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## THE RECENT SCHOOL QUARTERLY COURTS.

There was the usual—in the case of the Boys' School more than the usual—excitement at the Quarterly General Courts of Governors and Subscribers to our Scholastic Institutions, which were held at Freemasons' Tavern last week on Thursday, the 8th, and Friday, the 9th, instant, respectively. As regards that of the

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which took place on the earlier of those two days, the ordinary business was very quickly disposed of, and a poll opened for the election of 19 girls from an approved list of 27, the Dorsetshire candidate having died about a week previous to the election. London, which furnished five candidates, had the good fortune to return four of that number, No. 2 obtaining the 19th place, with 2780 votes, of which 852 were brought forward from the April Court and 1928 additional; No. 13, who took the 11th place, with 3179 votes; and Nos. 26 and 27, who were returned, in the former case, with 3337, and, in the latter, with 3061 votes, as Nos. 6 and 16 respectively. There were also five candidates in whom London had a joint interest with one of the Provinces, and of these four also were successful. No. 25, from London and Herts, headed the poll with 4003 votes; one of the two children from Surrey and London stood next with 3893 votes; and the London and Berks candidate was third with 3868 votes; while a fourth, who hailed from London and Middlesex, and had 1020 votes already to her credit, was returned as No. 14, with a total of 3123. Of the 17 candidates from the Provinces and Stations Abroad, 11 were fortunate enough to secure vacancies, the three West Yorkshire girls being placed seventh, ninth, and tenth on the poll with 3297, 3225, and 3214 votes respectively. One of the two children from Warwickshire obtained the fourth place with 3548 votes, while the other successful candidates polled as follows: The Devonshire girl, who brought forward 520 votes, raised her total to 2834, and thereby secured the 18th vacancy; and the Cheshire girl, with 95 votes in hand, was placed eighth with a total of 3261 votes. The North Wales candidate came out 12th with 3170 votes, and the Northumberland 17th with 3049 votes. The Cyprus child was returned at No. 13 with 3134 votes; the Middlesex fifth with 3342 votes; and the Durham 15th with 3099 votes. It will be noted from these figures that the polling was very close, there being a difference between the first and 19th successful girls of

only 1223 votes, while of the eight unsuccessful, three did exceedingly well, the second London and Surrey child obtaining 2716 votes, the South Wales (W.D.) 2041, and the fifth London girl 1607 votes. The other five were nowhere, and, unfortunately, one of them, hailing from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was a *last* case. She started with 329 votes to her credit from four previous elections, but the further support she obtained was only sufficient to augment her total to 569, and consequently her name will be removed from the list. As for the general totals, there were 2816 votes brought forward from the April Election and 74,467 issued for this, making a total available towards the result of 77,283; but of those issued for this ballot only 67,043 were passed by the Scrutineers, leaving a balance of 7424 votes, the great majority of these being unused, and the rest such as were rejected, on the score of some informality, by the Scrutineers. As for the unsuccessful candidates, who will in the ordinary course of things have further chances of admission allowed them, they are seven in number, and will carry forward their votes to the Election in April, 1897. For the election into the

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the conditions were far less favourable, and the contest for vacancies more severe. There were only 14 vacancies available, and the number of candidates, which was originally 44, was reduced to 43 by the withdrawal of the Warwickshire lad, who, however, will be admitted on presentation. As a matter of fact, 15 boys were returned for admission, there being a tie for the 14th place, and as the Court recommended that the Board of Management should admit the two who were bracketed together, and as the Board promised to give the suggestion their most favourable consideration, there can be no doubt as to their ultimate admission into the School. Moreover, the four *last* cases on the list were successful, so that the number of those who have further opportunities of winning their election is 28, and these will be allowed to carry forward the votes they have thus far succeeded in obtaining to April, 1897. As regards the boys who were elected to vacancies and their distribution between town and country, London furnished 18 candidates and had a joint interest with Berkshire in a 19th. Of these the following six, wholly London boys, were returned, namely, No. 2, who started with 1469 votes to his credit from three previous attempts, and had only this one chance left him; he polled in all 4501 votes, and was placed seventh on the list, while No. 3, who started with 1850 votes, was bracketed with a Provincial lad for the 14th vacancy, the full number of his votes being 3282. No. 9, with 1206 votes from the last two elections, was returned for the 13th vacancy, with 3990 votes, and No. 14, who brought 811 votes from last April, increased his figure to 4410 votes, and thereby secured the ninth place. No. 26—a new case—polled right away 4158 votes, and was returned 11th; while No. 30, who had but this one chance of securing admission to the School, headed the poll with 4920 votes. The nine vacancies that fell to the Provinces were obtained as follows: Staffordshire carried both its candidates, No. 22 obtaining the fourth place with 4691 votes, and No. 43, the 12th, with 4056 votes. The West Lancashire lad was returned eighth, with 4432, and the one in which that Province and Madras had a joint interest, tied with a London lad for the 14th vacancy, as already stated, the poll of 2212 votes which he obtained at the April Election being raised to 3282. No. 13, who derived his claims partly from Somersetshire and partly from Wiltshire, had 746

votes to his credit when he started, and took second honours, with a total of 4863 votes. It was his *last* chance, and his friends and supporters are to be congratulated on his success. The Oxfordshire candidate, who stood sixth on the list, was returned as No. 6 on the poll, with 4566 votes, of which 1426 were brought forward from two previous elections, and as this was in his case also a *last* chance, we congratulate his friends and supporters also on the result of their efforts. The Derbyshire youth won the fifth place with 4583 votes, and the Cornwall and North and East Yorkshire boys the third and fourth vacancies, with 4789 and 4323 votes respectively. As for the unsuccessful candidates, all of whom, as we have previously stated, remain eligible for admission, there were as many as 13 of them who polled over 1000 votes, and of these one obtained upwards of 3000 and three upwards of 2000 votes. A London candidate headed the array with 3031 votes, the three next in order hailing from London, London and Berkshire, and London, and polling 2885, 2480, and 2198 votes respectively. Then followed the Suffolk boy with 1955 votes; another from London with 1936 votes; the Argentine Republic candidate with 1807 votes; two London lads, with 1210 and 1124 votes respectively, the North Wales and South Wales (W.D.) candidate with 1116 votes, and those from Middlesex, Kent, and Essex, with 1032, 1010, and 1006 votes to their respective credits, another London boy being only 20 votes behind with 986 votes. There were three of the candidates who obtained less than 100 votes, and of these the one from Devonshire was the very last with a total of seven votes. As regards the votes brought forward and polled, they amounted in all to 97,631, of which 17,050 (including six added under Law 33) were under the former head and 80,581 under the latter. The total of the votes passed by the Scrutineers was 92,703, so that the number of unused and spoilt votes, amounting together to 4928, was lower than usual. Indeed, there must have been a good deal of whipping up of votes when those unused formed only about one-nineteenth part of the total available.

#### THE REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

There was a very full attendance of Governors and Subscribers at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was held in Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 9th inst., the number of those present being about 170, while the suggestion is most probable which Bro. HARRY BEVIR hazarded in the course of the proceedings that a majority of the brethren hailed from the Provinces. It is notorious that at election time the representatives of the numerous Associations which have been established in the Provinces for election and other purposes attend in order to secure, if possible, the success of the candidates whose interests they have been charged to look after, and, as on this occasion, the contest was an exceptionally keen one, it is most likely that more rather than fewer than usual of such representatives were in the hall during the transaction of the business included in the agenda. Be this as it may, the discussion which followed the announcement made by Bro. RICHARD EVE, on behalf of the Board of Management—that a provisional purchase had been made of a suitable property at Bushey, near Watford, in the county of Herts—was a prolonged one, as will have been seen from the very full report we published in the supplement to our last week's issue. But, though it has been our good—or as some may think our ill—fortune to listen patiently to many a prolonged discussion, we have rarely, if ever, listened to one in which the arguments were more completely one-sided and more conclusive in favour of that one particular side of the question. It seems to have been generally conceded that the removal of the School from its present site, considering the nature of the soil on which it has been erected and the overcrowded state of the surrounding neighbourhood, was eminently desirable—if, indeed, we may not go a step further, and describe it as imperative. It was likewise shown in the Reports which the Board of Management had obtained, as regards the geological formation of the land proposed to be purchased, from an eminent geologist, and as regards its general character and value, from a well-known firm of surveyors at Watford, that the land was in all respects suitable for the purposes for which it is required. Under these

circumstances, perhaps, it is not surprising that the objections raised by the opponents of removal were—we trust we shall not mortally offend them by so describing them—of the flimsiest kind, and were met promptly and with marvellous facility and success by the Board of Management and their supporters. Thus Bro. CUMBERLAND, while “not objecting to what the Board had done,” complained that Bro. EVE, the Chairman of the Board, had not kept faith with the Governors and Subscribers. He (Bro. EVE) had promised “that nothing should be done” before they “were consulted.” Yet something had been done, and the Subscribers had not been consulted. Bro. EVE rejoined that he “remembered very well saying that nothing ‘conclusive’ would be done without consulting the Subscribers.” Well, nothing “conclusive” had been done, and if the Court so decided, the provisional contract to purchase would fall through on payment of the forfeit of £200 as arranged with the owner of the property. Bro. CHEETHAM, speaking in behalf of his Province of East Lancashire, uttered a somewhat similar complaint, but he had hardly done so, when he proceeded to make the very damaging admission that the Subscribers “had been consulted in one sense,” while later still, he affirmed that “if an intimation had been sent to every Life Governor and Subscriber as to whether that School should be removed he questioned very much whether they would have had any dissentients at all.” Bro. HARRY BEVIR, of Wiltshire, in reply, pointed out that the Provinces had an equal representation with London on the Board of Management; that it was “not the fact” that the said Board was “in any sense dominated by the London brethren;” and he expressed it as his opinion that the proposal “was carefully discussed and considered with the express co-operation of the Provinces.” Bro. W. C. LUPTON, of West Yorkshire, remarked “that the brethren were dissatisfied that they had not had confidence placed in them;” but was promptly met by Bro. JOHN GLASS with the telling reminder that West Yorkshire was represented on the Board of Management by Bro. SMITHSON, who was one of its most active members, “was in favour of the scheme,” and had given them his “most hearty co-operation.” We gather, indeed, from the general tenour of the statements made by the opposition that everybody would have welcomed with enthusiasm the proposal to remove the School but for the “want of confidence” trick which the Board of Management had played them; in other words, if the Board had divulged just those important particulars which, in the interests of the Institution, they were in honour bound to keep a profound secret until some sort of agreement had been arrived at as to the land to be purchased, and some sort of provisional contract entered into with the owner of the land it was proposed to purchase. No wonder that only nine hands were held up in opposition to the resolution, as proposed by Bro. W. H. SPAULL, of Shropshire, approving the action the Board had taken for the removal of the School, and that the Chairman, who had kept an open mind until the discussion was ended, expressed it as his opinion that the arguments adduced in favour of the Board's action fully justified them in the course they had pursued.

We shall have occasion to refer to the subject at even greater length next week. In the meantime we invite the careful attention of our readers to the documents which will be found elsewhere in our columns, and which comprise a plan of the estate which the Board, with the approval of the Quarterly General Court, has purchased; the reports of the experts as to the geological formation of the property, and its suitability for the purposes for which it is required, and its other merits as to roads, proximity of water and gas supply, &c.; a letter from Bro. BODENHAM, P.A.G.D.C., President of the Staffordshire Charity Association, and lately a member of the Board of Management, addressed to the Secretary of the Institution; and a second letter from Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Hon. Surgeon Oculist to the Institution, to the Chairman of the Board of Management.

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Miss Davis desires to express her grateful thanks to the Masonic body generally for their generous recognition of her 35 years' work among them as Head Governess of their Girls' School.

She also takes this opportunity of thanking those numerous friends who contributed to her parting presentation.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

## VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, with the Duke and Duchess of York and Princess Louise, visited Norwich on Wednesday, the 7th instant, with the double purpose of attending the Musical Festival, and taking part, so far as the Prince was concerned, in a Masonic function. Princess Louise, attended by Lord and Lady Battersea and Miss Paget, arrived at Thorpe Station from Cromer at noon, and was almost immediately joined by the other members of the Royal Family, who had travelled from Sandringham. The Prince of Wales was attended by Commander Seymour Fortescue, the Duke of York by Sir Charles Cust, and the Duchess of York by Lady Mary Lygon.

The party were received at the station by Bro. Lord Suffield and the Mayor and Sheriff of Norwich, wearing their robes and chains. The Prince and the Duke and Duchess were respectfully saluted by the few persons on the platform on alighting from the train, and after Bro. Lord Suffield had presented the Mayor, Mayoress, and the Sheriff to the Royal party, Miss M. Moore, who was prettily attired, presented the Duchess of York with a handsome bouquet. A cheer broke from the people assembled by the barriers as the Royal party came in sight. They at once proceeded in carriages waiting for them in the station yard, and were escorted through the dense crowd lining Prince of Wales-road by a body guard of half a dozen mounted police. The weather was fine on their arrival, but later in the day the rain fell, and this condition prevailed more or less until the Royal party left the city. The streets were gaily decorated. St. Andrew's Hall, where the Festival was held, was reached by a quarter past 12. At the close of the first half of the concert the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York repaired to the crypt, where luncheon was served. The second half of the concert was also attended by the Royal party.

Afterwards the Prince of Wales attended a special Provincial Grand Lodge at the Agricultural Hall, held in order that his Royal Highness might formally unveil a bust of Lord Suffield, who for 20 years has occupied the position of Provincial Grand Master in the Province of Norfolk. The bust was subscribed for by the members of the province almost without exception and is to be held in trust by Lord Suffield and his successors in office, and is to be placed in the Masonic Hall, St. Giles, Norwich. The ceremony was conducted in the Assembly Room, which was prettily adorned for the occasion. The brethren, who mustered about 500 strong, met at three o'clock in their appointed room, and only obtained admission to the lodge-room by ticket, and where six Past Provincial Grand Officers ranged the brethren under their respective banners, numbering 18. The Present and Past Grand Officers met at the same time in a separate room, and shortly afterwards the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistant marshalled the present Provincial Grand Officers in procession, on the principal staircase, and having entered the lodge-room the brethren opened out to right and left, halted, and faced inwards, so as to allow two Prov. Grand Stewards, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master to pass through the lines to the dais, the remainder of the procession following in succession from the rear to their allotted seats.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the special Stewards—Bro. Lord Amherst, D.G.M., acting as chief—wearing crimson rosettes and carrying wands, assembled at the principal entrance at the foot of the stairs to receive his Royal Highness who arrived about four o'clock.

