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THE NEW ZEALAND QUESTION.

The New Zealand Question bids fair to occupy, in respect of the proceedings of our United Grand Lodge, pretty much the same relation as King CHARLES'S head did to the famous memorial of Mr. DICK: there is no keeping it out of them. Whether the mystic words "New Zealand" are included in the record of Grand Lodge Agenda or not, the Question itself crops up at nearly every Communication. Thus there was no mention of New Zealand in the programme of business to be considered at last week's meeting, but Bro. BASKETT, who is nothing if not an enthusiast in matters of this kind, was equal to the occasion, and ingeniously introduced a reference to New Zealand which, as a matter of course, had no connection whatever with the business that was being dealt with. This was of little or no moment. The introduction of New Zealand into a report from which it had been very properly omitted was the thing desiderated, and having gained his point, Bro. BASKETT, with a grace that became him well, brought the incident to a close.

We imagine there will be few regrets uttered when the finishing touches have been put to the New Zealand Question, and members of Grand Lodge are no longer haunted by the fear of a New Zealand debate. There are, indeed, grounds for hoping that the end is not far distant, that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand will shortly be recognised as an independent body, and that Masonic peace and harmony will again prevail in a Colony to which, for several years past, they have been entire strangers. And this end will come the more quickly and in more welcome garb if people will only be at the trouble of remembering that the circumstances of the moment differ very materially from the circumstances of half-a-dozen years ago. When the question of establishing an independent Grand Lodge of New Zealand was first mooted, we pointed out that it was one which must be approached with the greatest care and delicacy. There were some nine English, Irish, and Scotch Districts, or Provinces, in the Colony, and it would only be by the exercise of the greatest tact and judgment on the part of the leaders of the movement that these nine Districts, or Provinces, would be induced to co-operate harmoniously with each other. Our warning was not heeded; but it has been amply justified. The scheme was hurriedly pressed forward, with the result that when the

convention was held for establishing the local Grand Lodge, only some 30 out of the 150 lodges then working in the Colony were found to have declared themselves in favour of the movement. But the seceders were not to be denied. They had made up their minds to have their Grand Lodge, and it was proclaimed accordingly, with Bro. THOMPSON, District Grand Master of Canterbury, under the English Constitution, as its first Grand Master. No one more strongly condemned this act than the *Freemason*, nor do we see any reason for amending or modifying the statement we then made—that the responsibility for the consequences that might follow—and have followed—from this act of secession rested entirely with the brethren who advised it and the lodges that took part in it, not with the 118 or 120 lodges that stood aloof and had nothing whatever to do with it. But this happened in 1890, and there has been an entire change of circumstances brought about during the half-dozen years that have since elapsed. The 32 lodges which originally seceded from the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions, and set up—irregularly set up, as we have shown—the Grand Lodge of New Zealand have had their ranks swelled by the accession of from 50 to 60 lodges from the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions, while the lodge-rolls of the latter have been proportionately diminished. In addition the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has itself warranted some 15 or 20, or even more lodges, and now has on its roll upwards of 100 lodges all told, of which about 90 have seceded from the old order of things as it was before 1890. Thus while in that year the lodges under the New Zealand Constitution stood in relation to those under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions in the proportion of one to four, they now are in the proportion of three to two. It follows, therefore, that the arguments we formerly adduced in support of the English, Irish, and Scotch majority of four to one apply with almost equal force to the New Zealand majority of three to two. Nor must we fail to remember that the law of gravitation, by which the greater attracts to itself the less, applies equally to things material as to things physical; and consequently in the course of the next few years we may look to see other lodges seceding from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland and casting in their lot with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which will thus keep on growing in strength as the former—so far as this particular Colony is concerned—become weaker. The question hence arises—Shall we wait until the reduction of our numbers has reached to such a point that it will be impossible for us any longer to withhold our recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; or shall we not rather recognise it forthwith—as indeed at the invitation of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. we are prepared to do—while we can do so with a certain amount of dignity and grace? We are still, as regards numbers alone, a highly respectable minority, and if we grant recognition now, on the necessary condition that the rights and privileges of our lodges and District or Provincial Grand Lodges are respected, the bitterness of feeling, which has too long animated the members of the rival Constitutions against each other, will soon be dissipated, and we shall once again have brought home to our minds the blessings that result from brethren dwelling together in unity.

