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## THE REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

In our article of last week on this subject we contented ourselves with reviewing the discussion which took place on the proposed purchase of a property at Bushey, near Watford, in the County of Herts, at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers on Friday, the 9th inst. In the present article, it is our intention to lay before our readers, as briefly as possible, a *resumé* of the proceedings from the outset, so that they may be in a position to know what steps have been taken from time to time by the Board of Management in reference to the proposed removal and under what authority; and also the character and extent of the opposition which sundry of the Provinces and Provincial Associations have raised to the scheme.

It will doubtless suffice if we state as regards the preliminary steps taken prior to, and inclusive of, the Quarterly General Court on the 10th April last, that the question was first raised at the Festival held at Brighton in 1891, when the Earl of LATHOM, the Chairman of the day, expressed his opinion that the present site was a very undesirable one for such an Institution, firstly, because of the clayey nature of the soil, and secondly, because the surrounding neighbourhood was overcrowded with an inferior class of dwelling-houses. His lordship, however, was careful to supplement this expression of his opinion by pointing out with a very distinct emphasis, that after all it was a question of "money" and would have to be very carefully considered. At the Quarterly General Court held in April, 1892, authority was given to the Board of Management "to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the Estate of the Institution to the best advantage," and the Board at once appointed a Committee of its members to deal with the question. After a lapse of nearly four years the Board, feeling, no doubt, for very satisfactory reasons, that its powers were not sufficiently ample, sought and obtained authority from the Quarterly Court held, as already stated, on the 10th April last, to entertain negotiations for the purchase of a new site, it being at the same time clearly understood that nothing conclusive would be done without the further sanction and approval of the general body of Governors and Subscribers in Quarterly Court assembled. Under the additional powers thus granted, the Board acting through the medium of its Honorary Solicitor, Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH—to whom belongs the credit of having carried to a successful issue a difficult and delicate negotiation—entered into a provisional contract with the owner of a property at Bushey, in the County

of Herts, to purchase for £13,000 some 66 acres of land, which from the reports of the geologist and surveyors they called in to advise them, appeared in every respect suitable for the purposes of the Institution; a deposit of £650 being paid to the owner on the understanding that, if the Court of Governors declined to sanction the contract, a portion of the said deposit amounting to £200 should be forfeited. The Court of Governors, however, on the 9th inst., gave their sanction and approval to the contract provisionally entered into by the Board and consequently there will be no payment of any forfeit. Such is a clear and accurate statement of what has been done, as far as the Board is concerned, since the advisability of removing the School was first mooted at the Festival in 1891.

In the meantime a warning note of the opposition that might be expected to such a proposal was sounded. On the 18th May the Charities Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, without consulting Bro. SMITHSON, their representative on the Board of Management; without, as far as we can make out, informing him of the course they proposed to adopt; and undoubtedly without waiting to know what course the Board of Management proposed to take under the additional powers they had received the month previous, passed a resolution objecting to the sale of the School premises or the purchase of a site for the new School, and requesting that before any steps were taken in this direction, an appeal should be made to the general body of Subscribers with a view to ascertaining their opinion on the subject. Since then the Provinces of East Lancashire and West Yorkshire have expressed themselves to the same, or a similar, effect. On the other hand, several other Provinces, including those of Kent, Cornwall, Nottinghamshire, and Leicestershire and Rutland, have passed resolutions of confidence in the Board of Management that they will do what is for the good of the Institution and for the benefit of Freemasonry. Our Correspondence Columns have also contained sundry letters, some in favour of the proposal, some in opposition to it, and some proposing that a middle or other course should be pursued. But though our readers may carefully peruse the resolutions that have been passed in opposition to the scheme, they will not find in any one of them a single argument of any real value against the proposal. Almost the very same remark may be made in reference to the opposition speeches at the Quarterly Court on the 9th instant. Last week we ventured to describe the arguments adduced in them as of the flimsiest character, but we should have been much nearer the mark if we had said that arguments were conspicuous by their absence from all the speeches made by the opposition. For instance, there is nothing in the resolutions or speeches we are thus pointedly referring to in contradiction of the main grounds advanced for the removal. No one has dreamt of denying that a clay soil is less conducive to health than other soils, or that the estate is not hedged in on all sides by a crowd of dwelling-houses of an inferior character. It appears to be very generally admitted that sooner or later there will have to be an increase in the number of children on the establishment, but the only suggestion offered with a view to meeting this prospective increase is that more boys should be "out-educated" than at present, and, as Bro. BODENHAM pointed out in his very sensible letter, there is no need for putting the Institution to the trouble of electing candidates to be thus dealt with, when the Provinces can do this—indeed, very many of them are already doing this—for themselves. But apart from this suggestion, which is reason-

able enough in itself, but does not materially affect the question at issue, nothing has been said, nor has any attempt been made to show how the additional accommodation, which will be required when the increase becomes imperative, can be obtained without still further circumscribing the already limited space available for recreation, or how the present limited recreation grounds can be extended, as they should be, without removing some of the buildings. Indeed, certain extensions and alterations which were recommended to be made a few years since remain undealt with for lack of space, except in so far as certain makeshifts which were found possible have been adopted. In fine, no material objections have been raised to the scheme proposed by the Board of Management, nor has the suitability of the new site been seriously questioned. As regards this latter point, indeed, the reports of the experts are most favourable, and are greatly strengthened by two facts—(1) that an Orphan Asylum has been established in the neighbourhood for many years; and (2) that a hydropathic establishment is in immediate proximity to the estate which has been purchased. The opposition is sentimental rather than serious. The Board of Management have not taken the Subscribers into their confidence, and hence the outcry that has been raised. But, though there may be safety in a multitude of counsellors, it is just as well that the multitude should be restricted to a less formidable number than 20,000, or whatever may be the numerical strength of the Subscribers to the Institution.

As regards the disposal of the estate at Wood Green, there must, of necessity, be a loss of some thousands of pounds, but it will not amount to the £100,000 which has been commonly spoken of. As we have pointed out in previous Articles or Notes, the use of the estate for close on 40 years is something in the nature of a *quid pro quo*, while the land, without the buildings, will, in all probability, fetch from three to four times the price paid for it, if not a still greater sum. In fact, there is no absolute necessity for a sale of the property. It has occurred to us that the Institution might itself grant 99 years' leases for building purposes. The ground rents would represent a very respectable permanent income, and when the leases fell in, the Boys' School would be a wealthy Institution, with a very respectable rent roll, the proceeds of which would go permanently towards its maintenance. We have not heard of any such suggestion being made, and we only offer it just to show that if the land is worth from £2000 to £3000 an acre to other people, who will buy in order to make a profit out of it, it must represent precisely the same value to the Institution, which will itself reap the same benefit by retaining the property in its own hands. We leave others to determine the value, if any, of our suggestion. But, whatever is done with the Wood Green estate, we trust that now the scheme of the Board of Management has assumed a tangible form, we have heard the last of the very un-Masonic threats on the part of some lodges and brethren to withdraw their support from the Institution if the removal is persisted in. No better or weightier advice ever fell from the lips of that distinguished brother who for so many years has presided with such acknowledged success over the fortunes of the Craft in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, than that which he tendered when the recent discussion over the proposed purchase of the property at Bushey was terminated, and the Court had, by an overwhelming majority, endorsed the action of the Board of Management—Let those who up to the present time have conscientiously objected to the removal now join hands with the advocates of the proposal in supporting the School. We may be sure it will not need that support less at Bushey than at Wood Green, and we trust the day will never come when the funds that may be necessary will not be as readily forthcoming in future years as in the years that have passed.

#### COLOURED FREEMASONRY IN THE U.S.A.

Our readers who hear from time to time of the proceedings in the various Masonic jurisdictions in the United States are probably not aware, or, at best have but a vague idea, that there exist in the land of the Stars and Stripes quite a formidable array of negro Masons, having precisely the same kind of organisation as to lodges and Grand Lodges, and practising, as

we are informed, precisely the same rites and ceremonies as we practise in our lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Some 20 years ago, quite a discussion arose in the Masonic press on the subject of this coloured Masonry, but nothing came of it. The matter, however, has been again brought to our notice by a review in the Report on Correspondence appended to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario) of an article written by Bro. WILLIAM H. UPTON, which appeared in the Report on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Washington for 1895. Bro. UPTON is described by his Canadian reviewer as "one of the brightest minds in the Fraternity, an enthusiastic student of Masonry and well-informed on all its branches." It is this Bro. UPTON who calls attention, in an article on Masonry among the Negroes, to the fact that at the present time there are in the United States "more than 27,000 of our fellow citizens, unknown to us as members of the Fraternity," who "claim to be affiliated Masons of good standing, and regularly study our mysteries in 1300 lodges which we never visit," and that this alone is "sufficient to justify a brief reference to Masonry among the coloured men of America." He does not concern himself about their legitimacy, and is careful to avoid anything like an expression of opinion upon a question which has excited so much controversy in the United States. He is content with a brief statement of the facts as he has ascertained them to be, leaving it to his readers to draw such conclusions as seem best from the premises he lays down. These facts are as follow: A certain Prince HALL and 14 other coloured men of Boston were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in an army lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, and attached to one of the regiments stationed under General GAGE at Boston, Mass., on the 6th March, 1775. These 15 brethren, acting, it is suggested, under an authority granted by the lodge which made them, subsequently met as a lodge. At a later date—on the 2nd May, 1784—they applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant, which was granted them, as "African Lodge, No. 459," with Bro. Prince HALL as W. Master, on the 29th September following. They did not, however, receive it till the 2nd May, 1787, when the lodge was quickly organised, and remained on the English Register until the revision which took place after the Union of the "Ancient" and "Modern" Societies of English Masons in 1813, when, in common with other lodges of English origin in the United States, it was struck off the list. This Bro. Prince HALL, first W. M. of African Lodge, was, we are told, "a man of exceptional ability and energy," and in 1797 he "issued a licence to 13 black men who had been made Masons in England to 'assemble and work' as a lodge in Philadelphia," a second lodge being organised by his authority in Providence, R.I. In 1808, these two lodges, with the original African Lodge, No. 459, of 1784, "joined in forming the 'African Lodge' of Boston,—now the 'Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts'—and Masonry gradually spread over the land." In 1847, the negro Masons made what Bro. UPTON declares to be the mistake of establishing a National Grand Lodge, which in 1867, at the time of its zenith had some 20 Grand Lodges under it, the negro Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, however, holding aloof and remaining independent. This National Grand Lodge, we are told, has since fallen into decay and at the present time enjoys only a nominal existence, but Coloured Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has continued to flourish, and as Bro. UPTON points out—and we have no reason to doubt the accuracy of his information—there are upwards of 27,000 of these negro brethren organised in lodges and with sundry Grand Lodges to preside over them in different States.

As to the legitimacy of Coloured Freemasonry, Bro. UPTON quotes a *dictum* of the late Bro. ALBERT PIKE, to the effect that "Prince Hall Lodge . . . had a perfect right (as other lodges in Europe did) to establish other lodges, making itself a mother lodge. That's the way the Berlin lodges—Three Globes and Royal York—became Grand Lodges." He also quotes the opinion of Bro. T. S. PARVIN, "that the negroes can make as good a show for the legality of their Grand Lodges as the whites can." Further information of great interest is contained in Bro. UPTON'S paper. It is shown that they possess our secrets and practice our rites. They have "bodies of all the 'high degrees,' in-

cluding the A. and A. S. Rite," while "upon the question whether they exercise care in guarding the fraternity from the admission of unworthy persons," Bro. UPTON tells us that "it is to their credit, that while among the whites of the United States one in every 85 is an affiliated Mason, the affiliated negroes are but one in each 273 of their race."

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE TRINITY LODGE, No. 2595.

A special meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held by Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., at Buckfastleigh, on the 13th inst., for the purpose of the constitution and consecration of a new lodge. The new lodge is to be called the Trinity Lodge, No. 2595, and Anthony Assembly Rooms has been turned into a lodge room. There was a good attendance, including Bros. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Prov. G.M.; G. C. Davie, 251, Dep. Prov. G.M.; M. Fortescue, 444, Prov. S.G.W.; F. B. Westlake, 70, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. T. C. Lewis, 1486, and Rev. E. Sullivan, 1099, Prov. G. Chaps.; E. Rosveare, 1099, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Taylor, 1482, Prov. G. Reg.; J. Stocker, Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. R. H. Grimby, 1438, and F. W. Luxmore Jones, 112, Prov. S.G.Ds.; C. G. Withell, 2025, Prov. J.G.D.; Capt. Lindsay Lloyd, 2258, Prov. G.S.B.; F. Luget, 39, Prov. G. Org.; J. T. Allingham, 954, Prov. A.G. Sec.; E. M. Ellis, 606, P.A.G.P., acting P.G.P.; H. Shooter, 112, Prov. G. Tyler; and F. S. Sprague, 1332, and W. Mountjoy, 421, Prov. G. Stwds.

Other brethren present comprised Bros. Hon. Richard Dawson, 2189, P.P.S. G.W.; G. S. Bridgman, 1358, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. C. Hallett, 303, P.P.S.G.D.; J. H. Warren, 1254, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Loche, 444, P.P.G.R.; W. Adams, 1881, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. Olver, 1138, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Gregory, 1254, P.P.G.T.; S. Jones, 112, P.P.J.G.W.; O. J. Dunn, 1205, P.P.G.S.B.; G. L. Loam, 710, P.P. G.O.; John Cole, 710, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. Drennan, 710, P.P.G.S.B.; H. L. Friend, 1443, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Hayward, 355, P.P.D.G.D.C.; C. Emmett, P.M., and H. P. Rabbish, W.M. 1358; S. J. Daniel, 1255; C. Brett, J. Willcocks, W. R. Whiteway Foot, W.M., and W. L. Eynon, of 710; T. A. Blackler and G. Halls, W.M., of 328; T. J. Crossman, W.M., J. W. McKeller, S. Wills, and W. Winget, of 1402; F. E. Sach and G. F. Dunsterville, of 189; C. Pope, 1138; W. Biscoombe W.M., and H. Rogers, of 223; A. J. Cox, W.M.; D. C. Powell, 1443; G. C. Foot, J. Eales, W.M., C. G. Acock, and R. E. Tucker, of 2189; J. W. Reed, 1753; W. Davies, 1486; W. H. Gray, A. Rowe, and H. Caunter, of 666; D. M. Breburn, W.M. 2258, and A. E. Maddock, of 1205; W. P. Roberts, J. F. Ware, W. J. Tozer, W. C. Rossiter, J. W. Cole, and W. H. Moore, all of 1358; T. Reynolds, 2258; W. Chaffe, J. F. Bowerman, W. H. Rogers, C. Hoare, F. W. A. Tolchard, W. H. Johnson, W. E. Windle, H. Maddick, and J. G. Hollis, of 710; C. E. Blackler, Conroy Couch, Dr. Pitt Palmer, and A. Dolbear, of 1402; T. R. Whittley, 156; J. Heare, J. W. Warren, W. H. Paul, and G. Arscott, of 2595; J. Wakeham, 1847; W. H. B. Tucker, 1051; C. Hill, W. Grist, J. G. Turle, R. C. Bishop, C. Horton, F. Hall, and W. Eliot Thomas, of 1402; F. M. Stringer, 1466; J. Arbury, and J. Crocker, of 666; G. C. Gibbon, 1753; E. J. Jarvis, 1255; R. L. Drake, 2025; E. J. Sawdye, and C. L. Jeffery, of 2189; J. Corrick, 159; Capt. A. W. Gamble, 1165 Honkong; F. Newcombe, 39; C. H. Tozer, T. Cole, J. Stoneinan, and C. H. Soper, of 223; J. Down, 156; A. G. Burrigidge, 39; E. T. Woolcock, 1205; and J. Gould, 39.

The P.G.M. opened the lodge.

The P.G. SECRETARY then read the warrant from the M.V. Grand Master.