A section of the presence book, which was provided at the foot of the stairs, was signed by his Royal Highness, and also by the Prov. Grand Master (Lord Suffield), and the special Stewards.

The presence of H.R.H. the Grand Master having been announced in the customary manner, the procession entered the lodge room, headed by the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, followed by the Prov. Grand Master and the special Stewards, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, bringing up the rear.

The national anthem was played, the brethren meanwhile upstanding until his Royal Highness and the Prov. Grand Master had reached the dais and been saluted in the usual way.

The chair was occupied by the Prov. Grand Master (Lord Suffield), the Prov. Senior Grand Warden's by Bro. Fenner, and the Prov. Junior Grand Warden's by Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, who sat to the right of the Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain to the left.

Amongst other prominent brethren present were—Bros. Lord Amherst, Lord Hastings, Lord Albemarle, Sir W. H. B. Folkes, Sir William Vincent, and Sir Harry Bullard, M.P. The visitors included Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec. Essex, and Claude E. Egerton Green, P.P.G. Treas. Essex.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. HAMON LE STRANGE, explained the object of the gathering. He recalled that 20 years ago his Royal Highness visited Norwich, and installed Lord Suffield in the position he now held. Ever since Lord Suffield had been at the head of the province, in many ways he had won the esteem of the brethren, and particularly by the tact which he had always displayed in dealing with difficult issues brought before him. The subscriptions having been limited to half-a-crown all the brethren had been able to participate. His Royal Highness had headed the list with a subscription of that amount, and his act in thus putting himself on the same footing as his brethren had given more satisfaction than a large donation could have done. The execution of the bust had been entrusted to Mr. George Wade, who had also executed the fine equestrian figure of Lord Suffield to be seen in the officers' room at Yarmouth Barracks.

H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, upon being called upon to make the presentation, rose and said: It is just 20 years since I met you all in the Provincial Grand Lodge to install Lord Suffield in the high position of Provincial Grand Master. In doing so, I felt convinced that he would support the interests of the Craft in general, and of this province in particular. After the lapse of 20 years, I think, brethren, that I was not wrong in forming that expectation. (Cheers.) As a resident in this province for close upon 34 years, I look upon myself, as I hope you and all the brethren look upon me, as in every sense of the word a Norfolk man. (Cheers.) That being so, nothing could give me greater pleasure than to appear here

to-day and make this presentation. In doing this I feel convinced that nobody merits recognition more than the Provincial Grand Master, towards whom I bear sincere personal affection and regard, as I always shall as long as I live in the province—I may say as long as I live in the world. (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging the presentation, said it was difficult for him to express his feelings as he would have wished. He felt deeply the honour the Prince of Wales had done him, and the kindness he had shown him. It was long, indeed, since he first had the honour to hold the position he then filled in the province, but he could safely say that during the whole of the time he had been Provincial Grand Master there had been no departure from that harmony which should at all times characterise Masons. In conclusion, he proposed a vote of thanks to the Prince for his attendance.

This was passed with ringing cheers, which were continued until his Royal Highness had left the building.

The Duke and Duchess of York having paid a brief visit to the cathedral and to the deanery, and the Prince of Wales having paid a visit of inspection to the Sailor's Home, the Royal party met for dinner at the County Club, where they were the guests of Lord Suffield.

They were again present at the festival performances, when a miscellaneous concert was given in the evening, and they left Norwich later in the evening to return to Wollerton.

## Secret Monitor.

## CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF WARWICK CONCLAVE. No. 29.

For some time past there has been a movement among the brethren of the Province of Essex, having for its object the foundation of a conclave of this popular Order, of which their respected Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, is now the head. The result of these labours has been the issue of a warrant, No. 29, and on Thursday, the 8th inst., the Earl of Warwick proceeded to the consecration of the new conclave and the installation of Bro. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Grand Registrar, as the first Supreme Ruler. It is intended to hold the later meetings of the conclave within the Province of Essex, but it was found convenient to the large number of brethren interested to make the Great Eastern Hotel, E.C., the centre for the purposes of consecration, and arrangements were made accordingly. As the meeting of the University of London Conclave, No. 2, fell upon the same day, the brethren of this conclave consented to induct some of the founders of No. 29 at their meeting, and the conclave was thus in full swing and ready to work the First Degree by inducting about 30 candidates previous to the ceremony of consecration.

The following are the founders (with joining members) of the conclave: Bros. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., 2, D.R.O.; F. J. Eadie, F. England, F. Spencer Guy, 5; H. P. Hay, 5, P.G. Std Br.; Otto F. Heinemann, 5; Fredk. A. Jewson, 5; W. Howard-Flanders, E. Hobbs, R. D. Poppleton, J. J. Pakes, 5 and 11, P.G.V.; J. H. Salter, A. G. Shenstone, W. J. Songhurst, 5; F. J. Street, and Francis A. White.

The candidates for induction were as follows: Bros. Thos. J. Ralling, M. Tuck, W. M. Butcher, Rev. F. Haslock, H. Harlow, John C. Turner, Charles J. R. Tijou, Henry Forss, Thos. O'Neill, J. M. Klenck, Arthur Josephs, H. C. Borradaile, G. H. Silverwood, F. H. Bright, W. M. Frost, Chas. Asplin, William Beasley, Arthur Palmer Little, J. Wesney Ward, and others, who were unable to be present on the occasion.

The ceremony of consecration was undertaken by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, M.W.G. Supreme Ruler, assisted by Bros. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Ruler of the Order; Japheth Tickle, P.G. T., as C.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.V., as G.; John Marshall, G.V., as Chap.; W. J. Spratling, G.R., as D.C.; and J. J. Pakes, P.G.V., as Commissioning Officer; and there were present and assisting Bros. Dr. Zacharie, P.G. S.R.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R.; Richard Eve, G.T.; C. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., G. Chamberlain; A. T. Norton, G.V.; J. M. Bastone, P.G.G.; Dr. Kallmark, P.G.V.; Dr. Kempster, P.G.V.; J. A. Tnilthorpe, P.G.B.B.; Col. H. M. Gordon, P.G.B.B.; F. E. Lemon, P.G. Std Br.; Elias Jessurun, P.G. S d Br.; W. R. Shutt, P.G. Guarder; H. P. Hay, P.G. Guarder; J. Castello, P.G.C.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.G.C.; J. Kay, P.G. Std; and F. S. Guy, Prest. of Bard of Grand Stewards for 1896.

The ceremony of consecration followed the ritual marked out by the late Col. Shadwell Clerke, and was ably performed by the Supreme Ruler and the Deputy Ruler of the Order, assisted by the brethren named above. When the ceremony was completed, the Most Worthy the G.S.R., Lord Warwick, congratulated the brethren upon the success of the day's proceedings, and thanked those who had done so much to add to the *éclat*, especially Bro. J. J. Pakes, upon whom the lion's share of the work had fallen, and whose native eloquence had expressed so forcibly, clearly, and impressively the important and beautiful lessons taught in the sublime language of the ritual they had just heard.

Bro. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., having been duly installed as Supreme Ruler, the Treasurer, Bro. John J. C. Turner, was elected by ballot.

The list of officers appointed and invested is as follows: Bros. Thomas J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec. Essex, Councillor; Francis A. White, Guide; J. J. Pakes, P.G.V., Sec.; H. C. Borradaile, Asst. Sec.; F. A. Jewson (late of her Majesty's Private Chapel, Windsor Castle), Organist; R. D. Poppleton, Std.; the Rev. F. Haslock, Chap.; Otto F. Heinemann, 1st V. Deacon; F. H. Bright, 2nd V. Deacon; J. H. Salter, 3rd V. Deacon; W. Howard-Flanders, 4th V. Deacon; F. J. Eadie, D.C.; F. England, A.D.C.; W. J. Songhurst, Guarder; and A. G. Young, Sentinel.

After the banquet, which was admirably served, the S.R. proposed "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M."

The SUPREME RULER then rose to propose the toast of the evening, viz., that of "The Right Honourable the Earl of Warwick, Grand Supreme

Ruler of the Order." After alluding to the great services his lordship had rendered when Lord Brooke, in his capacity as Deputy Ruler of the Order for so many years under their veteran chief on his right, by whose exertions the Order had been introduced into, and permanently established in, England, he went on to say he was assured that Lord Warwick, in undertaking the duties of successor to their old friend, as head of the Order, had not acted without due deliberation, and, if he knew anything of their Grand Supreme Ruler, having put his hand to the plough he was not the man to draw back. His lordship was popular wherever he was known, and especially in the Province of Essex, and he was not surprised to see the *élite* of the brethren of that province rallying round him in such numbers. It was one of the grandest meetings in Masonry he had been privileged to attend for a long time. Their G.S.R. was a man after their own hearts, a leader who could lead, and whom they would all proudly follow, feeling sure that wherever, in his judgment, he led, the Order would be perfectly safe in his hands. Bro. Philbrick then referred to some current rumours of opposition to the Order which had arisen in a certain quarter. He understood that some few brethren had recently received the gift of "a clearer vision," and that the objects for which they had once professed their attachment and devotion, had been shown to them by some unseen power to be, mere will-o'-the-wisps, shadows without substance, myths; nay, it had happened that the memories of a most generous hospitality, freely dispensed and eagerly accepted in times past, had faded from the mind of the recipients who now ignored the Order and their Host. Verily, said his honour, the old proverb that "it is an ill bird that fouls its own nest" had been forgotten. Since when had this clear ray of heavenly light dawned upon their eyes, what was the source and cause of illumination? (Cheers and laughter). Did it emanate from a party whose past record entitled them to sit in judgment upon the Order, of which his lordship was the head? Were they forgetful of the rock whence they themselves were hewn? Had they no memories of the past, no compunction when they reflected on what they had been active powers in producing? But the O.S.M. with its adherents would be found to be beyond the influence of any Papal or other hostile manifestoes. It was founded upon a sure basis in the hearts and affections of its members while they were justly proud to have the Earl of Warwick at their head, and knowing that their honour as Masons was safe under his guidance, they were equally assured that all attempts to lessen the Order in the sight of the world would be futile. He had said so much to clear the air, to get away from the vague innuendoes and threats with which it was attempted to envelope them. He was speaking in the hearing of some who take an interest in geology; he would have them dig down to the bed rock and see the foundations of the Order, and the miserable substratum (if such it could be styled) upon which their opponents relied. It was false in its component elements, distorted in its formation, and anomalous in its existence; if it ventured into the open light of day it would put its authors to confusion and disgrace. He must be pardoned if he had digressed somewhat from the immediate subject, but he felt that he was repelling an insidious attack not only upon their Order, but upon their beloved chief—an underhanded attack upon a brother whose Masonic career showed that he would never fight in the dark, but would meet his antagonists like a man in the open. (Cheers). With this sentiment the brethren would all agree, and with it he gave in the heartiest manner the toast of "Good health, long life and prosperity to their Grand Supreme Ruler, the Earl of Warwick." (Loud and repeated cheers).

The Earl of WARWICK, G.S.R., thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. He was pleased to listen to the somewhat forcible remarks of his Honour the Judge, whose remarks generally carried conviction. (Laughter.) He could sympathise with a brother who felt he had been unjustly treated, and the vigorous defence of Bro. Philbrick would intensify that feeling. He fully shared the sentiments, but he could assure the brethren that after all those who, at the moment, were differing from them were Masons, and though there was nothing antagonistic to Masonry in giving expression to feelings of injustice if they existed, yet he looked forward to a period when lapse of time would have healed the breach, and he thought they would then all be pleased if, on looking back, they could feel that no word of bitterness had been uttered on the part of that Order which should stand in the way of a hearty reunion. He reported what was already known to all present—that a distinguished member of the Craft was actively trying to find a means of *rapprochement*, and he felt sure that the loyal spirit of Essex, which had prompted the brethren to rally to him in such force, would still continue to animate them as heretofore. They had all shown their loyalty to his predecessor, Dr. Zacharie, whom they gladly greeted, and regretted that his health was so unsatisfactory. In looking upon such a veteran he felt his own shortcomings keenly, and thanked the brethren for so kindly putting up with them. The meetings of the Order were not so frequent as those of the blue, and his engagements were numerous; thus he did not meet the members of the Order so often as he would like; but he found their meetings were always exceedingly pleasant and brotherly. Now that the Order was started in Essex he hoped it would prosper, and that their numbers would rapidly increase. The Order deserved to prosper. He knew of no keener Masons than those of his own province, and he ventured to think that if they found they had got hold of a good thing they would not readily let it go. When he was admitted at the hands of the late Col. Shadwell Clerke, he felt there was much in the Order that commended itself to his mind, and so long as those principles remained the principles of the Order, he should feel happy in giving it all the support in his power. Turning to Bro. Philbrick, S.R., he thought it would be difficult to find a better Mason, or one better acquainted with what Masonry was, than the Grand Registrar of Grand Lodge, while as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex he had beaten the record. He was proud of his Deputy, proud of his Provincial Grand Secretary, who was not one to take up a new thing hurriedly nor break from it lightly. He thought the Essex brethren would have reason to be proud of their choice of him as Councillor of the conclave, and the Order was proud to have enrolled him as a member. Referring to a personal matter, he was proud, and they were all proud, that the distinguished Chancellor of the Order and of Great Britain had felt able to give their S.R. too long-deferred promotion, and he hoped to see him take a yet higher post in the by no means distant future. He concluded by proposing in the heartiest manner "Long life and Happiness to his Honour Judge Philbrick, Supreme Ruler of the Conclave."

