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SEVERITY A MISTAKE IN MASONRY.

We have many times remarked on the marvellous facility with which the Grand Lodges of the United States ignore the freedom, which is the basis of Freemasonry, and the readiness, nay, rather the eagerness, with which they seem to keep on multiplying laws and regulations for its government. They allow with us that everyone must freely and voluntarily offer himself as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of our Order, but apparently they do not feel disposed to concede to him the freedom to leave our ranks when he is so inclined, or when circumstances may render it necessary that he should do so. Hence it is that in many of the American jurisdictions the non-affiliate is looked upon with suspicion, if not with contempt, and is treated with a severity which is all the more ridiculous, because being no longer subject to the laws and regulations of Masonry, he is able, if he is so minded, to reciprocate the disdainful feelings. Again, though a man cannot be received into our ranks except he offer himself freely and voluntarily, there are jurisdictions in which he finds that he is not at liberty to join the lodge of his choice. He may be on terms of friendship or familiar acquaintance with all, or nearly all the members of a certain lodge, and one of the motives which influence him to become a Mason is, that he may join the lodge and become one of them. But in the locality in which he resides there happen to be two lodges. With the members of one he is, as we have said, on terms of friendship or acquaintance, but of the second lodge he knows little or nothing. However, as luck would have it, he happens to reside half-a-mile nearer to the latter than to the former, and the law provides that he must join it because he resides within its jurisdiction. So too, if after having been for some years member of a lodge in the jurisdiction of one Grand Lodge he migrates into that of another, but taking up his residence within easy reach, by road or rail, of his mother lodge, the law requires him to sever the old connection. He, therefore, applies for and receives his dimit and either, in the excess of his enthusiasm, joins a lodge in his new jurisdiction, or, as likely as not, in sheer disgust at such an arbitrary prescription, remains out in the cold as a non-affiliate. In the latter case, it not unfrequently happens that a good member, who is thoroughly conversant with our ritual and in his daily life is a generous exponent of our tenets and principles, is lost to Masonry, and all because some of our sister Grand Lodges in the United States are of opinion that their rights and privileges and their prestige would suffer if Bro. A., who resides in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge X, is

permitted to remain member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge Y. For ourselves, though we are prepared to admit that Freemasonry, like every other society, must be governed by certain general laws and regulations, we think that those laws and regulations should interfere as little as possible with the freedom of individual brethren and the freedom of choice which worthy candidates for our privileges may consider themselves entitled to exercise. For this reason it is that we have read with so much pleasure certain remarks by Bro. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which are reproduced in the *Voice of Masonry* for last month. Bro. BERRY is a Mason of large experience, having served a long apprenticeship under his father, Bro. IRA BERRY, who was Grand Secretary of the same Grand Lodge for a long term of years. His opinions are, therefore, entitled to the highest respect, and being, as they are, the opinions of an experienced official of an American Grand Lodge, we give them on that account the greater prominence. The extract in our contemporary's "Masonic Gleanings" from Bro. BERRY's pronouncement is headed "Severe Legislation Ineffective," but his remarks are confined to the question of "Non-affiliates" and the legislation which is enacted for their especial benefit. "In Maine," says Bro. BERRY, "the proportion of non-affiliates is so small as not to attract notice, and although they cannot claim lodge privileges, they are generally welcomed." From this one sentence we may judge of the spirit in which Bro. BERRY, with the ample experience he has obtained in his executive office of Grand Secretary to one of the best-organised and best-governed Grand Lodges under the Stars and Stripes, and from his father before him, considers it to be his duty to treat the non-affiliate. He describes this body of Masons, who have renounced their connection with the Order, and it may be in many cases also their faith in its principles, as consisting of three classes. One of these, he says, finds no interest in Freemasonry; the second is made up of those who drop out for some fancied grievance; and the third consisting of brethren who find the burden too heavy to bear—including those who retire from motives of selfishness; but against none of the three does Bro. BERRY think that anything in the nature of severe legislation is calculated to have the slightest effect. In the case of the first class, composed of those "who have no interest in Masonry," the ground of his belief is the simple fact that "they have renounced it," and are, therefore, in a position to treat its legislation with the utmost contempt if they are so minded. What, for instance, can it matter to a Mason who has renounced his lodge membership to be told that as he is a non-affiliate, he is not entitled to a relief which he does not, and only in the remotest possible contingency is ever likely to, want; that he is still subject to the jurisdiction of this or that Grand Lodge, when, as a citizen of the United States, he is free to do as and go where he pleases, subject, of course, to the requirements of the Civil law; or that he will not be entitled to a Masonic funeral when he dies, seeing firstly that he has renounced Masonry when living, and that, when he is dead, he will be beyond the power of caring whether he has a Masonic or any other form of funeral? But while in the case of this class Bro. BERRY is of opinion that severe legislation is ineffective, he has the greatest faith in that "mild legislation which always beckons to them," and in response to which they, in many instances, "return to their allegiance, and become valuable members." As for the second class, those who "drop out from some fancied grievance," he believes that "severe legislation only embitters them." Let them be treated with tact and judgment; let some

one be at the pains of making it clear to their minds that the grievances from which they insist they are suffering exist only in their own imagination, and Bro. BERRY believes that their return into the Masonic fold is merely a question of time. As for those who are actuated by selfish motives in taking their dimit, or who retire when they find the burden too heavy to bear, yet are glad to return when their circumstances have sufficiently improved, Bro. BERRY thinks there are few instances in which brethren suspended for non-payment of dues reinstate themselves in membership after remaining out for 10 or 20 years, because they feel "age or ill-health coming on." But whatever happens, it is the mild, not the severe, legislation which tells in the long run. Man, as Bro. BERRY puts it, "will not submit to be bullied. Let it be understood that if a man wishes to go out he can go freely. If he elects to support a part and not the whole, allow him to do so. Let him understand that, while he cannot claim the privileges he has renounced, he is still near and dear, and he will still be a moral support and a distinct advantage to the Fraternity." We shall be curious to learn what, if any, notice is taken of these generous views in those jurisdictions where the non-affiliate, instead of being regarded as "a moral support and a distinct advantage to the Fraternity," is looked upon very much as if he were a criminal to be punished, or, at all events, as a nuisance that must be got rid of at all hazards.

NEW ZEALAND.

The *New Zealand Craftsman* for last month contains a very interesting account of a lodge meeting in Wellington, which was attended by Bro. BELL, Immediate Past G.M., who, in acknowledging the toast of his health, gave very full particulars of a recent visit to England and the steps he had taken with a view to securing, if possible, the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand by the United Grand Lodge of England. Bro. BELL, in his speech, very modestly disclaimed having done anything that would justify his being—to use his own expression—"put on any pedestal." Indeed, he seemed to ascribe "the ultimate success of the application" for recognition to the influence of Bro. ARKWRIGHT, Dist. G. Master of Wellington (North Island), who was in England at the same time. At all events, Bro. BELL acknowledges with gratitude the exceeding courtesy with which he was received by the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers, and the compliments he received from the Pro. G. Master, Deputy G. Master, and others, when, at his own request, he attended a meeting of our Board of General Purposes, and the support he received from the Earl of ONSLOW and Sir JOHN E. GORST, Q.C., M.P., Past G.W. He further stated that in making his application for recognition, he "undertook, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, that it would recognise the existence of the District Grand Lodges still represented in the Colony, and would undertake that all their rights would be conserved," except, of course, that of warranting new lodges. He had no doubt, he added, "that the Grand Lodge of England would properly require that his undertaking should be confirmed by resolution of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand," or that the latter would "pass such a resolution." When this had been done the whole thing, in Bro. BELL'S opinion, would be arranged, and harmony once again restored among the brethren connected with the various Constitutions established in the Colony.

We have stated only the more important matters referred to by the I.P.G.M. of New Zealand, and notwithstanding his disclaimer, we consider that Bro. BELL has deserved well of the Craft, both in the Colony and in England; nor can we imagine, if the negotiations with the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland go as smoothly as they are reported to have done with our Grand Lodge, that there will be the slightest difficulty in putting to an end, once and for ever, the difficulties which have been the unfortunate lot of our brethren in New Zealand during the last half dozen years. In all probability with the New Year, a new era of peace and harmony among all the brethren in this distant Colony will be inaugurated.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT returned to town early this week on the completion of their Continental trip.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on the 7th inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor, presided, supported by Bro. Charles N. P. Phipps, Deputy Prov. G. Master, and a large and influential number of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers and brethren. The members of the Prov. Board of General Purposes met at the Parish Rooms. The P.G.M. conferred the rank of P.P.S.G.W. on Bro. Captain Chaloner, M.P., in commemoration of the 21st anniversary of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's rule as Grand Master, and appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the year as follows:

Bro. W. C. Powning, 586	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. W. Merriman, 1533	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. S. T. Wood, 632	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Bevir, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Hon. T. Ulric Thynne, 1478	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Parker, 626	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. J. Johnson, 663	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John Chandler, 355	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. W. Crees, 663	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Wyatt, W.M. 663	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Bush, 663	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. P. Hall, 2227	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. W. Williams, 1295	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. E. Withy, 355	...	...	Prov. A.G.P.

Bro. E. B. Merriman, 1533, was re-elected Prov. G. Treas.; and Bro. Wm. Dean, 355, Prov. G. Tyler.

The accounts of Bro. E. B. Merriman, P.G. Treas., showed that a grant of £31 10s. had been made during the year to the R.M.I. for Girls, and that various payments had been made from the Charity Fund of the Province towards the relief of necessitous cases.

Bro. Alfred Plummer, P.S.G.W., was nominated to represent the province as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a grant of 30 guineas was made to that Institution. The report of the Auditors of the P.G. Treasurer's accounts recommended that out of the balance in hand £100 should be invested in Consols and added to the existing investments.

The reports of the Prov. Grand Registrar and of the Charity Committee of the Province contained many matters of interest, but are too lengthy to be reported here. It is sufficient to say that they are of a satisfactory character, and demonstrated that the various lodges in the province are doing their work well and that all cases needing relief have been aided, and that there was such a sufficient balance in hand as to allow £100 to be set aside and invested.

Upon the proposition of Bro. J. A. RANDELL seconded by Bro. T. C. HOPKINS it was unanimously resolved that the action of the Board of Management of the R.M.I. for Boys as to the proposed removal of the Boys' School to a more desirable locality commends itself to this Provincial Grand Lodge as worthy of the hearty and liberal support of all Subscribers to the Institution and of the Craft generally.

A vote of £10 10s. was made towards the Scholarship Fund of the R.M.I. for Boys upon the proposition of Bro. J. P. MARTIN, seconded by Bro. H. J. JOHNSON.

The alms collected were given to the Devizes Benevolent Society. The arrangements made by the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663 (the receiving lodge) were most satisfactory, and after Prov. Grand Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Town Hall, about 70 sitting down. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the toast list being concluded early.

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE KIRBY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 263.

A very successful festival was held in connection with the Kirby Lodge of Instruction at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, presided, and was supported by over 100 brethren, including Bros. R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; R. Clowes, P.G. S.B.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and others.

Bro. C. Lewis, Prov. J.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor, acted as W.M., and the Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. F. W. Ward, Geo. Rankin, J. A. Braik, W.M.; W. R. Bennett, W.M.; A. M. Barnard, W.M.; M. B. Evans, G. Stwd.; and D. D. West, P.M.

Too much praise cannot be paid these brethren for the accuracy and ability with which they carried out their duties, which reflected the highest credit on the Preceptor, Bro. C. Lewis.

At the conclusion of the working,

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., proposed a vote of thanks to the Section workers for the Masonic treat given the brethren.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. R. C. SUDLOW, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. C. LEWIS, Prov. J.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor, acknowledged the resolution, and the graceful and kindly language used by the Grand Secretary. Some of them met Bro. Sudlow in another place, and encouragement and commendation from him were highly valued. They had several ideas in view in launching an affair like that. One was to endeavour, as far as possible, to extend and uphold the same high standard of work inaugurated by their late Preceptor, Bro. Kirby. If that standard had been maintained they were well repaid.

On the proposition of the ACTING W.M., the Grand Secretary was elected an honorary member, and the lodge was closed.

After a substantial repast, presided over by the President, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., a few appropriate toasts were given.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured,

The PRESIDENT gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," remarking that it was a happy thing for Freemasonry when, 21 years ago, the Heir Apparent to the Throne of this country did Freemasonry the great honour of consenting to place himself at its head. During the time which had elapsed since then Masonry had progressed by leaps and bounds, and he had no hesitation in saying that at no time had their Order stood higher in the estimation of the world—he

was speaking of English Freemasonry—than it did at the present moment. That was due in no small measure to the fact of having at its head H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PRESIDENT said there was probably no one in the Craft who had better opportunities of judging the merits of the Grand Officers than he had. For many years he had been associated with them, and appreciated their many good qualities and their valuable assistance to the Order. He would not venture to speak of the merits of the Pro G.M. and Dep. G.M., who not only devoted their time to their offices, but also as Prov. Grand Masters of important provinces. Amongst the Grand Officers present were Bro. Sudlow—whose name he was sure would be favourably received—and Bro. Sadler, who had from the earliest days associated himself with that lodge.

Bro. R. C. SUDLOW, P.G.S.B., returned thanks, and said he happened to know that some members of other lodges of instruction gauged the merits of the Grand Officers by their knowledge of the ritual, and expected them to work all the Sections as well as all the ceremonies. In that lodge of instruction they were very keen to observe that that was not altogether a fair test, and that before they received the much coveted purple they strove to do their best to uphold and advance the best interests of Masonry. With regard to the Grand Officers present, other than himself, they had rendered splendid service to the Craft. With reference to himself, all he could say was that he was very desirous of performing those duties to the Craft that might be required of him. He thanked them very heartily for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received.