As for the many subsidiary questions referred to by Bro. T. SHERLOCK GRAHAM, District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, in his speech at Dunedin in October last, we have not space enough for the publication of so formidable a document. We must, therefore, content ourselves with pointing

out that whether our Grand Secretary has or has not been sufficiently communicative to the District Grand Masters in New Zealand; whether Bro. BELL on his recent visit to England, in his eagerness to bring about a reconciliation of the Constitutions in his Colony, misrepresented or not the opinion of certain English District Grand Masters on the subject of recognition, and pledged himself or not on behalf of his Grand Lodge to more than he was justified; whether all or only some of the abstracted warrants have been returned, &c., &c.—these questions, though interesting in themselves and well worthy of being carefully considered, sink into insignificance by the side of the main point, whether the Grand Lodge of England is justified or not in the course it is prepared to adopt of recognising the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. We say it is, not because we look upon the irregularity of the latter's formation with less disfavour now than we did six years ago, but because the interests of Freemasonry are paramount, and those interests must and will suffer—if not all the world over, at all events throughout the British Empire—if the present unhappy condition in this Colony is allowed to continue indefinitely. We say it is justified, because the necessity for recognising the new body must come sooner or later, and, as we have remarked before, it is better we should do so now with a certain amount of grace and while we still command a strong body of adherents than wait a few years, when the Grand Lodge of New Zealand will be so strong that it will be almost a matter of indifference to it whether we accord it recognition or not. We say further, that however bitter may have been the feelings of members of the rival orders of things Masonic in New Zealand towards each other during the last six years; however harshly the English, Irish, and Scotch Masons may have spoken of or acted towards the New Zealand Masons, and however cordially the latter may have reciprocated that harshness, it cannot very well have exceeded the bitterness and harshness which marked the conduct towards each other of the old rival sects of "Ancient" and "Modern" Masons in England for upwards of 60 years—from 1751 to 1813. Yet in the latter year these two Societies met and organised themselves as one body, and have remained firmly united as one body ever since. If these two rivals, which were at daggers-drawn for 60 years, could unite, we see no reason why the New Zealand Masons on the one hand and the English, Irish, and Scotch Masons on the other should not come together, when their antagonism has existed for only one-tenth part of that time. As for Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions, its meaning is clear enough, but let it be modified in the direction we indicated in a former article, so as not to apply to the case of majorities withdrawing for the purpose of joining a local Grand Lodge. The law was framed with a view to protecting the interests of minorities, not to enable a minority to tyrannise over a majority and deprive it of its undoubted interest in the preservation and retention of its lodge warrants.

THE PROVINCE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The Province of Derbyshire has played a not unimportant part in the proceedings of the current year, and, as usual, has acquitted itself with considerable credit. In June last, Bro. his Grace the Duke of DEVONSHIRE, K.G., its respected Provincial Grand Master of 38 years' standing, presided as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the total of the subscriptions it raised on the occasion was very little short of £1650. Considering that the Province has only some 26 lodges on its roll, this must be accounted a most generous contribution, showing, as it does, at one and the same time, both the loyalty it feels towards its Provincial Grand Master, and the affection it entertains for our Masonic Institutions. But though this has been the most prominent event of the year, it is by no means the only one which furnishes grounds for satisfaction. The lodges have, without exception, fulfilled their duties admirably, while the written reports of the Worshipful Masters show that in all cases their condition is satisfactory and prosperous. We do not gather from the report we published last week of the annual meeting at Derby that there has been any material increase in the number of subscribing members. Indeed, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the brief address he delivered, seems inclined to attribute the