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, in response, referred to the too flattering manner in which his distinguished and beloved chief for so many years had spoken of him. He did not deserve any credit for the prosperous state of Masonry in Essex; it was the result of the heartiness and goodwill of the brethren, who, like other wise men of whom one has read, dwell in the East, and the

loyalty they all felt towards their noble chief. Since his duties had called him to the West, he had often to remind his Masonic brethren that the wise men of old—like himself—came from the East, and if their greeting was anything like that of what he had been the grateful recipient, the said wise men were well advised in taking the journey. He found the Masons of the West no whit behind the Essex brethren in all warm, hearty Masonic feeling, and they had vied with each other in trying to make him feel at home, though separated by distance from those he had loved so well. The presence of their veteran ex-chief, Dr. Zacharie, added lustre to the entertainment, and considering he had left a sick bed to come among them, and was accompanied by his medical adviser, Bro. Dr. Kiallmark, he thought the brethren would wish to show their kind feeling towards him in his sickness. He, therefore, ventured to interpolate a toast which many among them who had a vivid memory of the past would respond to with the utmost cordiality. They wished the doctor better health, a complete rout to all his enemies, if any existed, whether in foot or knee, or elsewhere, and he felt sure the present extension of the Order for which he had done so much would cheer his heart and do him more good than medicine.

The toast was drunk with the utmost cordiality.

Bro. Dr. ZACHARIE, P.G.S.R., in reply, said that in his present weak state of health he feared his words would scarcely reach the brethren. He was still very feeble, but gradually gaining strength. It did his heart good to be once more among his brother Monitors, and such meetings as the present were the best reply to any who were attempting to decry the Order and to pour scorn and contumely upon those who belonged to it. The Order had a creditable past behind it, and he felt assured it had before it a no-less noble and useful future.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the S.R. observed that the presence of such brethren—founders of the Order—as Bros. Lord Halsbury, R. Eve, J. Lewis Thomas, C. E. Keyser, J. Tickle, Col. Gordon, and many others whom he might mention was quite sufficient to prove that it did not originate with "the three tailors of Tooley-street." If such brethren as those he had named were attracted to it, he felt satisfied that his opinions of the Order were fully justified. He referred to the presence of Bro. J. Marshall, Grand Visitor, who had come all the way from Manchester to undertake the duties of Chaplain, and when he saw him his mind was carried back to the time when the brethren of Yorkshire and Lancashire gave him and his colleagues a true "north country" reception at the consecration of the Cockcroft and Champion Conclaves. If he were any judge of pulses, he thought the heart of the North was beating steadily and true, and he felt, as they must all feel, proud of their brethren far away. He congratulated himself and No. 29 on the goodly array of 24 Grand Officers present, and he would ask the brethren to allow him to couple with the toast the name of his old friend and respected antagonist, Bro. Richard Eve. Bro. Eve and himself often had differences of opinion, and neither of them was inclined to give in when he thought his cause was right, but those differences were no bar to the most cordial Masonic and personal friendship, and he trusted that those sentiments which he knew Bro. Eve reciprocated would continue as long as each was spared.

Bro. EVE, Grand Treasurer, in reply, said he only arrived from Budapest the day before, but as soon as he saw the notice of the meeting he determined to attend, if possible. Since Bro. Shadwell Clerke inducted him some 10 years ago, he had felt the utmost regard for the Order, and until some change took place he should not feel inclined to alter his opinion. He, like many of those present, had seen the Order flourish under their late head, and when he knew that Lord Warwick had consented to succeed him as Grand Supreme Ruler, he felt it was a good thing for it, and he looked at the gathering of that evening as some of the first fruits of the seed then sown. His advice was—do not regard outside attacks so long as all is right within—unjust attacks brought discredit to no one but the attacker. He would ask, not—Are we strong? but are we right? Who is to impugn our administration? Filibustering is not a sign of strength, but of weakness. Let us rely on our own inherent strength and the noble principles upon which the Order is founded, and let us take every opportunity of bringing those principles before the brethren of the Craft, who are no fools, and can easily distinguish the false from the true. He hoped the present meeting was a good augury for the future of the Order, under their distinguished chief.

Bro. J. MARSHALL, G.V., replied for "The Consecrating Officers." He said he had come from Manchester with the greatest pleasure to assist in a function which to him was a great treat. When he returned to give the brethren in the North an account of the enthusiastic meeting here they would be delighted, and share his regret that more North Country men were not present to take part in it. However, he looked upon Bro. J. Tickle as a representative North countryman, and it would not be the fault of either of them if the success of No. 29 were not emulated in Nos. 25 and 26. He had listened with pleasure to the speech of the S.R. It gave no uncertain sound, the men of the North were in the habit of speaking their minds, and he had often spoken his in terms which Bro. Philbrick had voiced that night. He trusted that Essex would emulate Lancashire and Yorkshire, and that a friendly rivalry between the counties would lead to the wider diffusion of the principles of the Order, and, perhaps, lead to their adoption by some who, while imbibing the words of the Order, had, somehow, totally missed the *spirit* underlying them. With the telescope of faith he looked down the long vista of the future, and saw the Order flourishing far and wide, and emulating those principles of true friendship and Brotherhood which knit man to man, and bring appreciably nearer the millenium they all hoped for.

Bro. J. J. PAKES replied for "The Installing Officers," and as representing Kent, felt that no three-cornered rivalry would satisfy him. He hoped Kent would be included in the quartette that was about to enter the lists for supremacy, and he hoped to find Essex no whit behindhand in that which tended more than anything else to consolidate a conclave—efficiency in the ritual.

Bro. GUY proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and after the response, the S.R. proposed "The Officers of the Conclave."

To this toast Bros. RALLING and TURNER responded.

The meeting concluded with the Sentinel's toast.

It is but fair to mention that Bro. Jewson's quartette discoursed eloquent music during the evening, and added greatly to what everyone agreed to be a most enjoyable gathering.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Wolseley, accompanied by Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller and other members of the Headquarters Staff, arrived at Devonport on Wednesday evening for the purpose of inspecting the troops and fortifications. The Commander-in-Chief is the guest of General Sir F. Walker at Government House, where he was entertained at dinner, a number of officers of the garrison being invited to meet him.



## A VISIT TO CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE.

The brethren of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge enjoy the distinction of possessing the oldest Masonic lodge room in the world. The appointment of the principal room in the building to-day is practically the same as it was more than a century ago. The chairs, benches, tables, implements, &c., in vogue then are in use now. They bear the marks of wear and tear, but each succeeding year enhances their value, and no wonder the brethren regard these relics of an honourable past with feelings akin to veneration. It was in a volume of the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge that I first saw an excellent lithograph of the famous picture "The Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet-Laureate of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, 1st March, 1873," the original painting of which is in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I was so greatly interested in the picture, that I resolved, on the first opportunity, to view the interior of the lodge therein depicted.

A few weeks ago I happened to be in Edinburgh, and having purchased from Comp. R. S. Brown, G.S.E. (S.C.), a lithograph and key of the Burns' picture for the sum of 4s., I made a pilgrimage to the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, being conducted thither by Bro. George Crawford, the I.P.M. The lodge is situated in St. John-street. "This street enters by a spacious elliptical archway from the Canongate, once the Court end of the town, and main avenue from the Palace of Holyrood into the city, and which contained, for several hundred years, all that has become historically interesting in Scotland. St. John-street is so named with reference to St. John's Cross, in the Canongate, where Charles I., at his ceremonial entry into Edinburgh in 1633, knighted the Provost. In the latter half of last century, and beginning of the present, this street was occupied solely by persons of distinction—nobles, judges, and country gentlemen—now it is possessed as exclusively by persons of the middle rank. The first door on the right is that which led to the apartments occupied, in 1766, by Tobias Smollett, author of 'Roderick Randon.' No. 1 was the house of Sir Charles Preston, Bart., of Valleyfield, renowned for his gallant defence of Fort St. John against the American General Montgomery, when Major of the Cameronians. No. 3 was occupied by Lord Blantyre. No. 5 by George, eighth Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master Mason, initiated in the K.C. Lodge in 1766. No. 8 was the house of Andrew Carmichael, the last Earl of Hyndford. In No. 10 resided James Ballantyne, the faithful printing coadjutor and warm admirer of the author of 'Waverley.' In No. 13 dwelt that eccentric genius, James Burnet, Advocate-Lord Mondoddo—who was initiated in the lodge on the 24th November, 1757, and at whose house Burns was frequently a visitor. The first building on the west side of the street is the lodge, and an adjoining one was the town residence of the Earl of Wemyss, who was Grand Master in 1786-7." At the present time some of these houses, though tenanted, present a curious and forlorn appearance with their broken windows, general dilapidation, and quaint projections from each flat for the family washing. At the lodge gates we were met by the R.W.M., Bro. Robert Bathgate. "This," said he, pointing to the exterior of an exceedingly unpretentious building, "is the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge." I must confess that for a moment a feeling of disappointment was uppermost in my mind, and I questioned the wisdom of having put these worthy brethren to the trouble of showing me the lodge. Fortunately, however, they were unconscious of this momentary lack of appreciation, and when we had ascended the stairs and entered the room where for a period of 160 years the brethren of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge have assembled for meeting, I was not surprised to learn that Freemasons from all parts of the world visit Edinburgh for the main purpose of seeing what it was then my privilege to behold. With the aid of the Burns picture, and surrounded by all the visible tokens of former days, it required only a slight exercise of imagination to conjure up many a past scene enacted within the four walls of this ancient room, where eminent men whose names adorn the page of history together with many others of lesser degree had met on the level and parted on the square. Over the fireplace hangs an oil painting beneath which is the following inscription—"William St. Clair, of Rosslyn, H.G.M.M., Initiated a Mason in Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, 2nd June, 1736." The artist is believed to have been Allan Ramsay, son of the poet, who became a Freemason in 1736. During this year two important events happened—the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the resignation into the hands of Grand Lodge by St. Clair, of Roslin, of all right, claim, or title whatever, which he or his successors had to preside as Grand Master over the Masons of Scotland. It is needless to add that when the Grand Lodge was duly constituted William St. Clair was elected the first Grand Master. Facing the above picture, and in a recess, on the opposite side of the room stands the oldest pipe organ at present in use in Scotland. It was built in 1734 at a cost of about 70 guineas. The flat keys are black, and the raised ones which once were white are now of a deep orange colour. That the organ was not the only source of instrumental music is evident, for in the minutes there are several references to visits paid to the lodge by the members of local volunteer bands who were Freemasons. At a meeting on December 6th, 1798, the Treasurer reported that 15 new members had lately been admitted, besides several of the individuals of the Band of the 2nd Battalion 2nd Regiment of Edinburgh Volunteers *gratis*, on consideration that their services were required on St. Andrew's Day." During the first half of the present century the room was let for band practice, the teaching of music, a day school, and, for a few weeks free of rent, to Mr. Cargill for teaching a Sabbath-school. The lodge walls are covered with paintings, engravings, lithographs, crayons, photographs, letters, heraldic designs, banners, &c. In the South-east is "Burns' Corner," where are collected several interesting mementos of the poet. Among the number I noticed photographs of his Masonic apron, his "Clarinda," an old playbill, and the original list of subscribers to the Burns' Mausoleum Fund, &c. I cannot remember all the interesting mallets, batons, squares, compasses, levels, ballot-boxes, china bowls, snuff mulls, crystal measures, and antique silver pointed out to me, but I shall not forget the coat and vest that was worn by the Tyler of the lodge prior to the year 1835, with the sleeves quite as long, or longer, than the coat itself. The same coat and vest were worn by the Tyler when the lodge visited Cleikenn Inn, Innerleithen, when James Hogg, the Ettrick shepherd, was initiated, in order that he might be elected the Poet-Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. I should also mention two volumes of the Sacred Law—a "Breches" Bible, 1589, presented by Bro. J. Campbell, 1735, and another Black-letter folio Bible, 1642, presented by Bro. G. Scott, 1737. The Charter of the lodge dates back to the 6th December, 1677, this lodge being the oldest daughter of the mother Kilwinning Lodge. The earliest lodge minute in preservation is most carefully and beautifully written. It bears the date 13th February, 1735 A.D., and reads as follows: "Canongate, Feby. ye 13th, 1735: A.M. 5:35. 'The Lodge having met according to adjournment do appoint Rd. Bulkeley, Edwd. Miller, and Geo. Frazer to meet in order to prepare regulations and by-Laws to be laid before the Rt. Worshipful the Master and Wardens against Thursday, the 27th instant. To which time the Lodgee stands adjourn'd. Thos. Trotter, Master, Rd. Bulkeley Ed. Miller, Wardens."

The following is the earliest minute recorded in the books of a Scottish lodge of the admission of Master Masons under the modern Masonic Constitution: "Canongate, 31st March, 1735. Year of M. 5735. 'The Masters of the Lodge having mett according to adjournment, being duely form'd with a Lodge, admitted William Montgomery, Fellow Craft; and Willam Robertson, Robert Blissett, and George Frazer, Master Masons, and the said George Frazer, nominated by the R.W., the Master to be S.W. in the room of Mr. Bulkeley, who desired to reign with the approbation of the Masters and Lodge, after having served in that station for a considerable time to the entire satisfaction of the R.W. the Master and the whole Members of the Lodge, and adjourns in terms of the preceding Minute.' In a small room below the lodge there stands a large cupboard, which I was informed was full of old Masonic documents. It would appear desirable to secure their preservation in a safe, and I was glad to learn that the lodge has the matter in contemplation. The building has been recently lit throughout with the electric light. Doubtless, this is a boon, but I could not join in the congratulations of the brethren at its introduction, as I would rather have seen the lodge lit with candles, and thus preserve in its entirety the general antiquity which in everything else prevades the building. Before leaving the lodge, I purchased for 10s. 6d. a history of the lodge, compiled by Bro. Allan Mackenzie, who deserves the hearty appreciation, not only of the members of his own lodge, but of the brethren in the Craft. His production is certainly the best and cheapest lodge history I have seen, and is an elegant tribute, not only to his own labour and research, but also to the celebrated lodge of which he is so distinguished a member. In conclusion, I avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the great kindness received from Bro. G. Crawford and Bro. R. Bathgate, the R.W. Master, in conducting me over their lodge premises, and wishing the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge a continuance of prosperity and success.