The PRESIDENT then said: It is now my privilege, as your Chairman, to submit the toast of the evening—"Success to the Kirby Lodge of Instruction." This lodge, I understand, was founded in 1889, with the sanction of the Bank of England Lodge, many members of which we have the pleasure of seeing here this evening, and which lodge, I understand, has always taken a very lively interest in the welfare of this lodge of instruction. It was founded to meet the requirements of brethren whose avocations precluded them from attending the Emulation Lodge of Improvement at the hour at which it meets, and I believe it owed its origin to the exertions of two brethren—Bros. Sudlow and Sadler—with both of whom I have the pleasure of being associated, one in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and one as a colleague and officer of Grand Lodge. This lodge was known for some time as the Clarence Lodge of Instruction, and it had as its Preceptor a brother whose name I am sure will always be cherished in this lodge—Bro. Wm. Henry Kirby—who for some time filled in the most admirable manner the office of Preceptor. You all know that Bro. Kirby was taken from us under tragic and lamentable circumstances, and it was with the view of perpetuating his name in the lodge he loved so well that the members determined to change its name and adopt a name—which it will ever after be known by—the Kirby Lodge. The working is strictly in accordance with the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement to which a large proportion of its members belong, and it has been considered a kind of preparatory school or nursery, as I am told the ceremonies rehearsed in this lodge are performed a few days after in the mother lodge—the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. That this lodge has been a great success is evidenced by the fact that at the present moment there are 336 members, representing 140 lodges, and an average attendance at each meeting of between 20 and 30. As most of you are aware, any surplus funds are devoted to Charity. But a lodge cannot be carried on in this way unless it has those at its head who thoroughly understand their work, and I feel sure you will all agree that to our worthy Bro. Lewis, who has acted as Preceptor, is due in a very great measure the success which this lodge has achieved, and I, therefore, propose to associate his name with the toast—"Success to the Kirby Lodge of Improvement."

Bro. C. LEWIS, Prov. G.D. Surrey, Preceptor, returned thanks for the kind language of the Grand Secretary. He could endorse most thoroughly the sentiment expressed in the toast, and was sure he could speak for his colleague, Bro. West, Asst. Preceptor, and the members of the Committee. They had a good many principles guiding them which should make the lodge a success. They were in earnest and met for business and if those who came had any other object they soon learnt their mistake. One of their by-laws was to the effect that they should work strictly in accordance with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and they kept in touch with the perfect ritual there displayed under Bro. Sudlow. They had with them constantly the memory of what the late Bro. Kirby was in the lodge, and there was something unique in his personality to have created such an impression upon the minds of so many. That impression was never lost and they trusted never would be lost sight of. By permission of the President he had the honour of submitting a toast which was not on the list but which they hoped would be taken as a precedent. It was to ask them to drink a solemn toast in silence to the memory of Bro. Kirby.

Bro. H. S. WELLCOME, P.M., gave the toast of "The Chairman," and said they were all gratified at the great honour conferred upon them by the Grand Secretary and had been delighted by the graceful manner and Masonic feeling with which he had presided.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., tendered his warmest thanks to Bro. Wellcome and the brethren. When he was invited to preside he felt some diffidence in accepting the honour, because he felt there were many who would fill the position far better than he could hope to do, but no one could have filled the chair who would have sympathised more warmly than he did with the objects which the founders of that lodge of improvement had in view, or congratulated it more warmly on its success. He could only express a hope that the lodge would, for many years to come, perform the good work it was discharging at the present time.

Bro. H. SADLER, G. Tyler, proposed "The Bank of England Lodge," to which the lodge of improvement owed a deep obligation.

Bro. H. PRITCHARD, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., in response, said the lodge was proud of its offspring, and hoped the lodge of improvement would never be ashamed of the Bank of England Lodge.

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, P.G.S.B., then gave "The Working Officers," and said that some amongst them had heard the work for the first time, others had, perhaps, heard it a hundred times; but, in either case, he felt certain a thrill of pleasure and of pride had been experienced by all whilst listening to those Sections that they belonged to an Institution which impressed such sublime principles. Those who acted as teachers in Masonry watched with an immense amount of interest the progress made by those students in Masonry in their lodges of improvement, because it was from the ranks of those brethren that their places must be filled when they passed away.

Bros. WEST, Asst. Preceptor, and BAKER, Sec., replied, and the proceedings terminated.

Bros. Bennett and Acres contributed excellent songs, Bro. Barnard gave a humorous recitation, and Bro. Harvey a pianoforte solo.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE PROSPERITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 65.

That the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction is well named was evidenced on Wednesday, the 11th instant, when the annual supper was held at the Weaver's Arms, London Wall. Bro. Greig, the W.M. of the mother lodge, who presided,

must have been most gratified to find himself so well supported by such a number of brethren as to severely tax, without inconvenience to anyone, the accommodation of the spacious lodge room.

The following is a list of those present: Bros. D. Harlow, P.M. 65, Preceptor; Talbot, P.M. 65; Kinipple, S.W. 65; R. Sarson, W.M. 192; William Baker, S.D. 192; J. Smith, Hill, Strong, Wise, Cuzner, Robeson, Farr, Collins, Lloyd, C. Garton, Joy, Drake, Bullworthy, Callingham, H. T. Meadows, W.M. 1571, Sec.; Saunton, Portwine, Hughes, Tidder, Noakes, Downes, Spencer, R. D. Smith, P.M.; Robson, Watkinson, Woodman, Hayes, Levy, Bishop, Biss, Evans, Fisher, Peach, and others.

The supper was served under the supervision of the host, Bro. Callingham, who evidently knew what good things he had provided by himself participating in their speedy disappearance.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," being proposed by the W.M., met with the usual enthusiastic reception.

Bro. THOMAS, I.P.M. 65, then said: I rise with very great pleasure to propose the toast of "The W.M.," relying on it to meet the hearty recognition so well merited. Most of us know the masterly manner in which he performs his work, and that he is a W.M. to be proud of, in addition to which he is Assistant Preceptor of this lodge of instruction.

The W.M., in reply, said: I very sincerely thank you for the kind manner in which you drank my health. I owe my position to-night to an accident in being W.M. of the mother lodge, but as we owe the benefit and instruction we receive here to Bro. Harlow, I should have liked to have seen him selected for the chair this evening. I have endeavoured to give all every satisfaction and pleasure, and if I have succeeded I am amply rewarded.

The next toast was proposed by the W.M. as follows: I have now to give you the toast of "The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the names of Bros. Harlow, Preceptor; Thomas, Treasurer; Meadows, Secretary; and Smith, Assistant Secretary. If any officers can assure success these are the four to do it. Bro. Harlow is most assiduous; never missing a meeting. No trouble is too great for him, and, above all, the instruction is given in such a happy manner, that its reception is doubly welcome; whilst Bros. Thomas and Meadows can never do too much. The accounts and books are most accurate. As Bro. Meadows' mother lodge meets on the same evening, he is occasionally away, when our Assistant Secretary, Bro. Smith ably fills his place.

Bro. HARLOW, in reply, said: The W.M. has set the example of short speeches, which best suits me, being more at home in the lodge giving instruction. The W.M. has said that I should have been in the chair to-night. I don't think so, as, in addition to being the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Greig's own qualifications render him most suitable for the position he is holding this evening. I feel proud that Bro. Greig is a protégé of mine, who has fully realised my great expectations of him. I saw in a paper only the other day that it was a fine thing to be a Preceptor, as the emoluments were considerable. I never knew this was so, nor wished it; it is purely a labour of love which brings its own reward, and I am only too pleased to give assistance to those who attend.

Bros. THOMAS, MEADOWS, and SMITH also responded.

The other toasts were "The Visitors" and "The Host, Bro. Callingham."

Bros. James Smith, Kinipple, Fisher, Shipman, and Callingham with songs, Bro. Talbot with a recitation, and Bro. Noakes at the piano, added much to the enjoyments of the evening.

CONVERSAZIONE OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

The second conversazione of this well-known literary lodge was held at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The guests began to arrive about 8 p.m., and were duly presented to Bro. Edward Macbean, who was accompanied by Mrs. Macbean, and supported by the Wardens of the lodge, Bros. C. Kupferschmidt, Asst. G. Sec. for German Correspondence, and C. Purdon Clarke, as well as by Admiral A. H. Markham, Dist. G.M. Malta, Colonel Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., P.M. 92, and other influential brethren of the lodge and Correspondence Circle. At 9 p.m. the following address of welcome to the visitors was delivered by the W.M.:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—It falls to my lot as W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge to say a few words, and I speak, of course, also on behalf of my colleagues in office and fellow members. We desire to tender you, one and all, a most hearty and most cordial welcome. We rejoice to see so large, influential, and representative a gathering, embracing as it does friends, not only from the vicinity of London, but from Devonshire, Lancashire, England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, and even more distant parts of the U.S.A., some at least of whom have come specially to grace our festival. We are very pleased to see that so many of our brethren of the Mystic Tie have favoured us with their countenance. We note with satisfaction that many gentlemen who, judging by the plainness of their attire, seem to be non-Masons—plain, that is, in comparison with the gaudy magnificence displayed by some of our brethren. But above all, beyond all, we congratulate ourselves on the noble array of fair ones who honour us with their company, and brighten this function as they do our firesides and daily lives. The Quatuor Coronati is a literary lodge, founded by literary men and brethren for Masonic literary purposes. Sir Charles Warren, Sir W. Besant, Bros. W. H. Rylands, Gould, Hughan, Speth, and others, nine in all, considering the need of a centre whence Masonic knowledge might radiate, determined to start a lodge on quite novel lines, and this sprang into existence more than 11 years ago. It was early found that to achieve the results arrived at, they would have to appeal to a much larger audience than could meet in an ordinary lodge room. By a happy inspiration of our resourceful Secretary, the Correspondence Circle originated, variously known as Outer Circle, a supplement to the true lodge or Inner Circle which even now only consists of 31 members. I am glad to see that Bro. Stephen Richardson is here this evening, whose name is down on this list which now reaches some 2400 or 2500 members scattered over the globe, making us the most cosmopolitan lodge in the world. These subscribers' annual payments enable us to print our lectures and essays, and reviews, the results of our investigations into the antiquity, &c., of Freemasonry. The Annual Transactions (Ars Quatuor Coronatorum) make each a considerable quarto volume, and give the reader an up-to-date acquaintance with our Craft that could not otherwise be obtained. We also publish reprints of various works on Masonry, such as the "Regius MS.," &c., some 17 volumes in all. This is some of the work we have to show for our short term of active existence. Our entertainment this evening may be roughly divided under three heads. First, the Masonic aprons, jewels, and other curios in the

cases round the walls, in charge of Bro. Rylands, an expert, from whose magnificent collection a large part of these exhibits come. He is assisted by Bro. F. Crowe, of Torquay, another collector who has kindly brought up some of his treasures for your delectation. Either of these brethren will be glad to answer any questions. The music is under the care of the admirable Greiner, whose name is a guarantee of excellence. Probably the most interesting section is the "Scientific," in the capable hands of our Senior Deacon, Bro. Klein, who is a scholar, scientist, astronomer, &c. He has the kindly and efficient co-operation of several of his colleagues, and they will exhibit the apparatus under their care, and chiefly would I draw attention to the "Röntgen Rays," of which Bro. Klein will show you the marvellous powers. I hope one and all will be quite satisfied with what we have provided, and the highest compliment you can pay us is that in leaving each will look forward longingly for a further opportunity of attending a future meeting.

The Masonic exhibits comprised many rare specimens of jewels, medals, and pottery, together with a varied collection of aprons, sashes, and other articles of clothing having on them emblems of the Craft. The principal exhibitors, besides the Quatuor Coronati Lodge itself, from whose choice museum a large number of treasures found their way to the King's Hall, were Bros. the Rev. J. M. Moutray, J. T. Thorp, F. J. W. Crowe, and J. Hodgkin. As the articles on view in this section were nearly 400 in number and the list of them occupies no less than 36 pages of the catalogue, considerations of space forbid our saying more than that the Masonic exhibits were in all respects worthy of the lodge, the independent contributors, and the occasion.

The "Mysteries of Nature and Science" were admirably expounded by Bro. KLEIN, assisted by a little army of scientists, whose efforts to instruct and entertain were much appreciated by the visitors.

Messrs. J. J. Vesey, W. Burton, F. A. Parsons, J. D. Hardy, G. E. Maitland, W. B. Priest, J. M. Offord, R. Villars, C. Turner, C. D. Soar, C. Rousselet, C. Lees Curties, Dr. Measures, and Bro. T. Charters-White were all actively engaged at separate tables throughout the evening, exhibiting the wonderful properties of the microscope and other marvels of Nature and Science.

Bro. Klein himself, in the President's room, under the left-hand gallery, was occupied the whole night through in giving a demonstration of the Röntgen X Rays to a highly-interested series of spectators.

The musical arrangements, which had been left in the hands of Bro. G. Greiner, were carried out under the direction of Bro. Max Laistner, of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238. The artistes—Miss Winifred Jones, Miss Blanche Sangwin, Bro. Harry Tipper, P.A.G.P., Miss Florence E. Tipper, Mr. Arthur J. Billin, Miss Carlotta Elliott, Major J. H. Leslie, R.A., Bro. G. Berthon-Preston, and Bro. Max Laistner—were all warmly applauded, and it would be impossible to speak too highly of this feature of the evening's entertainment.

The general comfort of the visitors was carefully attended to by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C., with the aid and support of Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.G. S.B., Major J. H. Leslie, and Arthur H. Bowles, W.M. 1395, who acted as Asst. Directors of Ceremonies.

The proceedings were continued until a late hour, and general satisfaction was expressed by all present at the very enjoyable character of the entertainment which had been provided for them.

The actual members of the lodge—or Inner Circle—who attended were the W.M., both Wardens, the Secretary, both Deacons, the D.C., and Bros. Bywater, Rylands, and Westcott, Past Masters. The total number of persons present was about 360.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, presided. Bro. David D. Mercer, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; Bro. W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler; represented the Grand Secretary's department.

