.G.D., I.P.M.; W. J. Walsham, S.W.; T. G. A. Burns, J.W.; Rev. Sir B. Savory, Chap.; R. J. Reece, Treas.; D'Arcy Power, Sec.; Walter Gripper, S.D.; Phineas S. Abraham, J.D.; G. H. R. Holden, I.G.; F. Swinford Edwards, D.C.; J. H. Gilbertson, C. B. Lockwood, and C. P. White, Stwds.; Ernest Clarke, Org.; and P. F. Madden, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Trollope, P.M., and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., the W.M. remarking that no jewel was ever better deserved. Bro. Godson, P.G.D., I.P.M., in returning thanks said he would wear the gift with the greatest possible pride as a souvenir of one of the happiest years of his Masonic life.

The lodge was closed and a banquet was subsequently held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured, the W.M. in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," mentioned that His Royal Highness was President of their hospital and was present at the consecration of the lodge of which he was an honorary member.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, replying for "The Grand Officers," said it was always a pleasant and responsible task to do so, but especially when he saw such a galaxy of Masonic beauty as surrounded him at that moment. It gave them all pleasure to witness the ceremonies of initiation and installation, the performance of which by the I.P.M. left nothing to be desired. They had one and all enjoyed the Masonic treat as well as the fraternal reception.

Bro. Clement Godson, P.G.D., I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he went the other evening to the Aldephi Theatre to see a piece called "One of the Best," and that very aptly described their W.M. For nearly 20 years he had looked upon Bro. Alfred Cooper as his best friend. He was not unique in that respect, for he was not the only one who regarded the W.M. as his best friend. He could tell them in a very few words what the W.M. was. First, Bro. Cooper was a good sportsman, and it would be a wary old cock that could get away from his gun. Three years ago it was recorded in the sporting papers that it was Bro. Alfred Cooper who shot the grandest stag of the year—a 15-pointer. As a surgeon he had been elected on the council of the Royal College of Surgeons, of which he was justly proud. As a Mason he was a distinguished P.G.D. and a member of the 32°, so that he had only one more step to be at the top of the tree. As a St. Bartholomew's man, no one more loyal ever lived, always sending a patient to a "Barts" man whenever it was possible to do so. There was no doubt that as W.M. Bro. Cooper was the right man in the right place, and was aptly described as "one of the best."

Bro. Alfred Cooper, P.G.D., W.M., returned warm thanks for the kind words of the I.P.M. He was sure those words came from the heart, and was grateful accordingly. He would say no more on that subject, but propose "The Health of the I.P.M." The amount of work done by the I.P.M. no brother knew except he who followed him. Bro. Godson had given up all his spare time to the lodge, and it was a much easier task to follow the first Master than to be the first Master.

Bro. C. Godson, P.G.D., I.P.M., in reply, said it had been the proudest year of his Masonic career to be the first W.M. of that lodge. He had a very tangible memento of that year of office in the beautiful jewel presented to him. He should wear it with the greatest pride, and was grateful to them for their expression of thanks for his humble services.

Bro. W. H. Cross (Secretary to St. Bartholomew's Hospital) responded first for "The Initiates," and said it was a great pleasure to have been admitted and received by them with such cordiality. He was but an Apprentice, and, therefore, there was not much to say, but he had been deeply impressed by what he had seen, for the principles urged upon him tended to a godly and virtuous living.

Bro. Edmund Owen, P.M., on behalf of "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge on its magnificent success.

Bro. T. G. A. Burns, P.P.G.D. Surrey, J.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Manchester Lodge, No. 2554.

The second installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, the 12th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. There was a very large gathering of members and visitors on this auspicious occasion, inasmuch as Bro. Thos. Plumptre, S.W., W.M. elect, and Treasurer of the Freemasons' Hall Co., was to be installed. Bro. Plumptre is a great favourite all round with all who have the privilege of knowing him, and it proved to be the case by the many friends who had assembled together; some of them had come a great distance. The brethren met at three o'clock.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. B. Akerman, P.M., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed and the balance-sheet having been submitted and adopted, which proved to be in a most prosperous condition, although the lodge has been most generous to the Charities, and we feel quite sure that under the guidance and ruling of Bro. Plumptre, W.M., who is now its head, will still go on and be as prosperous as ever. The Installing Master was Bro. A. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.W., and he appointed as his Installing Officers Bros. A. H. Duffin, P.P.G.D.C., as S.W.; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; C. H. Arnold, P.M., as D. of C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O., as Organist; and W. B. Akerman, P.M., as I.G. Bro. Plumptre, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Arnold, and the ceremony was performed in a faultless manner by Bro. Arthur Jefferis. The newly-elected Master was duly saluted, greeted, and proclaimed in the different Degrees. Bro. Arnold explained the working tools, Bro. James Bent, P.M., addressed the Master, and Bro. A. H. Jefferis the Wardens and brethren. The following were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Thos. Plumptre, W.M.; W. B. Akerman, I.P.M.; W. Charlton, S.W.; Wm. A. Boyer, J.W.; A. C. K. Smith, Treas.; E. A. Eason, Sec.; A. B. Smith, S.D.; W. E. Davies, J.D.; J. A. Thompson, I.G.; C. H. Arnold, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.W., Org.; and J. A. K. Haddad, A. Barlow, Adam Still, and F. J. Burt, Stewards. At the close of the installation, Bro. Plumptre, the W.M., presented, in the name of the lodge, to Bro. Akerman, I.P.M., a most magnificent Past Master's jewel, remarking, although it was valuable in itself, its value was small in comparison with the love and affection they had for him. Bro. Akerman suitably responded.