Afterwards an oration on the subject of Masonry was delivered by the D.P.G.M., Bro. G. C. DAVIE, P.A.G.D.C. England. He said although the Order was so prosperous and numerous, the consecration of a new lodge was still a somewhat rare occurrence. They were about to plant a branch of the Order in a place where it had not hitherto existed, and he should draw attention to certain points which he thought well worthy of consideration by those brethren who were the founders of the lodge. He urged them first not to be in too great a hurry to increase their numbers. It was not the quantity of the members of a lodge which made its strength, but their quality. It should be remembered that all persons were not fit and proper persons to be made Masons. In the Middle Ages the Order was composed of Operative Masons, but at an early period persons not operatively engaged in Masonry were admitted as Speculative Masons, and from that time there were two Orders—Operative and Speculative. It might fairly be assumed that those admitted to the Speculative branch were of higher attainments and education than those of the Operative branch. As, therefore, they were now Speculative Masons, he thought they had a right to be a little more particular and exclusive. Next, there was a danger of Freemasonry degenerating into a well-organised charitable society. So great were its funds, so nobly had Masons responded to calls made upon them that there was danger of people joining their Order for its material benefits. He did not wish to say anything against people joining benefit societies, but that was not the purpose for which Freemasonry existed. Doubtless their poorer brethren were often relieved, but that was done from benevolence and brotherly love, and not because there was any claim on the funds of the Order. It could not too frequently be stated that the spirit in which to join Freemasonry was simply with the wish to be useful to one's fellow creatures, and not in the hope of any pecuniary benefit to themselves. There was also a danger from over-enthusiasm. There was a tendency in some quarters to carry the Order outside its sphere, and to interfere as a body with the individual freedom and convictions of the brethren. Freemasonry was as a secret society only exempted from the ordinary law regarding secret societies because it did not interfere with anything outside itself. Masonry did not claim to interfere with any person's civil or religious life. It did not claim to interfere with a man's moral life—it hoped to make its members better men, better citizens, and it embraces precepts which are common to every religion of civilised time. In conclusion, the D.P.G.M. addressed further words of sage advice, specially to the Master and Wardens of the new lodge, whose names, he remarked, would be handed down to posterity on the warrant of that lodge as its founders. Might the Great Architect of

the Universe be pleased to bless that lodge, and so keep it that it might be an honour and a credit to Freemasonry and a godly example to all around it!

The consecration of the lodge was then proceeded with.

Afterwards the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the installation of Bro. James Willcocks as the first Worshipful Master of the new Trinity Lodge was proceeded with by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Cole, P.P.G.D.C., as I.P.M.; Charles Barrett, S.W.; H. S. Johnson, J.W.; Charles Hoare, Treas.; W. Chaffe, Sec.; J. F. Bowerman, S.D.; J. W. Warren, J.D.; John Hoare, D.C.; F. W. A. Tolchard, Org.; G. Arscott, I.G.; W. Rogers and P. Jackson, Stwds.; and W. Paul, Tyler.

Afterwards there was a banquet at the Town Hall, the W.M., Bro. James Willcocks, presiding. Bro. Sir STAFFORD NOTHCOTE, P.G.M., replied for the toast of "The Grand Lodge Officers," and concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M." He said he heartily and sincerely wished the new lodge a long and prosperous career. They could not have made a better choice than they had in their present W.M. There seemed to be a spirit in Buckfastleigh which would make that lodge a credit to the province and a worthy gain to the ranks of Freemasonry.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER returned thanks. He spoke of the need of the new lodge, and said he believed they had a set of officers to start with who would be a credit to any lodge.

Bro. BARRETT, S.W., gave "The Health of the Installing Master," and Bro. DAVIE, who was most cordially received, further enforced some of the advice he gave in his oration in lodge.

For "The Visitors," Bro. the Hon. RICHARD DAWSON was called on to respond, and Bro. F. STRINGER (South Brent) brought fraternal greetings from the Grand Orient (Hamburg) and Lodge Amalia (Saxe Weimar).

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The autumn, or half-yearly meeting of this province was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Morley, a rising manufacturing town some five miles from Leeds. Through the kindness of Bro. Geo. Johnson, the Mayor of the borough, and a Past Master of the Lodge of Integrity, No. 380, under whose banner the meeting was held, the splendid rooms of the New Town Hall were placed at the disposal of the province. The accommodation, consequently, was all that could be desired. This was especially fortunate as there was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Riding. West Yorkshire Freemasons have always taken great interest in the Masonic Charities, and by means of their admirable organisation, have brought their system to such perfection that the Chairman of the Committee is in touch with every lodge in the province, and virtually has placed in his hands the disposal of every single vote within it. Not content with the substantial help which for years back they have continuously given to the London Institutions, a proposal has been laid before them to form a Local Masonic Benevolent and Educational Society. A scheme with this object was formulated and printed some 20 years ago by Bro. C. Letch Mason, so that the idea is by no means a new one. The success of other provinces in this direction, notably that of the two Lancashires may also have had some effect; in any case, at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Doncaster, in April last, Bro. Wm. Harrop, Chairman of the Charity Committee, stated that a proposal would be brought before the province and its opinion taken thereon at an early date. At the following Charity Committee this was done, and the suggestion of Bro. Harrop was cordially accepted by a very large and representative assemblage, only seven hands being held up in opposition. To have effect, this must, of course, be endorsed by the brethren, and the notice of this with one or two other matters on the agenda, was doubtless the cause of so numerously attended a meeting.

The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., presided, and was supported by a large number of Prov. Grand Officers, both Present and Past. We regret that a full list of the names has not reached us, but amongst others there were—

Bros. J. C. Malcolm, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, P.D.P.G.M.; H. Allen and J. A. Godwin, J.P., Prov. G. Wardens; the Revs. L. S. Calvert, M.A., and J. L. Brereton, M.A., Prov. G. Chaps.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Alfred Robertshaw, T. H. Tanner, W. R. Hinings, T. Bates, and H. S. Wood, Prov. G. Deacons; T. R. Vaux, Prov. G.S. of Wks.; Wm. Watson, Prov. G. Librarian; Wm. Wilson, Prov. G.D.C.; Thos. Shaw, Prov. G.S.B.; Dr. Bates and Geo. Hollies, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; T. W. Hanforth, Mus. Lic., Prov. G. Org.; Jos. Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Sec.; John Bleazard and Alf. Gill, Prov. G. Pursts.; Dr. Mossop, Joseph Best, and Wm. Sharp, Prov. G. Stwds.; with Thos. Leighton, Prov. G. Tyler; and Thos. Chester, Prov. A.G. Tyler. The Past Prov. Grand Officers included Bros. Simeon Hayes, 139, Wm. Harrop, 290, Chairman of the Charity Committee, C. Letch Mason, 304, and T. Garnett, 401, Past G. Wardens; Major Bolton, 154, John Gibbs, 901, and T. Richards, 208, Past G. Treasurers; W. C. Lupton, 974, Vice-Chairman of Charity Committee; Joseph Binney, 139, P.G. Registrar; John Hunt, 2491, J. Dunning Kay, 289, W. H. Stewart, 380, T. H. Vernon, 2491, and W. Dickie, 904, P.G. Deacons; John Barker, 1102, G. W. Hawkesley, 139, James Lawton, 337, and T. C. Hope, 302, Past G. Supts. of Wks.; G. P. Sunderland, 1301, C. Goldthorpe, 242, H. J. Sutnerst, 1018, J. W. Monckman, 1018, S. T. Oates, 304, Edmund Lord, 910, W. F. Tomlinson, 304, and W. R. Thompson, 208, Past G. Directors of Ceremonies; Col. F. C. Wemyss, 61, Past G.S.B.; W. M. Tate, 306, W. Laycock, 1108, Alf. Stott, 1301, R. Fisher, 1221, John Constable, 2259, and Dr. Samuel Jacob, J.P., P.M. 837, Past G. Std. Brs.; Wm. Ash, 1019, P.P.G. Org.; Thos. Laurence, 101, Wm. Cockcroft, 307, B. F. Glover, 495, Chas. Shaw, 337, and J. A. Heastue, Past G. Pursuivants; with many others.

The floor of the large central hall in which the meeting was assembled was filled from end to end with Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and brethren from every portion of the province.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened, the Prov. G. Master and the Deputy were cordially saluted. When the roll of lodges was called it was found that out of 78 only one was unrepresented. Numerous apologies were tendered and the minutes of the annual meeting at Doncaster in April, which had been printed and circulated, were presented and confirmed.

This done, the PROV. G. MASTER, after complimenting the Mayor of Morley, who, in his chain and insignia, sat on his right, upon the beautiful building in which they were assembled, also commented upon the marvellous rapidity with which in a few years, Morley had sprung from a village of perhaps 300 to a thriving town numbering close upon 3000 people, and pointed out how, by their town hall and their street improvements, the inhabitants not only exhibited their energy but also their entire confidence in themselves and the future of the borough. After making passing reference to the important matters, notices of which were on the agenda, the Prov. Grand Master proceeded to call attention to the pleasing privilege which, in consequence of the completion of the majority of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G. Master of the Craft, had been placed in his hands, viz., that of conferring Past Provincial, or brevet rank, upon eight deserving brethren. That, he assured them, afforded him very great pleasure indeed.

The brethren selected for honours were then called up and received from the hands of the Prov. Grand Master collars as follows:

Bros. Geo. Johnson, P.M. 380 (Mayor of Morley), and Geo. H. Parke, P.M. 154 those of P.P.S.G. Wardens.

Bros. Cornelius Wheawill, P.M. 290, and S. Law, P.M. 603, those of R.P.J.G. Wardens.

Bro. J. H. Pawson, P.M. 242, that of P.P.G. Reg.

Bros. F. Smith, J.P., P.M. 837; G. Heaton, W.M. 258; and Henry Child, P.M. 1221, those of P.P.G. Deacons.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then called upon Bro. W. Harrop, Chairman of the Charity Committee, to move the resolution of which he had given notice.

The proposition to which reference has been made, which was carried at the Charity Committee, reads thus—

That this meeting is of opinion—

1. That an Educational and Benevolent Institution should be formed in this province, to be called "The West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Institution."
2. That it shall have for its objects—
  - (a) The maintenance, clothing, and education, wholly or partially, of the children of deceased Freemasons.
  - (b) Making grants towards the advancement of such children on their leaving school.
  - (c) Making grants and granting annuities to aged and decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.
  - (d) Generally to promote the cause of Masonic Charity.

Bro. HARROP asked the Provincial Grand Lodge, by passing that resolution, to endorse the opinion so emphatically expressed at the recent Charity Committee, and, in order to get the society into shape, proposed further—

That the following brethren be appointed to form a Committee to draw up a scheme to be submitted to a future meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, viz.: The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, and W. F. Smithson, *ex-officio*; Richard Wilson, 289; C. L. Mason, 304; Wm. Blackburn, 306; W. W. Clayton, 1311; Si John Cass, 1034; Alfred Stephenson, 1648; Joseph Binney, 139; W. H. Brittain, 139; Harold Thomas, 296; G. E. Webster, 2268; Wm. Gaukroger, 61; Alfred Robertshaw, 448; Geo. Hy. Robinson, 275; Wm. Hy. Jessop, 521; H. Slade Child and Geo. Hy. Parke, 154; R. I. Critchley, 208; J. R. Fawcett, 1214; Fred Cleeves, 904; John Barker, 1102; Samuel Jacob, 837; W. Greenwood, 439; T. M. Holmes, 1545; Colonel Robinson, 810; George Thompson, 1001; T. B. Wilson, 1542; A. Macaulay, 258; Wm. Cockcroft, 307; Dr. Bates, 1522; Wm. Laycock, 1108; C. Goldthorpe, 242; and B. F. Glover, 495.

Bro. Harrop said that, as the resolution had been thoroughly discussed for some two hours in the Charity Committee, and had also been talked over in all the principal Masonic centres and lodges, he did not think it necessary to take up much of their time; that it was carried practically unanimously as there were but, he believed, seven dissentients; that he was confident that such a scheme was necessary and that the present was a most opportune time for its inception, and that its object was to supplement the work of their Masonic Charitable Institutions, not to cripple or destroy them.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, Vice-Chairman, seconded in a very lucid and powerful speech. After paying a very high compliment to Bro. W. F. Smithson, Bro. Lupton pointed out that the idea of a local Institution was not new but had been more or less before the province for years but that impetus was given to the movement by the recent action of the Board of Management of the Boys' School. Bro. Lupton then described what took place at the Quarterly Court on the 9th October, pointed out how West Yorkshire and other provinces were hopelessly ignorant as to what was really taking place, that notwithstanding they had a representative on the Board they yet could get no information, and that the feeling in this province was, he believed, most emphatically opposed to the action of the Quarterly Court, but that in such a meeting to move an amendment was a thankless task. Now, continued the Vice-Chairman, whilst we don't want to injure the present Institutions we are going to see if we can't do something at home. Other provinces have most successful subsidiary societies why should not West Yorkshire? Bro. Lupton then combated the argument as to the time being inopportune and scouted the idea which he had heard mooted that they were about to constitute themselves a Benefit Society. He concluded a very strong appeal by declaring that such a society would be able to gather in subscriptions of small sums, and that if West Yorkshire gave 5s. a head that would realise £975 per annum, and that by an effective voluntary administration they could help cases which London's enormously expensive machinery could not touch.

Other brethren joined in the discussion.

Bro. HENRY SMITH declared that to say the formation of such society would not interfere with the London Institutions was a fallacy; that it could not do otherwise; that he was opposed to the scheme; and begged that they would do nothing hastily.

Bro. C. LETCH MASON instanced the existing Leeds Association, and declared that so far from damaging the present Institutions, the money that had been sent up to London was now two, if not three times greater than it was at the time they commenced their local effort. He was of opinion that the scheme would awaken sympathy and Charitable impulses where they had not previously existed, and that there need be no further delay. He was, he concluded, strongly in favour of the motion.

Other brethren followed. There was no absolute opposition, merely suggestions of more time, and so on.

After Bro. Lupton had replied, The CHAIRMAN put the resolutions, which were carried by overwhelming majorities.

Bro. JOSEPH BINNEY, P.P.G. Reg., then asked leave in consequence of the action of the Quarterly Court slightly to alter the resolution which stood in his name. It would now read thus: "That this meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire protests against the sale of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the purchase of a new site for the Schools, and considers no steps should have been taken in this direction until the opinion of the general body of the subscribers had first been ascertained." In supporting the resolution, Bro. Binney gave expression to what, with the solitary exception of one brother, appears to be the unanimous opinion of West Yorkshire. He declared that they condemned the scheme because of the enormous expense for one thing, but not for that only. Many held that the School, instead of being enlarged, should rather be limited, and a new system, or rather an extension of a system partially in operation, should be made by which education at home could be given to numbers of boys, who at present, at unnecessary expense, are sent into the schools. But Bro. Binney chiefly complained that the scheme had not been submitted to the Subscribers; they had had no opportunity of expressing their opinions, and even the notice on the voting papers calling the meeting did not state that business relating to the suggested plan would be brought before the Court.

Bro. G. W. HAWKESLEY, P.M. 139, seconded. He argued strongly in favour of a modification of the rules in order that the greatest good could be conferred upon the greatest number, and maintained that a whole family of children could be educated and partially maintained at the same cost as was, in many instances, so unnecessarily incurred for a single boy.

The resolution was carried unanimously, not a single hand being held up in opposition.

A grant of £50 to the Library, on the motion of Bro. WM. WATSON, was sanctioned, also £20 to the widow of a deceased brother. This concluded the business.

The usual dinner took place in the minor hall, the Deputy Prov. G.M. presiding.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Guild Hall, Preston, on the 15th instant. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., was unable to attend, owing to a command from the Queen to attend the funeral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the chair was occupied by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.P.G.M. The other officers present were Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., acting D.P.G.M.; W. G. Fleetwood, P.S.G.W.; John Hatch, P.G. Treas.; J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; William Spencer, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Ainsworth, P.G. Steward; John Worsley, P.G. Org.; W. Goodman, P.G.D., P.A.G. Sec.; and J. J. Hankin, P.G. Tyler.

Several notices of motion were brought forward, but only one was carried. This was one voting 15 guineas to be paid from the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution and 15 guineas to the West Lancashire Alpass Institution.

The following P.G. Officers were then invested:

Bro. G. A. Harradon	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Joseph Pollard	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" John Fletcher	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Robert Owen	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Eli Brooks	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. C. C. Bluett	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Bannister	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Chadwick	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. M. Veal	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Walter Connard	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Thomas Roberts	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" H. F. Murphy	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Carter	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. Pemberton	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Nuttall	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Robert Migley	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Goodacre	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Jones	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. Hogg	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Marrow	...	...	
" J. E. Dunn	...	...	
" J. Oakey	...	...	
" J. J. Hankin	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After the conclusion of the business, a banquet was held at the Bull Hotel.

### LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW BRIDGE AT GLASGOW.

The foundation-stone of the new bridge over the River Clyde, at the foot of Jamaica-street, Glasgow, was laid with full Masonic honours on Thursday, the 8th inst., by Sir James Bell, Bart., the Hon. the Lord Provost, with the consent, and in the presence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, the Provincial Grand Lodge of the City Province, and a large gathering of brethren from Grand Lodge, sister Provincial Grand Lodges, and daughter lodges.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in a new building erected in St. Enoch-square, by the Glasgow Subway Company, Bro. John Graham being assisted by an ample staff of Prov. Grand Lodge office-bearers—Bros. the Hon. the Lord Provost; ex-Bailie, M. Simons, Substitute Provincial Grand Master; Major F. W. Allan, J.G.W.; Sir James Gibson Maitland, J.G.D.; Daniel Reid, Grand Cashier; John Carruthers, Grand Marshall; R. N. Johnstone, Vice-President of Grand Stewards; James Muir, G.D. of C.; Provost Christie, Prov. G.M. of Stirlingshire; and others.