The other brethren who attended were Bros. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, James Bunker, George B. Chapman, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. Kipps, C. J. R. Tijou, J. Boulton, Richard Horton Smith, Q.C., Geo. R. Langley, Wm. Fisher, J. H. Matthews, Henry Garrod, Major General F. Gadsden, S. V. Abraham, Geo. Graveley, Sir T. O'Brien, Robert A. Gowan, Dr. Geo. Mickley, Thos. Minstrell, Rev. W. T. Whittle, T. Webb Whitmarsh, Walter Martin, James Kew, J. F. Kiniple, W. J. Thatcher, Joseph Corbett, Will Cook, Arthur Smith, C. H. Bestow, Charles Sheppard, W. T. Farthing, H. Massey, Thomas J. Bolton, S. R. Baskett, M. Fortescue, Samuel Johnson, W. F. Lamonby, G. F. Cook, Rev. John H. Rose, F. J. Eedle, G. Powell, T. Burne, J. G. Stevens, J. A. Shelton, A. C. A. Higerty, W. J. Mason, R. J. Harnell, T. Goodman, E. Chatterton, F. Dunstan, William G. Mills, S. Lewis, J. Stanton, J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, Q.C., George Evans, M. R. Sewill, F. C. Dandridge, Henry Thomas Meadows, Thos. Wilson, C. Doresa, S. J. Rothschild, W. J. Stratton, Charles L. Clark, William Lipscomb, J. Moore Smith, R. J. Gedney, W. R. Simmonds, F. W. Pulsford, Frank E. Bailey, Bertrand Grant, G. Albert Peters, James Tucker, and Joseph Parsons.

At the meeting of the Board of Masters, the agenda paper for the Quarterly Communication of December 2nd was laid before the brethren, and the names of Scrutineers of votes and for the Porch were given in. At the Board of Benevolence, the meeting of which followed, when it was declared open,

Bro. D. D. MERCER, P.G.P., S.V.P., rose and said: Brethren,—Before we proceed to the ordinary business of the evening, it is my privilege, this being the last meeting of the Board, although I must be very brief on account of the very great amount of business we have before us, to make a proposition. Brethren, we have had another year under the presidency of our worthy and distinguished brother, Robert Grey, who has during the past year given us another proof of his kindness and courtesy towards every one of us, and not only to us, but to every petitioner who has had the misfortune to come before this Board for relief. Ten years ago our M.W.G.M. was pleased to appoint Brother Robert Grey as President of this Board, and I venture to say that during the whole of that time no petitioner has ever come before this Board who has not received at the hands of our President the most courteous and kind consideration. To-night, you are aware, it will be the last night he will preside at this Board, and I am sure I am speaking for every one of you when I say that we deeply regret the decision he has come to. (Hear, hear.) I am perfectly certain we shall never have a better President, and

I also venture to think that it would be a very great difficulty even to find his equal. (Hear, hear.) Brethren,—I will not detain you, but I would say this, that Bro. Grey will receive from us our very deep and hearty sympathy in his retirement. I will, therefore, without further detaining you, move—"The members of this Board hereby tender to Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., a most hearty vote of thanks for the very able and courteous manner in which he has so honourably discharged the duties of President during the past 12 months, and while they deeply regret losing in the future his valuable services, earnestly hope that in his retirement the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased to bestow upon him and his family many years of health and happiness."

Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President: Brethren, I beg to rise to second the proposition of our Brother Senior Vice-President, and I am sure I need not add anything to what he has stated, for I feel certain the sentiments he has expressed will receive the unanimous response of this Board of Benevolence. I, therefore, second the vote.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., put the motion to the Board, and it was carried unanimously amidst general applause.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, who was enthusiastically received on rising to acknowledge the vote, said: Brother Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents and Brethren, when I entered on this honourable position 10 years ago I felt that it was a difficult thing to introduce myself to you. I find it to-night a still more difficult thing to say good-bye to you. I was met here, not having had much experience, by the kindly assistance of the older members of this Board—by a most loyal following—from the day I entered this chair, until this night when I leave it, in any difficulties that might arise I had the able advice and support of those who knew quite as much as, if not more than, myself; and during the whole time that I have been here I may safely say that I have had such kindness of feeling and brotherly affection from those over whom I have presided, that it makes the severance of my connection with them all the more difficult to bear. That I have conducted my duties to your satisfaction will be to me a very pleasant recollection during the many years I hope, if I am spared, to come occasionally among you. (Applause.) I found this Board not perhaps exactly as I liked it when I came here; but by the just use, as stewards of the money which is entrusted to our care, what was almost creeping into a practice then has now vanished, and I believe that there is no body of gentlemen—and necessarily Masons are in that category—who administer money entrusted to their care with greater discretion than this Board of Benevolence does. Whilst that is the case it must be a pleasure to every one to sit here and devote so much of their time. And when I say that, I speak more particularly not to the members of the Board at five o'clock, but to those who remain until 10 o'clock. Those are the brethren who are so valuable to the President. In saying good-bye to you I ask you to extend the same kindness—and I am sure you will—to my successor as you have ever shown to me. (Applause.)

Bro. GEO. R. LANGLEY, one of the elected members of the Board of Benevolence, asked permission to detain the brethren for one moment before proceeding to the business of the evening. Twelve months ago the Board devoted a sum of money to a widow, and entrusted him with it, towards raising a sum of money for paying off a mortgage. He had to express the thanks of that widow for that grant. He and other brethren had succeeded, with the assistance of the Board, and the help of many kind friends, in raising the whole £300, and they had paid off the mortgage. But as there were children, and one did not know how they might grow up, he took care that that mortgage should be transferred to himself and two other trustees, in order that they might at a future time be able to let the money go in the right quarter.

The brethren then confirmed recommendations which were made at the October meeting that the Grand Master should authorise grants to the amount of £400. They then dealt with the new cases, of which there were 45 on the list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Aldershot, Peshawur, Manchester, Goole, Stonehouse, Sydney, N.S.W., Southampton, New Malton, Liverpool, Worthington, Horsham, Cleckheaton, Feltham, Kingston (Jamaica), Windsor, Meerut, Yeovil, Walmer, Plymouth, Havant, Warwick, Honiton, Redhill, California, Calcutta, Bognor, and Ipswich. Of these one case was deferred and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £995. One was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100, and one for £50. Four were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each and eight for £30 each. Seventeen were relieved with £20 each; nine with £10 each; and three with £5 each.

At the close of the business the PRESIDENT again wished the brethren good-bye, and Bro. HENRY GARROD hoped that, notwithstanding his retirement, Bro. Grey would frequently attend the Board.

Craft Masonry.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. W. G. Mills, W.M.; A. D. Langton, I.P.M.; J. C.uer, S.W.; T. C. Taylor, J.W.; G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Burgess, Sec.; T. Ockelford, S.D.; E. J. Stafford, J.D.; S. Armfield, I.G.; A. M. Whitby, P.M., D.C.; T. L. Dennett, Org.; J. Jenkinson, W. R. G. Emerson, and C. J. Pond Jones, Stwds.; E. H. Dove, P.M.; R. E. Hunt, P.M.; L. S. Fountaine, P.M.; J. G. Cobb, P.M.; Wm. L. Bassitt, T. H. Inchbold, E. M. Hall, Arthur Davies, J. J. Berry, Chas. Yates, J. Briggs, E. Thornicroft, C. J. Brown, A. Smith, F. Gehringer, A. Preager, W. Sammes, E. J. Vidler, A. L. Simmons, and H. Reed. Visitors: Bros. P. Sharpe, P.M. 869; S. Martin Southwell, P.M. 1420; N. C. Crews, J.W. 2096; W. S. Page, jun., 186; H. Tapley, P.M. 1075; F. T. Maltby, Royal Alfred Lodge; A. H. Stokes, W.M. 1803; W. Kirkness, P.M. 176; H. Ballard, 907; and H. Hollingshurst, 1524.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was favourably taken for Mr. A. L. Simmons, who was afterwards initiated, and for Bros. J. Briggs, 859, and G. F. Ward, 441, as joining members. Bro. W. Bassitt was raised to the Third Degree.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to dinner.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were gracefully given by the W.M., and received in a truly Masonic spirit.

Bro. A. D. Langdon, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M." All present had witnessed the able manner in which he had discharged his duties that evening.

The toast was taken up with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in reply, said he always did his best. He felt it an honour to preside over such a lodge, and his sincere wish was to do his work in a manner worthy of his lodge.

The I.P.M. then gave the toast of "The Initiate and Joining Members." There was no fear for the future of the lodge when good blood was being infused into it.

Bros. A. L. Simmons and J. Briggs returned thanks.

Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., next proposed "The I.P.M." He had done an excellent year's work; he had displayed unbounded zeal and energy in the case of their late Bro. H. T. Nell. To his work must in a large measure be credited the highly gratifying result that the daughter was head of the poll at the recent election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that they were even then able to hand over a large number of votes to another candidate, who was successful.

Bro. A. D. Langdon, I.P.M., responded with that modesty which enhances good work. He sought no personal thanks, it was a labour of love. They should all be proud of their result, it proved their status in the Masonic world. He was pleased to state that over £138 had been raised for the boy, thereby enabling them to place him in

the London Orphan Asylum, with about £18 to his credit in the bank to start life's battle when his school career was ended. It was a grand example, let it be followed in the future.

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors." He was always pleased to see them, they could never have too many.

Bros. H. Tapley, P.M. 1076; P. Sharpe, P.M. 869; and H. Hollinghurst, 1524, replied, testifying to the excellent working they had witnessed and the pleasure it gave them to be the recipients of such hospitality.

The W.M. next presented "The Past Masters."

Bro. L. S. Fountain replied, stating they were always ready to render assistance when required.

Bro. R. E. Hunt, P.M., also replied. He congratulated the lodge on the case previously referred to—it was a loving duty to a departed brother. He suggested the lodge should raise some fitting testimony to their late brother.

The W.M. and Bro. L. S. Fountain, P.M., said they would be pleased to assist.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretaries," the W.M. referred to the deserved popularity of Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., Treasurer, who had done good work for them for over 20 years. He sympathetically referred to the absence of Bro. W. Briggs, Sec., whose telegram from Spain showed his heart was with them. The work of Bro. T. J. Burgess, Sec., was known to all.

Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas., replied. He regretted the sad misfortune which caused the absence of Bro. W. Briggs.

Bro. T. J. Burgess also replied.

Bro. J. Cuer, S.W., tastefully responded for "The Officers."

The W.M. then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. W. Sammes for his magnanimous collection of votes and donations during their recent labours.

Bro. W. Sammes replied.

The Tyler's toast reminded the brethren the night was far spent.

An excellent musical programme, made up by Bros. W. R. G. Emerson, Tom Taylor, T. J. Burgess, J. Briggs, H. Reed, J. J. Berry, and T. L. Dennett, a capital repast, and felicitous speeches, tinged with that continuous vein of sympathy dear to Masonic hearts combined to make the meeting a truly happy one.

Waverley Lodge, No. 1322.

The 26th installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, and there were present the largest number of brethren ever seen in the lodge. Immediately after the time appointed, Bro. J. M. Jones, P.M., acting W.M., opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Wright Wood, P.M., presented Bro. Samuel Grundy, S.W., who had been unanimously appointed the W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation, the ceremony of which was ably performed by Bro. J. M. Jones, P.M., assisted by Bros. W. Newton, P.P.J.G.D., as S.W.; John Smith, P.P.J.G.D., as J.W.; E. Andrew, P.P.G.O. Cheshire, as Org.; and G. W. Davies, P.G. Stwd., as I.G. The ceremony was a musical one, and rendered in a very efficient manner. The new W.M. invested Bro. W. Rawlinson as the I.P.M., and explained his jewel to him. He also performed the whole of the ceremony of investiture with respect to all the other officers, explaining fully the duties to each of them in a most able and impressive style. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. M. Newman, S.W.; A. Cooper, J.W.; W. Newton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; W. Eastwood, P.P.G.S., Sec.; W. Newton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. M. Jones, P.M., A.D.C.; Enos Andrew, P.P.G.O. Cheshire, Org.; Samuel Kirk, Asst. Org.; J. Travis, S.D.; T. Ogden, J.D.; R. Wood, I.G.; A. R. Hooper and G. Parry, Stwds.; and Dan Birkby, Tyler. Bro. W. Newton presented the working tools in the Three Degrees; Bro. W. Eastwood gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren; Bro. J. Smith gave the concluding prayer, and the installation ceremony was brought to a close.

After all business had been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the large number of visiting brethren for the new W.M., the lodge was closed.

Subsequently an excellent banquet was served, presided over by Bro. S. Grundy, W.M.

The loyal and other Masonic toasts were drunk most heartily.

A delightful entertainment had been provided. Bro. John Drousfeld recited in his inimitable manner several sketches in Lancashire dialect from the works of Edwin Waugh and Ben Brierley, which created much amusement. Bros. J. Schofield, T. Ogden, H. Green, and A. Cooper ably contributed the vocal portion of the entertainment, assisted by Bro. E. Andrew at the piano.

Bro. W. Rawlinson proposed the toast of the evening—"The Newly-made W.M."—in a very neat speech, and spoke in high praise of the manner in which the W.M. had performed the whole of his duties in the lodge. He stated that the brethren felt proud they had that day placed Bro. Grundy in the high position he then occupied, and predicted a successful year of office both for him and the lodge. These remarks were received with manifest approbation.

The song "Here's to his health" was excellently rendered by Bro. Green, the chorus at the finish of the last verse being repeated several times. After another song from Bro. Ogden,

Bro. Samuel Grundy, W.M., who was received with vociferous applause, responded, and thanked Bro. Rawlinson for his felicitous remarks, and the brethren for the hearty response they had given to the toast of his health. He was aware the position of W.M. carried with it its duties and responsibilities, which he assured them he would not shirk, and relying, as he felt sure he could, on the hearty co-operation and assistance of all the brethren of "Waverley," and particularly of the officers, he would do his best to maintain, if not increase, its prestige as a lodge for efficiency in working, and sincerely hoped that when he occupied the chair he should do so with honour to the lodge and to himself, and that it might be truly said that among the many happy and prosperous years Waverley Lodge had seen, the ensuing year might not be reckoned as the least of them.