The following brethren were present: Bros. W. B. Akerman, P.M., W.M.; C. H. Arnold, P.M., I.P.M.; Thos. Plumptre, S.W.; W. Charlton, J.W.; W. A. Boyer, Treas.; A. C. K. Smith, Sec.; E. A. Eason, S.D.; A. B. Smith, J.D.; W. E. Davies, I.G.; J. A. Thompson and J. A. K. Haddad, Stwds.; E. Roberts, P.M.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Bent, P.M.; F. J. Burt, F. J. Large, S. D. Ward, G. Leroy, J. Thompson, H. Thompson, C. Wroe, P.Z., and Da Cunlia Sellers. Visitors: Bros. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. P.G.M. designate; Jas. Newton, P.G. Sec.; W. Goldthorpe, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Lees, P.P.G.T.; G. R. Lloyd, P.P.G.T.; A. Middleton, P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Cutter, P.S.G.D.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. East and West Lancashire; J. Bladon, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. V. Blaikie and J. Garside, P.G. Stwds.; A. Allen, W.M. 317; S. Mills, W.M. 2584; R. Plumptre, I.G. 481; C. E. Shroeder, 481; W. Nicholl, P.P.G.T.; E. Webb, P.M. 1134; A. H. Duffin, P.P.G.D.C.; W. J. Sherlock, 2109; W. Dumville, P.M. 2156; C. Blacow, 2156; J. R. Maltby, 1219; and others.

Letters of apology were received from Bros. Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M.; Dr. D. J. Leech, P.S.G.W.; C. D. Cheetham, P.J.G.W.; G. L. Vaughan, P.D.G.R.; J. W. Maclure, M.P., Past G.D. Eng.; R. H. Holmes, Dep. P.G.M. Northumberland; T. W. Rice, P.S.G.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W.; A. Clegg, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. W. Challenor, P.G. Chap.; and others.

Furnival Lodge, No. 2558.

Twelve months ago when the above lodge was founded and consecrated we ventured to prophesy. This in ordinary circumstances is doubtless a rash proceeding but we believed we were justified in doing so for briefly these very good reasons. First of all a new lodge was needed; secondly its promoters were men of character and position, and lastly the circumstances under which it commenced its career were singularly auspicious and favourable. Taking all these matters into consideration we predicted that the Furnival Lodge would establish an undoubted *raison d'être*, would maintain the high character of our Order and would in all respects discharge fully its Masonic duties. A year has elapsed, and on Friday, the 12th inst., the first anniversary of its formation was kept and its second Worshipful Master was installed. It will be seen from our account of the proceedings that the new lodge has fully sustained its character and more than justified the opinions formed at its commencement. There was a large gathering. The W.M., Bro. C. Stokes opened the lodge, and was supported by a full complement of his officers, and amongst others the following: Bros. G. H. Hutchinson, S.W. and W.M. elect; Rev. G. Ford, M.A., J.W.; A. Davidson, Treas.; Claude Barker, Sec.; Walter Fearnough, S.D.; R. P. Fisher, J.D.; W. Sissons, D.C.; W. J. Maidment, Org.; Horace Cawood, I.G.; Ernest Beck, and R. J. Taylor, Stwds.; Thos. Leighton, I.G.; Chas. Robinson, W. Cawood, A. Senior, G. H. Hunt, W. H. Croft, Chas. Dolman, H. Coward, F. Heely, jun., and others. The visitors comprised Bros. J. C. Malcolm, Deputy Prov. G.M., G.D. England; H. Allen, P.M. 1779, P.S.G.W.; H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Brittain, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B.; Simeon Hayes, P.M. 139, P.P.G.W.; Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.P.G.W.; H. T. E. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, P.A.G. Sec.; H. J. Garnett, P.M. 139, P.P.G.D.; John F. Moss, P.M. 296, P.P.G.D.; W. Middleton, W.M. 139; G. B. Wood, W.M. 296; T. E. Barker, W.M. 1239; R. O. Weyer, W.M. 1779; T. Abbott, W.M. 2263; A. Reckless, W.M. 2268; C. F. Brindley, W.M. 2558; S. Dickenson, I.P.M., and John Stokes, J.W., of 139; W. Colver, P.M., Isaac Ellis, P.M., and R. R. Neill, of 296; J. Robertshaw, P.M., S. Wetherell, P.M., W. Slater, and H. Johnson, of 1239; Walter C. Fox, P.M. 1260 and 2263; T. Harrison, S.W., and Robert C. Honey, Org., of 2263; J. W. Dewsnay, P.M. 2264; G. Edwards, P.M., and J. J. Parker, I.P.M., of 2268; F. Fill, W.M., W. C. Furness, and R. J. Barraderl, of 2373; G. Gibson, 2355; and W. Foxon, W. Ryland, A. J. James, W. S. Miner, and F. Cartwright, of 2491.