W.M., Whitby.

## Obituary.

BRO. F. DIXON BRAMALD, No. 1755.

It is with sincere regret that we have to chronicle the death of this young, promising, and energetic brother who, we hope, entered the Grand Lodge above on August 14th. Bro. Bramald was a native of Wakefield, in Yorkshire, and our brethren in this province will receive this news with regret. The deceased more recently became resident and established in business in Clifton, and it was whilst here he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, in the Province of Somerset, and was early promoted to office. After bravely battling with the terrible influenza for three successive winters, our brother, on the advice of his medical man, determined to journey to and establish himself in New Zealand. At a meeting of his mother lodge, about this time (September 1891), a Past Master rose to propose the health of a brother about to leave England. He said; "The toast I have to offer you is not upon the list, but it will be received with enthusiasm especially by the members of our own lodge. It is the health of a brother whom we very much respect, who, though initiated not so very long ago, was already placed on the ladder of office, and whom we had hoped to see eventually in the chair of the lodge. Unfortunately his health has broken down, and he is to take his departure to the other end of the world—to New Zealand—where we wish him Godspeed and the blessings of health, wealth, and long life. We look forward to the time when the subject of this toast, our truly respected Bro. Bramald, will return to the Old Country and again to office in his mother lodge." A hope unfortunately never realised. Our departed brother's last Masonic speech in this country was in reply to the above, and on rising he was surprised and visibly affected. It read as follows: "I feel these leave-takings very deeply. I have to go to a distant land where I know not a soul, but one of my greatest comforts is that I go to the Colony a Freemason, and I feel I shall have the loving greetings of Masons in the far-off land. I am grateful to the brethren for the loving kindness and sympathy that has been extended to me in the hour of sickness, and for the memories of kindly affection, and pleasant evenings, and happy Masonic instruction will continue to dwell in my mind though thousands of miles away. I am glad to say that I am a better man than before I became a Mason, and I assure you that I shall often think of you and this lodge, and I hope heaven's blessing may rest upon you." Our brother was right in his faith in the brethren on the other side. Our issue containing the notice of his departure from England preceded him, and more than one inquiry or other was awaiting his steamer and leaving welcome messages for him at the post-office, and for this thoughtfulness we thank our New Zealand brethren very sincerely. It was a very thoughtful kindness. Our brother kept in touch with his mother lodge for some time and with the brethren thereof till the last. He soon associated himself with Freemasonry in the new country, and he is now gone from us at a comparatively early age. "The shorter life the longer immortality." He seemed better all the summer, but as winter set in he faded away, and left this transitory life on Friday morning, August 14th. Our heartfelt sympathy goes forth to his good wife—now a widow—and his dear children, to whom may the G.A.O.T.U. grant strength and fortitude in this their hour of trouble and sorrow.

## Royal Arch.

Chorlton Chapter, No. 1387.

The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, when the chapter was opened by Comp. F. S. Bedford, M.E.Z., and the minutes of the regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's account was passed and adopted. The sum of five guineas was granted to the Alpass Institution. Comp. Bedford installed Comp. Seth Wrigley into the chair as M.E.Z., and Comp. Henry Nall, P.Z., installed Comp. Daniel Wood as H. Comp. W. Richmond should have been installed into the chair of J. but he was unfortunately detained in London. The investiture of officers then took place by the M.E.Z. and the Principals and officers were addressed by Comp. Nall. The following companions were present—Comps. F. S. Bedford, M.E.Z.; Seth Wrigley, H.; John M. Crone, 1st A.S.; H. Nall, P.Z., P.P.G.T., D.C.; Fred. Renshaw, P.Z.; J. E. Batty, P.Z.; Wm. Rushton, J. Schofield, H. G. Farthing, and Hugh W. Bloomer. Visitors: Comps. U. Thomas, M.E.Z. 204; G. A. Myers, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P. G. Org.; Thos. Shorrocks, H. G. Ward, and Chas. Shaw.

Broxbourne Chapter, No. 2353.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, when there were present Comps. E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z.; S. Lichtenfeld, H.; H. Gardiner, J.; E. J. Gittins, Scribe E.; J. W. Hunt, P.S.; T. J. Phillips, 1st A.S.; J. Heilbrun, 2nd A.S.; G. Angold, D.C.; C. E. Greening, Stwd.; H. Evenden, Janitor; and McVey.

The minutes of the consecration meeting and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, also the by-laws adopted by the By-law Committee. The election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year then took place, and the Audit Committee were appointed.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1896.

**Masonic Notes.**

More than one of the speeches delivered in the course of the discussion at the Quarterly Court of the 9th inst., on the very important question of removing the Boys' School to another and more commodious site, was characterised by a generosity and breadth of view which should, but does not, we regret to say, always distinguish our more momentous debates. Of such a character was the brief but large-hearted speech of Bro. Robert Wylie, Dep. Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, who, though it is evident he prefers the plan adopted in his province of out-educating the children entrusted to the charge of its Educational Institution, boldly and unhesitatingly declared that "if

it was decided by the majority that they should have the new building and a new site they might depend upon it that not only West Lancashire but East Lancashire and the other provinces would support it."

Perhaps it would have been better—certainly it would have been more discreet—had Bro. Wylie confined his remarks to the Province of which he is so bright an ornament and with the spirit by which its administration and that of its Charitable Institutions is actuated, he is so fully conversant. Doubtless his wish that other Provinces would act as generously as he predicted his own would act was father to the thought. But it is not wise to hazard a statement of this kind too often; for where the prediction is unfulfilled there is raised up a feeling firstly of disappointment and then of disgust. However, it may be—at all events we sincerely hope it is the case—that Bro. Wylie has, after all, not been overbold. The generous instincts of Masonry are not exemplified in one Province or district only, and doubtless in the end those who now think the removal of the Boys' School unwise or inopportune will join hands now they find the removal has been decided upon, with those who differed from them and vie with them in loyal support of the Institution in the changed condition of its circumstances.

The Chairman, too—Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight—gave utterance to a somewhat similar sentiment. But in his case it took the form not of a declaration, but of a hope, that now the removal had been decided upon those who had opposed it would unite with its supporters in ensuring its complete success, and that the Institution would receive in the future, as it had in the past, the full measure of their support. We echo this hope most cordially, and trust that the brethren in London and the Provinces will not give their help less at Bushey than at Wood Green.

There was also another and very pertinent remark made by Bro. Charles Lee, of Warwickshire, which well deserves to be borne in mind and acted upon by the School authorities. Bro. Lee said his Province was in favour of the removal. At the same time, "he hoped it would be an instruction to the architect that the building was to be a school, not a palace." Let the new building be a solid and substantial one and handsome withal; let there be ample space in the dormitories and school rooms; plenty of reading and other rooms for the boys; in short, let there be all that is needed in a good middle-class boarding-school, and of thoroughly good quality as to material, &c.; but there is no need for a large sum of money to be spent in mere decoration. This we take it is what Bro. Lee meant by his remark, and we endorse it most thoroughly.

It was a kindly and thoughtful act on the part of Bro. Lord Llangattock, Prov. G. Master of South Wales (E.D.), and the officers of his Prov. G. Lodge that at their recent annual meeting at Swansea they should have sent a telegram to Bro. W. W. Morgan, J.P., of Newport, Mon., congratulating him on his 87th birthday. Bro. Morgan has been a Mason for upwards of 60 years, was Prov. G. Secretary of Monmouthshire in the days of Bro. Colonel John Kemeys Tynte, and subsequently Prov. S.G. Warden. He is still in vigorous health, notwithstanding his advanced age, and we trust he has yet before him some years of happiness in the midst of his family, friends, and brother Masons.

Lord Yarborough's remarks at the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire, on the 8th inst., as reported elsewhere in our columns, are by no means uncalled for. When brethren have provincial honours conferred upon them, the least they can do is to show their appreciation of those honours by faithfully discharging the duties pertaining to the offices they have been severally appointed to fill. It may be that ill-health necessitates their absence, or the pressing emergencies of their public and private avocations. But even in those cases of enforced absence, a due sense of courtesy suggests that they should send an apology. We are afraid this lack of courtesy is not by any means confined to the Mark Province of Lincolnshire.

The Jubilee Festival of the Lodge of Honour, No. 526, Wolverhampton, which we announced last week would be held on Tuesday, the 13th instant, proved a brilliant success. Indeed, the arrangements had been so carefully ordered, that anything in the nature of—we will not say failure—but imperfection—was out of

the question. There was a grand gathering, in honour of the event, of distinguished members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire, headed by the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. Grand Master, and his Deputy, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley. There was a similar gathering of visitors, including Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, and the Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions. The lodge, too, was in great force, while the banquet, the speeches, the music, and, above all, the kindly spirit which animated all present, were in harmony with so auspicious an occasion. It is in no mere conventional sense that we tender to the Lodge of Honour our hearty congratulations on the success of their 50th anniversary festival, and as the lodge has prospered greatly in the past, so may it continue to prosper even more abundantly in the future.

We will add that an elaborate history of the lodge has been compiled with infinite care and pains by Bro. Thomas Jackson Barnett, P.M., P.P.G.W. Staffordshire, and that copies were courteously presented to the members and visitors present. We hope to publish a full report of the proceedings, and also a review of the lodge history, next week.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at the Town Hall, Morley, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, when some very important proposals were considered. In the first place, it was resolved, on the proposition of Bro. W. Harrop, P.P.G.W., Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee, to found an Educational and Benevolent Institution, to be called the "West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Institution;" and, in the next, that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire "strongly objects to the sale of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the purchase of a new site for the School, and considers no steps should be taken in this direction until the opinion of the general body of the Subscribers has first been ascertained." This resolution was to be brought forward by Bro. Joseph Binney, P.P.G. Reg., and a somewhat similar proposition was set down for consideration by Bro. W. W. Clayton, P.M. 1311. It will be noticed that no reason is given in either resolution for opposing the scheme of the Board of Management.

We offer our most respectful sympathy to Bro. W. Briggs, Principal of University Correspondence College, Cambridge, and one of the most prominent Masons in Cambridgeshire, on the great bereavement he has lately experienced by the death of his wife, at the early age of 33 years. The deceased lady had rendered invaluable assistance in his academic labours to her husband, who was a member of Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, and a Royal Arch, Mark and Ark, Templar, Rose Croix, and Rosicrucian Society. His loss must be all the more severe, as Mrs. Briggs leaves him with five young children to mourn her premature death.

We learn that the petition submitted to H.R.H. the Grand Master for a warrant of constitution of the Guardian Lodge has been granted. The new lodge, of which the membership is restricted to Guardians of the City of London Union, will be numbered 2625. Bro. James Tollworthy, P.M. 1769, is the W.M. designate, and Bros. H. V. Clements, P.M. 1237, P.Z. 1237, P.P.G. Treas., and T. A. Bullock, P.M. 2470, Prov. G.S.B., are respectively the Senior and Junior Wardens.

We learn from the *Freemasons' Repository* that Bro. the Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., died at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the 2nd September, at the very advanced age of 94 years 6 months. The deceased was initiated into Masonry in Mount Zion Lodge, Hardwich, Mass., on the 9th April, 1824, and had consequently been a member of our Order for upwards of 72 years. He was a very distinguished Mason, and had held high office in the several branches of the Craft, but more especially in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in which at the time of his death he held the office of G. Keeper of the Archives in the Supreme Council 33°, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. The family, friends, and brethren in Masonry of our late brother, have our deepest sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

The Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, U.S.A., held its 23rd Annual Communication at Muskogee on the 13th August, when, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren, new Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months were elected and installed, the principal among them being Bros. Silas Armstrong, M.W.G.M.; James A. Acott, Dep. G. Master; Henry C. Nash and Peter B. Arthur, G. Wardens; James J. McAllister, G. Treasurer; and Joseph S. Morrow, G. Secretary.

## Correspondence.

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

## MASONIC IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

An individual calling himself E—B—, and claiming to be a member of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby, is going about obtaining relief. On inquiry the W.M. of this lodge informs me that the above individual is unknown in the lodge. He is evidently the same person mentioned in my letter of the 12th, as claiming to belong to the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, Glossop.—Yours fraternally,

JAS. NEWTON,  
Prov. G. Secretary East Lancashire.

Manchester, October 13.

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## LODGE OF RESEARCH.

I am very pleased to note the appreciative review of the last number of the Transactions of the "Lodge of Research," so ably edited by my esteemed friend and brother, J. T. Thorp, the Secretary. May I state that copies may be had from my friend (57, Regent-road, Leicester) for 2s. each. Each part is complete in itself, and I think the latest is well nigh the best of the series, though all are good. It is difficult to condense one's remarks as to the Ritual question, but apart from the argument noted by the editor, I recommend all brethren who desire uniformity as far as possible, to become members of the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement," as I have been from 1864.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

"THE TORQUAY PICTORIAL, 1896."—(*Torquay Directory, Newspaper, and General Printing Co., Ltd.*)—This is another edition of this truly wonderful and most artistic work, brimful of the beauties, advantages, and benefits of "the Queen of Watering Places" and Neighbourhood. Bro. William Winget, P.M. 1402, is the Secretary of this real live Company, and has done much in many ways to bring Torquay before the public. The volume is the size of the "Graphic," and contains quite a number of new views, besides most of the old favourite resorts, faithfully represented by local artists, and the text has also been brought down to date, so that it is complete as to all details, and well stored with numerous interesting particulars of this choice spot. Copies can be sent for 15d., per parcels' post, securely packed, and intending visitors to the West of England, and especially lovely Devonshire, should secure the "Torquay Pictorial," which is considered by competent judges to be the best work of the kind published.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th instant. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., the Treasurer, was in the chair, and the members present included Bros. A. Mullord, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. Sheppard, H. W. Clarke, Hugh Cotter, T. W. Whitmarsh, P.G.P.; T. B. Daniell, G. E. Fairchild, A.G. D.C.; W. Lawrence, John Hattersley, Charles Lacey, C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P.; F. Dangerfield, A. Durrant, Charles Kempton, J. Newton, P.G.P.; W. H. Halbert, H. G. Thompson, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; R. Griggs, C. H. Webb, A. Moore, Harry Tipper, P.A.G.P.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the SECRETARY reported the death of two male and three widow annuitants.