The speech was happily given, and was warmly applauded.

Bro. Grundy proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said he felt sure he expressed the unanimous wish of all the brethren to see the former often amongst them (he being at Grimsby), and as to the latter, their work might be equalled, but few would excel it, and so long as the lodge had officers of such undoubted ability its reputation would be maintained.

Bro. Jones, in reply, referred to the junior brethren having (in the transference of the W.M. from the position of S.W.) lost their "Captain," and said that the W.M. had that day been appointed "Commander-in-Chief" of the whole of the lodge.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" and "Visiting Brethren" were given and responded to, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

It should be mentioned that the floor of the room was covered entirely with a new, beautiful Brussels carpet of Masonic design, and the lodge room looked superb.

It was the unanimous opinion of the brethren this was par excellence the most successful gathering the Waverley Lodge had ever seen.

The following were present at the opening of the lodge, viz.: Bros. W. Rawlinson, W.M.; Samuel Grundy, S.W.; W. Newman, J.W.; Walter Newton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Alfred Cooper, S.D.; James Traves, J.D.; Enos Andrew, Org.; T. Ogden, I.G.; Dan Birkby, Tyler; John Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Wright Wood, P.M.; Walter Eastwood, P.M., Sec.; J. Mercer Jones, P.M.; Joseph Riley, P.M.; A. Sumner, I.P.M.; A. Cooper, S.D.; Geo. W. Davies, 1,350, P.G. Stwd.; George Manwood, Joseph Taylor, John T. Coles, Robert Wood, S. Kirk, Geo. E. Parry, John Miller, P.M.; Saml. Moss, Alfred Adams, Joseph Hulme, S.W. 830; John Clapton, P.M. 89, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; Peter McNamee, J.W. 1088; James W. Pownall, J.D. 1144; Henry Green, 300; James Kershaw, 300, P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. Travers, W.M. 1354; William Higson, W.M. 324; John Bottomley, P.M. 324, P.P.G.S.B.; William C. Flint, 1375; J. O. Lawton, P.M. 1408; Henry L. Holland, J.W. 268; John Snell, W.M. 300; Joseph Marshall, P.M. 336; Thomas Oldham, 6, St. George's, New York; James White, P.M. 300; Henry Schofield, W.M. 830; John Andrews, I.G. 300; J. A. Wood, P.M. 89; A. B. Pownall, S.D. 268; Sam Hall, I.P.M. 78; R. J. Oldham, S.D. 1144; Thomas L. Buckley, 1208, P.G. J.D. (E. Lancs.); B. Aldred, W.M. 1218; W. H. Buckley, I.P.M. 1218; Thos. Threlfall, P.M. 1773, P.G. Stwd.; Thomas Perlin, P.M. 461, P.P.A.G.P.; James Fitton, P.M. 268, P.P.G.S.; Walter Knworthy, P.M. 89, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. P. Thomson, W.M. 1774; Hy. B. Brown, P.M. 581; H. J. Widdows, 2322; and F. Read, P.M. 89, P.P.A.G.D.C.

Several letters of apology for inability to attend were received.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The above lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 9th 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, S.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., J.D.; E. Conder, jun., I.G.; John Lane, P.A.G.D.C., and G. Greiner, Stwds.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; and E. J. Castle. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle of the lodge: Bros. E. A. T. Breed, the Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, W. Harley Sissons, P.A.G.D. of C.; F. H. Davy, Dr. T. Charters White, W. Kiddle, R. A. Gowan, J. S. Cumberland, P. Dep. G.S.B.; S. M. Banker, H. Woodcock, C. H. Rosher, G. Roelcke, Thomas Cohn, W. F. Lamonby, P.G.W. Victoria; E. Glaeser, W. Peek Richards, Harry Tipper, P.G. Purst; S. D. Wade, E. Rivington, W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. C. Barnes, C. H. Barnes, J. W. Barnes, G. J. Taylor, Dr. G. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. C. L. Tuckey, E. Armitage, E. C. Stimson, F. W. Mitchell, E. H. Bramley, A. Digby Green, M. Tweedie, W. J. Armitage, C. W. Noehmer, C. H. Bestow, T. Adams, Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Milton Smith, C. E. Wright, O. Marsland, G. W. Taylor, E. Haward, H. B. Chamberlain, G. C. Hughes, and H. T. Bridges. And the following visitors: Bros. H. P. Fitzgerald Marriott, of Afortunado Lodge, No. 5, G.O. of Spain at Las Palmas; S. G. Allen, 21; Percy Trickett, 2374; C. W. Skinner, 2000; and Ruthven Finlayson, 1017.

The following two lodges and 29 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Doyle Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, Guernsey; and Lodge Pandyan, No. 2356, Madura, India; Bros. J. I. Buchanan, P.M. 219, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; M. Morgan, 330 (I.C.), Brisbane; R. Thomas, A. Hannay, and T. A. Johnstone, all of 677 (I.C.), Rockhampton, E. A. Pearson, 1175, Mackay, J. McDonald, W.M. 1819 (S.C.), Townsville, and J. M. Hollway, W.M. 1978, Herberton, all in Queensland; G. R. Long and C. A. Turner, W.M., both of 542, Moulmein, Burma; A. J. M. Soares, G.M. of the G.O. Brazil, and F. S. Massey, 3, both of Rio de Janeiro; W. Irving, 63, Dumfries; A. G. Malcolm, 754 (S.C.); A. M. Heysham, P.M. 1532; G. Wardman, 1042; C. Yates, 289; D. W. Sargent, W.M. 2305; Col. C. H. T. Marshall, 2370; D. G. Seagrim, 1960; M. V. Cassall, 1415; J. T. Humphrey, 1415; M. H. Stone, 1287; J. J. Dixon, W.M. 1415; H. O. Yeatman, P.M. 1159; A. Thompson, 1287; E. B. Lemon, 2489; G. H. Westcott, 1937; and C. W. Raymond, P.M. 1716.

The W.M. presented Past Masters' jewels to the former Past Masters present, viz., Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; and W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C. A vote of thanks was passed to the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, which had fraternally ceded their right to the rooms in which the lodge was meeting, contenting themselves with a smaller one. The Secretary called attention to the exhibits on the table, viz., a curious burlesque certificate for the "Cork" Degree, presented by Bro. James Smith of Dumfries, and a silver collar jewel of S.W., belonging to the now extinct Lodge of Ballygawley, No. 679, and curiously engraved with symbols beyond the Craft Degrees, exhibited by Bro. Rev. Moutray of that town. Bro. Casar Kufer-schmidt, A.G.S.G.C., was then installed into the chair by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., and appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. E. Macbean, I.P.M.; C. Purdon Clarke, S.W.; Sydney T. Klein, J.W.; Sir Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., S.D.; E. Conder, jun., J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland, Asst. D.C.; J. Lane, P.A.G.D.C., I.G.; G. Greiner, Stwd.; and W. J. Freeman, Tyler. The W.M. then delivered an eloquent address on his installation, and followed this up by reading a paper on "A Glimpse at early German Freemasonry," describing in a most interesting manner the lodge work, banquets, rules, and regulations, clothing, ritual, &c., of Masonry in Germany shortly after its first introduction. Comments were made on the paper by Bros. Gould, Rylands, Klein, Macbean, and Speth, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the lecturer. An illuminated certificate and vote of thanks to the retiring W.M. was then presented to him, together with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, and Bro. Macbean suitably replied.

The brethren dined as usual at the Holborn Restaurant, whence a telegram of congratulation was addressed to the M.W.G.M. at Sandringham, whose gracious reply unfortunately arrived after the proceedings had broken up.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.

This lodge, which has attained such phenomenal success, held a regular meeting at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Monday, the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. R. Roberts, P.M., W.M., supported by Bros. W. H. Bailey, G. Treasurer, I.P.M.; E. Valeriani, P.M., S.W.; W. Thomas, P.M., J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; J. Stephens, P.M., Sec.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., S.D.; E. J. Reed, J.D.; B. Carter, I.G.; W. H. Making and J. H. Haylor, D.Cs.; M. S. Rubinstein, Org.; Major Clifford Probyn, and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. H. Mogford, W.M. 2362; A. E. Garwood, 942; C. F. Cox, W.M. 2045; E. Gibbs, P.M. 2420; R. G. Minton, S.D. 1708; T. J. Bolton, W.M. 1687; S. Groner, I.P.M. 1613; Geo. Porter, 140; H. H. White, 172; T. Bugler, W.M. 1155; N. J. Turner, W.M. 1962; P. A. Wringlaw, 91; C. Ortnor, 1920; F. Cleaves, P.P.G.D. West Yorks; and others.

The lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes several candidates were advanced in each of the Degrees, the ancient charge being delivered after the initiation ceremony. It was unanimously agreed to hold a second ball in connection with the lodge, the fixture last year proving such an unqualified success. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. Rudderforth, Stwd., in his illness, and hearty wishes expressed for his speedy recovery.

The lodge was closed and a choice banquet followed, which was served in the excellent style for which the restaurant is noted.

The usual toasts followed, including that of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. W. H. Bailey, G. Treas., in reply, expressed his pride at being called upon to respond, for during his Mastership of the Fellowship Lodge he had the honour to be unanimously elected Grand Treasurer. He agreed with the W.M. that the Grand Officers deserved the highest commendation, for their hearts were in their work, and the result was to be seen in the position Masonry occupied. It should at all times be a matter of quality and not quantity, for they were desirous of welcoming none but those who would be an honour to the Craft, and he trusted that would always be their motto. He then proposed a toast specially dear to this lodge—"The Worshipful Master." They had witnessed with gratification the excellent working of Bro. Roberts, W.M., who undertook a very heavy task, but had performed it to the satisfaction of the members. He trusted the W.M. would continue his successful year and be supported by the lodge, which was steadily growing, not only in the number of members, but in its charitable expenditure. It was the W.M.'s wish to represent the lodge for the Benevolent Institution, so wisely and gracefully ruled by Bro. Terry, and he (Bro. Bailey) would guarantee that 25 guineas should be voted from the lodge funds. There were few lodges that had done so much as that lodge for the Charitable Institutions. They did not boast of it, but looked back with pleasure on the fact that they could show a record which proved they were anxious to carry on the work of the Charities. They all wished the W.M. success, health, and happiness whilst he continued to rule over that flourishing lodge.

Bro. J. R. Roberts, P.M., W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his flattering remarks, and the brethren for the very gracious manner in which it was received. He found that after he had rendered two ceremonies that evening he began to flag, and the Three Degrees were, in fact, a little too much, so that he should probably ask a Past Master next time to perform one of the ceremonies. He felt it his bounden duty to give the charge after the initiation, as he thought every Master should do. If he had given them satisfaction it was all he had endeavoured to do, and should continue to do so as long as he was their W.M. He had a difficult and up-hill task to satisfy a large lodge like that, and following a distinguished brother like the Grand Treasurer was no easy matter. His heart was in the work, and he would do all he could for the best interests of the lodge.

"The Initiate" was next honoured, and suitably responded to.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., responded for "The Masonic Charities," and the brethren spontaneously subscribed a sum of £173 towards the W.M.'s list for the Benevolent Institution. This amount included sums of 10 guineas from the W.M. and Bros. Bailey, Welford, Terry, and J. Stephens.

Other toasts, including "The Visitors," were given before the Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

Bro. Rubinstein, Org., presided with his usual ability over the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Bros. Batho, Miles, and C. Ortnor.

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Masonic Notes.

We have been requested to state that the petitions of candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls whose names it is desired to have entered on the list in time for them to be entitled to compete at the Election in April, 1897, must reach the offices of the Institution, 5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., not later than Thursday, the 10th December.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland, which will take place, as previously announced, at Alnwick on Tuesday next, the 24th instant, will be held under the auspices of the Alnwick Lodge, No. 1167, which has been charged with the duty of making the necessary arrangements for the reception of the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M.

White Ridley, Bart., M.P., his officers, and the brethren. The Assembly Rooms has been selected as the place of meeting, and the Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened at 2.30 p.m. There is a tolerably full programme of business to be transacted, while dinner will be served at the Corn Exchange at 5.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex will be held, in accordance with our previous announcement, at the Town Hall, Hastings, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 3.45 p.m. precisely. It is expected that H.R.H. the Prov. Grand Master will preside on the occasion, while dinner will take place at the Queen's Hotel at 5 p.m. The Provincial Boards of Finance and General Purposes will meet at the Town Hall at 2 p.m. to allow of their giving the final touches to their respective reports. There is nothing out of the ordinary course of business entered on the Agenda, unless, indeed, it be the appointment of three brethren to the brevet rank of Past Prov. G. Officers.

A convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire will be held in the Masonic Hall, Long Causeway, Dewsbury, at 3.30 p.m. to-day (Friday), the Chapter of the Three Grand Principles, No. 208, being in charge of the necessary arrangements, both for the Prov. Grand Chapter and for the tea which will be served at 5 p.m. in the banquet room of the Town Hall. In the course of the proceedings, the Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. W. L. Jackson, M.P., will deliver an address.

New Brighton, in the Province of Cheshire, will be the scene of a highly interesting function on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., when Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. of Cheshire, assisted by Bros. Col. Dean, Prov. S.G.W.; Henry Jackson, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, Prov. G. Chaplain; R. Newhouse, D.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Secretary; and other officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, will consecrate the New Brighton Lodge, No. 2619. The proceedings will take place at 2.30 p.m., at the Victoria Hotel, where the lodge has established its quarters, and will be followed by the customary banquet at 5 p.m. The founders are 18 in number, and the principal officers designate Bros. Col. Dean, W.M.; Joseph Quilliam Roby, S.W.; and Simon Jude, J.W.