After the minutes had been read and put for confirmation, and the Grand Provincial Grand Officers had been saluted, Bro. H. T. E. Holmes, P.P.G.D.C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. H. Hutchinson, in the usual terms to the Installing Master, Bro. Charles Stokes. The ceremony of installation was at once proceeded with, the retiring Master acquitting himself in a manner which was much appreciated and admired. A pleasing feature of the function was the small, but effective, part played by officers of three of the oldest lodges in Sheffield—Bros. Middleton, 139; Ensor Drury, 296; and T. E. Barker, 1239—who presented and explained the working tools in the several Degrees. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were most eloquently given by Bro. Charles Stokes. To show the interest taken in the Furnival Lodge, it should be specially noted that each Sheffield lodge was represented by its W.M., and that the Board of Installed Masters numbered 28. Bro. G. H. Hutchinson, the new W.M., was initiated in the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, in 1889, by Bro. A. Simonson. Owing to its great numerical strength, the prospect of getting to the Worshipful Master's chair in that lodge had been remote even unto hopelessness. This has long been felt, and was, in fact, one of the chief causes for the formation of the Furnival Lodge. Bro. Hutchinson being a man of sterling character and excellent repute, was welcomed by Bro. Charles Stokes and others, and became one of the founders and the first S.W. of the new lodge. Succeeding Bro. Stokes, he now becomes the second W.M., and thus attains the coveted position which could not have been his in his mother lodge except after years of patient waiting. Himself in the prime of life, he has selected a band of young and zealous officers, whom he invested as follows: Bros. C. Stokes, P.M. 1239, I.P.M.; Rev. Geo. Ford, M.A., S.W.; Claude Barker, J.W.; Alb. Davidson, Treas.; Walter Fearnough, Sec.; R. P. Fisher, S.D.; Walter Sissons, J.D.; H. Cawood, D. of C.; W. J. Maidment, Org.; Ernest Beck, I.G.; and B. J. Taylor and H. E. Schnetzler, Stwds. That the feeling between the W.M. and his officers is an excellent one might be deduced from the pleasant and most kindly remarks which were addressed to each on investment, whilst the popularity of their appointment was unmistakably shown by the applause of the brethren assembled. The installation and investiture being completed, the business on the agenda was commenced. The chief item was the selection of a Charity Steward to represent the lodge on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee. Bro. Chas. Stokes was unanimously elected to that office, and in thanking the brethren, assured them that well as they had done in the past, he intended the future to show much better results. The Secretary being called upon for communications, announced apologies for non-attendance from the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P.; Bro. Henry Smith, P.D.P.G.M.; and the Worshipful Masters of the Scarsdale, Phoenix, and Wharfedale Lodges. Bro. W. L. Jackson's letter, which was read, was as follows:

"27, Cadogan-square, S.W.,
"13th May, 1896.

"Dear Sir and Brother,
"I am very glad to hear that the Furnival Lodge, No. 2558, has selected you for its second Master.

"I wish I could be present on the occasion of your installation, but I am afraid it is impossible, as I shall be in London.

"Please convey to the members of the lodge my 'Hearty good wishes,' and my regrets for absence.—Believe me, yours very truly and fraternally,

"GEO. H. HUTCHINSON, Esq."

"W. L. JACKSON.

The Worshipful Master, on putting the usual questions, was at once met by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. C. Malcolm, who promptly rose and declared the pleasure he experienced at being present with them that evening. He thanked them for their very hearty salutations, and regretted the Prov. Grand Master's inability to attend. Bro. Malcolm said that was, he believed, the first visit he had paid to a Craft lodge in Sheffield, and that the last time he was present in that hall was at its consecration. He was grateful to Sheffield as it was the first to give him a welcome in his new capacity as their Deputy, and he trusted that he could count upon the kind assistance of his Sheffield brethren, many of whose faces were quite familiar to him, in carrying out the onerous and important duties of his office. Bro. Malcolm then briefly referred to the probability that after the summer recess they would be in a position to confer Past Provincial rank upon eight members of the province and assured them that though they felt the difficulty in which they were placed they would yet endeavour to do justice and recognise merit as far as was possible. He also spoke of the contemplated local Masonic Charitable scheme, to the introduction of which the Chairman of the Charity Committee had pledged himself. He (Bro. Malcolm) hoped that it would be brought before all the lodges, that it would be thoroughly discussed and ventilated, and that they would meet so important a question gravely and decide justly upon its merits. Bro. Malcolm concluded by repeating his thanks.