A procession was then formed and marched across the square to St. Enoch Church, where an impressive service was held in the presence of the City Magistrates and Councillors, and a large congregation of members of the Craft and

the general public. The service was conducted by the Prov. G. Chaps., Bros. Dr. Watt and Dr. Tullock, while the praise was led by a select choir, under Bros. Gideon Duncan, Prov. Grand Director of Music, and Robert Buchanan, Prov. J. G. Org.

Bro. Dr. WATT preached a short sermon appropriate to the occasion from a text from the 40th chapter of Isaiah—"Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

The general body of the Craft had meantime been marshalled in Great Clyde-street, from whence they proceeded through St. Enoch-square, where they were joined by the Prov. Grand Lodge up Buchanan-street, where they fell into the rear of an imposing procession of the Corporation employes, who had been marshalled in Blythswood-square, round George-square, across Stockwell-street Bridge, into Carlton-place, gaining admittance to the bridge from the south side. The authorities had made ample provision for seating a large assembly of on-lookers on the old bridge, but, unfortunately, the proceedings here were greatly spoiled by the inclemency of the weather, as there fell some very heavy showers of rain, accompanied by a high wind. When the officiating brethren had all taken up their positions, the ceremony of laying the stone was immediately proceeded with.

The Prov. Grand Lodge afterwards re-formed, and returned to the subway building, where Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

Among the emblems of interest carried in the Masonic procession were the working tools carried by 10 members of the Lodge of Glasgow St. John, 3 Bis, the senior lodge in the province, and an old flag carried by the members of Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, that was carried at the laying of the foundation-stone of the first bridge built on the site of the present structure on the 29th September, 1768.

The Corporation in the evening entertained about 300 citizens in the banqueting hall of the Municipal Buildings, at which the Hon. the Lord Provost presided.

### JUBILEE OF THE LODGE OF HONOUR, No. 526, AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

The 50th anniversary of the foundation of the above lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 13th instant, when an emergency meeting was held in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening in the Assembly Room of the Exchange Hall, Wolverhampton. The first meeting of the lodge was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Queen-street, on August 17th, 1846. Of the original founders, Bro. Hicklin, a former Mayor of the borough, is the sole survivor. The Lodge of Honour has had amongst its Masters the late Earl of Shrewsbury, Col. Tudor, the late Col. Foster Gough, and other distinguished brethren, whilst its list of members has included the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby, the late Bishop of New Westminster, seven gentlemen who have filled the office of Mayor of the town, three who have officiated as Town Clerk, three rectors of St. Peter's Church, two who have filled the position of Chief Constable, the late Dr. Slade, the late Rev. J. Osmond Dakeyne, and the late Archdeacon Iles.

The principal visitors present on this occasion were Bros. the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire; Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire; A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Worcestershire; and a number of distinguished members of Grand Lodges from nearly every province in the Kingdom. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. J. A. Lloyd, W.M.; B. G. Bradley, I.P.M.; W. Baker, S.W.; A. T. Molineaux, J.W.; the Rev. G. J. Lodge, Chap.; C. A. Newnham, Treas.; J. Dunbar Steen, Sec.; W. H. Bostock, S.D.; J. Darby, J.D.; J. T. Barnett, D.C.; W. H. Payne, Org.; and M. Wilkie, I.G.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the P.G.M. (Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth), the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley), the members of Grand Lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth having taken the chair, he and the D.P.G.M. were saluted, prayer was offered, several members were initiated, and Bro. BARNETT, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., then gave some interesting details respecting the history of the lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the assistance he had rendered the lodge during the last 25 years. Votes of thanks were also accorded to Bros. C. A. Newnham, Treas., and J. Dunbar Steen, Sec., for special service.

Bro. the Earl of DARTMOUTH then delivered an address, and congratulated the members upon having the opportunity of celebrating the jubilee.

In the evening over 150 brethren sat down to the jubilee banquet in the same hall.

The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Lloyd, and among those present were Bros. the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G.M. Staffordshire; Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Dep. P.G.M. Staffordshire; B. Hicklin, P.M.; Caddick, P.S.G.W.; Bodenham, P.G.D.; Newman, P.P.G.M.; J. F. Pepper, P.P.G.M.; W. Skett, W.M.; G. W. Walker, P.G. Sec.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., P.P.S.G.W., Sec. R.M.I.B.; S. W. Page, P.P.G.S.B.; B. G. Bradley, I.P.M.; A. McBean, P.P. S.G.W.; T. Lloyd, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Baker, S.W.; H. Taylor, Stwd.; W. Corke, Gibson, Stringer, R. A. Willcock, S. Whewy, Col. Thorne, and others.

The loyal toasts having been honoured, "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, the Earl of Dartmouth," was proposed by Bro. C. A. NEWNHAM.

In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Lord DARTMOUTH said he considered it an honour to have followed another valued member of the Lodge of Honour, who had held the position of Grand Master of the province. He should endeavour in the future, as he had done in the past, to follow the example of those who had held the honoured position he occupied.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then submitted the toast of "The W.D.P.G.M., Lieutenant-Colonel Bindley, P.G.D. England, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel BINDLEY.

Bro. A. CADDICK, P.S.G.W., also responded. Bro. T. J. BARNETT next proposed "The Lodge of Honour." Bro. HICKLIN responded, and spoke of the early history of the lodge, of which he was its first member. Other toasts followed.

**MEDICAL SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.**—The late Archbishop of Canterbury, at the request of the Guild of St. Luke, had arranged to preach before the medical profession at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st inst., at 7.30 p.m. The Bishop of Stepney took his place. More than 250 eminent medical men had promised to be present in their robes. All medical practitioners resident in London had been invited to attend in academic costume. "It is," we are informed, "intended to institute a service for Medicine similar to one which now exists for the Law, when H.M. Judges attend the Cathedral in State." The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs had promised to attend the service.

## Craft Masonry.

### Newall Lodge, No. 1134.

The regular meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Bro. H. Waterhouse, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. R. W. Martin, S.W.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., acting J.W.; John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M. 2359, S.D.; W. H. Browne, J.D.; E. Webb, P.M.; and B. Eckersley, P.M., Org.

When the lodge had been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The raising of Bro. R. J. Moore then took place, the ceremony being beautifully rendered by Bro. E. Webb, the second portion being given by Bro. A. H. Duffin, D.C., in his well-known grand form. We are pleased to record that the election of W.M. for the ensuing year fell unanimously on the choice of Bro. R. W. Martin, S.W. Bro. John Holroyd was elected Treasurer, while Bros. Samuel and Brown were elected Auditors.

In addition to those mentioned above, there were present Bros. James Green, J.W.; J. Holt, J. W. Eskrigge, F. Bate, F. Brierley, W. Mallinson, W. Featherstone, T. H. Drew, R. C. Grey, F. H. Gregory, and G. L. Drew. Visitors: Bros. J. Warburton, S. Boswell, and T. Plu npton, W.M. 2554.

### Friendship and Unity Lodge, No. 1271.

The installation of Bro. A. H. Handcock, W.M., was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Bradford-on-Avon. The ceremony was excellently performed by Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, P.G.M. Wilts; Bro. Captain Chaloner, M.P., P.P. S.G.D. Dorset, being I.P.M. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. G. Goddall, S.W.; Ernest Williams, J.W.; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.P.G.C. Wilts, Chap.; J. Sparks, P.P.J.G.W. Wilts, Treas.; Geo. W. Rose, Sec.; J. Genders, S.D.; W. Cray, J.D.; J. H. Parker, I.G.; and T. Moore, Tyler. On behalf of the lodge, Bro. Captain Chaloner, M.P., then presented Bro. C. W. B. Bryant, P.M., with a valuable Past Master's jewel as a token of the esteem and regard of the brethren, and for the very able manner in which Bro. Bryant has assisted in conducting the ceremonial work of the lodge.

### Arnold Lodge, No. 1981.

The above lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey. Bro. Francis Neale, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. F. W. Hullett, S.W., W.M. elect; C. F. Davis, J.W.; W. Youldon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Moorman, P.M. 1638, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. J. Holmes, S.D.; H. J. Brook, J.D.; George Alderton, D.C.; M. Speigel, P.M., Steward; George Moorman, P.M.; J. J. Wright, P.M.; W. P. Catterton, P.M.; John Youldon, P.M.; H. J. Shelley, P.M.; J. W. Chapman, P.M.; Allshorn, Holliday, Warde, Leaver, Strang, West, Thorn, Keal, Mandeville, Bird, BarJ, Goslin, Collings, Millen, Collyer, Catterton, A. D. L. Speigel, Hoptroff, and J. Bailey, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Hattersley, P.M. 2589; George Fox, 902; F. G. Smith, 1056; G. P. Channing, I.G. 1987; William Lane, P.M. 1638, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Lawrence, P.M., Sec. 1638, P.P.S.G.D.; E. S. Berry, W.M. 2473; J. W. Wimble, P.M. 1901; James Smith, J.W. 1598; M. Porter, 1347; H. W. Humphreys, P.M. 1638; F. Lockett, I.P.M. 2222; G. F. Hopkins, 1598; E. W. Hattersley, 2262; E. S. Packington, W.M. 2444; and S. Masters, 2146.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous regular meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report—which showed a substantial balance—was received, adopted, and directed to be entered on the minutes. Bro. G. Moorman, P.P.G.P., acted as D.C., and presented Bro. F. W. Hullett, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, and the W.M., Bro. Francis Neale, installed his successor in a manner seldom excelled for perfectness of ritual, and delivered with much freedom and brilliancy of style, Bro. Neale doing the whole ceremony throughout, and thereby admirably winding up an able and creditable year of office. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Neale, I.P.M.; C. F. Davis, S.W.; W. J. Holmes, J.W.; W. Youldon, P.M. 548, 1638, and 1931, P.P.S.G.D. Treas.; J. W. Moorman, P.M. 1638, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; H. J. Brook, S.D.; G. Alderton, J.D.; C. R. C. Goslin, I.G.; H. J. Shelley, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; Wood, Keal, and Strang, Stewards; and J. Bailey, Tyler. On completion of the installation ceremony, the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of esteem for the able manner he had presided over the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Neale returned thanks, and intimated his intention of representing one of the Charities this year as Steward, and the lodge promised £10 10s. to head his list. A cordial vote of thanks was also given him as Installing Master, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Host Mayo in his usual excellent style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and excellent harmony was rendered by Miss Hullett, S. Masters, and others.

The meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast at a late hour.

### United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128.

A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, W.C., on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. R. Davison, W.M.; R. P. Keates, I.P.M.; J. B. Bolas, acting S.W.; E. C. R. Oxley, J.W.; C. R. Lee, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; W. E. Porter, S.D.; Wyatt Wingrave, J.D.; W. N. Haydon, I.G.; F. B. Wood, Org.; T. W. Chant, T. Moysey, and S. Weller, Stwds.; H. Evenden, Tyler; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.D.G.S.B.; W. J. Brown, P.M.; Hogg, Happold, Newton, Jones, Parkinson, Dryden, Lockett, Leonard Vivian, C. S. Ayling, Riley, R. S. Ayling, Anson, Walker, and Reed. Visitors: Bro. Harri v-ing, 312; Powter, P.M. 1228; Jones, P.M. 43, P.P.G.D.C.; Scanlon, 2580; Lewis, 2580; Owen, 163 (I.C.); and W. H. Berry, 1817.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. rose to propose (in the absence of Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.M., P.G.D.) "That a sum of three guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the 'Masters' Memorial Fund' R.M.I. Boys." This was seconded by Bro. Bolas and carried unanimously. The next item on the agenda paper was the reading of the bye-laws by the Secretary, and the brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year. Their unanimous choice fell on the S.W., Bro. W. B. Hextall, P.M., P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, who, unfortunately, was prevented by a professional engagement from being present. Bro. Lee, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Evenden, P.M., was, for the ninth consecutive year, elected Tyler. Bros. Keates, P.M., Munro, and Haydon were appointed the Audit Committee. Three brethren were excluded from the lodge in conformity with the bye-laws, they being in arrears with their subscriptions. The lodge votes were given to the D.C., Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M. Bro. H. T. Giller, P.M., wrote, resigning his membership of the lodge on account of continued ill-health. This announcement was received with genuine regret, and he was at once elected an honorary member. The Secretary was instructed to convey the sincere condolence of the lodge members to Bro. G. B. Davis, Past Senior Warden, who had suffered a severe affliction in the loss of his wife. On the proposal of Bro. Cumberland, the Right. Hon. Bro. Lord Bolton, P.P.G.M. North and East Yorks, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation and a brother as a joining member, and the out-going W.M. having been voted a jewel of the usual value, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of 36, afterwards sat down to one of those sumptuous suppers that Bro. Blackley, the manager, so well knows how to provide, and which is making this well-managed hotel so increasingly popular with the Craft.

The W.M. presided over the proceedings with that geniality and tact which becomes him so well, and which has made him so popular with the lodge. The various toasts were given by him in crisp and apposite language.

A most enjoyable musical programme was arranged by the Secretary, who was warmly thanked for having secured the attendance of Bro. W. H. Berry, 1817. This popular and rising humorist and facial comedian had to give no less than six items, "bringing down the house" each time. The last words of the members of 2128 to Bro. Berry were "will ye no come back again."

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1896.

**Masonic Notes.**

In the course of the discussion which took place at the recent Quarterly Court of this Institution as to the purchase of a new site for the School at Bushey, Herts, Bro. Harry Bevir hazarded the conjecture that the majority of the brethren then present hailed from the Provinces. We thought he was right, but we have since been favoured with a statement, which shows that of the brethren who signed the attendance

book, 86 were Provincial and 89 London. Doubtless, also, there were others in attendance who omitted to sign, but taking the figures we have just stated, it will be seen that practically there was an equality between the two sections of the Subscribers. It follows, also, that as only nine Subscribers voted in the minority, the voting was practically unanimous in its approval of the steps taken by the Board of Management for the purchase of a new site at Bushey.

We have no desire to be thought too urgent in reference to this subject of the Removal of the Boys' School, but, while we are dealing with it, it may not be altogether out of place if we draw attention to an opinion which appears to prevail in some quarters that there must be—at all events, that there is—a kind of natural antagonism between town and country in all matters affecting the interests of our Masonic Institutions. These Institutions are located near—in the case of the Schools, we may almost venture to say—in London, and the belief which prevails, as we have said, in some quarters is that the London brethren have come to regard them as their own property. Provincial candidates may be admitted to the benefits they severally dispense, but as regards their control and management, that is, or ought to be, entirely in the hands of the London subscribers. It is an erroneous opinion, but it exists.

We know not whence the opinion originated. But our readers are doubtless aware that for some years past, especially in connection with the Boys' School, the tendency has been to place town and country on as nearly as possible the same footing as regards its administration. Years ago, before Bro. Binckes was appointed Secretary, the government of the Institution was in the hands of the London Subscribers. The Festival Stewards were almost invariably London brethren, and the sources from which they obtained their contributions mostly London. Shortly after Bro. Binckes's appointment, he sought and obtained permission from the General Committee to visit the Provinces, and plead the cause of the Institution in the country lodges. The result of this wise proposal of Bro. Binckes was that a deep interest in an Institution of which they had previously known but little was awakened among the Provincial brethren, and in a very few years the support they gave equally and occasionally exceeded that obtained from the London brethren.

But the administration remained in the hands of the London subscribers and so continued to remain until about eight years since, when a grave sense of dissatisfaction was aroused in London as well as in the country, as to the manner in which the affairs of the Institution were being managed. This led to the establishment some time later of the present Board of Management, which is composed, in equal moieties, of London and Provincial brethren. Thus the administration, which was formerly in the hands of London brethren, is now equally apportioned between London and the Provinces.

But somehow the feeling remains that the Provinces are not always fairly dealt with, and every now and then, when some change is in contemplation, grumblings, and not always good-natured grumblings, are heard that sufficient consideration is not being shown to the Provinces. But why should there be this jealousy between the two sections of those who support the School and are equally interested in the maintenance of its prosperity? If a measure is proposed which is likely to prove of benefit to the Institution, what can it matter generally whether the proposal emanated in the first instance from the Provinces or from London, or whether it is likely to obtain a larger share of support from the former than from the latter, or *vice versa*? If the measure is calculated to do good, it matters little who proposed it.

But, perhaps, we are wrong in stating our proposition so absolutely. It does matter in this sense—that if a measure that is likely to prove beneficial to the School emanates from the Provinces, the Provinces are justly entitled to the credit of having proposed it; if it emanates from London, then London has the credit. But in either case it is intended for the common good, and both have an equal interest in supporting it in common. Thus the question of removing the School was intimated some years ago by the Grand Master of one of our largest Provinces, and to the Provinces, therefore, belongs the credit of originating the proposal. But both sections of subscribers will support it,

the only rivalry likely to arise between them is as to which of them shall contribute most towards carrying out the scheme.