It is to be regretted the weather was unfavourable for outdoor displays on Saturday, the 7th inst., which was the day appointed for laying the foundation-stone of the new barracks about to be erected at Darwen for the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment, with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire. It is also to be regretted that that Right Worshipful brother was prevented by in disposition from fulfilling his engagement. His place, however, was ably filled by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Robinson, commanding the battalion, who impressively discharged the duty which would have devolved upon Bro. Col. Starkie. There was a very full attendance of the officers and members of the Lodge of Harmony and Industry under Bro. J. Wardley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, the Deputy Master, and numerous visiting brethren, while the military and municipal elements were even more numerous represented, the land on which the barracks are to be erected being the gift of the Corporation of Darwen.

Considering also the state of the weather, and that overcoats and umbrellas were the order of the day, there was a large gathering of spectators at the site where the stone was laid and along the line of route followed by the procession. However, the ceremony was got through expeditiously, and when the function was over, the Darwen Lodge, with its numerous visitors, and a goodly muster of fair ladies, devoted the evening to music and dancing, which were continued with animation till 11 p.m. We regret that owing to the very heavy demands upon our space, we are under the necessity of deferring the publication of our report of the gathering till next week.

A new Rose Croix Chapter, bearing the title of "The Earl of Lathom," after the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.P. Sovereign G. Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and ranking as No. 137 on the roll, was consecrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 13th instant, by M. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, Past M.P.S.G.C., Lieutenant Grand Commander, who was assisted by Bros. Frank Richardson, 33°; R. Loveland Loveland, 33°; J. H. Matthews,

33°; and other members of the Council. Bro. Major G. H. N. Bridges, V.D., M.W.S. designate, was afterwards installed in office by Bro. Frank Richardson, 33°, and appointed his officers for the ensuing year. Both ceremonies went admirably, and we regret we are under the necessity of postponing our report till next week.

It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire has followed in the wake of those of Kent, Shropshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and so many other Provinces by passing a resolution to the effect that the action of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with reference to the removal of the School to a more desirable locality "commends itself to this Provincial Grand Lodge as worthy of the hearty and liberal support of all Subscribers to the Institution and of the Craft generally."

A somewhat similar resolution was passed at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, held under the presidency of the Right. Hon. the Earl of Jersey, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, our report of which we are under the necessity of holding over. At this gathering the Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys was present, and was invited to give the brethren the benefit of his information on the subject. When he had done so, the Prov. Grand Secretary moved, and Bro. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, Past G. Chaplain, seconded, a resolution to the effect that "This Provincial Grand Lodge cordially approves of the step that has been taken to remove the Boys' School to a healthier locality, where increased advantages to the Boys may be given, and expresses its confidence that the Board of Management of the Institution will carry out the scheme to the best interests of the Craft." Before putting the resolution to the meeting, which adopted it unanimously, Lord Jersey said Prov. Grand Lodge was greatly indebted to Bro. McLeod for his clear and full statement of the case, and expressed his entire approval of the proposal.

Our readers will learn, with the sincerest regret, that Bro. Joseph Todd, who for so many years has been one of the brightest ornaments of the Craft in the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and who last year was honoured with the appointment of Grand Standard Bearer of Grand Lodge, has just died suddenly. An account of his Masonic career will appear next week.

We are very pleased to hear that a scheme for erecting a testimonial cottage on the Masonic grounds, Punt-road, Melbourne, as a compliment to Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart, Past G. Master and Pro G. Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, has made good progress, and that though on the 1st October only a portion of the lodges had dealt with the matter, the sum of £331 had been subscribed. The list was to close on the 31st ult., so that there was ample time for the other lodges to join in the testimonial. The first stone of the cottage was to be laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Lord Brassey, M.W.G.M., on Saturday, the 24th ult. We learn also from the proceedings of Grand Lodge, on the 1st September, that a motion was carried by acclamation, to the effect that an address of thanks be passed to Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., for his services as M.W. Grand Master of Victoria during a period of seven years, and that the said address be prepared and engrossed under the direction of the Board of General Purposes and formally presented to Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was a lengthy one, and contained several recommendations, as to sundry of which considerable discussion arose, while one or two of them were struck out. The recommendation that the salary of the Grand Secretary should be increased from £400 to £450 was adopted almost unanimously, there being a numerous section of the brethren present who were in favour of the increased salary being fixed at £500 per annum. From several of the clauses in the report, it is evident that very great care is being taken to ensure strict obedience to the Book of Constitutions, and also that only worthy persons are accepted as candidates for admission into our Order. Two cases of this latter description was cited in Clauses 13 and 14.

In the former a Past Master of a suburban lodge charged the W.M. of another suburban lodge with un-Masonic conduct in balloting for and accepting a candidate of whom "the tongue of good report had not been heard." The matter was investigated, when it was shown that the W.M. was free from all blame, "having taken more than usual care in making the necessary inquiries as to the fitness of the candidate." At the same time, it was shown that the Past Master, from the evidence he adduced, was actuated solely by a desire to maintain the purity of the Craft. In the end, the Board instructed the W.M. not to initiate the candidate respecting whom the charge was made.

The other case was that of a candidate admitted into Lodge No. 1, in July, 1895, as to whom the Board was instructed to make inquiries and report to Grand Lodge as to whether such admission was in accordance with the requirements of the Book of Constitutions. The necessary inquiries were made, and after a lengthened examination, the Board report that the initiation was not in accord with the said Book, firstly, because the cause of emergency had not been stated to the lodge, and, secondly, because it had not been recorded in the minutes of the lodge. We are glad to find that this young Colonial Grand Lodge is jealous for the honour of the Craft and resolved on upholding it in matters apparently so small and yet of such great importance.

Correspondence.

REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read the leading article in your issue of the 14th inst., in which you comment on my previous letters to you as to the removal of the Boys' School.

You say "are we to infer that the Committee . . . must never adopt any proposal . . . unless or until it commands the unanimous approval of the Subscribers in the Provinces." Certainly not. If you will refer to my letter of the 29th June you will see the following: "Let me urge the Council to adopt the suggestion of ascertaining the views of all Governors and Subscribers by means of voting papers. If a substantial majority support the views of the Council they may fairly appeal to, and will doubtless obtain, the support of the Craft in general."

The late proposal was one of the most exceptional character, and should have been treated as such. You would put it on the same level as engaging a junior master or buying a set of chamber ware.

I will not dispute with you whether the question is of more importance to those who have to send children long distances to London, or to the brethren in the Home District, who, you say, find the larger portion of the money. It may be a matter of opinion. But whatever it may be to the latter, it certainly is of grave importance to those poor parents who have to pay the cost of sending their sons long journeys to receive an education which they can obtain equally well in the neighbourhood of their own homes.

You say "we have taken upon ourselves to assume that there is a decided preponderance of opinion in favour of this particular proposal." This, of course, begs the whole question. Where no real opportunity has been afforded of expressing opinion, such "assumption"—on either side—must be of little value.

You name various provinces as having "expressed themselves more or less favourably," and that in the case of others "there are grounds for believing" that they are prepared to support the proposal. I cannot contest the latter proposition—it is altogether too airy and unsubstantial. But as to those who have "expressed themselves," I observe from your reports that the expression has always taken the form of a "vote of confidence" in the Committee—rarely, if ever, is there any direct expression of approval of the thing proposed to be done.

Now, Sir, is not this the usual course taken by a more or less discredited Ministry in the House of Commons. Something is proposed which is known will meet with strong opposition and probably be defeated by those from whom they usually obtain support. A "vote of confidence" is proposed, and the matter is conveniently shelved.

You say I am "inconsistent" with respect to the General and Local Charities. That I must put up with! No doubt the views you set out as mine are inconsistent. My reply is that they are not my views.

I thank our Bro. Secretary for his analysis of the attendance, and observe that each of 16 provinces were represented by one Subscriber only—in some of such cases such Subscriber being a member of the Committee of Management. Herefordshire, Huntingdonshire, and Norfolk were not represented. I also observe that Kent and Surrey are "Southern," and not "Home, Provinces." Technically, perhaps right!

What an overwhelming expression of opinion, and how the "un-Masonic" opponents of the scheme ought to collapse!

I thank you for your courteous expressions towards myself, and will take care to recollect in future that, when used in the *Freemason*, "un-Masonic" (applied to those who take a contrary view to those you advocate) is a term of extreme courtesy—even of affection.—Yours fraternally,

D.P.G.M. AND P.G.O.

Bristol, November 18th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have gathered from your paper that the resolution passed at the Quarterly Court confirming the removal of the Boys' Institution from Wood Green is being opposed by some of our brethren in the Northern Provinces, and it has occurred to me to consider what such opposition is worth as a matter of £ s. d., it being pretty well known that the brethren to whom I have referred are generally anxious to get at least 12 pence for every shilling.

I have only had time to look back 12 years, which I think affords sufficient basis for my calculations.

During that period the contributions given by East Lancashire, divided by the number of boys that Province has had in the Institution, gives an average of £22 5s. 9d. per boy per annum, whilst the same average from North and East Yorkshire is £28 4s. 3d. per boy per annum.

Now, as each boy costs the Institution on an average about £44 per annum, it seems to me that our brethren of those Provinces have had an ample *quid pro quo*, and I venture to ask whether their opposition is entitled to much weight as against what otherwise appears to be the unanimous wish of the Craft.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

A P.G. SECRETARY WHO KNOWS.

Reviews.

1. "BESIDE THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH;" 2. "THE DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE;" 3. "KATE CARNEGIE AND THOSE MINISTERS." (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 7, Paternoster-row; 6s. each.)—It would be unwise to attempt a review, or even a brief notice of this very remarkable trio, by considering the merits and chief points of interest of each separately now that we have read the three volumes, as they should be perused and described as complementary one of the other. Any one who has only read the "Bonnie Brier Bush," or either of the others, necessarily loses much of the beauty and interest of the three books as *one work*, concerning the grand characters so graphically described by Dr. Watson. The "Doctor of the Old School," Marget of

"Whinnie Knowe," the trio of Ministers—the "dear old Rabbi," Dr. Davidson and Carmichael—and other magnificent moral heroes are so often alluded to in the three volumes (even some after they have died and been buried), and so appear and re-appear in such unorthodox fashion and at such unexpected times, that a special feature of "Ian Maclaren's" method of treatment as a novelist cannot fully be appreciated save by reading the series. The "Bonnie Brier Bush," the first in the field, is now in its 80th thousand, "Auld Lang Syne" has reached 60,000 copies, and "Kate Carnegie" will soon be a friendly rival of her two immediate predecessors. Though each volume is complete in itself so to speak, it is understood all the better by being studied with its near relatives. The books are like nothing else in the English-Scottish-language, and the chief inhabitants of Drumtochty have been so vividly portrayed by Dr. Watson that they seem to be enrolled with our dearest friends and cherished ideals. "Domsie," Drumsheugh, Hillocks, Jamie Soutar, "Posty," Burnbrae, and other worthies are now remembered as actual dwellers along the banks of the bonnie river Tochtly rather than as creations of the novelist. The hundreds of thousands of *Ian Maclaren's* readers are anxious to hear more about these men and women who were veritable saints on earth, and would turn even a lonesome village into a real Paradise by reason of their intense love for the beautiful, their determination to bear adversity and be superior to fear, their delight to do good by stealth, and their desire to live as becometh the "Images of God." "Kate Carnegie" in some respects is more English in some of its characteristics than the other two, though essentially Scottish at heart. General Carnegie and his daughter are truly noble conceptions, and the final chapter which introduces us to the two lovers—Kate and Carmichael—provide a natural and happy finish to this series of realistic novels, to read and study which cannot fail to benefit, and lift us many steps higher in the attempt to be more worthy of our benefits and privileges.

Craft Masonry.

Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 6th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. Carl E. Bennewitz, W.M.; Otto Heinemann, W.M. elect; I. B. Ehrmann, S.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; F. Walker, E. N. Glaeser, F. M. Prince, E. Delacoste, P.M., D.C.; H. F. C. Sander, H. T. Pitt, P.M.; W. Bellerby, P.M.; J. H. Jarvis, P.M.; J. Percy Leith, P.G.D.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; C. Antonelli, 1659; R. Batchelor, 2579; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.G.W. Middx.; A. J. Lewis, W.M. 140; C. B. Tipton, J.D. 2550; G. Robinson, 1348; C. Muddle, 1563; W. Elphinstone, 506; H. C. T. Hunt, J.D. 134; L. Lipscomb, 147; W. Parsons, 2473; T. Hammond, 569; C. Wright, P.M. 1460; G. Samuel, S.W. 1708; E. Culver, P.M. 63; H. Lewis Browne, 130; H. Bateman, P.M. 29; C. James, P.M. 15; J. Toye, 1791; W. Morgan, J. B. Levy (New York); A. Ramsay, 1867; G. Marshall, 2455; C. H. Bull, I.P.M. 1791; J. M. Crosley, S.W. 2095; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bro. Bargate was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. O. Heinemann, W.M. elect, was presented for installation, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Bennewitz, the retiring Master. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Carl F. Bennewitz, I.P.M.; I. B. Ehrmann, S.W.; F. Walker, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; E. N. Glaeser, S.D.; F. M. Prince, J.D.; A. Y. Wilson, I.G.; E. Delacoste, P.M., D.C.; H. F. C. Sander, Steward; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Bennewitz, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year, and was duly acknowledged. Propositions were received, and the lodge was closed.

After a well-served banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the customary toasts were given.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, G.S.B., replied for "The Grand Officers," and referred to the services rendered to the Craft by the Earl of Lathom and Earl Amherst. The G. Officers were all selected for their exertions in the Order, and although he had been so rewarded, he went on still the same. He had passed through 15 chairs in Freemasonry, and had done a little in his humble way for that branch of Freemasonry represented by Bro. Hedges. That branch appealed to the outside world, although they must not let the world think Masonry was a sort of benefit Institution. The Charity was for the relief of those who, through misfortune, had fallen upon evil days, and the brethren would be amply rewarded by giving to those Charities. The Grand Lodge of England was the mother lodge of the world, and was respected by all others, and altogether her position was unique.