The lodge was closed after hearty congratulations, and the brethren to the number of nearly 70 sat down to dinner in the handsome banquetting room downstairs. The repast, which was prepared and cooked on the premises under the able supervision of Mrs. Turner, the wife of Bro. Robert Turner, the hall keeper, maintained the very high reputation which attaches to Masonic dinners in Sheffield. The viands were choice, the cooking and serving of the best, whilst the enjoyment of the meal was increased by the many neat-handed Phyllises who, in regulation cap and apron, administered so zealously and withal so willingly to the wants of the brethren. The arrangements left nothing to be desired and reflect the greatest credit upon the management.

After the toast of "The Queen" had been proposed and loyally honoured, the W.M. submitted that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The reply was entrusted to Bro. W. H. Brittain, P.G.S.B., who, in the name of their Grand Master, thanked the brethren for their loyal support and allegiance to Grand Lodge. Bro. Brittain then in complimentary terms referred to the honour which that province had obtained both in the Craft and in the Royal Arch Degrees; in the former by the appointment of their Deputy, Bro. Malcolm, to the office of Grand Deacon, and in the latter by the selection of their excellent friend and townsman, Comp. Ensor Drury for a collar in Grand Chapter. Both, he was sure, were well-deserved and heartily approved.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that a toast that came home to them so nearly as that did needed no commendation from him. Many of them knew far better than he, though none appreciated more fully, the merits of those whose health he invited them to drink. The Prov. G. Master was present with a large staff of his officers at the consecration of their lodge 12 months ago and he ventured to say that in no town in West Yorkshire was Bro. W. L. Jackson's popularity greater than it was in that good city of Sheffield.

To this toast, which was most heartily received, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. C. Malcolm, responded. On behalf of the Prov. G. Master, himself, and the officers of Prov. G. Lodge, he thanked them most sincerely for their reception of the toast. As it happened, they had, he said, a most representative body of Prov. Grand Officers present, for in addition to several Past G. Wardens and other officers, they had also the Senior Grand Warden of the province, Bro. Harry Allen; the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Herbert Green; and the Prov. Asst. G. Sec., Bro. Joseph Matthewman. He might therefore say that the executive was at any rate well represented. Referring to the Furnival Lodge, Bro. Malcolm reminded them that along with the White Rose of York Lodge, they were the children, so to speak, of their Prov. Grand Master, that he had sanctioned and consecrated each lodge, and that he naturally took very great interest in their welfare and progress. He rejoiced to see the vigour and energy which characterised their proceedings, and he felt confident that the conduct of affairs which he had witnessed that evening was not only an evidence of past success, but an augury of future advancement. As to the honour which their M.W.G. Master had conferred upon Bro. Ensor Drury, he felt, with them, that it was eminently deserved. As to himself, though he believed that in Bro. Tew's days his name was submitted to Grand Lodge, he was glad that at that time it was not recognised, as to obtain office now enhanced greatly the dignity for which the R.W. Prov. G. Master had selected him and thereby added to the honour and *clat* of West Yorkshire. As Deputy Prov. G. Master, he felt it would be his duty to make himself fully acquainted with the different lodges. That he could not do without visiting amongst them. He intended to do that, so that he might keep both himself and the Prov. G. Master in touch with them all.

Bro. Harry Allen, P.M. 1776, Prov. S.G.W., being also called upon, contented himself with personally thanking them and offering his congratulations to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Furnival Lodge. He had, he said, been much struck by a passage in the R.W. Prov. G. Master's speech at Dewsbury in October last. Being *apropos* and brief, with their indulgence he would read it. Bro. Jackson said: "During the year it has been a gratifying circumstance that I have been called upon to consecrate a new lodge, viz., Furnival, No. 2558, Sheffield. Of this new lodge I hear excellent accounts. The success which has attended it and the harmony which characterises it, whilst highly satisfactory, do not exceed the expectations I formed at its commencement, and I then said, knowing the men to whom its destinies were entrusted, that it was with perfect confidence I left the interests of the lodge in their hands." Bro. Allen thought that very high praise indeed, and doubted not that they would ever strive to merit such commendation.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. H. Hutchinson," was proposed in glowing terms by Bro. W. H. Brittain. He congratulated the Furnival Lodge upon possessing so excellent and painstaking a W.M., and so active and zealous a band of officers. With a long Masonic experience behind him, Bro. Brittain ventured to say from the indications he had observed that the lodge had a great future before it. Their W.M. was one who had always taken deep interest in the lessons taught by Freemasonry, and he felt sure that he would do everything possible to him to secure peace and harmony amongst them. His rule, he ventured to think, would be acceptable to the brethren, honourable to himself, and in all respects conducive to the welfare of the lodge and the reputation of the Order.