In the report of Mr. Hawkins, the geological expert, whom the Board of Management consulted, that portion of the property purchased at Bushey, which he described as having a clayey soil, was indicated in the Plan prepared for the Board of Management by *blue dots*, and the soil that was sandy with loam by *red dots*. In the reduced Plan we published last week crosses were substituted for the *blue dots*, and simple dots for the *red*. A glance at the spaces on our Plan, occupied respectively by crosses and dots, will serve to show how much of truth there is in the criticism that the soil of the Bushey property is "almost, if not equally, as clayey" as that of the Wood Green property.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire will be held in the Lansdowne Hall, Stroud, on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 3.15 p.m. In the course of the proceedings, the brethren will be invited to consider a proposal "that Provincial Grand Lodge should pass a vote of confidence in the Board of Management" of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. When the Prov. Grand Lodge has been closed, the brethren will adjourn to a banquet, which will be served in the Subscription Rooms—tickets 5s. each.

In Bro. Upton's Report on Correspondence attached to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, he offers, in his review of Wisconsin—so we gather from the Canadian Report on Correspondence for this year—certain very interesting remarks on the question of Degrees. Bro. Upton believes that in early days, "long before the 'work' of Masonry was divided into three Degrees, there was a secret ceremony to which mere Fellows were not admitted, in which a Fellow was made a Master (that is the Master)," and "that that ceremony was not our Third Degree." When the Degree system came into use, "The Third Degree was used, so to speak, in making Fellows 'virtual,' but not 'actual' Masters, and the term 'Master' acquired an additional meaning." But "the older ceremony became, or rather continued to be, a part of the ceremony of making, by installing a fellow, or 'virtual,' Master (Master Mason) an 'actual' (Master of a lodge or Passed Mason);" that "that ceremony has been used continuously in some jurisdictions from the earliest times, and is the one used in convocations of 'actual' Past Masters;" and "(though of this we feel less sure) that that ceremony and not our third degree is 'the Master's part' which Laurence Dermott accused the founders of the Grand Lodge of the 'Moderns' of being ignorant of." We commend the remarks as quoted at p. cvii., of the Report on Foreign Correspondence appended to Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Canada, 1896, to those who take an interest in the subject of Degrees.

It appears from certain tables published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario) that the number of private lodges on the roll is 357, and that the total number of subscribing members in the jurisdiction to the date of the last return prior to 31st May is 23,351.

We call attention to the letter in our Correspondence Column from Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who expresses it as his opinion that the sum proposed to be paid (£13,000) for the property at Bushey is far too large, having regard to the present value of land. We must leave it to others competent to speak on this subject to decide the point. We may, however, remark that if the price is, as Bro. Whytehead states, excessive, there are compensating advantages in the "sewers" which Mr. C. E. Hawkins in his report states "have been constructed along two of the three roads bounding the whole area;" together with the "main of the Colne Valley Water Company" along the Avenue and the "gas main to the boundary of the estate" referred to in the report of Messrs. Sedgwick, Son, and Weall. These reports appeared in our issue of last week at p. 556. We will add that we shall be pleased to insert any further letters with which Bro. Whytehead may favour us.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY completed his first inspection of the garrison at Devonport, on the 26th inst. In the morning he visited the new barracks that are being erected at Crownhill, near Plymouth, at a cost of £100,000, and subsequently the Royal British Orphanage Asylum, Slotte. Late in the afternoon he returned to London, accompanied by some members of the Head-quarters Staff.

## Correspondence.

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

### THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I suppose the question of the removal of the Boys' School is practically settled, and it is, therefore, no use going into any arguments on the subject. At the same time I confess that to my mind it would have been better to have taken the sense, by means of voting papers, of the whole of the subscribers, than to have left so vitally important a matter to the discussion of the Committee, no matter how excellent and representative.

But I understand that the question of the future site is not so absolutely decided as to bar discussion, and, therefore, I venture to send my own ideas on this point. They may be very worthless, and perhaps, very foolish, but if you will condescend to publish them I shall be grateful.

I may say at the outset that I am, unfortunately, a landowner to a sufficient extent to make the present value of land an unfortunate matter for me and my family. I am also the Receiver of the large estates of the Dean and Chapter of York, who are now in a condition of impecuniosity, arising from the present landed depression. It may, therefore, fairly be thought that I have a little knowledge. It appears to me that the price which is proposed to be given for a site for the future School is so enormous as almost to make one doubt the sanity of the Committee who would suggest such an investment. Doubtless, it will be said that the estate planned in your paper of yesterday is in a splendid position, very near London, and abundantly picturesque. But are these considerations to be taken into much account in the case of a School of this description? Is there any particular reason why the position should be chosen for its magnificence or for its picturesque qualities, or even for its proximity to London? One of the reasons alleged for leaving Wood Green is that the School is too much surrounded by the haunts of men. Then why still linger around the haunts, and why not get right away from the great Babylon? I presume that the pupils do not make frequent runs into town, and, therefore, it can be no advantage to them to be within easy train reach; and as for the Committee, a matter of 20 or 30 miles cannot make much difference to them surely.

Good schools do not depend for their success upon their proximity to London, and as for our own School, it really matters absolutely nothing where it is located. It has an advantage over all public as well as private schools, inasmuch as it has not to offer temptations and compete with other schools. It is purely and simply a Charity, supported by subscriptions and donations, and merely receives the boys voted into its arms by its supporters. Whether, therefore, it stands in Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Surrey, Hampshire, Berks, Bucks, or Hertford, seems to me matters little, so long as the site be healthy and pleasant and extensive. Take Haileybury! There is a good example of what I mean. That school has quite a large estate of its own. The boys can do their natural history collectings and ramblings on the estate of the School. As for space for every possible game, including golf, why they have heaps of it. They have their own gardens, &c., and can grow their own supplies to a large extent. Does any reason exist why such an estate should not be bought for the Masonic Boys' School?

The price that is proposed to be paid for this site at Bushey is about £200 per acre! I have no doubt of the value, for I do not question for one moment the valuation, but in view of present prices, I confess I think the amount nothing less than fabulous for our purpose. Does anybody know of any agricultural land at this moment that will bring such a price, which is really that of building land? And if it be building land, or likely to become so, is it wise to remove from one building site to another position which is liable to become surrounded in the near future? My own opinion is that a magnificent estate could be bought for our purpose within reasonable distance of London for £25 an acre at the outside.

Of course, it could not be secured without some exercise of discretion on the part of the Committee. If I wished to buy an estate I should not proclaim the fact from the house-tops. I should privately employ an estate agent or a solicitor and feel my way quietly. We all know that any body of persons representing a public institution is regarded by anxious vendors (and especially at this time) as a possible gold mine, and if it became known that it was our Committee who desired to acquire a property, of course the owner would at once run up the price. No doubt our Committee have been cautious and did not let the cat out of the bag until the bargain was struck. Then it only proves that the notion of placing the School so near town is a mistake of the first water. We all know of Southern landowners who are throwing their estates into rough shooting, because they cannot get rents to cover the tithe. And yet we are asked to pay £200 per acre.

I want to say something about the future School buildings, and if you will allow me I will do so at some future time, but I do not want to make my letter too long. I have not written this to evolve a discussion, but merely as an individual expression of opinion. *Liberavi animam meam.*—Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York, 18th October.

P.S.—For the same sum (£13,000) we ought to get a magnificent estate of forest, meadow, stream, and woodland of over 500 acres.

### THE REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As you were good enough to insert, on my behalf, in a former issue, one of the first letters on this subject, may I ask your favour for a further contribution?

Without waiting to ascertain the opinion of the general body of Subscribers, the Board of Management (it is true with the sanction of the Quarterly Court) have committed themselves to the purchase of a new site at a cost of £13,000. This is not an extravagant sum for such a suitable locality as Bushey appears to be, and, personally, although I was at the time of my former letter opposed to any change, I am now satisfied that the decision is a wise one. I would, however, mention that the hostile feeling referred to in my former letter as existing in this and other provinces, has now assumed very formidable proportions, and unless some steps are taken by the Board of Management to allay it, the result to the Charities generally, by the certain withdrawal of the West Yorkshire and other support, must needs be very hurtful.

I would strongly urge the Board of Management not to proceed with their mad proposal to build a much larger school than the present one. Such a scheme is quite unnecessary.

By all means provide suitable buildings with all the requisite appliances for a good middle-class school, but instead of increasing the accommodation it should be reduced and applied only to providing for boys without either father or mother and other cases of urgent necessity, and make suitable annual grants to the numerous cases which with such assistance could be well provided for at home. Let us

have an expert opinion as to the cost of a school for say 200 boys; this could not, I think, exceed about £40,000, which with the cost of the site would amount to £53,000, deducting from which the proceeds of the sale of the present site, say £33,000, and there only remains £20,000 to be raised; not a large amount for a centenary festival.

The opinion of Bro. W. F. Smithson, as representing West Yorkshire, has been mentioned, but I venture to state that much as Bro. Smithson is respected in the Province, and highly as his past services have been valued, on this subject he does not represent the views of more than one in 20 of the brethren of the Province. If the Board of Management would modify their proposals in the direction indicated, and at the same time cut down some of the extravagance in secretarial and other expenses of management, and also take the subscribers into their confidence, I feel sure that they would receive support, but unless they do this, then West Yorkshire, at least, will withhold its support in future.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

Leeds, 17th October.

### THE "BOYS' SCHOOL" OF THE FUTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As an old Warwickshire Mason, I beg respectfully to dissent from the "pertinent remark" of Bro. Chas. Lee, (reported on page 555 of the *Freemason*).

I was taught some 35 years ago that the three great pillars which support a Freemasons' lodge were called "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty." Now, if Bro. Lee correctly represents the opinions and wishes of the Warwickshire brethren, they must surely have changed the name of the third and last pillar.

Bro. Chas. Lee is perfectly at liberty to pose as the Apostle of Ugliness, if so minded. I for one am not amongst his followers, and I venture to hope it will "be an instruction to the Architect" that the School is to be the most perfect in the world.

The Craft will be building for posterity, and I trust that "the universal" opinion on it will be that it is not only a "building perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builder," that the Architect was a worthy disciple of the great Hiram Abiff, who, without in any way sacrificing utility, for the sake of meretricious ornament, had produced a building remarkable for its adaptability, and equally remarkable both without and within, for "his curious and masterly workmanship in beautifying and adorning the same."—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. R. CHIRM.

9, Wheeley's-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham,  
19th October.

### THE PROPOSED BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You deserve the thanks of your readers for publishing the plan of site, which conveys a good idea of the position of the proposed new building. I could have wished that the expert reporting had made no mention of clay, but surely that point could be cleared up by having some trial holes dug at various points on the land.

There is one thing that I should like to impress on the Committee, that no favour should be shown in the selection of an architect, as both our Schools have been added to and altered by brethren not strictly architects at all.

I suggest a competition limited to brethren of at least two years' standing, and before final decision, the exhibition of the plans for examination and the opinion of many qualified to judge of their merits. We do not require an ornate building, we require good planning and an exterior worthy of the Craft, so let us get an able architect.—Yours, &c.,

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### THE CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE.

I have been very pleased in reading the account by the W.M. of the "Lion Lodge," No. 312, Whitby, of his visit to that famous Lodge the "Canongate Kilwinning," Edinburgh, and I hope that the example he has set will be followed by other brethren who are enabled to visit such old historic lodges. The W.M. of No. 312 may be assured of numerous interested readers when he writes an account of another ancient centre of Masonic activity. I heartily endorse all he says in praise of Bro. Allan Mackenzie's "History of No. 2 Scotland." It is undoubtedly one of the cheapest and best works of the kind ever published. The volume is printed and published by Bro. James Hogg, North Bank-street, Edinburgh (11s. post free). The lodge is believed to be the senior pendicle of the grand old "Mother Kilwinning Lodge," of which I have the honour to be a member, and its bi-centenary was celebrated 20th December, 1877. Its original charter to work has been lost, but the draft thereof is preserved in the minute book of the parent lodge, and is as follows: "At the lodge of Killwinning the twentieth day of December 1677 years, deacons and wardens and the rest of the brethren considering the love and favour shewn to us be the rest of the brethren of canongate in edinburge and part of our number being willing to be boked & inroled the qch day gives power & liberty to them to enter receive and pase any qualified persons that they think fitt, in name and behalf of the ludge of Killwinning & to pay ther entry and booking moneys due to the sed ludge as we do ourselves, they sending on of ther number to us yearly and we to do the lyke to them if need be. The qlk day ther names are insert into this book." The signatures and Masonic marks attached, as well as the above document, are duly reproduced in facsimile in Bro. D. Murray Lyon's magnificent history of the "Lodge of Edinburgh," No. 1, which has its records preserved for some three hundred years! Scotland has been fortunate in its Masonic historians, for others of its old lodges have also been ably written, one recently by Bro. James Smith, of Dumfries, being especially noteworthy.

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BRO. COLONEL T. DAVIES SEWELL has been appointed one of the Hon. Secretaries of the movement set on foot in Westminster with a view to obtaining a charter of incorporation.

THE REGIMENTAL ORDERS of the Inns of Court (14th Middlesex) Rifle Volunteers contain an announcement that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has notified his intention of being present at a smoking concert of the corps which, by permission of the Temp lars, will be held in Middle Temple Hall on December next.



## Craft Masonry.

### St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144.

The installation meeting of this very old-established lodge (consecrated in 1765), was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 5th inst. Bro. Fred Thomas, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. H. Beauchamp, S.W. elect; T. A. Markland, J.W.; S. C. M. Austin, S.D.; A. Marriott-Matthews, J.D.; Col. J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Witts, P.M., Sec.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; W. H. Royle, Stvd.; W. J. Forscutt, P.M.; A. Saunders, P.M.; F. Stutfield, P.M.; W. J. Sharpe, S. E. Storr, V. Honour, J. Pulling, P.M.; Chas. Mallows, G. E. Murrell, E. J. Winsborrow, J. Weller, A. W. Thompson, W. Murdock, T. J. Nicholls, G. Westron, F. J. Ingram, H. Hayward, H. A. Place, C. Ebborn, G. Allen, P.M.; A. Dupree, J. Fletcher, G. S. Ellis, H. E. Sleep, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. Douglas-Norman, 172; W. J. Wall, I.P.M. 1743; R. Bradley, I.P.M. 1694; J. Oliver, 2346; W. Vassilla, P.M. 1326; A. M. Graham, 1694; G. Evans, P.M. 172; J. Hopkins, 753; A. Schott, 1694; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; A. Carlstrom, 733; L. N. Abbott, 937; C. Tuckfield, 1694; A. Grace, 2521; J. H. Pearson, P.M.; G. Chandler, 753; C. L. Ramsden, P.M.; A. B. Stutfield, 1920; J. Hawkins, 1986; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the conclusion of the ordinary business, which included passing Bro. Joseph Fletcher to the Second Degree, the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Beauchamp, into the chair was performed in a most impressive manner by the outgoing W.M., Bro. F. Thomas. The new W.M. then invested the following as his officers: Bros. T. Markland, S.W.; S. C. M. Austin, J.W.; Col. J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Witts, P.M., Sec.; A. Marriott-Matthews, S.D.; W. H. Royle, J.D.; E. J. Winsborrow, I.G.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; T. W. Morley and J. Weller, Stewards; W. Murdock, A.D.C.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. F. Thomas afterwards gave the customary addresses in splendid style. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. G. S. Ellis and H. E. Sleep, the working being carried out in an excellent manner. Bro. Col. J. G. Unite, P.M., having announced his intention of going up as Steward for the Old People, 10 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list, with the promise that if before the Festival the funds permitted the amount should be increased.

A gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, after other business the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

An excellent banquet followed, which was prepared by Bro. A. Clemow in his well-known good style, and gave every satisfaction.

At the conclusion of the repast, the usual toasts were given and loyally received.

Bro. F. Thomas, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," stated that it was his pleasing task for the first time to submit that—the toast of the evening. He could not say sufficient to extol his virtues, and it was his honour to have installed him into the chair. He (the W.M.) had started well with his work, and having two initiates, it was a severe task to perform the moment after he was installed; but he had carried out the ceremony in an admirable manner; he would be felt to do everything asked of him, and it would be no fault of his if his year of office was not a great success, and when he vacated the chair they would be all able to say that he was one of the best of Masters the St. Luke's Lodge had ever had.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Bro. Beauchamp, W.M., was well received on rising to respond. He said that it was only four years ago since he was initiated in the lodge, and he was proud and appreciated the great honour of being the Master. He felt he had the respect of all the members, and he would do his utmost to carry out his duties to their satisfaction. He should follow in the lines of the I.P.M., and study the ladies and give them some consideration during his year of office by having a ball and a summer outing, and with the assistance of his officers he hoped his term would be a success.