Bro. C. F. Bennewitz, I.P.M., said it was with great pleasure he found it had fallen to his lot to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Heinemann was known to many members before he entered Freemasonry, and since his initiation he had passed through different offices, and proved his ability, and had done his best to perform his duties. The W.M. had reached the chair 12 months earlier than he expected, as the S.W. had stood aside, and he hoped the members would support him as they had supported their Master for the past year. Their lodge had been a little sleepy, but was now waking up, and if they continued to progress would be one to look up to.

Bro. Otto Heinemann, W.M., briefly replied, expressing his pride at being their W.M., and thanking the brethren for their cordial reception. As the members had shown their confidence in him by electing him, so he could rely upon his officers to support him in the hour of need.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," and said he could testify to the manner in which the I.P.M. had performed his labour of love.

Bro. C. F. Bennewitz, I.P.M., in response, said he desired to thank the brethren for the kindness shown him in presenting him with the handsome Past Master's jewel. He did not know whether he quite deserved it, but was told it was the usual custom. He felt very proud of having gone through a year of successful work, which had been completed by the help and kindness received from the officers and members. They had supported him in every way, and the result had been a most successful year. It was with regret that he left the chair, for he felt quite at home in it. He hoped for some time to work with them in the lodge, and the jewel presented to him would be a souvenir to remind him of their kindness. If they progressed as they had done for the last few years theirs would be one of the most successful lodges in London.

"The Visitors" was given in cordial terms by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bros. Bateman, James, and Dennis.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was next proposed, for which Bro. Bennewitz, I.P.M., returned thanks.

Bro. J. H. Jarvis, P.M., on behalf of the Past Masters, expressed his gratification at the progress and prosperity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities" and kindly consented to serve as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G., said he deemed it a great privilege to have the honour of thanking them on behalf of the Masonic Charities. Those Institutions were never doing greater work than at the present time, or more efficiently. The Benevolent Institution, with 440 annuitants, was expending no less a sum than £16,000 a year, and greatly needed all the help possible. The Boys' School was contemplating a very large undertaking in the way of removing from its present unsatisfactory situation to one more satisfactory for an Institution such as the boys of Masonry should have. He had been associated with the Girls' School for a quarter of a century, and now there were 269 daughters of Freemasons being educated and clothed—girls who were either fatherless, or whose fathers had fallen into misfortune. The education was being carried out in a thoroughly sound manner, and the results of the various public examinations would compare with any institution in the country.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was replied to by Bros. J. B. Stevens, P.M., the genial Treasurer, and H. P. Hay, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary, who assured the W.M. of their cordial support during the coming year.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful gathering. Bro. Chas. Butler arranged a splendid programme of music, which included items by Miss Blanche Powell, Miss Kate Hemming, Bros. Sam. Masters, Robert Grice, R. bins, and Millicent Prince.

Bro. Sanders kindly supplied a large number of orchid blooms.

Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. The lodge, which is composed of officers of the Corporation of the City of London, was consecrated in 1879, and the brother installed on Wednesday is the 19th member who has attained to the dignity of the Master's chair. His predecessor was Bro. Capt. Vickers Dunfee, C.C., who during the past year has maintained the high character of the lodge to the entire satisfaction, and with the greatest approbation, of the brethren of the lodge, and to him was presented, on his vacating the chair, a Past Master's jewel to mark their sense of his services. He opened the lodge on Wednesday, but, after the minutes were read and confirmed, gave way to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., for the purposes of the ceremony of installation. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the list included the names of Bros. Major Henry Wright, P.M.; Henry Clarke, C.C., L.C.C., P.M., Treas.; F. Garnet-Man, P.M., P.D.S.G.W. Burmah; J. Perkins, C.C., F.R.G.S., P.M.; Henry Squire, C.C., P.M.; Arnold Moss, W.M. 231; E. F. Fitch, C.C., P.M.; Col. E. T. Rodney Wilde; the Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., Chap.; Arthur Stirling, Fredk. Hobbs, Baron W. E. De Bush, T. Lean Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg.; Alderman Frank Green, P.M., P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long; Col. Dundas; F. Laurance, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Turner, P.M.; H. Percy Monckton; Alex. Ritchie, C.C.; W. Westcott, P. R. Saillard, J. W. Carlyon Hughes, W. T. Rabbits, E. W. Stillwell, Prov. S.G.W. Sussex; James Easterbrook, P.M.; G. R. Crickmay, P.P.S.G.W. Dorset; W. T. Roberts, C. T. Rayner, S. P. Potter, A. Tite, Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S.; Tom Oakley; C. B. Lockwood; G. A. Pickering, P.M., P.G.S.; A. W. Peckham, P.M., P.G.S.; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. W. Read, C.C.; S. F. Fitch, H. J. Waring, F. A. Jewson, M. R. Webb, J. P., and A. W. Bush.

Bro. Sir John Monckton having opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, Bro. Major Henry Wright, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. William Bruce Clarke, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., W.M. elect, for installation, and Bro. Sir John Monckton formally obligated and installed him. Bro. Capt. Vickers Dunfee, C.C., was invested as I.P.M., and the other brethren who received the collars of office were Bros. J. W. C. Hughes, S.W.; Baron W. Ernest De Bush, J.W.; the Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., Chap.; H. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; E. Clarke, S.D.; W. T. Roberts, J.D.; Major H. Wright, P.M., D.C.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; H. P. Monckton, I.G.; F. J. Horniman, M.P., F.G.G.S., F. Hobbs, H. C. Morris, C.C., and Rabbits, Stewards; and Thomas Lovell, P.M., Tyler. A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bro. Sir John Monckton for his services as Installing Master, to which vote he replied, observing, at the same time, that that was the 140th time he had performed the ceremony of installation. The Treasurer then announced that Bro. Alban Gibbs, P.M., would stand as Steward for the lodge at the 1897 Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would preside.

This announcement concluded the business of the evening, and after the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. T. Lean Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg., responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. Garnet-Man, who said that Bro. Sir J. Monckton, who had performed the installation ceremony that day for the 140th time, installed him many years ago.

Bro. Capt. Vickers Dunfee, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said that night was the first time he (Bro. Dunfee) had the honour of occupying the distinguished seat of I.P.M. of his mother lodge—a lodge which he venerated and respected. He had passed through the chair of that lodge with, he trusted, no discredit to the office. He had been worthily supported by the officers who served under him, and he had great pleasure in seeing in the chair of K.S. of that lodge a brother who was worthy of that office in every way, and would adorn it as he so highly adorned the profession to which he belonged. Bro. Bruce Clarke was an M.A., an M.B., and an F.R.C.S. That was sufficient to tell the brethren the sort of man they had in the chair—a brother worthy of the Alliance Lodge. But it was an honour of no mean order to be W.M. of that lodge. The two speeches Bro. Bruce Clarke had made in proposing "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M." were such that the brethren would admire, and the visitors who had honoured the lodge with their company would say that they were in no way sorry they had come to the Alliance Lodge. In proposing the toast he wished to thank the W.M. for the way he supported him during his year of office.

Bro. W. Bruce Clarke, W.M., in replying to the toast, said he must return his very heartiest thanks for the kind way in which Captain Dunfee had spoken of him, and also to the brethren for electing him to the chair. Capt. Dunfee had said of him a great deal more than he deserved; at least, he thought so; but the brethren, at any rate, by their loyal support of the I.P.M.'s remarks signified that the sentiments were true. The I.P.M. had spoken of him as an orator. He was afraid he found it exceedingly difficult to live up to any character of that sort. He could only assure the brethren that during his year it would be his endeavour to do the best he could for the lodge, and he knew that every member would give him the heartiest support. But there was one thing he should then like to do before he sat down. It gave him the greatest pleasure to present to Bro. Captain Vickers Dunfee, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel which the brethren had unanimously voted him, and while pinning it on his breast he would ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Vickers Dunfee."

Bro. Capt. Vickers Dunfee, I.P.M., after the toast had been most cordially drunk, said when he was speaking just then he had no idea of the surprise he should have, and that he would have the pleasure of speaking again to the brethren; but the W.M. had pinned on his breast a jewel. The brethren could easily understand the emotion he felt when the W.M. performed that graceful act. He (Bro. Dunfee) felt the honour the lodge had conferred upon him by presenting him with that jewel; it was one of the greatest honours he had ever received. The jewel was an emblem that he had passed the chair of the Alliance Lodge, a lodge which was known not only in London, but in a very large part of the United Kingdom—and Burmah. (Laughter.) He thanked the lodge most sincerely for that recognition of the feeble services he had rendered, and it would be his lasting wish to remain a member of that lodge, and to see it prosper with the young blood that was constantly coming into it. He trusted that long after his time the lodge would continue to prosper and flourish as it had done for its first 17 years.

Bros. Stirling and Lockwood responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Wright, P.M., D.C., replied for "The Past Masters," and said that two brethren who were senior to him, Bros. Alderman Frank Green and Col. Davies Sewell, both founders of the lodge, were more entitled to respond to the toast than he. He could not understand why the W.M. selected him, except that he had the honour and privilege of introducing Bro. Bruce Clarke into Freemasonry. Having introduced him, he felt that the brethren could not say that he had done nothing for the Alliance Lodge. (Hear, hear.) He ventured to think that the members and guests of the lodge would say that in bringing such a man into the lodge he had done something he might be proud of. He could assure the W.M. that as the P.M.s. had done in times past they would continue to give the W.M. their heartiest support during his year of office.

Bros. Carlyon Hughes, S.W.; Henry Clarke, P.M., Treas.; and Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., Sec., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323.

The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bushey, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Bro. Robert J. Banning, M.D., P.P.G.W. Durham, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. A. R. Bilby, S.W.; C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; J. Beresford Ryley, S.D.; C. Wells, M.D., J.D.; Charles Winterbon, Org.; E. C. Fisk, Stwd.; A. Whitford Henderson, A. W. Edwards, W. H. Elphinstone Stone, G. D. Coleman, A. G. Stollery, C. B. Lumley, J. Otway, E. L. Heseltine, H. G. Boulton, Johnstone, H. W. Coyne, and S. Ellis, P.M. 1981, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.P. B. of G.P. (Hon. Member); James Terry, P.G. S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; P. P. D. Chapman, 188; G. J. Beverley, 2395; G. S. Crewe, W.M. elect 319; Albert Usher, 211; W. P. Warren, P.M. 2372, Prov. J.G.W.; F. Litchfield, 2158; S. F. Chivers, 65; F. R. Webster, P.M., Treas. 1479; M. F. Roberts, P.M. 2087; E. R. Bartley Dennis, W.M. 2489, 2548; E. J. Wickenden, W.M. 1599; J. H. Dimsdale, 1; J. Russell, P.M.; F. M. Bilby, P.M. 1327; S. Renaut, P.M. 1623; G. J. Newbury, D.C. 1728; J. Lincoln Hearn; M. F. Roberts, P.M. 2087; Doig, W.M. elect 2391; J. H. Mills, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. C. E.

Keyser, P.M., P.G.D., assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.P. B. of G.P., proceeded to install Bro. A. R. Bilby, S.W., W.M. elect, and we may say we never had a greater treat, Bros. Keyser and Fenn being elocutionists of great ability, and consequently the ceremony was rendered with dignity and most impressively. The newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the different Degrees, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. J. Banning, M.D., I.P.M.; J. Beresford Ryley, M.D., P.M., S.W.; C. Wells, M.D., J.W.; C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; A. W. Anderson, Sec.; C. E. Birch, P.M., D.C.; C. B. Lumley, S.D.; E. C. Fisk, J.D.; C. Winterbon, Org.; C. D. Coleman, I.G.; Vincent O. C. Dawson and John Larkin, P.M., Stwds.; and S. Ellis, P.M., Tyler. The installation being ended, the rest of the duties were conducted by the W.M. Letters stating their inability to attend were received from Bro. Thos. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master; the Prov. G. Sec.; the Prov. S.G.W.; and others.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a *recherché* banquet was served, at which the W.M. very ably presided.

During the dinner a programme of select music, under the direction of Mr. F. R. B., Bandmaster of the 17th Middlesex Rifles, was beautifully played.

At the close of the repast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in becoming terms, each of which was received with true Masonic "fire."

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., who remarked that that toast needed no words from him. They all knew that the Grand Officers had Freemasonry at heart, and were always willing to give their time and energy for the benefit of the Craft.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., in reply, said in the Grand Officers they had grand specimens of good men. To be associated with such men was a great honour and privilege, he had therefore the greatest possible pleasure in responding.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, T. F. Halsey, Esq., M.P." He said they had had the honour of the Prov. Grand Master's presence amongst them many times, and he fully intended to be with them that evening, but unforeseen circumstances prevented him.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was next proposed by the I.P.M., and was received with great cheering. He said he felt certain that the health of the W.M. would be received with enthusiasm. Bro. Bilby was proposed for initiation seven years since, and had filled all offices leading to the chair. He was a jolly good fellow, and he had, therefore, the greatest possible pleasure in proposing the toast.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said when he was proposed for initiation at the consecration of the lodge some seven years ago, he did not care to join unless pushed. He felt that evening in looking around him and seeing so many influential and distinguished brethren present, that it was the proudest moment of his life when he was hauled up before the Skipper at his initiation, and he added that the masterly way in which Bro. Fenn gave the addresses would never be effaced from his memory.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master."

Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.G.D., in reply, thanked them all for the manner in which the toast had been received. Bro. Banning first saw the light in the North of England. He did not feel competent to work the installation ceremony that evening owing to the Emulation working not being carried out in his province. He asked him, therefore, as the father of the lodge, to act as the Installing Officer. He always looked on Bro. Bilby as a good man and Mason, he initiated him, and he had, therefore, the greatest pleasure in seeing him in the chair that evening.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M."