Rising to reply, Bro. G. H. Hutchinson, W.M., had a most flattering reception. He declared that the duty at that moment incumbent upon him—that of adequately replying to Bro. Brittain's kind words—was an arduous one indeed. To hear his health proposed in such affectionate terms, and to find those expressions so generously and heartily endorsed, placed him in a difficulty, for, suitably to respond required, he feared, a better man than he. He assured them that he was deeply touched by their kindness, and declared that the compliments of that evening would compensate him fully for all the work which he meant to do whilst in the chair of the lodge. To have the presence of so many Provincial Grand Officers to do him honour, to have the meeting graced by the personal attendance of the Worshipful Masters of all the Sheffield lodges, to have Past Masters by the dozen, and visitors from all quarters, combined to form a tribute of respect to his lodge and himself, which it would be impossible to value too highly. The work of the lodge so far had been one uninterrupted success; there had been no jarring note, no difference of opinion even, and he would make it his ambition, his highest aspiration, if he could not enhance the reputation of his lodge, to, at least, prevent it from losing prestige or in any way diminishing its glory. He would do all that man could do with that object, assured all visitors they were heartily welcome, and expressed his grateful thanks to all for the universal consideration and kindness so fully manifested to him.

To the S.W., Bro. the Rev. G. Ford, was entrusted No. 6 on the list—"The Installing Master, Bro. Charles Stokes." Bro. Ford declared that to place in his hands

a toast so important gave him the greatest possible pleasure, though he knew he was quite unfitted to do full justice to it. Being a modest man himself, he would not praise Bro. Stokes too highly, but would leave his work and his reputation in their hands. Bro. Stokes had the singular position of being the only Past Master of his lodge, and he (Bro. Ford) believed that as no one could better have discharged his duty as Master in the chair, so he felt certain that in his unique position of only Past Master, Bro. Stokes would be equal to the occasion, and do all that could possibly be expected of him. Bro. Stokes, he firmly believed, not only professed belief in the principles of Freemasonry, but honestly carried them out in practice in his daily life. The popularity of Bro. Chas. Stokes was evident, his reception was of a very enthusiastic character. He said he looked back upon the past year with great pleasure. They had tried to do good work, and he believed they had succeeded, and he was rejoiced to find that the prediction so generously uttered in relation to Furnival Lodge had so far been fulfilled. He was proud to think that they, the youngest lodge, had been the first to have the honour of receiving and entertaining their new Deputy. As to the affairs of Furnival, he might say that during their brief existence they had had eight initiates, four joining members, and at their various meetings they had also conducted seven passings and five raisings; that they had been most careful in the character of the men they had admitted; that though they had necessarily had great expenses, being a new lodge, they had yet contrived to give something to the Masonic Charities, and still have a balance at the bank to their credit. He said that as no boasting speech, and if anything further might be added to show the perfect concord among them, it would be shown in the fact that in no single proposition that had yet come before the lodge had there been even an adverse vote. His duty had been a great pleasure, and that pleasure was much increased by the kind way in which his name had been received. With many thanks to all, he still placed his services at the disposal of his brethren.

Bro. Claude Barker briefly proposed "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren."

Amongst those who replied were the Worshipful Masters of the other seven lodges in Sheffield, the Prov. Asst. G. Sec., Bro. Joseph Matthewman, and several others.

The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers of Furnival Lodge." Both were well received.

Songs, as well as instrumental music, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Bro. Honey's cornet solos, with violin obligato, by Bro. C. Stokes were very much admired, whilst the songs of others, and the excellent recitation of Bro. Harry Allen were fully appreciated. The evening, from commencement to finish, was one unbroken success, and we are quite sure that proud as they must be of the reputation they have gained, the Furnival brethren will strive to live up to and maintain their position, and still further justify the good opinions they have so fairly won.

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

Lodge and Chapter of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. Geo. Hill, P.M., W.M.; M. Beedle, S.W.; A. Terry, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; F. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; L. S. Genese, S.D.; T. L. Goldstein, J.D.; A. A. Butcher, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler; and J. Mason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M. The lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goldstein being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom, P.M. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and at the first rising the dues were collected. Bro. M. Beedle, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

LEWIS CHAPTER, No. 1185.

An interesting meeting of this important chapter was held at the Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Monday evening, the 8th inst., when the three Principals of the mother chapter occupied their respective chairs. Among those present were Comps. J. C. Smith, P.Z., Preceptor; H. T. Thompson, P.Z. 1185; G. J. Row, P.Z. 1185; W. G. Hildreth, J. 1185; R. S. Cushing, P.Z. 1185; W. F. Darrell, M.E.Z. 1185; W. F. Bull, H. 820; Alfred Wood, 1st A.S. 1185; N. Salmon, I.P.Z. 177; G. Cunningham, S.N. 1185; W. Webb, 1471; G. P. Pointer, 1st A.S. 2374; J. T. Davies, M.E.Z. 1348; E. J. Wickenden, P.S. 9; J. W. Murray, P.S. 145; W. J. Hewett, H. 1185; and C. Halford, 2nd A.S. 1185.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. A. Salmon, I.P.Z., acting as candidate. The first, second, and third lectures were given in excellent manner by Comps. W. J. Hildreth, J.; W. H. Hewett, H.; and G. J. Row, as M.E.Z., Comp. G. Cunningham acting as P.S.