The Warden's report for the past month was read, the name of an accepted candidate was removed from the list, and the application of a widow for the half of her recently-deceased husband's annuity was granted.

The Committee then proceeded to the consideration of nine petitions—six male and three widows—with the result that all were accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists for the election in May, 1897.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following are the documents referred to in our leading article on the 'Removal of the Boys' School':

Edgmond, Newport, Salop,  
October 3, 1896.

Dear Bro. McLeod,

Excuse my not acknowledging your courtesy in sending me advance copy of report as to removal of Institution. It was duly appreciated and read all the same, and it is hardly needful to add my full sympathy and concurrence. It could not fail to be patent to all those who have been closely connected with the School that a removal is not only on every ground desirable, but absolutely essential to any material extension.

It is, no doubt, a matter for great regret that so much money has been sunk and will be lost at Wood Green; but it is far better to face the present loss and secure the health, prosperity, and progress of the Institution, than to attempt now to retrieve the irretrievable. Probably there was no want of judgment in the original selection of the site, but the neighbourhood has not developed as was then hoped, and has become decidedly unsuitable for such an Institution as ours.

The question of "boarding out" is referred to in the report. Surely this can be much better and more economically effected where desirable (and it seems to me very much to be wished that it should be more largely adopted) by the provinces individually, than through the Institution, whose work is different in character.

It is not worth while to go through the trouble and cost of an election for the small annual allowance. The local associations will, I hope, take up this work, and make it supplementary to the Institution adapting their grants to the needs of each case.

I am rather sorry not to be at your meeting this week in case of a discussion arising, but if the Church Congress did not stop me, I am still cripple enough to prevent my coming to town with any comfort.

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. BODENHAM.

28, Jermyn-street, London, S.W.,  
September 11th, 1896.

Dear Sirs,—

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 7th instant, I went down to Bushey on the 9th and carefully inspected the Grove Park Estate in order to ascertain the nature of the soil and subsoil.

Owing to the fact that the whole estate is laid down in grass, I had some little difficulty in obtaining the evidence I required to enable me to form an opinion as to the soils, but I think I eventually succeeded in ascertaining the facts of the case.

The surface soil on the greater part of the estate, with the exception of the South corner, seems to be a sandy loam containing a few pebbles; it might be called "gravelly soil," but can scarcely be described as "gravel."

In the South corner, between Lodge Meadow-road and the divisional iron fence, the soil is clayey.

The subsoil varies considerably in different parts of the estate. In the South-west corner there is sandy clay, or loam. This extends along the Avenue-road for perhaps 130 yards; beyond this the subsoil consists of a deep bed of flint pebbles for some distance. Further still along the Avenue-road the subsoil changes to sand, which has been dug to a depth of 18 feet.

After passing the divisional iron fence, the subsoil is a fairly stiff clay. This clay extends in a North-easterly direction down the slope, as shown on the plan by the blue dots.

The beds of pebbles and sand may be taken as extending, in the same direction, to the edge of the slope, as shown by the red dots on the plan. The pebbles and sand may even extend some distance down the slope so as to include the old pit marked "gravel pit."

The bed of pebbles is locally termed "gravel," but I could not ascertain what this pit was dug for.

The soil along the water-course is loamy with a few pebbles; on the top of the opposite slope, along Lodge Meadow-road, the soil is sand with pebbles.

Though a great deal of rain has fallen lately—and was falling at the time of my visit—I found the surface of the estate dry, with the exception of the area covered by the blue dots on the plan, and even there the dampness was not very noticeable.

Speaking of the estate generally, I am decidedly of opinion that it is a desirable property if it can be obtained on fair and reasonable terms.

Within the area covered by the red dots on the plan ample room would be found for the erection of a large school, or other Institution, with dry and firm foundations. There would also be plenty of space for recreation grounds.

The clayey ground at the South corner of the estate could be reserved for garden purposes, and perhaps the South-western corner might also be reserved for cultivation, if required.

Another great advantage the estate possesses is that sewers have been constructed along two of the three roads bounding the whole area, so that there would be no trouble over the disposal of sewage.

This is usually a very serious question when a large institution is erected on a rural site, and it often occasions a very heavy expenditure.

As regards the question of water supply, I have no doubt that water could be obtained on the estate by sinking a deep well into the chalk and erecting engines and pumps. But this would necessitate a considerable outlay in the first instance, and there would be an annual charge for fuel, wages, and repairs in addition.

As the Colne Valley Water Company's main is already laid down the Avenue-road, it might perhaps be better to make an arrangement with them, and especially if they are willing to supply a large quantity of water on reasonable terms.

Faithfully yours,

C. E. HAWKINS.

Messrs. Stanley Attenborough and Tyer,  
18, Piccadilly, London.

38, High-street, Watford, Herts,  
September 17th, 1896.

Dear Sir,

Bushey Grove Park, Herts.

We beg to thank you for your letter of the 14th inst., with instructions to report on the above estate. By the particulars of sale dated July 15th, 1896, prepared by Messrs. Edward Fox and Bousfield, the property comprises 65a. 3r. 7p. of park-like meadow-land, having extensive frontages to the parish roads known as Aldenham-road and Lodge Meadows-road, and a frontage of 2522 feet to the new road known as the Avenue-road, and is within one mile of the Bushey Station, on the L. and N.W. Railway, and close to the town of Watford.

According to the particulars of sale, a purchaser will have to contribute a moiety of the cost of keeping the road known as the Avenue in repair until it is taken over by the parish or local authority, and a considerable sum would have to be paid towards making up the road before the authorities would be likely to take over the same.

In our opinion the land is an excellent site for a large residential institution or school, the greater portion being fairly level and a good elevation (about 230 feet above Ordnance datum), the remainder being undulated, and the whole well studded with handsome timber trees, and in addition, a main sewer and a main of the Colne Valley Water Company are laid along the Avenue, and gas main to the boundary of the estate.

The soil is, we believe, principally gravel and sand, with chalk subsoil.

The handsome building known as The Hall, now used as a residential hotel, with the park adjoining, is on the approach side of the Aldenham-road, and the residential estate known as Bushey Grange is opposite the Lodge Meadow-road, so that it is improbable that any houses or building likely to be objectionable would be erected on these estates, and the value of the land in question is thereby enhanced.

We have carefully considered the value of the property, and have come to the conclusion that, taken as a whole, it is worth the sum of £13,000, that is about £200 per acre.

Doubtless, if treated as building land, it would realise in time a much higher price, but it would probably take years to develop, especially as there is a good deal of land nearer the Bushey station not yet built over, and in our opinion the sum we have named represents the present value.

We are, yours faithfully,

SEDGWICK, SON, AND WEALL.

To Messrs. Stanley Attenborough and Tyer,  
18, Piccadilly, W.



102, Palace Gardens Terrace,  
Kensington, W.,  
October 9th, 1896.

My dear Bro. Eve,

I am extremely sorry to find myself quite unable to be present at the Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the R.M.I. for Boys to day, as I intended. I need hardly say that I fully agree with the Board of Management as to the acquisition of a new site. No one with the full knowledge of the matter can doubt the wisdom of the step, while anyone with the medical experience of the health of boys—growing lads—that has fallen to my lot will assure your Board and the brethren generally of the necessity of removal sooner or later, let the cost be what it may. I trust, therefore, the report of the Board of Management will be received and adopted by a large majority.

Believe me, yours very sincerely and fraternally,

JABEZ HOGG.

V.W. Bro. Richard Eve,  
P.G.T., &c.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lodge of the Marches, No. 611.

The first regular meeting for the winter session took place in the Masonic Hall, Ludlow, on the 7th inst., when the W.M., Bro. R. de C. Peele, Prov. G. Steward, was welcomed to the return to his duties after serious illness.

Bro. the Rev. S. H. Cubitt was invested as Chaplain. Since the last meeting, the senior member, Bro. Thomas Roberts, P.P.G. Reg., having joined the Grand Lodge above, memorial orations were delivered by Bro. T. J. Salway, P.P.G.W., and Bro. the Rev. J. P. Cranston, P.P.G. Chap., in accordance with the Worshipful Master's commands.

### Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. C. Colwell, W.M.; Barry, S.W.; Chisholm, J.W.; R. La Feuillade, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Hearn, P.M., Sec.; T. Davies, S.D.; A. H. Wolsey, J.D.; R. Hopkins, Org.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B.; C. H. Kohler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; W. Westley, P.M.; J. Le Feuillade, P.M.; Dennis, P.M.; H. F. Foale, P.M.; and Dr. Millsom, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Rolles, 733; Cates, 933; Wren, 1602; and Clayton, 1686. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. J. Harris was passed to the Second Degree. Three petitions for relief from the widows of three deceased members after considerable discussion were postponed for further enquiries. The W.M. reported that in conjunction with the Masters of Nos. 87 and 141 he had attended a meeting having for its object the payment of the expenses of the funeral and the erection of a suitable memorial to the late Bro. W. Stuart, P.M. and Secretary. He asked for the approval of the lodge to sanction the payment of one-third of the cost. The matter was postponed till the next meeting. Several communications regretting inability to attend having been read, the lodge was closed. A banquet followed.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in happy terms.

A few other toasts and replies followed, but as the hour was so late the remarks were necessarily brief.

The instrumental and vocal selections were but few, Bro. Hopkins, T. Davies, and Mr. Ganger were the only exponents, but their efforts were highly appreciated.

### Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

The opening meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, the brethren present being Bros. D. C. Ritchie, W.M.; A. Cox, I.P.M.; E. J. Harrison, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. Isler, S.D.; C. Hirst, J.D.; W. Taylor, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; H. S. Trego, Org.; F. W. White and G. E. Walker, Stewards; G. Couchman, Tyler; R. Loomes, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; J. Johnson, J. R. White, F. Cakebread, J. Lefever, D. C. Attwater, C. Weber, J. Amand, G. Yexley, J. H. Thurman, W. F. Roberts, J. Jauncey, G. A. Hopkins, A. Pope, T. E. Newman, W. J. Barnes, A. Henning, W. Pannell, E. A. Wagstaff, E. H. Bury, T. Hinton, W. A. Goring, F. Simmonds, L. Danielsson, and T. A. Spotswood. Visitors: Bros. R. P. Upton, P.M. 1328; R. Eddie, J.W. 742; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts; A. Williams, 1584; V. J. R. Longman, J.W. 1328; and J. R. Carter, J.D. 2501.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Roberts and Jauncey were raised to the Third Degree, and, after a successful ballot, Mr. Leonard Danielsson was duly initiated.

Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent dinner, provided by the new proprietor of the hotel, the usual toasts were proposed.

Under Bro. Newman's direction a very entertaining programme was gone through, which consisted of songs by Bros. Isler, Goring, Amand, Attwater, Roberts, Upton, Harding, and a recitation by Bro. Coxon.

The Tyler's toast and "Auld Lang Syne" closed the proceedings.

### The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. Robert Brookman, W.M.; Frank E. Bailey, P.M. 167; S.W.; G. J. Mackenzie-Fraser, J.W.; Fendick, Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; Robert Lawson, S.D.; J. H. Guyton, J.D.; James Boyton, D.C.; Rhys Thomas, I.G.; P. Joy and W. Parton, Stewards; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler; D. T. Keene, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; J. Hill Hartland, T. Halliwell, F. Parker, R. Simpson, A. F. Randell, G. W. Blackie, P.M.; and N. B. Headon, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.I.G.; C. Garton, J.W. 192; E. R. Evans, J.W. 1228; E. Storr, P.M. 167; W. E. Lane, 167; H. Hibbert, 167; C. Ortnier, 1920; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 167; J. C. H. Humphreys, P.M. 167; E. Moss, P.M. 167; J. H. Milton, W.M. 2511; F. J. Davis, 1426; C. H. Frey, 176; J. Ortnier, 1767; T. B. Williams, 705; T. Deene, P.M. 77; J. Hill, P.M. 483; W. Floyer, I.G. 2460; E. Jukes, D.C. 2460; G. W. Saul, P.M.; J. Hallows, P.M. 861; A. Müller, P.M. 167; W. Brookman, 2374; F. C. Lintoll, S.W. 1365; W. D. Church, P.M. 1365; W. A. Smith, 228; J. Diprose, 957; A. Model, D.C. 1572; F. J. Hunt, J.D. 194; T. W. Allsop, W.M. 2492; James Speller, P.M. 1667; J. C. Yates, P.M. 1366; W. Lane, P.M. 1638; T. Cull, W.M. 1298; W. Shurmur, P.M. 2374; Mount Brown, P.M. 199; A. H. Church, W.M. 1365; Thomas Hennah Mills, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Frank E. Bailey, P.M. 167, was then presented, and installed into the chair by Bro. R. Brookman in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Brookman, I.P.M.; C. J. Mackenzie-Fraser, S.W.; R. Lawson, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Guyton, P.M., S.D.; Rhys Thomas, J.D.; James Boyton, I.G.; F. G. Joy, D.C.; Edwin Wareham, Org.; W. Carton and A. F. Randall, Stewards; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were given by Bro. R. Brookman with marked effect, and he won for himself the hearty approval of the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, and the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but happy terms.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. W. M. Stiles, G. Treasurer, who was received with great cheering, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the way in which he was received. When running for the Grand Treasurership he

had the support of several brethren of the Great City Lodge. They who happened to be within the circle of Grand Lodge knew how well each worked for the benefit of the Craft. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be with them and to have seen the ceremony so beautifully carried out by Bro. Brookman in installing his friend, Bro. Bailey, in the chair.

Bro. Brookman, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was very warmly received. He said that in Bro. Bailey they would find a good man and true Mason, one who had steadily worked himself up in the various offices and who had endeared himself to all the members of the Great City Lodge. He wished him health and plenty of work during his Mastership, and had therefore great pleasure in proposing the toast.