In giving "The Initiates," the W.M. stated that they were his first, and from what he knew of them, he thought they would be an acquisition to the lodge and the Craft, but he was certain that when they became better acquainted with the members the better they would like them.

The initiates, on rising to respond, had a hearty reception.

Bro. G. S. Ellis said that he thanked them very much for having received him as a brother, and he hoped to prove, as the W.M. had predicted, a credit to the lodge and the Craft.

Bro. H. S. Sleep also responded, observing that it was a great honour to him to be allowed to be initiated in such a good lodge, and it was his earnest wish to prove worthy of it.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, the W.M., in the name of the lodge, giving them all a most hearty greeting, and spoke of the honour the brethren felt in welcoming their guests, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; W. Vassilla, P.M. 1326; W. J. Wall, I.P.M. 1743; C. L. Ramsden, P.M.; and R. T. West.

Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.M., said it was a great pleasure for an old Mason to attend so ancient a lodge, which was still going ahead and well able to keep pace with the new ones. The I.P.M. had done his work that evening in a splendid manner and he could not, if he tried 20 years hence, do it better. The W.M. by initiating two members had done great things by so ably performing the ritual. In Masonry it was a great feature to entertain visitors and the St. Luke's Lodge was certainly not backward in that respect. He was pleased they had given Bro. Col. Unite 10 guineas for his Stewardship for the Old People, but, if they would allow him to say so, he certainly deserved more for the great things he had done for the Charities and the Craft in general. In conclusion he made a most eloquent and earnest appeal on behalf of the three Institutions, and we hope the result will be that Bro. Col. Unite will go up with a list large in amount at the next Festival of the Old People's Institution.

The toast was also most suitably replied to by Bros. W. Vassilla, P.M.; W. J. Wall, P.M.; R. Bradley, P.M.; C. L. Ramsden, P.M.; and R. T. West.

The W.M. proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. F. Thomas," and said that he had endeared himself to every member by his courtesy and kindness. His working was masterly, a thorough good Mason, and they were all proud to acknowledge him as one of the best of friends. He took that opportunity to present him, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, as a small token for his eminent services, and he hoped he would live long to wear it, and it would ever remind him of his successful year of office as W.M.

Bro. F. Thomas, I.P.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said that after their reception it was difficult for him to acknowledge the toast and the kind things said of him. When he was installed 12 months ago, he thought that was the proudest moment of his life; but that was overtopped by that night's proceedings. It was gratifying to him to hear that he had given satisfaction, and to receive the Past Master's jewel, for which he thanked them, was the summit of his Masonic career. He had had every assistance from them all and he should never forget the happy time he was the Master of the lodge.

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, to Bro. Frederick Thomas, in recognition of efficient services rendered as W.M. October, 1896."

In submitting the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. remarked that they were a great power in the lodge and he was gratified to have so many present at his installation, which he took as a personal compliment, and he appreciated it.

Bro. Jarvis Maples, P.M., said he thought that after so many years he would have been excused to respond, but he must obey the command of the W.M. That was the 33rd installation he had attended in the lodge, and within two months of his initiation he was in office, thanks to the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, but he worked hard to attain the chair. The lodge was consecrated in Chelsea and did not leave there for 150 years, so it was beyond doubt a Chelsea lodge and they had the minute books from the consecration of the lodge. In a humorous strain he gave some interesting details of the things that occurred many years ago in the lodge. So long as he had strength he would continue to do his best for that, his mother lodge.

Bro. A. Saunders, P.M., said it was a peculiar pleasure to him to respond to the toast, because the W.M. was one of his initiates, and he was proud to see him in the chair, and he had given Bro. Thomas, the I.P.M., his first collar in Masonry, which was gratifying to him, as no one in the lodge had ever excelled his (the I.P.M.'s) working.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been honoured,

Bro. Col. Unite, P.M., Treas., responded, and said that he was taking away that day more money than he had received on any one night for the last 20 years, and he hoped that that would be a good omen for his Stewardship for the Old People, and that

all the members would each give him 10 guineas and so swell the amount voted from the lodge funds.

It is pleasing to announce that in response to the appeal, the W.M. stated that he would give 10 guineas to Bro. Col. Unite's list.

Bro. E. Witts, P.M., Secretary, also responded. He thought they could, with the materials they had, publish a good history of their very old lodge, which would be a very interesting volume, and would sell well. The warrant was so old that the only word legible was "Blaney" (Lord Blaney). Twenty-seven years ago he was initiated in the lodge, in which he had served as Secretary for 19 years.

"The Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. T. Markland, S.W.; A. Marriott-Matthews, S.D.; W. H. Royle, J.D.; E. J. Winsborrow, I.G.; T. W. Morley and J. Weller, Stewards; and W. Murdock, A.D.C.; and the Tyler's toast brought the happy proceedings to a close.

During the evening an excellent programme was carried out, in which the following took part: Bros. T. W. Turner, A. Saunders, and S. C. M. Austin, Mr. J. W. Josey, Miss Bessie Spells, and Madame Alice Sampson. Bro. F. E. Choveaux, Org., presided with his well-known ability at the pianoforte.

### Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall, Sutton, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when Bro. R. G. Goatcher was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bro. E. M. Gibson, jun., was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. A. Stribling, I.P.M., worked the beautiful ritual in a most able and impressive manner, and Bro. Hugh Taylor was placed in the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. Stribling, I.P.M.; T. S. Cookes, S.W.; H. Griffiths, J.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.M., Treas. and Chap.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Asman, S.D.; H. W. Lofts, J.D.; T. A. Hill, Org.; E. D. Frost, P.M., D.C.; G. W. Dixon, A.D.C.; J. W. Imray, I.G.; T. R. Porter, W. H. Smith, and Denny Napper, Stvds. The W.M. was honoured by the presence of the following visitors—Bros. E. T. Perkin, 63; W. E. Poole, P.M. 860; T. Smith, P.M. 30; L. Antill, W.M. 1982; W. J. Baker, W.M. 1892; G. Free, P.M. 73; G. L. Henderson, 1643; W. R. Church, H. F. Burrows, P.M. 786; E. Farley, P.G.S.; G. R. Foster, 534; T. G. Detmar, 90; and J. Husbands, I.G. 23. The other members of the lodge present were Bros. G. C. Burry, P.M.; C. A. Gibbs, P.M.; W. Pile, P.M. Prov. G. Treas.; C. E. Stribling, R. J. Ward, P.M.; T. E. Leigh, St. Leger Bunnett, G. Bower, M. H. Cotton, C. Price, R. R. Ward, J. G. Spencer, J. H. Hayes, F. N. Smyth, N. B. Payne, Serving Brother; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, when host Bro. F. Tomlin, J.P., placed an excellent banquet on the table, served in first-class style, to the great satisfaction of every one.

The musical talent of some of the brethren of this lodge is known all through the province, and the programme on that occasion was fully up to its former excellence. The W.M. entrusted the arrangements to Bro. T. A. Hill, P.M., P.P.G. Org., who was ably assisted by Bros. A. Stribling, F. Ward, J. Asman, H. W. Lofts, T. G. Detmar, J. Forrester, M. H. Cotton, and W. H. Smith. It is hardly necessary to add that with such talent and under the genial guidance of the W.M., a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558.

The installation meeting of this prosperous South London lodge took place on the 8th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Visger, was unfortunately absent through illness, but his place was ably filled by Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M.—the genial and energetic Secretary—who installed Bro. James Alfred Shelton as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Shelton is well known in this and other lodges as an enthusiastic Mason, and under his auspices and excellent working a prosperous year should be the result. The members present included Bros. J. A. Shelton, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; Smith, P.M.; Hargroves, P.M.; Clark, P.M.; Plummer, P.M.; Stokes, P.M.; J. T. Parker, C. W. G. Hammond, and others. Visitors: Bros. Diprose, P.M. 1855; Holland, W.M. 2055; Lamb, P.M.; J. Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. Lusty, P.M. 1259; Layton A. Richardson, I.P.M. 157, 1556; C. Lamb, P.M. 1097, W.M. elect 2579; Christopher Sims, W.M. 2579, P.M. 1208, 861; Tilling, P.M. 705; J. Wise, P.M. 1158; Laing, W.M. 2469; W. Smith, P.M. 902; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and many others.

After the formal opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec., took the chair, and installed Bro. J. A. Shelton as W.M. in an impressive and able manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. T. Packer, S.W.; H. Havens, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. Middx., D.C.; C. W. G. Hammond, S.D.; F. Lever, J.D.; H. Lewis, I.G.; Richd. Ball and W. J. Gilbert, Stewards; J. W. Battenbury, Org.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. next had an opportunity of showing his qualifications for the post—of which he made ample use—by raising a candidate to the Third Degree and afterwards initiating two gentlemen into Freemasonry. The rendering of both ceremonies reflected the greatest credit on the W.M. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, which was tastefully decorated with palms and flowers by Messrs. Laing and Sons.

Ample justice having been done to an excellent repast, the usual toasts were given, the speeches were interspersed with selections from a capital programme, which included items, by Bros. Hall, Gunstone, Hawkins, H. A. Nash, and Battenbury.

The loyal toasts having been disposed of,

Bro. J. Smith, P.M., as the senior Past Master of the lodge present, rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He had not expected to have the privilege of performing that pleasant task, which he undertook with the greatest pleasure. From what they had seen of the working of their W.M. he was convinced they would be proud of him during his year. They hoped Bro. Shelton would have a prosperous and successful term of office, and they had no fear but that he would carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge.

Bro. J. A. Shelton, W.M., assured the brethren that he felt the honour devolving upon him by his election as W.M., and during his year he would use every effort to conduct the work in the lodge as he had been taught it should be carried out. He would endeavour to give them every satisfaction. Immediately after his initiation he joined a lodge of instruction under the advice of Bro. Clarke, P.M., and had since attended regularly. They had seen the result that night, and he mentioned that in order to advise the younger brethren not to neglect lodges of instruction, for otherwise they could never fill the offices with satisfaction to the members or the lodge. He hoped the members would give him plenty of work, as he was fond of it. He hoped on the next occasion to give the initiates the ancient charge, which time alone had prevented him from doing that evening. He again thanked them for their kindness, and promised them to carry out the work as he had been taught it should be done.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiates," and said he hoped that the two brethren who had been initiated would not consider their initiation too lightly for it was a serious obligation and one they should fully appreciate. He strongly advised them to get all the instruction they could, and when they again saw the ceremony performed they would more fully appreciate what they had gone through.

The initiates having replied, "The Visitors" was cordially given by the Worshipful Master.

Bro. Diprose, P.M. 1855, thanked the W.M. for the privilege afforded him of being present. Although he had visited many lodges, he had never before seen a W.M. perform the ceremonies of the Third and First Degrees immediately after his installation, and had, in fact, never seen those ceremonies better performed. He thought that lodge should be exceedingly proud of having such a Master, and trusted Bro. Shelton would have health and strength to go through his year of office.

Bro. L. A. Richardson, I.P.M. 157, said he fully concurred in the remarks of Bro. Diprose. He had been particularly impressed with the working of the D.C., Bro. Blenkarn, P.M., for nothing better could be desired.

Bro. J. Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex, also returned thanks, and said the Secretary, Bro. Catt, P.M., had worked the installation in a quiet, but very impressive manner, which would leave a lasting impression on the minds of those present.

Bro. Christopher Sims, W.M. 2579, expressed his admiration at the working of the lodge. Many members of this lodge also belonged to the Lewisham Lodge, where they were much appreciated.

The Worshipful Master then submitted "The Installing Master," and said no words could express the thanks he owed Bro. Catt for the excellent manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, for he should never forget it. Bro. Catt was called upon at very short notice, as the retiring Master was not certain if he could be present, but performed his duties admirably.

Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec., said he was deeply grateful to the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He was very proud to have been of some service to his mother lodge, and especially as the members appeared to be satisfied with his efforts. With reference to the short notice he had heard, it proved the necessity of following the W.M.'s advice and rehearsing the ritual. He had been for many years a member of the lodge in which he was initiated by his dear old friend, Bro. T. Taylor, P.M., Treas. He had always tried to do his best for the lodge and should continue to do so in the future so long as he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the brethren.

Other toasts were given before the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

#### Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. O. Burgess, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey. The brethren present had an opportunity of listening to an excellent rendering of the ceremonies in the First and Third Degrees, and afterwards of enjoying a specimen of the profuse hospitality for which this lodge is noted, a reputation which it bids fair to materially increase under the auspices of the present W.M.

The members in attendance included Bros. Chas. O. Burgess, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M.; J. Mayo, P.M., S.W.; Homer Price, J.D.; Geo. Coleman, P.M., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Walker, S.D.; J. Wee, I.D.; W. J. Thruswell, Org.; H. J. Keen, I.G.; T. Middlewick, G. H. Foan, P.M.; A. L. Bullen, P.M.; G. Bond, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Walter Dennis, S.W. 9; A. B. Rickards, 201; D. C. McArthur, 1125; W. Rudermacher, 1496; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.G.W. Middx.; J. R. Cleave, P.M. 2473, P.P.G.D.; Dr. L. Lloyd, P.M. 2398; J. F. Smith, 1441; E. L. Berry, W.M. 2473, P.G. Steward Bucks; A. H. P. Snow, J.D. 2191; W. F. Fendick, P.P.S.G.D. Berks; H. Luff, S.W. 2460; W. Sergeant Lee, P.M. 2488; W. Welsford, I.P.M. 1321; J. Rowe, 2191; S. Lloyd, 2398; F. Jackson, W.M. 219; Dr. Kinsey; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. John Rudermacher was next introduced as a candidate, and received the benefits of initiation at the hands of the W.M., who completed the interesting ceremony by an impressive recital of the ancient charge. Bro. J. Vowles then successfully passed through the Third Degree, and became a M.M.

Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren re-assembled round the festive board, where the pleasures of the banquet were considerably enhanced by the courtesy and kindness of the W.M. and the fraternal feeling existing.

The usual toast list followed, and was interspersed with selections from an admirable programme of music, in which the following artistes assisted: Miss Cassie Bruce, Miss Claribel Hyde, and Bros. G. H. Dawson and W. J. Thruswell, Organist. Bro. Sergeant Lee, P.M., kindly contributed a couple of humorous recitations.

Bro. G. Bond, P.M., in submitting "The Health of the W.M.," said the toast was always eagerly anticipated by the members. He knew of no single exception, and it would be invidious for him to point to that as being any exception to the general rule. Whatever might be the excellence of the W.M.'s working and his interest in Freemasonry, it had never been his lot to know any brother who had occupied the chair of that lodge who had evinced, as Bro. Burgess had done, such enthusiasm in reference to his year of office. If he might be allowed to say so, the success of any W.M.'s year of office did not altogether depend upon the working. He might be heretical in saying so, but he was only expressing his own opinion. In any society or congregation of men, and Masonry was a congregation of men, it should have at its head a sympathetic ruler, and in that "sympathism"—if he might coin the word—was a quality which spread itself and permeated that Craft or gathering over which the W.M. for the time being ruled. That was Masonry in his opinion. It was Masonry and brotherhood. It was that brotherhood which warms the blood of men under his command, cherishes and fondles the spirits of men with whom he dealt, and brought them up to a loftier sphere. It was not given to every man to keep whipping up a lodge but it was necessary to keep them in touch. That was possibly another phase of Freemasonry and if a W.M. should fail in that—not as he hoped and believed their present W.M.—it might not be his fault but the members themselves who did not yield that return to which the W.M. was entitled. He was desirous they should give their W.M. assistance during his year—which was coming somewhat to a close—and especially by their presence. He asked the brethren to help him in giving such a reception to the toast as would assure him that he occupied the chair with their full approval, and that he had acquitted himself in that office with full justice to his predecessors and given them every satisfaction.

Bro. C. O. Burgess, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M., thanked Bro. Bond, P.M., for the very genial terms in which he proposed the toast, and whatever might be the truth of that brother's very eloquent remarks, he was sure the brethren must have listened to the speech with something of admiration. It was very encouraging to a W.M. to receive from a Past Master of experience those words of commendation Bro. Bond had been kind enough to use, and he must say there was that amount of truth in them, that unless the W.M. took an interest in the affairs of the lodge, those affairs were likely to flag. There was no lodge that required less whipping up than that, and he said it with truth and sincerity, for on those occasions when there had been no banquet afterwards the feeling of good fellowship had induced the members to come up in numbers and fill the temple. It could not be denied that the office of W.M. involved a serious responsibility, and if he regarded himself as an ornamental figure or performed his duties from any other motive than Masonic loyalty, then he was wanting in his duty, and certainly in what Bro. Bond had accurately described as "sympathism." He (the W.M.) trusted that in his personal relations with the members of that lodge there was a certain amount of "sympathism" between himself and them which would enable him to preside with pleasure. When he was exalted to the ranks of the Past Masters he should still feel he was bound to the lodge with that "sympathism" which Bro. Bond had been good enough to expound. When they met together there was always that bond of good fellowship which made their meetings a success. The pleasant evenings he had spent would always be a pleasant remembrance to him, and he owed them his sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which they had always received him, and the Masonic respect at all times exhibited as their representative at that board.