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.—[ADVT.]

Illud Masonic Degrees.

W. M. Sewell Council, No. 11.

The installation meeting of this council was held on Monday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maryport. Bro. Thos. Atkinson, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. F. R. Sewell, P.M., R.G.C., P.G.W., Treas.; Jas. Gardner, P.M., P.G.D., W.M. elect; J. O. Scott, S.W.; J. Dickinson, P.M., G.S.B., J.W.; Jas. Anderson, Sec.; G. W. Turney, S.D.; G. Starkey, J.D.; T. Mandle, P.M.; Jno. Smith, Org.; J. Messenger, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous council were read and confirmed, after which a candidate was approved of and a companion inducted into the Order of Grand High Priest. The chair was then taken by Bro. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.G.W., as Installing Master, to whom Bro. J. Gardner, P.M., P.G.D., was duly presented, and installed in a most perfect manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Thos. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. O. Scott, S.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, J.W.; Col. F. R. Sewell, Treas. and R.G.C.; G. W. Turney, Sec.; G. Starkey, S.D.; G. Scott, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; T. Annison, D.C.; J. Burford, I.G.; and J. Messenger, Tyler.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, June 27, 1896.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 22.**CRAFT LODGES.**

1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
2397, Columbia, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.**CRAFT LODGES.**

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
1310, Stockwell, Holborn Restaurant.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AT BRIGHTON.

CRAFT LODGES.

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
508, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar.
1517, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Palmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.

Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
90, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel.
1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

170, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
1022, Sir Hugh Myddleton, Cock Tavern.
1014, Covent Garden, Criterion.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 26.

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGE.

60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY JUNE 27.**CRAFT LODGES.**

1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2472, Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK have become patrons of the Royal School for Daughters of officers of the Army at Bath.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF WARWICK have left Warwick Castle for Easton Lodge, near Dunmow, where they will spend the summer.

WE REGRET TO HEAR that the condition of Bro. Lord Fitzhardinge is considered very grave. He is lying seriously ill and his weakness has greatly increased.

OWING to the great success of the concert on 14th inst., Madame Adelina Patti has consented to sing at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday evening, the 30th inst. This will be her last appearance in London during the season.

THE ADDITIONS WHICH the Admiralty has decided on making to the Royal Naval Barracks at Devonport, are more extensive than was originally provided for. The work will cost £160,000, and it is expected it will be completed by December, 1896.

THE SIAMESE MINISTER held a reception at 23, Ashburn-place, South Kensington, on Tuesday evening. About 400 guests were present, among them being most of the Ambassadors and Ministers in London and many leading political and social notabilities.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, on behalf of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty, has issued an appeal for £755 for the acquisition of Barras Head, Kings Arthur's Cove, Cornwall, and for the preservation of a Pre-Reformation Clergy House at Alfriston, Sussex.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided at a meeting of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1881 on Monday morning and in the afternoon, with H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House for Silwood Park, Sunninghill.

LAST SUNDAY collections were made in the churches and chapels of all denominations throughout London in behalf of what is known as the Hospital Sunday Fund, the sum collected at St. Michael's, Chester-square, and remitted to the Mansion House on Monday by the Rev. Canon Fleming, being £1477 18s. 6d.

THE MEMBERS of the Institute of Naval Architects, who were splendidly received by the Emperor of Germany at Berlin, visited Stettin on Monday for the purpose of inspecting the yards of the Vulcan Shipbuilding Company, and were conducted over them by the directors. When the inspection was over, they returned to Berlin.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Ha'sbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Right Hon. W. Hume Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, accompanied by her sister, the Princess Elizabeth of Waldeck-Pyrmont, visited St. Augustine's Hall, Settles-street, Commercial-road, E., on Tuesday afternoon, and having been conducted over the Clergy House, mission premises, club, and church, was presented by the children with a number of gifts for the Princess Alice, and Duke of Albany, and herself, which she very graciously acknowledged.

ON SATURDAY LAST the Emperor William of Germany forwarded to the 1st Royal Dragoons, of which he is Hon. Colonel, a wreath with which to decorate the head of the staff of the regimental colours on Waterloo Day (the 18th inst.). The garland is composed of golden laurel leaves, intertwined with flowers and fruits and with a scarlet gold-fringed ribbon attached. On one end of this ribbon is the initial "W." with a crown, and on the other the words "Waterloo, June 18, 1815."

SEVERAL of her Majesty's judges dined together, according to annual custom, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday evening, among them being the Lord Chief Justice of England (Lord Russell of Killowen), the Master of the Rolls (Lord Esher), Lord Justice Smith, Sir Francis Jeune, Baron Pollock, Bro. Justice Cave, and Justices Chitty, North, Stirling, Wills, Collins, Barras, Kekewich, and Kennedy, and Bro. Gainsford Bruce.