Bro. Banning, in reply, said why he asked Bro. Keyser to be the Installing Master was, that in the Province of Durham the working was older than the Emulation working, they still stuck to the older working. During his year of office he had the benefit of good officers, and he thanked the brethren of Bushey Hall Lodge for the jewel voted to him, and when looking on it, it would ever remind him of his year of office as W.M.

Bro. T. Fenn then proposed the next toast—"The Masonic Charities." They had with them that evening two splendid representatives, viz., Bros. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., and McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., and, amidst roars of laughter, questioned whether Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like Bro. Terry. As regards the Boys' School, he said it was to be removed from Wood Green, and ground had been taken near where they were now assembled, and he hoped the brethren would be more inclined than ever to help. As regards the Girls' School, he said when he visited the School the other day it was a pleasure to see them so happy and comfortable. As regards the Old People, they had seen them in past days, and now, owing to unforeseen circumstances, they had found through the benefits of the Institution an haven of rest.

In reply to the toast, Bro. Terry thanked Bro. Fenn for his humour at his expense. (Laughter.) He felt it an honour and privilege to be their guest that evening. Near that spot would soon be erected the new School for Boys. He represented the older boys, whose time on earth would soon be over, when they would glide away from that earth to the Grand Lodge above. He heartily thanked the brethren for the way in which that toast had been received.

Other toasts followed.

An excellent entertainment was carried out under the direction of Bro. Charles Winterbon, late Exam. R.C.M., assisted by Miss Alice Simon, Miss Greta Williams, Mr. Herbert Grover, and Bros. J. L. Henson and Will Edwards. Thus ended one of the best Masonic meetings we have ever had the honour of attending.

Royal Arch.

Unity Chapter, No. 1151.

The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, when there were present Comps. J. G. Shanks, M.E.Z.; J. T. Baker, P.Z., H.; J. Mitchell, J.; W. Tonkin, P.Z.; J. Polkinghorne, P.Z.; N. C. S. Couch, P.Z., Scribe E.; J. Doney, P.Z. 970; S. Jew, P.Z. 1205; W. J. Samble, P.S.; J. Jewell, W. Symons, C. L. Toyne, J. Wellington, J. Elliott, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. F. J. Denison, P.M. 977, which having proved unanimous, he was most impressively exalted to the Degree of R.A. by the M.E.Z., Comp. Shanks, who also delivered the mystic lecture in a faultless manner, the historic and symbolic lectures being ably rehearsed by Comps. Tonkin and Doney. The M.E.Z. having been re-elected to hold his office for a second term, there only remained the installation of Comp. Mitchell as H., and of Comp. W. J. Samble as J., to be done; these ceremonies were then performed by Comp. Shanks with his usual ability, and in a very feeling manner. The other officers for the ensuing year were inducted as follows: Comps. Couch, Scribe E.; Baker, Scribe N.; Perry, Treas.; Jewell, P.S.; Symons, 1st A.S.; Denison, 2nd A.S.; and Elliott, Janitor. The Treasurer's balance sheet showed the finances to be in a healthy condition, and the M.E.Z. having announced his intention of serving as Steward for the Benevolent Fund in February next, the sum of 10 guineas was voted by the chapter to be placed on his list.

The business of the convocation being ended, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was much enjoyed by all.

After the repast, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts briefly, but with much spirit.

In proposing "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. said that Unity was always glad to welcome visitors, and pointed out that, that being the 100th meeting of the chapter, they were, therefore, all the more delighted to see Comp. S. Jew with them that evening, as he was one of the founders of Unity some 30 years ago, and the only one now left of that body. It was also a source of very great pleasure personally to him (the M.E.Z.) to have Comp. Jew beside him at the festive board, as they had for many years been companions-in-arms in H.M.'s service. He also tendered warmest thanks, on behalf of himself and the chapter, to Comp. Doney (another visitor) for the able and kind assistance he had given in the work that evening.

Comp. Jew, who (although he is an octogenarian) had travelled from Plymouth at great inconvenience in order to be present at that meeting, in responding to the toast, greatly praised the way in which the work had been done in the chapter room, and said he was delighted to be once more in the chapter, and to see his old friend so honoured as

to be elected M.E.Z. for the second time. He said *friend* intentionally, because although Comp. Major Shanks was an officer, he was ever the good friend of those below him in rank, and there was never a better officer in H.M.'s Army.

Comp. Doney also briefly responded to the toast, and said it always gave him great pleasure to assist in the very beautiful ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree.

One or two other toasts were proposed and duly acknowledged, but very briefly, as the time was limited, many companions having to depart by train. A very happy evening was, however, spent by all.

This chapter only a year ago was in a moribund condition, but within that period five new members have come in, and two or three who were about to withdraw have been induced to continue their membership, so that Unity now seems to be flourishing, with a good prospect of future success.

Mark Masonry.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Chequer Hotel, Walthamstow. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Alfred Molony, P.P.G.I. of Wks. He was supported by the following brethren—Bros. F. Hollowes, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. C. Yates, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. E. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and G. Ward Verry, P.M., P.G.S.B.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Molony then installed in the chair the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Henry H. Nuding, Prov. G. Reg. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year—Bros. W. S. Wright, S.W.; T. R. Laxon, J.W.; J. M. Murphy, M.O.; G. M. Hamilton, S.O.; W. A. Greene, J.O.; J. Pinder, P.M., Treas.; Alfred Molony, P.M., Sec.; M. A. McNerny, S.D.; J. Watson, I.D.; and F. Hollowes, P.M., I.G. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Alfred Molony, I.P.M. He expressed his gratitude to the W.M. and brethren for their handsome present, and also thanked Bro. G. Ward Verry for his kind assistance in acting as D.C. during the evening. Bro. J. C. Yates, P.M., proposed, and the W.M. seconded, that a presentation should be made to Bro. F. Hollowes on his vacating the office of Secretary, which he had held for 17 years, and as a slight recognition of the invaluable services he has rendered the lodge since its foundation. This was carried with acclamation.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren dined and spent a very pleasant evening under the kindly rule of the W.M., Bro. Nuding.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

Premier Conclave.

A meeting of this conclave was held on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Among those present were Sir Knights J. J. Pakes, M.P.S.; G. Graveley, V.E., M.P.S. elect; W. A. Scurrah, S.G., V.E. elect; L. Steele, J.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; Purrot, P.M.P.S.; and Frater Reinhardt, Sentinel. Sir Knight the Rev. C. Wright was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner then took the chair and enthroned Sir Knight G. Graveley as M.P.S., and installed Sir Knight W. A. Scurrah as V.E., the ceremonies being admirably performed. Among the officers appointed and invested were Sir Knights L. Steele, S.G.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., J.G.; G. J. Phillips, H.P.; C. B. Cooper, Prefect; and Frater Reinhardt, Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Sir Knight J. J. Pakes. A vote of sympathy was passed to Sir Knight Robinson, P.M.P.S., who has been very unwell, and the Recorder was directed to forward same to him. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Sir Knights the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.; G. J. Phillips, H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S.; T. G. Robinson, P.M.P.S.; C. Keyser, J.P., P.M.P.S., P.G.G.; and others.

The conclave was then closed. A banquet followed.

The M.P.S. gave a few toasts, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS POORE, P.M., P.Z.

It is with very great regret that we announce the death, on Sunday, the 15th instant, of Bro. Thomas Poore, who was well known throughout the Craft as one of the ablest of our Preceptors. Bro. Poore, who had attained the ripe age of 81 years, was initiated in the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, in 1868, and, having been installed in the chair of W.M., was subsequently appointed to the important post of Secretary, which he continued to hold, to the gratification of the members as well as to the benefit of the lodge, until the day of his death. He was also a founder and Secretary from its constitution, in 1877, until 1892, of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, and Secretary of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, Hampton Court. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Panmure Chapter, of which he was a P.Z. and for many years Scribe E., and was Scribe of the Hanover Chapter. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Southwark Lodge, of which he was a P.M. and was also P.C.N. of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge attached to it, and for these and other services was appointed a Grand Officer in the Mark Grand Lodge. He had likewise won distinction in the Allied and Cryptic Degrees, but was best known and will be best remembered as the able Preceptor of the Great City and Panmure Lodges of Instruction, by the members of which he was both beloved and respected. We offer our sincere condolence to the family and numerous friends of our late venerable brother.

WORTH KNOWING.

"I've wandered much this weary mortal round, and Sage
Experience bids me this declare,"

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BRO. WILLIAM GUNSTONE, W.M. 2491.

We last week gave a report of the annual festival of the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, Sheffield; to-day we present a portrait of its fourth Worshipful Master. Bros. John Hunt, Joseph Jackman, and Chas. F. Brindley have each in succession appeared in our gallery, and it is now the turn of Bro. Gunstone. Born in the small village of Melksham, in Wiltshire, in 1834, the limited horizon of country life did not satisfy the mind of Bro. Gunstone, and, like many other enterprising English lads, he made his way to London. After a commercial training in the Metropolis, we next find him coming down to Sheffield, where, in 1860, in a very modest way he commenced on his own account. From that small beginning Bro. Gunstone has gradually built up, perhaps, one of the largest wholesale provision and produce merchant's businesses in the provinces. Though born in the south, he has all the north-country shrewdness, and he quickly saw the advantage he would gain by getting his supplies from head-quarters. He promptly went out to Chicago, and there opened a branch establishment, which was for some years managed by his son, and is still kept on by the firm. This necessitated a house in Liverpool, and "Gunstone's Buildings," a large block, comprising warehouses, offices, &c., in Vernon-street in that city, is the result. He has now four sons engaged in the provision trade. Latterly Bro. Gunstone has turned his attention to farming and the breeding of stock, in which he has also been very successful. With this view some little time ago he purchased an estate in the Peak of Derbyshire, with a residence most charmingly situated on an eminence, at the foot of which lies the romantic as well as historic village of Eyam—romantic from its beautiful situation, and historic from its tragic association with the Great Plague of 1665-66, and the heroic devotion of a Mompesson and a Stanley. Here, in the summer, Bro. Gunstone receives his friends and the "week ends" at Macclough, by which name his house is known, are something to



remember, combining as they do the pure air and picturesque scenery of the Peak Country, with the bounteous hospitality of host and hostess. Bro. Gunstone has identified himself with Eyam, is Chairman of its Parish Council, and President of its Mechanics' Institution. Towards defraying the cost of a new wing for this building, opened in the spring of the year by Mr. Victor Cavendish, M.P., Bro. Gunstone gave the handsome sum of £100, and in acknowledgment of his generosity and the warm personal interest he had taken in their concerns, the Committee presented him with a very beautiful address on vellum, most artistically illuminated in gold and colours, which now fills a prominent position on the walls of his Sheffield home. Bro. Gunstone is Chairman and Director of several public companies, and has presided over the destinies of the Sheffield Provision Association for a period of 20 years. He is also on the directorate of the Pure Ice Company. Amid his multifarious business occupations, he, however, always finds time to attend to his Masonic duties. His is a disposition upon which Freemasonry makes strong demands, and the regularity and punctuality which he has acquired in his commercial career, distinguish him equally in lodge and chapter. Initiated in Britannia Lodge, No. 139, in 1887, by Bro. John Hunt, he now holds the position of Secretary, and will, doubtless, work his way to the chair of Sheffield's oldest lodge. When the White Rose of York was projected, Bro. Gunstone's aid was solicited. He at once consented to become a founder, and was one of those by whose liberal support the lodge was able to commence its career free and unencumbered. He served the office of Deacon, and filled consecutively the Wardens' chairs, and now, to the delight of his friends, has acquired still greater honour. To a nature constituted as is that of Bro. Gunstone it would be impossible that the claims of the Masonic Charities should not strongly appeal; nor do they appeal in vain. In a comparatively brief Masonic career Bro. Gunstone has taken up four Stewardships for the Masonic Institutions. He, however, not only subscribes to the Charities, but, what is far more important, he practises true Masonic principles.

He hath a tear for pity, and a hand
Open as day for melting Charity.

His strong individuality cannot fail to leave its impress, and we have no doubt that the rule of the new W.M. of the White Rose of York Lodge will combine popularity with justice, and will tend to foster and increase all that is true and all that is good in the Institution which fills so large a portion of the lives of many of us.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart. M.P.) was present at the opening of the Church Day School Bazaar at Bristol on Saturday, and delivered a speech having reference to Voluntary Schools.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 28th, 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, NOVEMBER 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- 18, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
- 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
- 706, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
- 902, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
- 905, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1540, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1032, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
- 1744, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
- 1828, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 1910, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 2306, Columbia, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

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, Ridder'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 Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
- St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
- St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
- Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
- Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
- Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
- Zeland, "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, NOVEMBER 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 105, Honor and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1348, Ebury, Criterion.
- 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1108, Empire, Criterion.
- 1424, St. Stephen's, Green Man Assembly Rooms, Lewisham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
- 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
- 548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel.
- 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1305, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROSE CROIX.

- 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.

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 (See & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Lord Tyro, 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, at 8.
- Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, at 8.
- Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
- Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
- 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 Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, 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, NOVEMBER 25.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.
- 894, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.

- 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
- 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1818, Clapham, Criterion.
- 2332, Boro' of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.
- 2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.
- 2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall.
- 2502, Papyrus, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.

RED CROSS.

- 15, St. Andrew's, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

- 67, Studholme, Criterion.

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.
- Creation, 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., at 8.
- Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
- Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
- Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
- Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- 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, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Pannure, 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 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

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

CRAFT LODGES.

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
- 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Fulham.
- 861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
- 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal.
- 1608, Kilburn, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge.

ROSE CROIX.

- 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square.
- 122, Noel Money, Croydon.

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.
- Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
- Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
- Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.
- St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- St. John's, Court House, Harleaden, 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, NOVEMBER 27.

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

CRAFT LODGES.