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate," referring to Bro. Rudermacher as a great traveller and a citizen of the world.

Bro. Rudermacher briefly returned thanks.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. referred in graceful terms to the large number of visitors present, the majority of whom were his own personal guests.

Bro. E. R. Bartley Dennis, Prov. G.W. Middx., in responding, said he had known the W.M. for something over 25 years, and the same energy and earnestness which had secured for him a successful position now characterised him in Masonry. The W.M. would be hard to beat in the ritual, whilst his remarks at the festive board had been most admirable. He congratulated the lodge upon its initiate, who had confided to him that but for an happy accident he would have been the first initiate at Buluwayo. It was difficult for an initiate to realize what the ceremony meant, and, indeed, there were many of them who did not understand it yet. He had thought it over and asked himself—does Masonry mean Charity? those magnificent Institutions which were an example to the world. He thought that was not the meaning. Was it that spirit of fraternal union which did so many acts of common kindness? No, it was not that. Was it the spirit of hospitality which made the ways of life so much pleasanter? No, that was not the meaning. After consideration and study, the conclusion he had come to was that it was the beautiful principles of truth and of virtue which were so magnificently exemplified, and which gave energy and permanency to the whole character of Freemasonry. The others were pleasing adjuncts, and contributed to the end in view. He asked the initiate to regard these remarks as the experience of one who had been a great many years a Mason, and had worked hard for Masonry.

Bros. Fendick, P.P.G.D.; Cleave, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Lloyd, P.M.; Berry, P.P.G.D. G. Stwd. Bucks; and Jackson, P.M., also responded.

Other toasts, including "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were heartily honoured before the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening, the pleasing remembrance of which will remain with those fortunate enough to be present for a long time to come.

#### Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. Septimus Croft, W.M.; James Shotton, I.P.M.; W. R. Brunskill Briscoe, S.W.; Thomas Briggs, J.W.; Samuel White, P.M.; Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; Henry N. Bennett, S.D.; Rupert Smyth, J.D.; Edward Anderton, P.M., D.C.; Clarence R. R. Hopper, I.G.; Henry Thomas, Tyler; George Rawlinson, P.M.; and Arthur B. Hudson. Visitors: Bros. James Hayes, P.M. 619; and William Candy, 10.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. James Shotton, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. George Rawlinson, P.M., to the Worshipful Master and Mrs. Croft for the splendid entertainment given to the members of the lodge and their ladies at their residence in the summer, which was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A gentleman was proposed by the Treasurer for initiation at the next meeting, and lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Septimus Croft.

#### Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Bro. A. W. Cooper, W.M., presided, and was well supported by his officers and members and by numerous visitors.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were confirmed and the audit report fully adopted. Bro. Sam. Robson was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and was by him installed in the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient custom. Having been proclaimed and saluted, the new Master invested as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. A. W. Cooper, I.P.M.; James S. Anthony, S.W.; A. White, J.W.; Jas. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; G. Cook, S.D.; J. G. Harrington, J.D.; W. Windsor, Org.; Ed. Dimes, I.G.; Wm. H. Drury, D.C.; Leon Cully, A.D.C.; William E. Manning and William J. Robinson, Stwds.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. Mr. A. Brand was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Then, in the name of the lodge, he presented a gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Arthur W. Cooper, the I.P.M., remarking that never was a jewel better earned or one presented that carried more kindly regards. The I.P.M. having returned thanks, and other Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together under the presidency of Bro. Robson, W.M.

After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said that the proposal would be well received, as their Master had come to the front rapidly by his own exertion, perseverance, and well-directed devotion to Masonic duty and study of the best interests of the lodge. Knowing his capacity and good desire, it was not probable that any succeeding Master would excel him, and, taking into consideration the almost marvellous perfection in working, their Master would worthily support the traditions of the Kingsland Lodge.

The W.M., in reply, sincerely thanked them for the tribute of praise and its acceptance. The feeling he had on the occasion of entering the Kingsland Lodge, in the years ago, he had on the present one—an aspiration to occupy the position of Master of the lodge. During the time in between he had tried to earn their confidence by work, and as in that time they had shown him many favours, he should but ill-reward those if he did not give them his best endeavours. With reference to the future, he should be satisfied if in the course of duty he satisfied the majority without displeasing the others, they might rely always on his best service being rendered.

In proposing "The Initiate," the W.M. said that he was glad to give Bro. Brand a hearty fraternal welcome, and assured him that with a study of Masonic duty he would consider himself elevated in the social scale. He had commenced another career, and hoped that he would always look back with pride on his reception in the Fraternity.

Bro. Brand, thanking the Master for his kind remarks, accepted them, and trusted to prove himself an active, true, and honest Mason.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," thanked him personally for the many favours and constant instruction to him personally. Bro. Arthur Cooper had proved himself a great acquisition to the Kingsland Lodge, and his working of the installation ceremony that day had earned the admiration of them all. One and all would join in wishing him a long and happy life.

Bro. Arthur W. Cooper, I.P.M., in reply, said he was really obliged to them for their very kind proposition and acceptance. He was exceedingly glad they thought he had earned the handsome jewel they had presented to him, and although he doubted whether his services would be again much required, still they were ready should there be occasion for them. He hoped they might all remain long together.

Other toasts, including that of "The Visitors," followed, and received a most cordial welcome, the brethren when they separated being well pleased with the work in lodge and the hospitality they had experienced.

The following brethren were present in addition to those whose names have already been given—Bros. H. Hall, P.M.; H. J. Hazell, P.M.; J. Potter, P.M.; H. F. Bangs, P.M. 2246; F. Forge, T. H. Nye, J. Sunderland, F. Ackerman, H. Green, W. C. Lewis, C. W. Potter, H. Moore, J. Moore, T. Bettesworth, J. W. Doubt-fire, R. Edwyn Clarke, Harry Kerr, K. M. Cochrane, R. Wilkins, T. Reeves, Meirion Davies, William Walker, C. S. Macphail, R. Kingston, A. Brand, and C. Sheppard, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. E. Woods, J.D. 1707; James Speller, P.M. 1077, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. Bladon, P.M. 228; Harry Bladon, 2523; G. P. Pointer, P.M. 1013; R. M. H. Griffith, 1677; G. H. Lutchford, 1677; Alfred Hickman, P.M. 228; J. Edge, J.D. 1608; John Burleigh, 1608; W. Pound, P.M. 19; W. J. Harris, P.M. 132; E. James, P.M. 2374; and W. J. J. Gardiner, P.M. 188.

#### Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. E. Macbean, W.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S.G.C., S.W.; C. Purdon Clarke, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; S. T. Klein, J.D.; Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland, A.D.C.; E. Conder, jun., I.G.; J. Lane, P.A.G.D.C., Stwd.; and Rev. J. W. Horsley. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. T. Charters White, H. D. Willock, G. Powell, R. Palmer Thomas, G. Bailey, H. B. Chamberlin, S. Lichtenfeld, J. Peeke Richards, W. R. Thompson, Capt. G. B. Preston, T. Cohu, Maj. J. H. Leslie, H. A. Lafone, Capt. A. E. Sandbach, F. Hallows, F. W. Lavender, W. H. Coleman, G. Martin, W. J. Armitage, W. B. Poole, G. W. Taylor, C. H. Bestow, J. W. Barnes, F. M. Williams, E. A. T. Breed, A. G. Boswell, Milton Smith, R. A. Gowan, C. W. Mapleton, E. C. Stimson, H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; Dr. G. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Barnes, F. F. Giraud, H. W. Noakes, W. T. Briant, E. Armitage, W. C. Barnes, F. W. Mitchell, C. B. Barnes, Harry Tipper, P.G.P., and W. H. Toye. Visitors: Bros. M. D. Packard, St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 111 New York; W. Laherne, W.M. 2353; Col. C. H. T. Marshall, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab; R. C. Voisey, 1329; J. J. Chapman, P.M. 657; A. J. Trehearne, P.M.; and Dr. J. G. Deacon, 123.

Two lodges and 63 brethren, as follows, were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle:

Lodge Sitipur, 2288, Sitipur, India; St. David's Lodge, 393, Berwick-on-Tweed; Bros. H. J. H. Collett, 8, Castlemaine, Victoria; W. C. Storey, 2051, Springsure, J. P. Peterson, 2510, Longreach, R. T. O'Callaghan, P.M. 816 (S.C.), Gympie, J. F. Williams, 1554, Mackay, W. H. Martin, 775 (S.C.), Toowoomba, T. Smith, 1497, Tinnah, J. Ferguson, and J. Miller, D.M., of 677 (S.C.), and P. A. Nelson, P.M. 937, Rockhampton, and W. Anderson, P.M. 775 (S.C.), Goombungee, Queensland; J. G. Moon, W.M. Sydney, New South Wales; M. R. Bree, G. Supt. N.Z. Gore, New Zealand; W. O. Naylor, 2313, and W. G. Milne, Johannesburg, S. King, A. P. D. Hodge, and J. M. Cullingworth, P.M., of 747 (S.C.), Barberton, and A. Newman, J. Matthew, and D. Petrie, of Pretoria, South African Republic; W. M. Harry, 2579, Cape Town; H. W. Pike, P.M. 391, Sitapur, Surgeon-Major D. Warliher, P.M. Moulmein, H. E. Holme, 391, Shahjahanpur, and J. H. M. Ryan, 150, Madras, India; F. S. Proctor, G.D. Manitoba, Qu' Appelle, Canada, R. O. Bell, Lynchburg, Virginia, and D. M. Holmes, W.M. 4, Grand Forks, North Dakota, America; A. Bumstead, 1923, D.G.O. Valletta, Malta; G. H. Schauerhammer, Baldwin Lodge, Leipzig, Germany; R. Colles, J.P., P.M. 642 (I.C.); J. Robinson, P.M. 106 (I.C.); S. Makovski, P.M. 416; W. L. Ainslee, 1118; Dr. G. Wilks, P.M. 709; J. C. Malcolms, G.D.; Dr. F. F. Bond, 1301; E. Venning, P.M. 510; Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, P.M. 1209; M. W. S. Nicholes, P.M. 209; Capt. W. A. Weston, P.M.

1789; E. Rivington, P.M. 877; W. T. Page, P.G. Sec. Worcester; W. Jones, P.M. 548; E. J. Wilks, W.M. 18; G. Martin, W.M. 829; Lieut. P. K. Lewis; Captain A. S. Tyndale-Biscoe; Dr. H. Allen, 404; A. Saunders, W.M. 477; A. H. Baird, W.M. 2433; J. C. Day, 1982; J. K. Bourne; J. H. Montague, W.M. 2030; S. Lichtenfeld, P.M. 1017; W. J. Armitage, 859; H. L. Sarson; C. Hammerton, P.G.S.B.; H. W. P. Makeham, P.M. 1559; W. Baker, 192; J. G. Robeson, 192; and E. Bissell, 1339.

The elections for the next year resulted in the choice of Bro. C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S.G.C., as Master, and Bro. Sir Walter Besant as Treasurer. Bro. Lane exhibited an old "Athol" apron, from an engraved plate and hand-coloured, also a curious certificate granted to a member in 1803 by Lodge No. 360, Brickham, the design being a close imitation of the Grand Lodge documents. Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, exhibited an old silk kerchief, colour-printed with Masonic emblems, said to be 100 years old, and of extra large size. Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley exhibited a coloured print of the Girls' School and surrounding property, published by Laurie and Whittle in 1803, which evoked much interest as it was previously unknown. The Secretary read a paper by Bro. C. Wiebe, the M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, on the early days of German Freemasonry and the "Premier Lodge in Germany, Absalom," and a discussion ensued in which Bros. Lane, Kupferschmidt, and Speth took part. The Secretary then read a short paper by Bro. Dr. W. Barlow, of Adelaide, on "A Curious Historical Error," which was commented on by Bros. Chetwode Crawley, Rev. J. W. Horsley, Lovegrove, and Speth. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to both writers, and the labours of the evening being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

**Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.**

The closing meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Broxbourne, Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., W.M., presiding. There were present Bros. J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. W. Nicole, I.P.M.; E. H. Moore, P.M.; J. Gravatt, S.W.; A. Ingram, J.W.; C. C. Renaud, S.D.; E. N. Benningfield, J.D.; C. Nicole, acting I.G.; F. Page, Stwd.; A. A. Kelly, Org.; T. Williams, Tyler; J. E. Little, F. H. Johnson, D. Taylor, A. Franklin, W. Rackham, Donald King, and A. C. Little.

The business of the lodge was the raising of Bro. J. E. Little, and it is hardly necessary to state, with so experienced a W.M., that the ceremony was carried out in a most impressive manner. The by-laws were read, and the report of the Charity Committee was also read by the lodge representative, Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M. Much satisfaction was expressed at the result of the election of the R.M.I. for Girls, when a child of the late Bro. H. T. Nich, P.M., was one of the successful candidates on the first application. This result was mainly attributable to the support received by the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, of which the late brother was a P.M. and Secretary.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a very enjoyable repast.

In addition to the customary toasts, the Worshipful Master, in very kindly and felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Donald King," on his leaving the country for Rhodesia. He said that Bro. King had proved an acquisition to the lodge, and though but a young member, they parted with him with regret. It was, however, gratifying to know that he did not intend to sever his connection with the lodge, but to continue his membership. They wished him every success, and should look forward to the pleasure of welcoming him amongst them again.

Bro. King thanked the brethren for their good wishes. He was going to a country unknown to him, and did not know what he would have to face. He should long remember the last evening he spent with the brethren of the Kingswood Lodge. He felt too deeply moved to thank them as he would like for the kindness he had always received, and for the good wishes they then gave him.

An excellent and lengthy programme of music had been arranged for by Bro. R. W. Nicole. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

**Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.**

The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Parish Hall, Ladywell-road, Lewisham, on the 10th instant, when a large number of brethren attended to congratulate the founders on the success achieved. During the first year of its existence, the lodge, under the Mastership of Bro. Christopher Sims, has made rapid strides, the number of members having considerably increased, and the initial expenses completely paid off, leaving a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The founders were, therefore, congratulated upon the realisation of their most sanguine anticipations, and a continued period of prosperity confidently prognosticated.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Christopher Sims, W.M., supported by Bros. C. Lamb, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Coote, J.W.; Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Chap.; J. A. Shelton, W.M. 1558, S.D.; H. Lewis, J.D.; E. Hall, Sec.; W. C. Tyler, I.G.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. Lever, J.D. 1558; R. Trotter, 957; H. Whitney, W.M. 861; E. Van Patten, P.M., Sec. 1601; W. Phillips, P.M. 174; W. Fieldon, P.M. 1548; S. B. McClellan, P.M. 829; A. Blenkarn, Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; F. V. Calt, P.M. 1558; G. A. Fisher, 1227; R. O. Hinderwell, J.D. 1259; J. W. Westmoreland, W.M. elect 1259; W. Russell, P.M. 77; R. T. Mason, S.G.; A. Manners, 212; A. J. Lindsay, P.M. 278; J. B. Lee, 1328; F. S. Torford, P.M. 969; A. Harbord, P.M. 901; O. Rose, P.M. 1597; J. Irvine, P.M. 892; H. J. Turnbull, 749; G. Parrett, 1359; W. Bennett, 750; W. L. Brown, 2550; T. Levy, I.G. 1366; C. Thomas, P.M. 507; W. H. Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and many others.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bros. A. P. Lindsay, 278, and F. G. Rose, 13, were elected joining members. Bro. Charles Lamb was next presented for installation, and was duly installed into the chair of W.M. by Bro. Christopher Sims, who performed the ceremony with his accustomed ability. The following officers were appointed: Bros. J. Coote, S.W.; J. A. Shelton, J.W.; Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Chap.; Harman Visger, Treas.; E. Hall, Sec.; H. Lewis, S.D.; W. C. Tyler, J.D.; H. Cole, I.G.; J. W. Drysdale, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; W. T. Price Taylor and F. W. Quandt, Stwds.; and J. S. Gregory, Tyler. The W.M. then impressively initiated into Freemasonry Messrs. W. E. T. Bennett, T. H. Warland, W. H. Howells, and F. Thomas. The Auditors' report, showing a considerable sum in hand after payment of all liabilities, was unanimously adopted. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was next presented by the W.M. to Bro. Christopher Sims, I.P.M., in recognition of his indefatigable exertions as the first Master, and the gift was cordially and appropriately acknowledged. Bro. Shelton, J.W., referred to the invaluable services rendered during the formation of the lodge by Bro. Hall, the esteemed Secretary, and proposed that five guineas should be voted as a nucleus of a testimonial fund. This was seconded by Bro. Lewis, S.D., and carried unanimously. The W.M. presented the lodge with a handsome case for the warrant and Bro. W. C. Tyler, J.D., also presented a photograph of the founders, both gifts being cordially accepted and acknowledged.