The toast was drunk with true Masonic "fire."

Bro. Bailey, on rising, was received with loud applause, and, having thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for their kindness to him, said it was his earnest desire to discharge the duties of the chair to the best of his ability.

In submitting the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. Bailey said Bro. Brookman had been a great success as W.M. His work that night as Installing Master was excellent. They were proud of him, and he had therefore the greatest possible pleasure in presenting him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted unanimously by the brethren, and, in pinning it on his breast, he hoped that he might live many years to wear it as a memento of his year of office.

Bro. Brookman was received with loud cheers, and, in thanking the W.M. and brethren for their kindness shown him during his year of office, said the little he had done had been a labour of love. He had tried to do his best, and so long as he had health and strength he would do all he could for the benefit of the lodge.

"The Visitors" was next honoured.

Bros. T. B. Williams, 705, N.Z.; Storr, Milton, A. Church, and Diprose replied, each bearing testimony to the excellent working and the way they had been welcomed and entertained.

In giving "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. stated that he was going up for the "Girls," and he hoped to take up a list large in amount, and he urged the members to support him. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hedges, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, who had honoured them that night with his presence.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary R.M.I.G., who had a most enthusiastic reception, responded in a very eloquent speech, giving elaborate details of the working of the School; and we venture to think and hope that the result of his oration will be that the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School will be very much augmented in amount.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and said as regards the Past Masters, they were so well known that no words of his were necessary to explain the splendid services they had rendered to the lodge.

Bros. Blackie and Fendick suitably responded in well-chosen words.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and suitably responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

During the evening a choice selection of music was given by Bros. A. Wilson, F. Bailey, John Ortnier, and A. Wilson.

### Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669.

The members and visitors who attended the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 5th inst., were rewarded by spending a pleasant and instructive evening. The retiring Master, Bro. J. S. Holliday, worthily completed a successful year of office by ably installing Bro. John Lecquire, who commenced his reign with "Hearty good wishes" and promises of support from officers and members. At the opening of the lodge, Bro. J. S. Holliday, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. Lecquire, S.W., W.M. elect; J. H. Austin, J.W.; Bradley, P.M.; J. W. S. Tomkins, P.M., Treas.; F. H. Bingham, Sec.; R. J. H. Eccles, S.D.; G. Barson, J.D.; A. Oliver, I.G.; F. A. Smith, P.M., Organist; H. J. Tomkins, C. W. Tomkins, and others. Visitors: Bros. S. A. Gould, 1949; J. G. Smith, P.P.S.G.D. Durham; G. Lavington, P.M. 857; M. Hickman, P.M. 228; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; T. J. Jones, 1446; W. E. Hill, 2589; G. A. Boyes; G. Sme-don, 1321; W. Englefield, P.M. 1321; D. Sparrow, I.P.M. 1489; J. P. Meyrick, I.G. 2146; F. Wells, 1381; G. R. Langley, P.P.G.D. Middx.; the Rev. W. Russell Finlay, S.W. 2182; E. M. Woods; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the minutes had been confirmed, Messrs. R. J. White and J. Warriner, Mus. Doc., were impressively initiated into Freemasonry, and Bro. W. Lucas, P.M., was unanimously elected a joining member. The principal ceremony of the evening was then proceeded with, and Bro. John Lecquire, having been presented as W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. S. Holliday, P.M., who rendered the ritual in excellent style. The following officers were appointed and invested, Bros. J. H. Austin, S.W.; R. J. H. Eccles, J.W.; J. W. S. Tomkins, P.M., Treas.; F. H. Bingham, Sec.; G. Barson, S.D.; A. Oliver, J.D.; B. J. Burrows, I.G.; F. A. Smith, P.M., Org.; H. J. Tomkins, D.C.; A. W. Barr and C. W. Tomkins, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. in presenting Bro. Holliday, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, added a few hearty words of congratulation, and referred to the excellent work witnessed in the lodge during the past year. The I.P.M. tendered sincere thanks, and assured the brethren that the work had been a labour of love. The resignation of Bro. Newington Bridges, P.M., who was the first W.M. of the lodge, was received with profound regret, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by every member of the lodge. Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

In the proposition of the usual toasts which were subsequently given, brevity was the order of the evening, owing to the lateness of the hour, and the excellence of the musical programme.

Bro. J. S. Holliday, I.P.M., said it was his privilege and pleasure to bring before them the toast of "The Health of their esteemed W. Master." Some 14 years ago Bro. Lecquire was initiated by the late Bro. Jarman, who had now joined the majority, and had served every office. During that time their W.M. had gained the esteem of every brother in the lodge, and had now been installed into the chair of K.S.—the highest position they could confer upon him. They all knew him to be well deserving of it, and sincerely congratulated him, hoping he would have a good, full year of work. The members would support him in all his work and in all his undertakings, being convinced they would be laudable. They wished their W.M. a happy and pleasant year of office, and would do all in their power to bring about that desirable result.

Bro. John Lecquire, W.M., who was heartily received, said: I will not take up your time by any lengthy remarks, as we can be better employed in listening to the music. The I.P.M. was kind enough to propose my health in flattering terms, and you have cordially received it. I hope we shall have a good year, and I am certain that the officers and brethren will give me all the assistance in their power. I shall do my utmost to carry out the duties of the lodge, and if I can only follow in the footsteps of the outgoing Master, even in a small way, I shall be pleased in doing so. I thank you one and all most sincerely for your kindness.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said he could scarcely add anything to his previous remarks in the lodge. The brethren had seen the way in which the work had been done during the past year and were unanimous in their opinion that Bro. Holliday had been an honour to the lodge and one of their best Past Masters.

Bro. J. S. Holliday, I.P.M., returned sincere thanks, and said it was about 15 years since he joined the lodge, in which he had found many friends. It had been his privilege to go through each office and to have passed the chair, and it had always given him satisfaction to do his utmost for the lodge. He thought the part song, "Autumn," was particularly appropriate to Past Masters, because when they reached that stage they had to a certain extent done their work, but he hoped it had not led to a "winter of coldness," either for the W.M. or themselves. As he had said before, he hoped to be spared for many years to wear the jewel presented to him and attend the lodge and render whatever assistance he could.

The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and said he had no doubt the brethren introduced that evening would prove an honour and credit to the lodge. They had both gone through the ordeal in a quiet, gentlemanly manner, and he hoped they would persevere, and that when they became Master Masons they would continue to act up to the tenets of Freemasonry. They would never be the worse for Freemasonry, but on the contrary, if they acted up to its teachings, they would be better men and better citizens.

Bro. R. J. White said he could not do better than follow the quotation—"brevity is eloquence," and simply thank them very much, and assure them that he intended to try and become a good Mason.

Bro. J. Warriner, Mus. Doc., said he was glad to have joined their excellent Institution, as he had always felt every good man should do so. He had looked forward to it with temerity, but had enjoyed the whole ceremony, which was most impressive. He had spent an extremely pleasant evening, and hoped to enjoy many more in their company.

In submitting "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master made kindly reference to each brother present. He thanked Bro. Hickman, as Preceptor of a lodge of instruction, for his kind and useful assistance. They all knew Bro. G. R. Langley, whose work was of such an excellent nature, and whom no brother could excel in well-doing.

Bros. H. Cattermole, P.M., and M. Hickman, P.M., replied in cordial and appreciative terms.

Bro. Bradley responded as the senior P.M., for "The Past Masters," and said he regretted to miss the kindly features of Bro. Newington Bridges, who was the first Master of the lodge.

Bro. J. W. S. Tompkins, P.M., Treas., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and in reference to the W.M.'s kindly remarks as to his work, said it had been a labour of love. If he could in the future excel what he had done in the past he would be repaid by kindly allusions such as had been made by the W.M.

Bro. F. H. Bingham, Sec., said his work, unlike that of the other officers, was not done in the full sight of the members, but he was glad to find it was appreciated.

"The Officers" was given, and responded to by Bro. J. H. Austin, S.W., who assured the newly-installed W.M. of the earnest support of all the members.

Bro. Potter, P.M., then gave the Tyler's toast, which concluded a meeting in every way worthy of the lodge, and one which gave the greatest satisfaction and enjoyment to members and visitors alike.

Under the direction of Bro. Selwyn Davies a charming programme of music was arranged, in which the following artists assisted: Miss Winifred Grant, Bros. Colin Brindley, Sidwell Jones, and Adolph Fowler, and Mr. Vernon Grant.

### Strand Lodge, No. 1987.

There is no doubt that Bro. W. S. Hooper is a well-known and popular member of the Craft, and if this admission required any corroboration it was afforded by the enthusiastic reception which he had on being installed W.M. of this lodge on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Criterion, Regent-circus. There were present Bros. Walter Merrett, W.M.; W. S. Hooper, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Harbert, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., P.G. Treas., Sec.; W. Rapley, S.D.; G. P. Channing, I.G.; E. L. Campbell, D.C.; J. N. Hare and J. E. Thomas, Stewards; J. R. W. Soper, Org.; E. N. Dale, P.M.; F. Jackson, P.M.; C. J. Taylor, P.M.; E. Evans, I.P.M.; A. Romans, W. D. Nott, W. J. Mansell, R. L. Warner, W. G. W. Challice, F. Burman, J. Williams, A. L. Gieve, A. Sparks, H. A. Campbell, T. Welham, A. H. Westcott, L. E. Thurlow, W. E. Houghton, A. A. Wilson, J. T. Smith, W. J. Welch, R. C. Lees, F. H. Bowater, R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. Will E. Chapman, A.G.D.C.; W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br.; J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas. Hants; J. A. Harrison, W.M. 2488; T. Jefferies, W.M. 1744; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; W. E. Clifford, I.P.M. 2488; J. H. Wildash, P.M. 1662; F. Dangerfield, P.M. 1260; H. J. Clipperton, P.M. 508; W. J. W. Beard, P.M.; B. Kauffmann, P.M. 1732; J. H. Hawkins, P.M. 2488; J. C. Fremgley, P.M. 245; C. F. Browne, P.M. 81; John Foss, J.W. 2488; W. J. Holmes, J.W. 198; T. Fraser, 2488; A. T. White, 1670; G. A. Fischer, 1227; H. W. Wells, 206; J. B. Hasker, 2528; L. W. Harris, S.D. 2488; G. A. Lansdown, 1328; H. Beard, 1228; C. Marsh Denison, 778; F. W. Williamson, 1910; A. Hills, 2363; C. A. C. Hill, 503; A. H. Dabbs, C. Good, 30; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and confirmed and the Auditors' report received and adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. S. Hooper, was then presented by Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., and installed into the chair by Bro. W. Merrett in a most able and praiseworthy manner. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Harbert, S.W.; W. Rapley, J.W.; James Willing, P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., Sec.; G. P. Channing, S.D.; J. E. Thomas, J.D.; J. R. W. Soper, I.G.; E. Lane Campbell, D.C.; J. N. Hare, J. T. Buston, T. Welham, and J. T. Smith, Stwds.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Walter Merrett gave the customary addresses with marked effect, for which he received the hearty congratulations of the brethren. The Worshipful Master rose and said his first official act was a very pleasing one—to present to the I.P.M., Bro. Walter Merrett, a Past Master's jewel as a small token of their esteem and the regard they felt towards him, as no Master of the lodge had ever done better or had been more conscientious, and his happy year of office would long be remembered. Bro. Walter Merrett acknowledged the jewel in brief but suitable terms. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Walter Merrett, P.M., by the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his able and valued services as W.M., 1895-96." The W.M. afterwards initiated Messrs. Joseph Weiner, Otto Luer, Charles Walter Snell, Charles Edward Bates Kibblewhite, and T. V. Bowater—in all five initiates. Bro. Hooper's working of the ritual was performed in a manner that was perfect, and it proved beyond doubt that the members had elected a most competent ruler. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and other business was transacted, after which the lodge was closed. There was plenty of work for an installation meeting, but the W.M. and the officers were equal to the occasion.

A superb banquet followed, which fully maintained the reputation of the manager, Bro. Mantell, and it was well served. The menu and programme were adorned with capital portraits of the W.M. and the two Wardens.

After full justice had been done to this part of the proceedings, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in an adequate manner.

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that they were all worthy brothers, and many of them hard working Masons. It was his pleasure to couple with the toast the names of Bros. Will E. Chapman, A.G.D.C., and W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br., who had honoured the lodge with their attendance that evening.

Bro. Will E. Chapman, A.G.D.C., said it was a great privilege and pleasure to respond to the toast of "The Grand Officers." He could not have attended anywhere better than the installation of Bro. Hooper, and he congratulated the lodge in having in their W.M. such a good fellow, a splendid Mason, and an excellent worker of the ritual.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br., also responded, eulogising the great services rendered by Bro. Lord Latham to the Craft. The majority of the Grand Officers were ardent workers, and not the ornaments as some supposed they were. He was proud to be a Grand Officer, and he should always do his utmost for Masonry in the future, as he had done in the past, wherever he might be.

Bro. Walter Merrett, I.P.M., said it was indeed a pleasure to him to have the privilege of proposing the next and most important toast of the evening, "The Health of the Worshipful Master." In their choice they paid a worthy Mason a well-deserved compliment, and he was certain that during his year of office he would uphold in every way the high traditions of that his mother lodge, and continue to show by good work that the confidence then reposed in him was well placed. He felt sure that he was expressing the sentiments of every brother present that he would be favoured with the health and strength necessary to carry out with the ability he possessed the onerous duties of his honourable position.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm, and Bro. W. S. Hooper, W.M., on rising to respond, had a hearty reception. He thanked Bro. Merrett for his kind remarks, and the members for their flattering reception. In taking the Mastership of that important lodge, he knew he was undertaking a great responsibility, but still he would do his very best to maintain the good reputation of the lodge in which he was initiated 10 years ago, and it had been a happy time for him.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiates," the Worshipful Master stated that he was honoured to have five initiates at his installation. They had paid great attention to the ceremony of their initiation, that he thought they would know more of them, but if they acted up to what they were taught in Masonry, it could not but make them better men.