- 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- 569, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
- 2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
- 2312, London Irish Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

- 1, Grand Master's, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 29, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' 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 4th Friday, at 7.
- Dagmar Chapter, "Sleece & Pikes," 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, NOVEMBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1679, Henry Mugggeridge, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2472, Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
- 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
- 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

- 2, Constantine, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
- Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
- Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
- Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
- Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
- 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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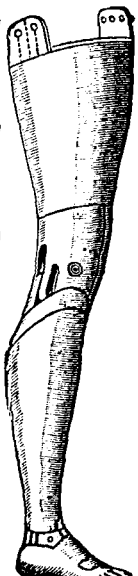
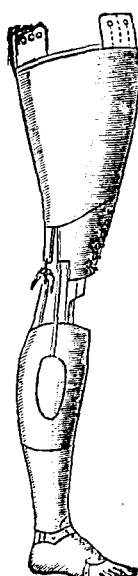
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SEVERAL OF THE MOTOR CARS in Brighton were to be seen on the front and in the principal thoroughfares on Sunday last, and many thousands of people gathered along King's-road to watch them.

MAJOR-GENERAL Sir Herbert Kitchener, Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, and Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane had the honour of being included in her Majesty's dinner party on Monday evening.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK arrived at Hertford on Monday on a visit to Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper at Panshanger Park, and it is expected that their Royal Highnesses' visit will conclude with the end of the present week.

THE EXHIBITION OF HOMING PIGEONS, held under the auspices of the London North Road Federation, was opened at the Royal Aquarium on Saturday last. There were about 270 birds exhibited and the quality was, on the whole, most excellent.

THE DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA, accompanied by Sir Charles Hall, attended a performance of "Rosemary" at the Criterion Theatre on Saturday evening last, while Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife witnessed "Love in Idleness" at Terry's Theatre.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND left town on Monday for the Viceregal Lodge at Dublin, where he will be joined to-morrow (Saturday) by the Countess of Cadogan, who in the interval has been on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE will be present at the agricultural dinner which will be given on Tuesday, the 8th proximo, during the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, under the auspices of the Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture and the Farmers' Club.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL VISCOUNT WOLSELEY will be offered the freedom of Perth, on the occasion of his visit to that city, on Tuesday, the 8th prox., for the purpose of unveiling the monument which has been erected on the North Inch to commemorate the raising of the 90th (Perthshire) Regiment.

SIR HORACE FARQUHAR, M.P., has acquired the tenancy of the Castle Rising estate lying between King's Lynn and Sandringham, and recently held by the Duke of Fife. On Monday evening Sir Horace entertained a distinguished party, including the Prince of Wales, Bro. the Duke of Fife, Lord James of Hereford, and others.

THE EARL AND COUNTESS BROWNLOW have been entertaining a party of guests at Ashridge, Great Berkhamstead, among them being the Earl of Clarendon and Lady Edith Villiers, Earl Granville, the Countess of Galloway, Lord and Lady Rayleigh, the Countess of Jersey and Lady Margaret Villiers, Lord Hyde, and Lord Alexander Thynne.

FEARS ARE ENTERTAINED lest the operations contemplated by sundry builders in the neighbourhood of Harrogate, which involve deep drainage, should interfere with the medicinal springs for which the place is famous, and strong appeals are, therefore, being urged to the local authorities to prevent any scheme being carried out that might injure these springs.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, with the Princess Victoria and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, concluded their visit to Mr. and Mrs. James at West Dean Park, near Chichester, on Saturday last. After a brief stay in town, the Princess of Wales, with Princess Victoria and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, left for Sandringham.

THE MUSICAL ART CLUB was inaugurated at a dinner held at the Hotel Cecil on Sunday evening last, under the presidency of Mr. F. H. Cowen. The Club, which has been formed by musicians for musicians, and is intended to supply the want of a social institution, already numbers some 400 members, among whom are Bros. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Sir Henry Irving, and Wilson Barrett.

THE 21ST ANNUAL DINNER of the Stanley Cycling Club was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday last. The President (Colonel Savile) occupied the chair, and there was a large number of guests in honour of the Club having attained its majority. The Stanley Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, will be opened to-day (Friday), and remain open till Saturday next, the 28th inst.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE presided at the meeting held in St. James's Hall on Saturday evening, and distributed the prizes won by the officers and men of the Middlesex Yeomanry (Duke of Cambridge's Hussars) of which his Royal Highness is Honorary Colonel. Among those present were the Duke of Teck, Colonel W. Kenyon Milford, Commanding Officer, Bro. Lord Methuen, Bro. Sir H. Grenfell, General Bateson, and others.

PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK has been the recipient of two handsome wedding presents at Appleton House, Sandringham, one being an omnibus, of local manufacture, from the burgesses of King's Lynn, of which the Mayor of that town had requested her Royal Highness's acceptance, and the other a handsome set of pair-horse harness, presented to her by Mr. M. S. Woodwork on behalf of the warrant holders of Lynn. The Princess expressed her warmest acknowledgment of the gifts.

BETWEEN the 17th February, when the County Council issued its order for all dogs to be muzzled, and the 1st October, as many as 32,136 unmuzzled dogs were seized by the police in the streets of London, and of these, 7,499 were restored to their owners with a caution not to repeat the offence. During the year, the number of cases of rabies has been 113, the highest total being in January, when 29 were recorded, and the lowest in September, when there was only one case. In the first three weeks of the last month, however, four cases came under the notice of the police.

BRO. SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS MEMORIAL.—A special matinee will be given at the Tivoli, Strand (by permission of the directors), on Monday afternoon, the 30th inst., in aid of this fund, when an exceptionally good programme will be presented to the public, all the leading artists of the profession having kindly volunteered their services. The fund, which has now reached upwards of £2000, is proposed to be devoted to a hospital (and for a ward to be named after Sir Augustus Harris), and to be exclusively kept for sufferers who have been connected with the theatrical or musical professions. It is also proposed to erect somewhere in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden a suitable memorial drinking fountain.

A FURTHER SALE OF COINS belonging to the late Bro. Hyman Montagu took place at Sotheby's towards the close of last week, good prices being the order of the day. The portion of the cabinet included the gold and silver specimens from Mary Tudor to Queen Anne, the series of Charles I. being of exceptional interest and importance. A Mary Ryall fetched £42; a London silver penny, £29 5s.; a silver pattern half-crown of Philip and Mary, £96; an Elizabeth shilling, £15 10s.; milled half-crown, £36 10s.; milled threepenny-piece, 1575, £32 10s.; milled sixpence, £32; James I. Spur Ryall (gold), £40; and a silver half-crown James I., first coinage, £35 10s. The first two days realised £1775.

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

THE DUKE OF YORK, who had been the guest of Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney at Didlington Park, returned to York Cottage on Saturday last, and there rejoined the Duchess and the young Princes.

WE ARE requested to announce that the regular meeting of the Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5, Order of the Secret Monitor, will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 5.30 p.m. punctually.

IN CELEBRATION of the election of Alderman Faudel Phillips, of Balls Park, near Hertford, the Lady Mayoress treated some 2000 children from the schools at Hertford and in the vicinity, including the Christ's Hospital Boys, on Saturday last.

THE DEATH-RATE in London last week was 19.8 per 1000, there being no deaths from small-pox, nor a single case of that disease admitted to a hospital. The average for the 33 great towns was 20.8, for Brighton 14.8, and for Croydon, which generally stands well, 21.2.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS of Saxe-Coburg Gotha visited the annual Winter Exhibition at Messrs. Tooth and Son's galleries, and the Exhibition of Early British Masters at the gallery of Messrs. Shepherd, Bros., on Tuesday, and in the evening were present at the Vaudeville Theatre and witnessed a performance of "A Night Out."

THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE ADMIRALTY arrived at Queenstown from London on Tuesday, for the purpose of making an official inspection of the naval establishments in Cork Harbour. The party consisted of the First Lord (Mr. Goschen), the Senior Lord (Admiral Gerald Noel), and the Civil Lord (Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P.).

MAJOR ELMHIRST RHODES, D.S.O., who is a brother of Bro. Cecil Rhodes, and served in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882, the Soudan Campaign of 1884-5, and the Nile Campaign of 1886, was recently selected to be second in command of the 2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, but has decided to retain his appointment as Assistant Inspector of Signalling at Aldershot.

THE DUC D'AUMALE will arrive during the first week of December at Wood Norton, his seat in Worcestershire, where, during his stay in England, he will entertain a large family party. His Royal Highness, as well as the Duc and Duchesse d'Orleans and the Comtesse de Paris, will visit the Queen at Windsor and T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting was held on the stage of the Royal Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, the object being to present Mr. Charles Wyndham with a beautifully-illuminated address of thanks for the great service he had rendered the Actors' Benevolent Fund by raising for it the sum of £2452. Bro. Sir Henry Irving presided and made the presentation, which was gracefully acknowledged by Mr. Wyndham.

THE SOCIETY OF MINIATURE PAINTERS, whose exhibition was held at the Gallery, 175, New Bond-street, last month, had the honour to submit a selection of the exhibits for the inspection of her Majesty the Queen. These were also submitted to H.R.H. the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), who has become an honorary member of the Society. The next exhibition will be held in the Spring of 1897.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, attended by Bro. Col. and the Hon. Mrs. Egerton, arrived at Henley Park, Pirbright, on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Pirbright. A distinguished party of guests have been invited to meet their Royal Highnesses, including the Marquis of Abergavenny, Prince Victor Duleep Singh, Bro. Lord Rathmore, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, General Kelly-Kenny, and others.

MR. J. C. BURNAND, SIR J. TENNIEL, and the whole staff of *Punch* at one of their weekly dinners signed on one page in the Autograph book of Bro. Major Henry Wright, P.M. Bro. the Archdeacon of London and the Dean and Canons of St. Pauls, including the Bishop of Stepney, have also done the same. The Queen Regent, King of Spain and Infantas have also signed in the book, for which purpose it was taken to Madrid by the Foreign Office authorities lately.

AT THE FIRST meeting of the Court of Aldermen under the new Mayoralty which was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, Lord Mayor Faudel-Phillips, on taking the chair, expressed his intention of keeping up every good custom and maintaining the traditions. Subsequently a unanimous vote of thanks to the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Walter Wilkin, K.C.M.G., was passed, and ordered to be fairly inscribed and forwarded by the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton), to the family of the Alderman.

THE ANNUAL BALL in aid of the funds of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, will be held at the Holborn Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., under the patronage of Bro. the Duke of Portland, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Bro. the Hon. Justice Gainsford Bruce, Lord Calthorpe, Lord Colville of Culross, Bro. the Hon. W. F. B. Massey-Mainwaring, M.P., Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., and Lady Maple, and Sir Walter Gilbey.

THE FAMOUS "JUXON Medal," the same that was given by King Charles I. on the scaffold, just prior to his execution, to Bishop Juxon, was included in the sale of the late Bro. Hyman Montagu's collection of coins at Sotheby's on Monday, and was knocked down for £770, being at the rate of more than £1 per grain. In 1854 it fetched £260 at the Cuff sale, and many years later £345 at the Brown sale. The highest price ever previously given for a single coin was £500 for the Simon Petition Crown. The "Juxon Medal" is a gold pattern Five Broad piece, bearing upon it the bust of the King bare-headed, in a lace collar, with armour and scarf across his breast, and on the reverse side are the Royal arms in high relief.

THE DEATH OF GENERAL SIR R. O. BRIGHT, Hon. Colonel of the Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire) Regiment, took place at Normandy Park, Guildford, on Monday. The deceased, who had been in failing health for several months, was born in 1823, and entered the Army in 1842. He served with the 19th Regiment throughout the Crimean War, and took part in the battles of Alma and Inkerman, and the attack on the Redan. For these services he had received the Crimean medal with three clasps, the Turkish medal, the 5th class of the Medjidie, and was created a Knight of the Legion of Honour. In 1868 he commanded the 1st Brigade of the Hazara Field Force in the expedition against the tribes of the Black Mountains.

THE PROSPECTUS of the reconstructed Bovril Company will, we understand, appear on Monday next. It will be remembered that the well-known business was recently purchased by Mr. Hookey (who so successfully launched the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company and other important enterprises) for £2,000,000 sterling, and will now be brought out with a capital of two millions and a half—a very moderate amount, considering the progressive character of the business and the great developments in foreign countries (hitherto practically untouched) which will be made immediately. When the prospectus appears it will, we believe, be seen that the board is one of the strongest ever formed, the chairman being the Right Hon. Lord Playfair (who has been closely identified with Bovril, Limited, for several years), Mr. J. Laws in Johnston (the inventor of Bovril), Mr. George Lawson Johnston, F.R.G.S.; Sir Edmund Commerell, Mr. Frederick Gordon, Mr. Andrew Walker (who has long been connected with the Bovril enterprise), and others. Bovril (British, Colonial, and Foreign), Limited, bids fair to be the most completely successful of modern industrial undertakings. It is, indeed, we believe, to form a number of subsidiary companies.

MAYOR CHOOSING.—Last week a meeting of the Bridgwater Town Council was held to elect a Mayor for the coming year, the retiring Mayor (Alderman H. W. Pollard) presiding. Alderman Peace proposed the election of Bro. R. C. Else, J.P., as Mayor for the coming year, remarking that the Council were taking a new departure in electing a gentleman who was outside the Corporation, but although Mr. Else was not known in connection with the work of the Council, yet he had been known to all the inhabitants of Bridgwater for a large number of years, and enjoyed the esteem of all. Alderman Foster seconded the resolution, and said not only was the name of Mr. Else received with unanimity by the Council, but also by the townspeople at large. The resolution was unanimously adopted. Bro. Else said, in returning thanks, that, owing to his uncertain health, his utter ignorance of Council work, his present existing engagements, and the delicate condition of his wife's health, which would render it quite impossible for her to undertake any functions which appertained to the position of Mayoress, he hesitated at first to accept the Mayoralty, but the hesitation was overcome by the assurance conveyed to him by the deputation of the Council that all the members would assist him to the utmost of their powers, and that nothing would be required or expected of Mrs. Else. The honour conferred upon him was enhanced by the fact of the Council having gone outside their own circle, and by the fact that his election was equally satisfactory to both political parties. The new Mayor is the much respected and energetic D.P.G.M. of Somerset and P.G.D. of England.