The lodge was then closed and an adjournment made to the banquet table, where ample justice was done to an excellent menu.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. naturally referred to the long reign of Her Majesty, which had been characterised by beneficence and wisdom and marvellous developments in literature and education.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was most heartily honoured.

The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Grand Officers." He said that upon them devolved important duties in the management of Freemasonry. Each jewel on the breast of a Grand Officer had a history, being given and received for some specific object, and was the result of many years' service and devotion.

Bro. Christopher Sims, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that was the first time he had had the privilege of doing so in the Lewisham Lodge. The brethren had heard the manner in which the W.M. had rendered the initiation ceremony that night, and must have been struck with its impressiveness. The members were proud of their Worshipful Master, and sincerely wished him a prosperous and enjoyable year of office. There had been four initiations that evening, and there were other indications that a second year of splendid prosperity was in store for the lodge under the genial and able rule of Bro. Lamb. The toast necessarily required few words in proposing it, for its cordial reception was already assured.

Bro. Chas. Lamb, W.M., sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast and the brethren for the enthusiastic reception accorded it. He hoped and trusted he should realise all the expectations formed of him and was pleased there was a prospect of getting a fair amount of work. He trusted that with the assistance of the officers that the work would be done to their mutual satisfaction

and all his energies would be devoted to bring about so desirable a result. As there was a lengthy programme to be negotiated he could only again thank them for their cordial reception.

In submitting "The Initiates," the W.M. welcomed them into the lodge, and said he hoped they would devote their time and attention in order to advance in their knowledge of the Craft.

Bros. Bennett, Warland, Howells, and Thomas briefly responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M.," and said the toast on the present occasion was of special importance, as Bro. Christopher Sims was the first Master of the lodge, and it was no secret that a great measure of its success was owing to his exertions. The duties of a first Master were necessarily of an arduous character, as they involved special and peculiar responsibilities, but these had all been surmounted by Bro. Sims, whose previous experience in other lodges had stood him in good stead. The ceremonies had all been performed in an admirable manner, and their I.P.M. had also contributed by his urbanity and geniality to the harmony and general welfare of the lodge. Bro. Sims had already been presented with a Past Master's jewel in the lodge, but he (the W.M.) was privileged to make a further presentation to mark the esteem in which the I.P.M. was held, and the appreciation of the members—and especially the initiates and joining members—for his indefatigable exertions. Before asking the brethren to cordially drink the toast, he (the W.M.) would present Bro. Sims, I.P.M., with a handsome illuminated address on vellum, a massive gold charm, and an umbrella, with a gold handle, for Mrs. Sims.

The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Christopher Sims, I.P.M., in reply, said that words failed him to adequately express his thanks to them for their overwhelming kindness. He had been already sufficiently repaid for any work he had done—and he must admit that there had necessarily been a considerable amount—by the Past Master's jewel, and the appreciation and approbation of the members. For these further tokens of their affection he could only return them his very sincere and earnest thanks, and assured them that his efforts to promote the prosperity of the lodge had been a labour of love. He was naturally delighted that the lodge had proved such a phenomenal success, showing that the desire of the founders to form a lodge in the neighbourhood had been fully justified. He hoped the prosperity would continue to increase, and no effort would be spared on his part to assist the lodge and the brethren. Their personal gifts to himself he should ever regard as a token of their esteem and affection, and as a souvenir of a most enjoyable year as W. Master of the Lewisham Lodge, and on behalf of his wife, he could assure them that their presents would be accepted and highly valued. He trusted to remain with them for many years to enjoy the esteem and the affection of the members, of which their presents were a pledge, and to witness the increasing prosperity and success of the Lewisham Lodge, of which they were all so proud.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Lindsay, P.M., Whitney, P.M.; and Judge, P.M., who congratulated the lodge on its success, and wished it continued prosperity.

For "The Officers," Bro. Coote, S.W., assured the W.M. of their cordial support.

Bro. J. A. Shelton, J.W., referred to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Coote, S.W., who was the promoter of the lodge, and to whose efforts it was due they were meeting that evening.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening.

The hall was tastefully decorated with shrubs and palms by Messrs. John Laing and Son, of Forest-hill, Bro. Tilt, of Lewisham, supplying the banquet.

The following artistes assisted in the musical arrangements: Madam Carlotta Ide, Miss Mary Morgan, Bro. E. Hall, Secretary, and W. Phillips.

**Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613.**

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on the 15th inst., attracted a large number of members and visitors. The whole proceedings were of a most enjoyable nature, the ritual being admirably rendered by the retiring Master, Bro. S. Groner, and the creature comforts of the visitors being catered for in a liberal manner. The brethren present included Bros. S. Groner, W.M.; T. G. Anderson, I.P.M.; F. Page, S.W.; J. W. Murray, P.M., J.W.; H. Stevenson, P.M., Treas.; W. Medwin, P.M., Sec.; S. Da Costa Andrade, S.D.; D. R. Soames, P.M., D.C.; T. Berg, P.M.; C. P. Pointz, P.M.; J. Weston, P.M.; F. Stallard, P.M.; S. Groner, P.M.; G. Harlow, P.M.; J. Ball, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. Herts; C. R. Cooper, P.M.; and R. Groves, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Sheriff R. H. Rogers, W.M. 2499; F. Volles, P.M. 744; G. Walker, 1471; C. H. Danny, W.M. 1671; J. Spiegel, P.M. 1981; C. S. Pitcher, W.M. 1216; E. Walker, 1536; C. Penny, P.M. 1637; N. Salmon, P.M. 177; F. L. Pries, W.M. 1637; W. R. King, P.M. 1671; J. E. Waters, 27; T. G. Hodges, P.M. 1695; W. H. McGowan, P.M. 247; H. Hart, 1319; E. J. Wickenden, W.M. 1599; J. C. Tilt, P.M. 1962; F. H. Cullingham, 1769; A. Wood, W.M. elect 1185; H. Sprake, P.M. 873; S. W. Ball, S.D. 2361; Maurice Woolf, 25; Louis Levy, 2535; W. Cambden, S.D. 2395; C. Horst, J.D. 1471; J. T. Davies, W.M. 1348; Geo. Walker, S.D. 2220; F. V. Green, 1687; W. Kennedy, 1241; W. C. Ferries; C. H. Fry, P.M. 167; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened at an early hour on account of the numerous items on the agenda paper. These included the confirmation of the minutes, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and the initiation of Mr. Frank White Rose. These interesting items having been satisfactorily disposed of, Bro. Frederick Page was presented for installation as Worshipful Master, and was duly inducted into the chair by Bro. S. Groner. The following officers received appointment and were invested: Bros. S. Groner, I.P.M.; J. W. Murray, P.M., S.W.; S. Da Costa Andrade, J.W.; H. Stevenson, P.M., Treasurer; W. Medwin, P.M., P.Z., Secretary; A. F. Scott, S.D.; D. R. Soames, P.M., J.D.; F. W. Riddell, I.G.; and B. Groner, P.M., P.Z., Stwd.

The lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet and the usual toasts were subsequently given.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" having been loyally given and heartily received.

Bro. S. Groner, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said he did so with very great pleasure. Bro. Page had been a member of this lodge for five or six years and during that time had done everything in his power to promote its interests. They had seen him pass through various offices, in all of which he had worked admirably, and now that he had been installed into the chair—and they had unanimously elected him with every confidence—those efforts would be doubled. Whatever work might fall to the Worshipful Master's share would be performed in a manner of which the members would be proud. They were all looking forward to a happy year of office under Bro. Page, W.M., and he (the I.P.M.) was expressing the sentiments of every brother when he wished their Worshipful Master health and strength to enjoy a prosperous reign.

Bro. F. Page, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind and generous manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the hearty reception given it. He could assure them that he was very proud as a comparatively young Mason to become the W.M. of so renowned a lodge as the Cripplegate. They would bear with him if he first tendered his hearty thanks to Bro. Tilt, P.M., of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, who initiated him into Masonry and taught him the delightful secrets of their mysterious Order. He was sorry that Bro. Gregory, P.M., was not also present, for he also owed that brother hearty thanks. He could only promise that whatever work he had the pleasure to perform would be done, if possible, with greater fervour and zeal than he had already shown. He had taken a deep and lasting interest in Masonry since his initiation, and it was therefore a satisfaction to him to know that the members had deemed him worthy to fill the chair. He was deeply grateful and in thanking them for the honour conferred, he could only once again assure them that everything in his power would be done for the credit of the lodge and the welfare of Masonry in general.

Bro. F. W. Rose, in replying for "The Initiate," said the initiate he was and the initiate he felt. He felt a baby and hardly knew whether he ought to open his lips at all. He felt so many things, and perhaps did not know what he ought to feel. He was in fact a good initiate. Those present had all stood in the same position and would doubtless sympathise with him, as he hoped to have the privilege in the future of sympathising with other individuals who had passed over the brink. He hoped all initiates would feel as he did, that he had taken a step in the right direction and a step for the good in becoming a member of the Craft.

In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. said that the members of that lodge could claim to have an exceptional interest in the Institutions. During the 20 years existence of the lodge a sum of £1547 had been taken up to the Masonic Institutions, and of that sum £375 had been contributed from the lodge funds. On looking

down the list of applicants for the Schools he found that less than one-quarter of the parents had done anything for the Charities. That lodge should be proud of its position, and they were looking forward to the time when the Past Masters might have some recognition for the work done.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, in reply, said he must first refer to a subject that should have been touched upon earlier, and express his regret that the Grand Secretary—who did such grand work in the Craft—was not well enough to be present. The Grand Secretary would have responded to the toast of the Grand Officers in a manner that would have encouraged the W.M. to have gone further in his allusions that his Royal Highness might be pleased to confer some rank upon an eminent P.M. of the lodge. From the record that lodge had of work done for the Charities, he was with the W.M. in saying that the lodge ought to have some recognition. With regard to the Masonic Charities, he was glad to hear the W.M. say that the money sent by that lodge was not contributed with any sense of deriving benefit, but was that grand exhibition of Masonic Charity which showed that they could help those who could not help themselves. It was a pleasure and pride to come to a lodge where they so highly bestowed their Charity, showing as it did that they had the right class—those who ought to become Masons—and he only wished it was more generally the case. The Benevolent Institution was providing for some 500 old people, £16,500 being spent in annuities, and that immense amount of relief would otherwise become the care of the State. In the case of the Girls' School, 265 were being educated, clothed, and fed, and no institution in the country could beat it for the manner in which the girls were turned out to fight the battle of life. Of the 278 boys in the School, one-fifth had fathers living, so that they cared for those boys whose fathers were once better off, as well as for the orphans. The Institution was conducted on broad principles, the boys being educated and clothed as they would educate and clothe their own, not covering them in the garb of charity, and he hoped they were thus discharging the highest duty charged upon them. In a school where boys were admitted at seven and left at 15, they were enabled to pass one-fourth in the examinations of the Cambridge Local, University, Science, and Art Examinations. The demands upon the Institution had grown immensely, and on Friday of last week 40 candidates presented themselves, and only 14 or 15 could be elected. At that meeting they received the practically unanimous vote of the brethren present, and they had now bought a new site where they could extend the benefits to a much greater number and give them that accommodation which was so essential for their physical development. Although there had been a little opposition, he was happy that opposition had diminished, and he trusted that by the time the foundation-stone was laid of the new building they would show it was a wise move. He hoped that lodge and every lodge would believe it was a forward movement, a progressive movement that would build up the Institution and enable them to turn out more boys, who would in time become good men and Masons. On their behalf, he appealed to them and reminded them that their Institution, unlike most Institutions, was short of invested capital. It was only their generosity that enabled the work to be carried on, and that lodge—which had done so much—would, he felt sure, do better in the future, especially as the W.M. would serve as Steward on behalf of the Cripplegate Lodge for the Boys School.

Bro. Sheriff R. H. Rogers, W.M. 2499, acknowledged "The Visitors," and said the work of the I.P.M. had been an object lesson to him, from which he hoped to profit. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that he (Bro. Rogers) was born in Cripplegate. The joy of his boyhood was to watch a golden cow in a small milk shop, which was now a rental of £600 or £700 a year. It was said of Napoleon that when he died France would be written across his heart. He loved Cripplegate and when the last trump was sounded, Cripplegate would be found written on his heart. The office of Sheriff showed him there was a great deal of work to do, and as a lover of the City he loved the work.

Bros. Denny, W.M., Priest, Romaine, and Davis also responded. In giving "The Installing Master and Past Masters," the W.M. said that of the 20 who had passed the chair, 13 were present that evening, and as six had gone to the Grand Lodge above there was only one absentee, and that spoke volumes for their lodge. The I.P.M. had fully upheld the dignity and honour and had done everything it was possible for a Mason to do. He had to ask the I.P.M. to accept a Past Master's jewel, and all would agree with him that no Master had more thoroughly deserved it. This was the third Bro. Groner who had passed the chair, and each and all were good and thorough Masons.

Bro. S. Groner, I.P.M., tendered sincere thanks. He fully recognised the serious responsibility he undertook and knew the Mastership of such a lodge was no light undertaking. He had conscientiously tried to do his duty, as that was the only means of repaying them for the kindness extended to him ever since his initiation. As long as he lived he should always continue to take the liveliest interest in the lodge as he had done in the past. For the beautiful jewel and their hearty good wishes he thanked them sincerely. It would always serve to remind him of happy associations and many happy recollections.

Other toasts were given before the successful meeting was brought to a close.

Bro. F. Cozens was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Helen Innes, Miss Louise Jenkins, and Bros. W. Fell and Frank Swinford.

## Knights Templar.

### Rose of Lancaster Preceptory, No. 158.

The annual meeting was held on Monday, the 5th instant, at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool. Sir Knight E. A. Taylor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight Thomas Forrester was installed by the V.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds. The event was marked with great interest, as it is only a fortnight ago Sir Knight Thomas Forrester was installed as the first M.W.S. of the Blackpool Rose Croix Chapter. The following officers were invested: Sir Knights S. Hill, 1st Con.; A. Blamm, 2nd Con.; John Wray, P.P.G.C. of G.; Henry Gardner, Treas.; E. A. Taylor, P.E.P., Reg.; E. A. Thompson, Marshal; J. E. Hargreaves, C. of G.; H. Gardner, Almoner; C. Noden, Herald; and Richd. Escolme, 1st S.B. After this, on the motion of Sir Knight E. Taylor, seconded by Sir Knight Thomas Forrester, E.P.—"That the sum of 10 guineas be given to the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution"—five guineas were voted to the West Lancashire Hamer Fund.

At the close of the successful meeting, Sir Knight Thomas Forrester invited the whole of the sir knights and visitors to partake of his generous hospitality, and most loyally were they entertained.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presiding. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their usual places. The Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth, the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Lake, Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. Recknell, and the Grand Tyler, Bro. Henry Sadler, represented the department of the Grand Secretary. The other brethren who signed the attendance book were Bros. Henry Garrod, William Fisher, William Vincent, Hugh M. Gordon, J. H. Matthews, George Graveley, James Bunker, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. Kipps, William P. Brown, T. W. Whitmarsh, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, Robert Gowan, Walter Martin, James Kew, George Powell, Charles Dairy, Felix Kite, James W. Burgess, George Allen, H. Purdue, Robert Hall, H. Massey, William Brickel, Charles Dawson, William Jerrett Miller, A. A. Drew, Henry Roberts, F. W. Jordan, N. Goodchild, R. E. H. Goffin, C. James, W. J. Mason, Albert Clark, Rev. S. J. Roco, C. T. Williams, F. W. Barker, H. W. Nicholson, Henry J. Ollive, and Joseph William Miller.

The total sum which the Grand Master was recommended at the September meeting to approve of being granted in sums of £40 and £30 respectively, was £200, but one grantee of £30, to whom £18 had been paid on account, had died since the payment of the £10, and the brethren, therefore, confirmed the Grand Master's approval of the remaining recommendations. The new cases numbered 37. The petitioners in these cases were qualified through lodges in the London

district, and at Guernsey, Leighton Buzzard, Lucknow, Jersey, Carnarvon, Baildon, Secunderabad, Richmond (Surrey), Penistone, Thames (N.Z.), Longton, Chichester, Manchester, Bolton, Maidstone, Port Louis (Mauritius), Bishop Auckland, Hong Kong, Stockport, Uxbridge, Aldershot, Bedford, Ipswich, and Peshawur. In dealing with these cases the Board sat nearly three hours-and-a-half, and the result of its deliberations was the voting of a total sum of £785 to 34 out of the 37 petitioners. One petition was deferred until the next meeting for further information, and two had their applications dismissed. The various awards were as follows: There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge to confirm the granting of £100 to the petitioner; the Grand Master was asked to approve of gifts of £40 to each of three petitioners; and £30 to each of 10 petitioners; while immediate grants were voted of £20 in nine cases, £10 in seven instances; and £5 in three.