Bro. T. V. Bowater responded. He said it was a great pleasure and honour to him to be allowed to be a Mason. He hoped to turn out a worthy member of the Craft and to have good health and strength to attain some day the post of Worshipful Master.

Bro. J. Weiner said he was happy he was elected, and trusted to do everything to make him a good Mason.

Bro. C. W. Small stated that after the eloquent speeches of the other initiates it left him but little to say, but he hoped to warrant everything the W.M. had said of the initiates.

Bro. Otto Luer also responded.

Bro. C. E. B. Kibblewhite said that he was deeply grateful to the members for having admitted him as a member, and he hoped always to be a credit to the lodge, and that they would never regret having made him a Freemason.

In giving "The Installing Master and Past Masters," the Worshipful Master stated that they were all good men and true. Bro. Merrett had performed the installation ceremony in a splendid manner, and he was glad to have been installed by so worthy a brother. He mentioned all the other Past Masters by name, who were all good fellows, but their good looks spoke for themselves.

Bro. Walter Merrett, I.P.M., said he was at a loss to find words to adequately express the gratitude he felt for the reception they had given him that evening and for the complimentary remarks the W.M. had made with respect to his year's work and duty as Installing Master. It had been to him a labour of pleasure and what had been said fully repaid him for whatever trouble and anxiety there was naturally attached to the office of Master of such an influential lodge as that, and now that he had left the chair it would be his constant endeavours to advance its best interests to the best of his power. He again thanked them for the very handsome jewel which would always remind him of that eventful year of his life and its most pleasant associations.

Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., P.G. Treas.; E. N. Dale, P.M.; H. S. Foster, P.M.; and F. Jackson, P.M., also acknowledged the toast in a manner that would be impossible to be briefer.

Bro. C. J. Taylor, P.M., said they would have a happy time during the Worshipful Master's reign and he would make a splendid ruler.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," remarking what more could he say in support of the toast than was on the programme—"To one and all of you we bid a hearty welcome." The lodge was well known for its hospitality, and he was honoured by having so many visitors at his installation, and hoped to see them there again on many occasions. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. T. Jefferies, W.M. 1744; John A. Harrison, W.M. 2488; and J. H. Wildash, P.M. 1622.

In response, Bro. T. Jefferies said that the visitors had had a splendid treat both in the lodge and at the banqueting table.

Bro. John A. Harrison congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working. It was certainly trying for a Master when just installed to have five initiates, and the way he had got through the heavy work was wonderful; but he knew he would be able to do everything in the ritual, and at the end of his year of office, he had not the slightest doubt, that he would leave the chair with the greatest credit to himself. Then as to the I.P.M., he thought they were all agreed that he had done his work as Installing Master exceedingly well.

Bro. J. H. Wildash, P.M., also responded. He congratulated the initiates on being initiated in a lodge with such good traditions, and who had for one of its members a Past Grand Treasurer. The W.M. was only a young man, but few could work the ceremonies as he could.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," remarking that they were always "Willing" to do everything in the best of "Stiles." The Treasurer, Bro. Willing, was the father of the lodge, and it was a great pleasure to him to do anything to promote its interests. The Secretary, Bro. W. M. Stiles was, as they all knew, a very modest man, but no one was more esteemed, as he was always ready to give advice, and what the lodge would do without him he did not know.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., P.G. Treas., Sec., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said that Bro. Willing had gone, and it fell to his lot to respond for the two. He had been connected with the lodge from its consecration, and it was well-known as a Bohemian lodge, where they did as they liked; they were more like a happy family party, and were always convivial, and he was proud to be the Secretary of such an important lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers," and said the toast was one of the last, but certainly not the least. The officers he had appointed were of the best, and with their great assistance he felt that everything would go on in the right direction. He made special reference to Bro. Lane Campbell, D.C., who was ever ready to do anything when called upon, and to Bro. J. N. Hare, who had held the office of Steward for many years, and it would be impossible to have a better.

The toast was acknowledged in some good speeches from Bros. W. Harbert, S.W.; W. Rapley, J.W.; G. P. Channing, S.D.; J. E. Thomas, J.D.; J. R. W. Soper, I.G.; E. Lane Campbell, D.C.; and J. N. Hare and T. Welham, Stwds.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant and happy evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Richard Warner, assisted by Mr. Alfred A. Hurley, Mr. Frank Lyone, Professor Harcourt (a clever prestidigitateur), Miss Ruth Davenport, Miss Lily Warren, Miss Rose Verdie, and the Queen's Glee Singers, but a word of praise is due to Professor Harcourt for his performance and to Miss Rose Verdie, who rendered her songs, including a well deserved encore, with much ability.

The portrait of Bro. W. S. Hooper, the W.M., appears in our Portrait Gallery of this issue.

## Royal Arch.

### Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901.

The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter took place at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Present: Comps. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z.; B. Morgan, H., M.E.Z. elect; Wm. Wills, J., H. elect; Wm. Beecroft, J. elect; W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.Z.; J. Lightfoot, P.Z.; E. Gauntlett, P.Z.; R. Weddall Thomas, P.S.; C. A. Adams, 1st A.S.; H. Cornford, 2nd A.S.; Thomas Bowler, Janitor; J. Austin, H. Hayward, E. Aggleton, H. C. Turner, F. Pow, and Hy. Mills. Visitors: Comps. H. T. Felling, M.E.Z. 2182; W. J. Kipps, Org. 79; J. H. Witty, 1275; W. J. Alford, late 1901; W. T. Snell, 1210; and E. A. Rice, late 1622.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. H. C. Turner, P.M. 1662, for exaltation, which proving unanimous, he was exalted very impressively by the M.E.Z., Comp. C. H. Stone, the lectures being rehearsed in a faultless manner by the respective Principals. Comp. C. H. Stone then installed Comp. B. Morgan as M.E.Z.; Comp. Morgan installed Comp. W. Wills as H.; and Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., installed Comp. Wm. Beecroft as J. The M.E.Z. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; T. Grummant, P.Z., D.C.; R. W. Thomas, S.N.; C. A. Adams, P.S.; A. H. Fraser, 1st A.S.; F. E. Pow, 2nd A.S.; and Thos. Bowler, Janitor. The balance-sheet was presented by the Auditor, Comp. J. Austin, which was received and adopted, and showed the chapter to be in a healthy state of finance. Letters of congratulation to the M.E.Z. were read from Comps. Walter Davies, P.Z., and A. H. Fraser, both of whom were unable to attend through business engagements. The business of the convocation ended, the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by Comp. F. E. Pow, the proprietor, in his usual capital style.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. gave the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts with great cordiality.

The M.E.Z. gave "The Pro G.Z., G.H., and G.J.," and said they were excellent companions, as all those who were permitted to attend Grand Chapter would bear testimony to.

Comp. C. H. Stone, I.P.Z., next presented the toast of "The M.E.Z.," remarking upon the rapid advancement he had made to the chair of M.E.Z. Circumstances over which several companions had no control had caused that, and now that the M.E.Z. was in that exalted position he had fully justified the selection of the companions both in the rendering of the installation ceremony and symbolical lecture, and also the investiture of officers. The I.P.Z. thanked the M.E.Z. for the honour of exalting his old friend, Bro. H. C. Turner, and hoped the companions would introduce some worthy brethren, so that the M.E.Z. might still further show his capabilities. He asked the companions to drink the toast most cordially.

In reply, the M.E.Z. thanked the companions for such a greeting and the kind allusions made by Comp. Stone. It had been his endeavour in the mother lodge to carry out his duties as perfectly as possible when W.M., and now holding the honourable position of First Principal in the chapter his whole energy in rendering the splendid

ritual of Royal Arch Masonry would be bestowed. He hoped he should be able to fully justify the choice of the companions, and show to them his appreciation of the honour done him by performing his duties in as perfect a manner as possible.

The M.E.Z., in presenting the toast of "The H. and J.," remarked that Comp. Wills, H., was a Past Master of the Selwyn Lodge, and while in that position had a most remarkable year of office, and during the past year had performed the duties of J. in an exemplary manner. Comp. Beecroft, J., was a very enthusiastic companion, and would do his utmost for the chapter, and perform his duties to the very best of his ability. The M.E.Z. added that having two such co-Principals, the work of the respective chairs would be ably carried out.

Comp. Wills was grateful for such a reception, and promised to do all in his power for the benefit of the chapter. He trusted that he should be enabled to install his successor, as the M.E.Z. had installed him, into the second chair.

Comp. William Beecroft felt very deeply his proud position, and now that he had arrived at it, he would do the very best he could.

In presenting the toast of "The Exalte," the M.E.Z. said he had been introduced by Comp. Stone and Comp. Cornford, who had known his excellent working in the Craft for years, and one coming through such a channel would, he felt confident, prove worthy of the Selwyn Chapter.

The companions gave Comp. Turner a most cordial welcome.

Comp. Turner, in reply, stated his great desire for some time past had been obtained, and he had been very deeply impressed by the beautiful ceremony, which had far surpassed his expectation. He trusted he should prove himself worthy of their confidence, and thanked them for such a cordial greeting.

The M.E.Z., in very appreciative terms, gave the toast of "The Visitors," whom the companions of the Selwyn Chapter were always glad to welcome.

Comp. Telling, M.E.Z. 2182, in reply, said he felt a very great pleasure in responding for the visitors. He had heard much of the working of the chapter, and he was glad to acknowledge that the installation and exaltation ceremonies had been splendidly performed. The chapter ought to be proud of such Principals. He trusted he might emulate the working and make a lasting impression on his candidate in a few days' time, as he was confident had been made upon the present occasion.

Comps. Witty, Snell, Kipps, Alford, and Rice also made very suitable remarks.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Past Principals," who had performed most efficient services in the chapter. The I.P.Z., Comp. Stone, had worked hard in founding the chapter under Comps. Gauntlett and Lightfoot, and during the past year had conducted the affairs of the chapter most satisfactorily. He had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting the P.Z. jewel to him, with the earnest desire that he might live very many years to adorn the chapter. Comp. Walter Davies, the first M.E.Z., was absent, but had not forgotten the chapter, having sent his hearty congratulations.

Comp. C. H. Stone replied, thanking the M.E.Z. for his kind remarks and also for the handsome jewel so heartily given. He hoped his endeavours would be extended over many years in furthering the success of the chapter, and pledged himself that nothing should be wanting on his part to attain that object.

Comps. Gauntlett and Lightfoot also ably responded.

In presenting the toast of "The Officers," the M.E.Z. said that more efficient officers could not be, for they had performed their duties admirably, especially Comp. Grummant, P.Z., who had been the father of the chapter, and had conducted its meetings since its formation. All the Principals looked to him for guidance, which he readily gave, especially in the Star Chapter of Instruction, of which he was the esteemed Preceptor.

Comps. Adams, P.S., and Grummant ably responded, the latter remarking the pleasure it gave him to see the duties carried out so ably. He certainly was delighted with the results achieved in the Star Chapter of Instruction, and must confess that the work of the Royal Arch was his great study and pleasure.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under Comp. W. J. Kipps, A.R.A.M., F.C.O., ably assisted by Mr. George Adolph and Bro. T. Milton Stamp. Comp. Kipps gave some splendid pianoforte solos.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire was held at Horncastle on Thursday, the 8th inst. Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M., was in the chair, and was numerously supported by the Prov. Grand Officers, both Present and Past, and also of the brethren of the province.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, and the roll of Prov. G. Officers and lodges was called.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the course of his address, complained of the want of courtesy on the part of those brethren who were appointed to Provincial office, and yet were absent from their posts without even tendering an apology for their absence. His lordship remarked that when brethren were appointed to office the very least that was expected of them was that they should attend and discharge their duties faithfully.

Subsequently his lordship appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Charles Scorer	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Rev. John Graham	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. J. Wilkins	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. S. B. Glasier	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. N. Worrall	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" S. H. C. Ashlin	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. W. M. Benson	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. W. Smith	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. Hurst...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. R. F. Morton	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Fred. Trotter	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Rev. W. Blin Stoyte	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Richard Dawson	...	...	Prov. G.I. of Wks.
" W. Mortimer	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. J. Rainey...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. W. D. Oldham	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. B. Denny	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. H. Lee	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Saward	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. E. Tall	...	...	
" F. Evison	...	...	
" J. P. Hodgson	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. J. Swaby	...	...	
" M. Lancaster	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS, Superintendent of the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, has been presented by the Emperor of Russia with a handsome scarf pin, set with precious stones, in recognition of his services during his Majesty's recent visit to Balmora.

### Lodge and Chapter of Instruction.

HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. E. Lewis, W.M.; Harris, S.W.; Fardley, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; H. Weston, Treas.; J. Mason, Sec.; H. Mills, S.D.; Frost, J.D.; Williams, I.G.; West, P.M.; Roberts, Flemming, Drewell, and Dingley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Weston worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Flemming acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and Bro. Frost, 1743, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Harris, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of Bro. Driver, a deceased member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 9th inst. Present: Comps. Telling, M.E.Z.; Eckersall, H.; Barr, J.; Wm. Dawson, acting Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Benedetti, P.Z., P.S.; Cureton, Derham, Dunn, Willcox, Hardman, Bannister, and Plant.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hardman personating the candidate. Comp. H. Cornford was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Telling for rehearsing the ceremony of M.E.Z., as also to Comp. Wm. Eckersall, H., for rehearsing the ceremony of H. for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

### Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. W. S. HOOPER,

whose installation as Worshipful Master of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, is fully recorded in another column, first saw the light of day in 1863, and was educated at Dulwich College. He was initiated in the Strand Lodge and elected W.M. exactly 10 years after his initiation—the same night. Our brother is also S.W. of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, and one of its founders. He is a Life Governor of the "Boys," and in 1895 he went up as Steward for that Institution.



for the Eccentric Lodge, taking with him the substantial sum of £106 11s. 6d. He is also a member of the Eccentric Chapter and the Savage Club Mark Lodge. He is also a member of the National Liberal and Eccentric Clubs, and is on the Committee of the latter. He is well known in insurance circles, being the City Agency Superintendent of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited. As a Mason, he possesses a sound knowledge of his duties, perfect in the ritual, an impressive style, geniality of manner, and readiness of speech, which mark him as one of the successes in the annals of the Strand Lodge.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. GULLY, Q.C., Speaker of the House of Commons, is at present on a visit to Sir Robert Finlay, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor-General, at his country seat, Newton, Nairn.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES attended a meeting of the Trustees of the British Museum on Saturday last, and in the evening was present at a performance at Drury Lane Theatre of "The Duchess of Coolgardie."