THE ANNUAL CONVERSAZIONE of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion was held, by the kind permission of the Masters and Wardens, in the hall of the Haberdashers' Company, the number of those present being about 600. Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans, Vice-President of the Society and Master of the Haberdashers' Company, and Lady Evans, received the guests. The entertainment included music, mostly Welsh in character, and sundry recitations.

THE CREW SELECTED by Yale University to compete for the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley arrived at Southampton from the United States on board the American Line Steamer Berlin. They were 12 in number, three of them being substitutes in the event of breakdown on the part of any of the crew, and are accompanied by the famous Yale coach, Mr. Robert J. Cook. They have also brought with them two boats, one a new boat and the other a practice shell. They arrived at Henley early in the day and received a hearty welcome from the Mayor. Subsequently they went in for a little practice on the river.

BRO. SIR W. WILKIN, Lord Mayor of London, announces that an influential meeting will be held at the Mansion House on Monday, the 29th instant, at 2 p.m., to consider what steps can be taken to give relief to the native population of Bechuanaland, numbering over 100,000, who are suffering sore and exceptional distress, with the probability of a prolonged famine, through a drought, followed by the ravages of locusts, and a visitation of rinderpest. In the meantime his lordship will receive at the Mansion House any contributions that may be forwarded.

ON SUNDAY LAST some 350 Roman Catholic sailors of the Mediterranean Squadron, which is visiting the principal Italian ports, attended Mass in the Sistine Chapel in the Pope's Palace of the Vatican, the Pope himself being present and bestowing his blessing on the congregation. On leaving the sailors lustily cheered his Holiness as he was being carried through their midst. They were afterwards entertained at dinner, and then conducted in carriages to see the principal sights in the Eternal City and finally returned home delighted with their visit.

SOME 82 DRAWINGS AND PICTURES belonging to the late Sir Julian Goldsmid, M.P., were sold by auction at Christie's on Saturday and realised £67,342, or an average of over £820 each. Of these, 19 realised £54,453. Sir Joshua Reynolds's "the Hon. Mary Monckton" fetching 7500 guineas, Gainsborough's "Dorothea Lady Eden" 5000 guineas, Sir J. Reynolds's "Barbara Countess of Coventry" 3800 guineas, "Mrs. Mathew," by Reynolds, 4000 guineas, "Mrs. Oliver and sleeping baby on her lap," by G. Romney, 3100 guineas.

THE COUNTESS PERCY gave a garden party at Sion House, Isleworth, on Saturday last, the beautiful gardens being thronged with guests, among whom were the United States Ambassador and Mrs. Bayard, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos and Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Duchess of Montrose, the Marchioness of Zetland and Lady Maud Dundas, the Countess of Yarborough, the Earl and Countess of Portsmouth, and others. The Grenadier Guards' band performed on the lawn, and refreshments were served in a large marquee.

IN THE UNAVOIDABLE absence, through indisposition of the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), the Duchess of Argyll, accompanied by Miss Campbell, opened the floral fête and country fair, organised at the Cazenoves, Upper Clapton, in aid of the church schools of St. Michael and All Angels', London Fields. Among those on the dais were Bro. Lord and Lady Amherst of Hackney, Sir Andrew Scoble, M.P., Mrs. Browne, wife of the Bishop of Stepney, Mr. Herbert Robertson, M.P., and a considerable number of the clergy of the district. Very general regret was expressed at the absence of the Princess.

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.]

SATURDAY NEXT, the 27th inst., will be the annual ex-pupils day of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when all ex-pupils will be heartily welcomed at the Institution at 3.30.

MR. J. GURNEY BARCLAY has given £100 towards the purse of £1000 started by the Duke of Westminster in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney-road.

THE GRAND DUKE AND GRAND DUCHESS OF MECKLENBURG-STRELITZ, and Princesses Marie and Jutta of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and suite, witnessed the performance of "Roméo et Juliette" at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on Thursday evening.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, with their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on Saturday evening last, and witnessed a performance of "Die Walküre."

THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR and the Countess de Casa Valencia, have expressed their thanks through the press for all the kind enquiries received at the Embassy as to the health of the Ambassador, who was knocked over by a cab last week, but is now fast recovering from the injuries he received.

AN EXHIBITION of violas in connection with the National Viola Society will be held in the Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park, to-morrow (Saturday). The band of the 1st London Royal Engineer Volunteers will play from 3.30 to 6.30, this being the second of the series of Saturday Musical Promenades.

THE WILL of Mr. Henry David Leslie, formerly of Conduit-street, Regent-street, and late of Bryn Tanat, Montgomery, the well-known choirmaster, who died on February 5th, at Baschurch, Salop, was proved on the 3rd inst., by Mrs. Mary Betsy Leslie, the widow and sole executrix, the value of the personal estate being £452 5s.—City Press.