## Mark Masonry.

### Wycombe Lodge, No. 480.

This lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, High Wycombe, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. J. Mount, P.M. 257, acting as W.M. (in the absence of E. J. James, the W.M.); F. Johncock, S.W.; C. Bating, I.W.; J. J. Suncox, M.O.; C. Rose, S.O.; G. J. Rees, J.O.; J. Bliss, I.P.M., Sec.; H. Hambling, S.D.; H. Hunt, J.D.; J. Coppock, I.G.; J. Williams, Stwd.; and many other brethren.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Birch being present, was duly advanced to the Mark Degree. It was resolved on the proposition of Bro. Bliss, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Nicholson, P.M., that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M., Bro. James, for his services in the chair. Bro. F. Johncock, S.W., was then unanimously elected into the W.M.'s chair for the year ensuing. Bro. Johncock having suitably responded, the Audit Committee were elected, and the lodge was closed.

## Our Portrait Gallery.

### BRO. F. PAGE, W.M. 1613.

Bro. F. Page, who has just been installed W.M. of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, was initiated in the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, in February, 1890, and the following year was elected a joining member of No. 1613. In 1892 he assisted in founding the Wood Green Lodge, No. 2426, while in 1894 he joined the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, Broxbourne, in the Province of Hertfordshire.



After working his way through the various offices in the Cripplegate, he has at length been installed as its Worshipful Master, and from the report we have published, there is good reason to believe that he will uphold its reputation. Bro. Page is a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution and a Life Subscriber to the Boys' School, and has served in all five Stewardships, namely, three for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and one for each of our Schools.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, October 31st, 1896.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
250, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
402, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
402, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1340, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1017, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
2390, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1694, Imperial, Coot's Restaurant, Victoria-street.
1745, Farringdon Without, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.

ORDER OF SECRET MONITOR.

- 5, Horatio Shirley, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
1128, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Criterion.
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2424, St. Stephen's, Green Mau Assembly Rooms, Lewisham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
1275, Star, Guildhall Tavern.
1330, Stockwell, Holborn Restaurant.
2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGE.

- 406, Scots, Mark Masons' Hall.

ORDER OF SECRET MONITOR.

- 25, Cockeroff, Freemasons' Private Rooms, Station House Inn, Eastwood, near Todmorden.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.

- 1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
1710, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.
2457, St. Martin's, New Town Hall.
2502, Papyrus, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 176, New Era, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.

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

CRAFT LODGES.

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
1810, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

- 303, Ruspini, Mark Masons' Hall.
332, Borough of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 409, Egerton of Tatton, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.

- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31.

CRAFT LODGE.

- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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DRURY LANE THEATRE.

- At 8, THE DUCHESS OF COULGARDIE.

COVENT GARDEN.

Closed.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

- At 8, BOYS TOGETHER.

GAIETY THEATRE.

- At 8, MY GIRL.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE

- At 8, THE WHITE SILK DRESS.

DALY'S THEATRE.

- At 8, THE GEISHA.

SAVOY THEATRE.

- At 8.30, THE MIKADO.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE.

- At 8, TWO LITTLE VAGABONDS.

GRAND THEATRE

- At 7.45, MY GIRL.

SURREY THEATRE.

- At 7.45, THE CURLE CITY.

BRITANNIA THEATRE.

- At 7, DEATH OR GLORY.

EMPIRE.

- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

ALHAMBRA.

- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

LONDON PAVILION.

- At 7.45, AN UNSURPASSED VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

TIVOLI.

- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

OXFORD.

- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

CANTERBURY.

- At 7.40, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

PARAGON.

- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

THE ROYAL, HOLBORN.

- At 7.45, A BRILLIANT COMPANY OF STAR ARTISTES.

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- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

MIDDLESEX.

- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

ON THURSDAY LAST the Directors of the Bank of England raised the Bank rate of discount from 3 to 4 per cent.

WE REGRET to hear that Bro. Sir Henry Halford, Bart., is very seriously indisposed at his residence, Wistow Hall, near Leicester.

THE MAIL BAG of the British Consul in New York, containing letters for London, was lost on Saturday morning last while in transit from the Consular offices to the steamer.

FOR THE THIRD year in succession Bro. the Earl of Warwick has accepted the invitation of his colleagues of the Warwick Town Council to become Mayor of the borough.

BRO. J. PASSMORE EDWARDS formally opened, on Tuesday, the art exhibition held in connection with the Hammersmith School of Art and Technical Art School, Brookgreen.

BRO. SIR F. LOCKWOOD and Lady Lockwood arrived at Liverpool from New York on board the Campania on Saturday last, and at once left for their residence near Scarborough.

THE DUKE OF YORK has gone on a visit for a few days' shooting to Lord Hastings at Melton Constable, while Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark have gone to Appleton Hall, Sandringham.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has consented to open a bazaar at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on the 24th February next, in aid of the funds of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has accepted an invitation from the Corporation of Longton, Staffordshire, to lay the foundation-stone of the new Free Library and Technical Instruction Buildings early in the month of January next.

BRO. LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH, Secretary for Scotland, has appointed a Committee to inquire into the alleged prevalence of sheep-stealing in certain parts of Scotland, with Mr. J. Hepburn Miller, Advocate, Edinburgh, as Secretary.

BRO. BHOWNAGGREE, M.P. for North-East Bethnal Green, met with a most cordial reception from the native merchants on his arrival at Aden, and expressed to them his intention of always doing the utmost in his power for the cause of India.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK visited Isleworth on Friday, the 16th instant, for the purpose of opening the new Union Infirmary which the Brentford Board of Guardians has recently erected at a cost of over £30,000, on a site purchased from the Duke of Northumberland.

THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY of the Battle of Balaklava will fall on Sunday next and the event will be duly honoured to-morrow (Saturday), when the few survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade, who number only about 40, will be entertained in the districts to which they belong.

A PRIVATE MEETING of the Irish Horse Breeding Commission was held on Monday at Dublin Castle under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Chairman of the Commission, for the purpose of arranging the future order of business. It was decided to hold the first public meeting and take evidence the following day.

BRO. SIR EDMUND MONSON, the retiring Ambassador to the Court of Austria-Hungary, and Mr. Greville, the British Consul-General at Buda-Pesth, dined with the Emperor Francis Joseph and the Imperial family on the 16th instant. Bro. Sir E. Monson had previously presented his letters of recall at a farewell audience of his Majesty.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, arrived at Marlborough House from Chippenham Park, Cambridgeshire, on Saturday evening last, and the following morning attended Divine service, in company with H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark.

A WATERSPOUT was seen off Southport on Sunday afternoon last. Coincident with the appearance of a double rainbow a huge column of water was seen apparently rising out of the sea some miles from the shore. In about a dozen seconds it fell, but reformed with a swaying and twisting motion three times before the cloud broke, and the phenomenon finally vanished.

LIVERPOOL MUNIFICENCE.—At a meeting held in the Liverpool Town Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst., to promote the construction of new schools for the blind upon a site presented at Wavertree, it was announced that the Queen, the Patroness of the School, had given £30 to the fund, a donation of £10,000 from "A Friend" was announced, and other donations were of £500 downwards. The total sum subscribed is £12,480. The amount required is £20,000.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers was held in the Parish Hall, Ladywell, on Saturday last. A special service in honour of the occasion was held in St. Mary's Church, the address being given by the vicar. During the day, many people took the opportunity of inspecting the bells, some of which are upwards of 300 years old.

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON (Bro. Alderman Sir W. Wilkin) went in state to Marlborough House on Saturday last for the purpose of presenting, on the part of the Corporation, to Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark the address of congratulation, contained in a beautiful gold casket, which had been voted their Royal Highnesses on the occasion of their marriage. The Prince acknowledged the presentation and the Princess expressed her admiration of the casket.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE was present at a Court of Common Council of the City of London on Monday, when a bust of his Royal Highness was unveiled and an address, contained in a golden casket, was presented to him in recognition of his long and valued services as Commander-in-Chief. The bust was unveiled, amid cheers, by the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir W. Wilkin), and the address was read by the Recorder. The Duke made a very feeling acknowledgment of the honour, and retired amid hearty cheers.

WE REGRET to hear that Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Bedford met with a carriage accident while driving from Cairnmore, where they are residing, to join a shooting party. The horses bolted while going down the avenue, and the Duke was shot out in one direction, while the Duchess was thrown with great force against a tree with which the carriage had collided. Neither of them sustained injuries of a dangerous character, but both were severely shaken, and the Duke had one of his ankles sprained.

FUNERAL OF BRO. LORD KENSINGTON, PROV. GRAND MASTER OF SOUTH WALES (W.D.).—The remains of the late Bro. Lord Kensington were, on Thursday, the 15th inst., laid to rest in a plain grave just outside the south wall of the churchyard at St. Bride, Pembroke-shire. The body of the deceased peer, which arrived from Scotland the previous Saturday, had rested on a bier in the north transept of the little parish church, watched day and night by relays of men, two of whom have kept vigil for four hours at a time. The side chapel was draped in black and decorated with palms. No invitations had been issued for the funeral, but so many friends and neighbours attended to show their sympathy with the family that the building was soon crowded. Lady Kensington, who has received a very large number of messages of condolence, including a letter from the Earl of Rosebery, left London on the 14th inst., and was present at the funeral, the other mourners including the Hon. William Edwards (now Lord Kensington), the Hon. Hugh Edwards, the Hon. Cecil Edwards, the Hon. George Edwards, the Hon. Misses Edwards, and Col. the Hon. Cuthbert Edwards. The piece of ground in which the grave is situated will be consecrated at some future date. It is at present not part of the churchyard, which is said to be quite full.

EXTRACT FROM A LECTURE ON "FOODS," BY DR. ANDREW WILSON.—"The consumption of cocoa happily increases year by year. I say 'happily,' because, as tea and coffee are not foods, while cocoa is a true food, any increase in the national nutrition means an increase in the national prosperity. Winter, besides, is close upon us, and I advise those who are susceptible to colds to fortify themselves against chill by attention to their food. The easiest way of effecting this end for many is to substitute cocoa (Lipp's being the most nutritious) for tea and coffee."

THERE WILL BE A MEETING of the Subscribers to the Scholarship Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 30th instant, at 4.30 p.m., or immediately after the close of the regular business of the Council. A statement of accounts and the Auditors' report thereon will be presented; the proposed regulations of the Fund will be considered, and Trustees, Governors, and Officers appointed.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE will be held at 3.30 on Saturday, the 31st inst., at Wakefield.

BRO. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, the Judge, is about to be entertained at a complimentary banquet by the magistrates who attend the Middlesex Sessions.

THE FIRST-CLASS ARMOURD BATTLESHIP *Victorious*, which has been less than two and a half years under construction, was passed out of the dockyard hands at Chatham on completion on Saturday last.

LONDON NEEDLEWORK GUILD.—The work of this Guild will be on view, by permission of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of November, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING has placed the Lyccum Theatre to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at the disposal of Bro. John Hare, that he may appear as Old Eccles in "Caste," prior to his departure from England on his second tour in America.

THE OPENING PARADE of motor cars from London to Brighton and back, which was originally fixed for Saturday, the 14th prox., will take place to-morrow (Saturday). A start will be effected from the Hôtel Métropole at 11 a.m., the meet taking place at 10 a.m. On the arrival of the cars at Brighton, a dinner will be given at the Hôtel Métropole there.

THE MASONIC HALL of the Hotel Cecil was inaugurated on Monday evening last, on the occasion of the dinner of the Iris Lodge, No. 2545. Bro. George Jefford Fowler, W.M., presided. Among those present were Bro. Dr. Lennox Browne, B. J. Waterlow, Henry Chaplin, T. M. E. Armstrong, A. H. Englebach, A. F. Howard, E. E. Harding, P. H. Waterlow, and J. H. D. Todd.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING will lay the foundation-stone of the new public library for Dulwich to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. The building is to be erected on a site provided by the Estates Governors of Dulwich College, at the corner of Woodward-road, Lordship-lane. Bro. Passmore Edwards is subscribing the whole of the funds for the building. Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, and Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., will be present at the opening ceremony.

LORD MAYOR'S DAY.—Route of the Procession.—The procession will start from the Guildhall and proceed along Gresham-street, Wood-street, Fore-street, Moorgate-street, Princes-street, King William-street, Eastcheap, Mark-lane, Fenchurch-street, Lime-street, Leadenhall-street, Cornhill, Mansion House, Poultry, Cheap-side, Newgate-street, Old Bailey, Ludgate Hill, Fleet-street, to the Royal Courts of Justice, returning by way of Strand, Northumberland-avenue, Victoria Embankment, Queen Victoria-street, Queen-street, King-street, to the Guildhall.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughter, the Princess Victoria, left town on Monday for Wynyard Park, on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry. They were attended by the Hon. Seymour Fortescue and Miss Knollys, and as the train moved off the Prince and Princess of Wales graciously acknowledged the salutations of those assembled on the platform. The Right Hon. H. Chaplin, President of the Local Government Board, and Bro. Christopher Sykes travelled northwards by the same train.

A MONUMENT to the Emperor William I. was unveiled with great ceremony at Mendin on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of the Emperor and Empress. The Kaiser's train, along which the Imperial procession passed, was lined by members of the veterans' and gymnastic societies and of the Fire Brigade. When the ceremony was over and the guard of honour had marched past, the Emperor entered the Imperial Pavilion and, at the luncheon which was held in his honour, made a speech in reply to the toast of his health, and then drank to the prosperity of the Province of Westphalia.

THE WOODGRANGE LODGE, No. 2409, intend holding a Masonic service at All Saints' Church, Romford-road, Forest Gate, on Wednesday next, at eight o'clock p.m., on behalf of the Building Fund for Parish Room and Sunday Schools. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, M.A., G. Chaplain of England. Brethren will please assemble in the schoolroom adjoining the church, for the purpose of clothing, at 7.30 p.m., and those who intend being present are requested to notify the same to the Secretary, so that seats may be reserved for them. Full Masonic Craft clothing and jewels may be worn.

ON SATURDAY MORNING LAST, the Household Troops and Scots Greys took part in certain operations which had been devised by Bro. Lord Methuen. The northern column, under the command of Colonel Lord Campbell, consisted of a squadron each from the 2nd Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards, the 1st Scots Guards and half of the 2nd Coldstreams, with two guns, while the southern column, of equal strength, under Major Hippisley, consisted of two squadrons of Scots Greys, the 3rd Grenadiers, and half the 2nd Coldstreams, and two guns. The manoeuvres took place in fine weather in the district lying between Putney and the Merton and Kingston-road.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, M.A., J.P., C.C.—On Tuesday a deputation from the City Tradesmen's Club, consisting of Mr. R. Eskell Paget (President), Mr. Thomas Simpson, and Bro. F. Kent (Hon. Sec.), waited upon Bro. H. B. Marshall, M.A., J.P., C.C., at Temple House, to present an address containing the resolution of condolence passed by the Club on the occasion of the death of the late Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., C.C. Mr. Eskell Paget made the presentation, and said that the resolution contained in the address represented the unanimous feeling of the Club. Bro. Marshall thanked the deputation for the illuminated address, and said that the tribute paid by the Club to the memory of his late father was very gratifying to him.

AN APPEAL FOR "POOR JACK."—At a meeting of the committee of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, at 58, Fenchurch-street, on the 14th inst., Admiral Sir F. Leopold McClintock in the chair, the question of the half-yearly election was on the agenda. Mr. J. B. Walker, the Secretary, reported that at the present there were on the funds of the institution 95 inmates at the home at Belvedere, and 233 pensioners at their own homes throughout the United Kingdom. There were also 276 applicants, that upwards of 180 of these were between 70 and 85 years of age, and that 50 had been candidates from 10 to 20 elections. The committee decided to have an election in January, and deeply regret that the limited funds at their disposal will only allow them to elect three for admission to the home, and 10 to the out-pension. Thus 203 of these old and infirm public servants will be doomed to disappointment, and it is sad to contemplate how many will die in actual want before relief is obtained. It should be remembered that if not successful in obtaining the benefits of this charity, there is no similar door open to them. Help is therefore urgently needed.

"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 banquetting 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.

### DEATH.

SADLER.—On the 15th instant, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. Charles Sadler, Burdett Lodge, 1293, in his 83rd year.