ORDERS HAVE BEEN issued for the regiments of Foot Guards stationed in London to renew the course of winter marching practice which was introduced with so much success last year. The practice commenced on Thursday.

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT, Mr. Alderman G. Faudel-Phillips, will preside at a meeting of the City of London College, on Tuesday, the 17th November, when Mr. Bayard, the American Ambassador, will distribute the prizes to the successful pupils of the past year.

ACCORDING TO A REUTER'S TELEGRAM from Philadelphia, the representatives of the Associated Cricket Clubs of America have decided to send a cricket team next year to England, the tour commencing the latter part of May, and terminating about the middle of August.

THERE WAS A LARGE concourse of spectators in Victoria Park, on Saturday afternoon last, when Lady Arnold, wife of Sir Arthur Arnold, Chairman of the London County Council, presented medals and certificates for conspicuous bravery at fires to about 50 members of the London Fire Brigade.

BRO. LORD METHUEN made his first inspection of the Royal Scots Greys at Hounslow on Tuesday, the parade having been delayed in consequence of the absence of a portion of the regiment in attendance upon the Czar at Balmoral. The General also inspected the regimental quarters in Hounslow Barracks.

THE FOUNDATION STONE of the new chapel at Mill-Hill School will be laid on Saturday, the 31st inst., by Sir W. H. Wills, Bart., M.P., Chairman of the Court of Governors. The chapel is estimated to cost between £4000 and £5000, of which upwards of £3000 has already been subscribed by old pupils and their friends.

THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF RUSSIA reached Darmstadt from Paris at 9 a.m. on Saturday last, and were met at the railway station by the members of the Grand Ducal family. The Imperial party and their hosts at once drove to the New Palace, the large crowds lining the streets giving them a most enthusiastic reception.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK will visit Bracknell, in East Berkshire, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, for the purpose of opening the third Art Exhibition in Victoria Hall. The Royal Berks Yeomanry Cavalry will furnish the escort to her Royal Highness, and the proceeds of the Exhibition will be devoted to the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Newbury.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has very kindly undertaken to open, at Bro. Lord Brassey's house, 24, Park-lane, a sale exhibition of Eastern decorative products, made under the auspices of the Society for the Encouragement and Preservation of Indian Art. The exhibition will extend over three days, commencing with the 20th November.

A LARGELY-ATTENDED meeting of the inhabitants and ratepayers of the Ward of Farringdon Without was held in the Court Room, Christ's Hospital, on Tuesday, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for decorating the Ward on Lord Mayor's Day, Mr. Alderman Faudel-Phillips, Lord Mayor elect, being Alderman of Farringdon Without.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT for the month of August of the water supply for London, shows that a daily total of 106,980,028 gallons was delivered; the Thames supplying 119,114,724, and the Lea 36,064,474 gallons, the remainder being obtained from springs, wells, &c. This for an estimated population of 5,624,631, gives a daily average consumption per head of 35.02 gallons per head for all purposes.

A HEAVY THUNDERSTORM passed over Liverpool on Saturday afternoon last, and when several members of the Prescott football team were crossing a road to play a match in Newhaven Park with the Romilly Recreation Club, a vivid flash, which was followed by a terrific peal of thunder, struck them, one member named Watson being killed instantaneously, his throat gashed as by a knife, and five others more or less seriously injured.

THE REMAINS OF Admiral Sir Richard Wells, lately Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, were interred at Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, on Tuesday. Previous to the removal of the body from town, it was borne by a party of bluejackets—the coffin being covered with the Union Jack—into St. Peter's, Eaton-square, where the first portion of the funeral service was held, the congregation being very numerous, and including many of deceased's oldest friends and comrades.

THE TEMPLE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY has resolved to alter its title to that of The Inns of Court Orchestral Society, and will enlarge the number of its committee by adding members representative of Lincoln's and Gray's Inns. The Lord Chancellor, Bro. Lord Halsbury has consented to remain President, while among the members of the committee are Bros. Sir F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., and Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., and other prominent members of the bar.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY will be honoured with a visit at Wynyard Park on Monday next, the 19th inst., of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales. Among those who have been recently the guests of his lordship were Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), and Lady Lucy and Miss Hicks-Beach, the Duchess of Manchester, Mr. James Lowther, M.P., Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., and Bro. J. L. Wharton, M.P.

WE REGRET that in a recent tidings of the dinner given to the Indian Prince—Ranjitsinhji—at Cambridge to commemorate his exploits in cricket during the present season, we did not insert the prefix by which we distinguish members of our Order in writing. The Prince, it seems, is a Mason, who has already taken several of the higher Degrees in addition to being a member of Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge. We ought, therefore, to have spoken of him as Bro. Ranjitsinhji.

WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 21st inst., will be the 91st Anniversary of Nelson's last and most glorious victory off Trafalgar, and it is intended to decorate the Nelson Column in Trafalgar-square with wreaths and all kinds of floral offerings. Those of Her Majesty's ships and regiments who may desire to send wreaths, are requested to do so either to the offices of the Navy Society, 13 Victoria-street, or the First Commissioner of Works, 12 Whitehall-place, not later than five p.m. on Tuesday the 20th inst.

THE MOST REV. E. WHITE BENSON, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of all England, died with almost tragic suddenness on Sunday last, when on a visit to the Right Hon. W. E. and Mrs. Gladstone. His Grace was attending Divine service in Hawarden Church, when he had an apoplectic seizure. He was at once conveyed into the rectory, which is only a few yards away from the church, and placed on a couch in the library, but in a brief space of time Dr. Burlingham, who was at church, and gave all the medical assistance he could, pronounced that life was extinct. The Archbishop never recovered consciousness, and passed peacefully away at 11.35 a.m. Dr. Benson was the first head master of Wellington College and the first Bishop of the newly-created diocese of Truro, from which he was translated, in 1882, to the Archbishopric of Canterbury.

THERE WAS A very large congregation assembled in Leeds Parish Church on Saturday afternoon last to witness the marriage of Miss Evelyn Jackson, fourth daughter of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Mayor of the City, with Mr. Arthur Phillip Beddard, younger son of the late Mr. James Beddard, of Nottingham. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Bishop of Ripon, the wedding party returned to Allerton Hall, where Bro. and Mrs. Jackson entertained a large party of guests. The presents, which were very numerous, included a silver dessert service of 10 pieces, bearing the following inscription—"The esteem of the Council for the Mayor, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., prompted the members to present this service to his daughter, Miss Evelyn Maud Jackson, on the occasion of her marriage, October 10th, with every good wish for her future happiness." Later in the day the bride and bridegroom left for London en route for the Continent.

THE EXHIBITION of chrysanthemums will be open to the public in the frame-yard of Battersea Park to-morrow (Saturday), from 10 a.m. until dusk.

BRO. LIEUTENANT DAN GODFREY is succeeded as bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards by Mr. P. Sommer, bandmaster of the Royal Engineers, Chatham.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has signified her intention of visiting the Artists' Guild Eighth Amateur Art Exhibition, to be held at the Royal Albert Hall from November 2nd to 14th.

IN ADDITION to the usual Saturday morning performances of "Rosemary" at the Criterion, there will be a special Wednesday matinee of the play on the 21st instant.

MR. J. T. FIRBANK, M.P., and Mrs. Firbank entertained, at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, the police and attendants of the House of Commons, with their wives and daughters.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, Governor of the Isle of Wight, has forwarded a donation of 10 guineas towards the fund being raised in Cowes for the erection of a cottage hospital.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by the Princess Victoria of Wales and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, were present at Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday evening, and witnessed the performance of "The Duchess of Coolgardie."

THE RACE for the Cesarewitch Stakes was run at Newmarket on Wednesday, and was won by Mr. W. Low's St. Bris, the second favourite being placed second and the favourite—Laodamia—third. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was among those present at the meeting.

MISS MARY CHATTERTON, daughter of the late Bro. F. B. Chatterton, for many years lessee of Drury Lane Theatre, will give her annual concert at Brixton Hall on Monday next, when she will be assisted by a band of harps, consisting of her pupils, and Miss Mary Rorke.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT has notified the Marchioness of Londonderry of her intention to visit Brighton in December for the purpose of opening the combined exhibition and sale of Irish work, arranged by the Irish Industries' Association in the Clarence Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole.

THE REMAINS of the late Lord Congleton, one of the survivors of the naval engagement fought off Naravino in 1827, were interred in Woking Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the coffin, covered with the Union Jack, having been previously brought from Folkestone by a party of Bluejackets.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Margaret Victoria of Connaught, drove in an open carriage, on Wednesday, preceded by outriders, from Balmoral to Braemar, and then home again. Fine frosty weather prevailed. Her Majesty has forwarded a subscription of £50 in aid of the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by the Princess Victoria and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark and attended by Miss Knollys and General Sir Dighton Probyn, arrived at Marlborough House from Balmoral on Wednesday. In the evening their Royal Highnesses visited the Lyceum Theatre to see Bro. Sir Henry Irving and Miss Terry in "Cymbeline."

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, the Princess Victoria, and the Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark visited the exhibition of the drawings of Moscow during the Coronation of the Tsar, by A. J. Mavrogordato, at the Fine Art Society's Galleries, New Bond-street, on Thursday, and subsequently inspected Mr. Herbert Schmalz's new sacred picture "Rabboni" at Messrs. Dowdeswell's galleries.

THE FESTIVITIES which have been organised with a view to commemorating the extension of the boundaries of Plymouth Borough commenced on Tuesday, when the 17,000 children attending the various elementary school in the town were presented with cakes and medals—the latter bearing an appropriate inscription—and were afterwards dismissed to enjoy a whole day's holiday. The festivities were continued during the two following days.

THE QUEEN has ever displayed deep interest in the welfare of the blind. Her Majesty's concern for those who have suffered the worst of all afflictions dates back to the Great Exhibition, when she was much impressed by the section devoted to the industrial productions of those who are sightless, and, as we stated some time ago, remembered the lady in charge of that branch after many years had elapsed. That she still maintains deep interest in this afflicted class of the community is shown by her gift of £30 towards the erection of a new school for the blind in Liverpool.

IN ILLUSTRATION of the financial success that attended the recent Sandringham Estate Horticultural Society's Exhibition in Sandringham Park, which was visited by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria of Wales, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, it may be stated that the committee have been enabled to hold a substantial sum in reserve, and in addition, has just distributed over £55 to public institutions, namely, £20 to the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, 10 guineas to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, and five guineas each to the Gardeners' Widow and Orphan Society, the Hunstanton Convalescent Home, the Norwich Eye Infirmary, and the Eastern Counties' Asylum for Idiots, Colchester.

ALDERMAN N. W. HUBBARD, Chairman of the Lambeth Baths and Washhouses Commissioners, laid the foundation-stone, on Saturday last, of a new bath, the first of a series to be erected in various parts of the parish. The superficial area of the site is 33,330 feet, and the estimated cost £55,000. The accommodation will comprise a first and second-class swimming bath for men, the former measuring 142 feet by 56 feet, and the latter, 98 feet by 42 feet, a women's swimming bath, 64 feet by 40 feet, 65 private baths for men, and 30 for women, with public washhouses for 64 washers. In the winter the first-class men's swimming bath will be let for purposes of entertainment. When thus arranged, it will be entirely shut off from the rest of the establishment, and will afford seating accommodation for 1522 persons.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY's body was removed from Hawarden to Sandycroft station for conveyance to Canterbury, and was attended by a very imposing ceremonial. The coffin had been placed before the altar in Hawarden church and prior to its removal, a celebration of the Holy Communion took place, among those present, in addition to the local clergy, being the Bishops of Winchester, Chester, and St. Asaph. Then the coffin was borne to the station and having been placed in the carriage selected for the purpose, the train left for Canterbury, which was reached shortly after 6 p.m. Here it was met by the Dean of Canterbury and other clergy and at once conveyed to the Cathedral where it has since lain in State. The funeral will take place to-day (Friday), and the authority for the interment having been received from the Home Secretary (Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.), the remains will be interred in the nave, the service being performed by the Archbishop of York, assisted by Dean Farrar, &c. Archbishop Benson will be the first Archbishop of the reformed Anglican church buried in the Cathedral, the last head of the See of Canterbury who was buried there being Cardinal Archbishop Pole, who died in 1558. The scene to-day will doubtless be marked with all due pomp and ceremony.

"I DREAMT THAT I DWELT IN MARBLE HALLS" will be the pleasing fancy to every one who first crosses the threshold of the gorgeous Trocadero Restaurant, which now holds such a proud and enviable position in the "New London" starting into life round and about Piccadilly Circus. But instead of the "vassals and serfs" of the old song we shall find a warm and hospitable welcome from the courteous and spirited proprietors, Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, and the proverbial attention and personal comfort ever extended to the public by these well-known caterers and restaurateurs. The basement floor is devoted to the grill room, with the buffet, smoking, reading, and billiard rooms. The entrance floor is occupied by the grand restaurant, with its golden minstrel and great gallery in the style of Louis Quatorze, and attached to the gold hall and gallery is a splendid adjacent saloon in the style of Louis Quinze. Small but deliciously cosy dining rooms surround these splendid public rooms. The first floor of the new Trocadero is another welcome surprise, consisting as it does of a ball room, a banquet hall in the Empire period—a most admirable reproduction—and an ante-room in the style of Louis Treize. On the gallery level, at the top of the grand staircase, will be found a reception room, again in the style of Louis Treize; a magnificent Masonic lodge in the period of Francois Premier, with, of course, the necessary ante-rooms for the comfort and convenience of the brethren of the Craft. Full particulars can be had on application at the Trocadero, Piccadilly Circus.



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