ON SATURDAY LAST, the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, accompanied by her husband, Bro. the Duke of Fife, opened a bazaar and garden fête in the grounds of Holmwood, Putney, which had been lent for the occasion by Bro. T. Simpson Jay, in aid of the National Schools and All Saint's Church, Putney. On Monday the sale was opened by the Duchess of Teck.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Corps of Royal Engineers was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge, who is the Colonel. Among the guests were Field Marshal Sir J. L. Simmonds, Colonel Commandant, General Sir Gerald Graham, and Bro. Major-General E. C. Sim.

THE ANNUAL CONVERSAZIONE of the members of the North Lambeth Association of the National Union of Teachers was held in the Battersea Town Hall on Saturday evening last. An ample programme, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music, some amateur theatricals, &c., and gave every satisfaction, was carried out very successfully, a dance bringing the proceedings to a termination.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY have re-issued their list of farm and garden producers. There are now nearly 1000 persons in the Eastern Counties prepared to send produce direct to consumers at the cheap rates recently brought into operation. The farmhouse lodging list has been enlarged and brought up to date, and will be found useful to persons in quest of quiet country apartments during the summer season.

THE MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS awarded to British exhibitors at Chicago in 1893 have been issued to our Ambassador at Washington, and have been transmitted by him to the Foreign Office. Sir Henry Trueman Wood has been requested by the Secretary of State to undertake the duty of distributing them, and this will be done at once. All the exhibitors may expect to receive their medals within about a month from the present date.

THE JUBILEE of Lord Kelvin's tenure of his Professorship at the University of Glasgow has been celebrated with all possible éclat, and on Tuesday letters of congratulation were received by his lordship from Sir Arthur Bigge, on behalf of her Majesty, and from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The celebrations concluded in the evening with a grand banquet in St. Andrew's Hall, at which over 500 gentlemen were present.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales are successful exhibitors at the inaugural show of the Welsh Kennel Club, now being held at Cardiff. The Prince, who is President of the club, exhibits in Basset hounds and foreign dogs; whilst the Princess of Wales has won several prizes with her collie Sandringham Dainty. The Royal dogs, which have proved an immense attraction, have been housed in special kennels, which throughout the show have been surrounded by admiring throngs.

FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.—The 54th annual meeting and conversazione was held on the 16th instant in the Institution. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Compton, M.P., Vice-President, occupied the chair. Mr. Peregrine Platt read the report, from which it appeared that this Institution helps 60 men and women nightly, 220 boys and girls in the Industrial Schools, 21 infants daily in the crèche, 1000 children in the Bible Schools, and 800 men and women in the mission services. Upwards of 30 meetings are held weekly, the aggregate average attendance being 3600. The income of these Schools for the past year was £13,000 and the expenditure £12,200; £4000 per annum is required. Contributions are earnestly solicited to carry on this good work.

AT THE KENSINGTON TOWN HALL, Lady Russell of Killowen opened a 'two days' bazaar on behalf of the work carried on in Cavendish-square in the training of Roman Catholic pupil teachers. The stalls have been furnished by the Convent of the Enfants de Marie, and one is devoted to vestments and ecclesiastical embroideries. Her ladyship, before declaring the bazaar open, explained its objects, and said a Government grant could only be secured by a fully-trained pupil teacher, whose course involved a year of education after leaving school. Then, when she obtained a post as pupil teacher, her salary would only be £16, and her maintenance was estimated at £24. This deficit had to be met by the home. It was unnecessary to urge the importance of having teachers of the Catholic faith to cope with the secular tendencies of Board School education.

THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS.—On Thursday last, La Marguerite performed her opening trip of the season to Margate and Boulogne and back the same day, when a large number, taking advantage of the favourable condition of the weather, availed themselves of the opportunity of spending a delightful day. La Marguerite will now run through the season as above every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, and to Margate only and back on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. Brethren of various lodges who exercise their minds as to the most enjoyable method of spending a summer outing would do well to take a trip in La Marguerite. Special reduced fares can be had for parties of 15 and over. The splendid fittings, the catering, and evident wish to study the comfort of the passengers, together with low fare, should make these trips exceedingly popular.

THE DRUMMOND CASTLE, one of the best known of the Castle liners, struck on a rock between Ushant and the French coast on Tuesday night last, upon her homeward voyage, and immediately foundered. This terrible disaster to a fleet hitherto enjoying the distinction of never having sustained any loss of life by accident at sea has apparently involved the whole of the crew and passengers—250 persons—excepting three survivors. Whatever the cause, the ship was obviously out of her course. It is suggested that the weather was foggy, and that the Ushant lights were obscured, so that it is conceivable that she was caught in one of the currents so numerous on that perilous coast, although in view of the care with which these vessels are navigated, such an ordinary element of danger as a fog could not be regarded as counting for much. Captain Pierce, who commanded the ill-fated ship, was one of the most experienced officers in the service, and it is not likely that he would have taken the hazardous course of shortening his voyage in the slightest degree possible by keeping nearer the land than is customary. The cause of this fatal digression therefore remains to be discovered.

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