general success of the Province to the steady progress it has made of late years. "When," said he, "he looked back year after year, he could not but note that their record had been one of steady advance—not by leaps and bounds, but from a low standard they had risen steadily in the true principles and foundations of the Craft." Later in his speech, he remarked with satisfaction that "great care was exercised by the lodges as to whom they admitted to the honourable position of brother Masons," and it was to this care that he attributed in great measure the success of the Province. Bro. OKEOVER is, no doubt, correct in his inference, and we can only hope that this policy of caution will be continued, and that the lodges, not only in Derbyshire, but throughout the Provinces generally, and in London and abroad, will invariably exercise the utmost care in their acceptance of candidates for "the honourable position of brother Masons." As for the rest of the proceedings, they were devoted chiefly to the consideration of the all-absorbing question of the day—the Removal of the Boys' School—the brethren expressing their approval of the step with no uncertain voice and thus ranging themselves with Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Cornwall, Northumberland, Gloucestershire, and the many other Provinces which have pronounced in favour of the removal. For this we are, no doubt, indebted to the fullness of the information furnished by Bro. HUGH E. DIAMOND, the representative of Derbyshire on the Board of Management, and the very cordial support he received from Bro. W. H. MARSDEN, P.G. Std. B. England. But it is not every Province that is fortunate enough to have such a representative on the Board, or failing that, a brother among its members who is as well informed on the subject as Bro. MARSDEN, and it is just possible that, if in such less favoured Provinces, and even in those who have a representative but do not consult him, a member of the Board, or the Secretary were occasionally to attend a Provincial or a few lodge meetings and furnish such ample information as he alone from his intimate knowledge of the circumstances can possess, what is now only the voice of a large majority of the Provinces and lodges in support of the proposed removal might be converted into the unanimous voice of the whole English body Masonic. However, in Derbyshire—as in other provinces under similar circumstances—where information based on official *data* has been forthcoming, the brethren have declared themselves favourable to the removal, and we venture to congratulate the Province as well on the course it has adopted in this respect as on the general success of its proceedings during the present year.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Helier, on Friday, the 20th ult., when Bro. Col. E. C. Malet De Carteret, Prov. G.M., presided and opened the lodge, being supported by Bros. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; J. O. Le Sueur, acting S.W.; F. J. Godfray, J.W.; and several other prominent brethren of the province.

After the usual salutations to the Prov. and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, the roll of lodges was called, when it was found that all the lodges of the province were represented; the brethren of the Mechanics, La Césarée, and Royal Alfred Lodges being particularly numerous.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers was then called, nearly all of whom were present or had sent apologies for their absence.

The minutes of the annual meeting of 1895 having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then made a few remarks with regard to the progress of Masonry during the past year and congratulated the brethren on there having been but one death amongst prominent Masons during that period, alluding to that brother, Philippe Le Feuvre, P.M. 590, P.P.G. Reg., in a few well-chosen words. He then impressed on the members of the Craft the necessity for the careful selection of candidates for initiation and hoped that harmony would reign supreme in the province, as the fewer the cases brought before his notice in his official capacity, the better would he be pleased.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then proceeded to discuss the various notices of motion on the agenda paper, when Bro. F. J. GODFRAY, P.J.G.W., proposed the re-election as Prov. G. Treasurer of Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, P.P. S.G.W. This was seconded by Bro. W. PUGSLEY, P.P.S.G.W., and there being no other candidate Bro. Le Sueur was declared duly elected and returned thanks to the brethren for the continued confidence reposed in him.

Bro. Dr. M. LE CRONIER, P.J.G.D., then moved the following proposition—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge approves of the action of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys with regard to the purchase of a new site for the School House." He briefly recapitu-

lated the circumstances under which the action of the Board of Management was taken, together with the arguments used for and against that action at the Quarterly Court on the 9th of October last, and urged the brethren by an unanimous vote to strengthen the hands of the Board.

The resolution was seconded by Bro. J. DURELL, P.P.S.G.W., strongly supported by the Prov. G. Master, and carried unanimously.

A few slight alterations in the by-laws were then proposed by Bro. A. W. GODFRAY, P.G. Stwd., and supported by Bro. Dr. A. C. GODFRAY, P.G. Sec., and agreed to.

Bro. Dr. J. LE CRONIER, D.P.G.M., then proposed "That this province should vote the sum of 10 guineas towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and should be represented by a Steward at the annual Festival in 1897." He regretted that, owing to certain heavy expenditure during the past year, the province was not in a position to send a larger donation, but hoped that the lodges and brethren would unite, so that a handsome sum might be sent up from the Island.

This was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

On the suggestion of the P.G.M., Bro. Dr. M. Le Cronier, P.J.G.D., was selected as the Steward to represent the province.

Bro. Dr. M. LE CRONIER thanked the brethren for the honour thus conferred upon him.

The P.G.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, and invested those who were present:

Bro. H. E. Durell	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. Brée	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. W. W. Payne	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" P. G. Hamilton	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. O. Le Sueur	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. A. C. Godfray	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. M. Le Cronier	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Curry	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. H. Wilson	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Dr. P. B. Bentlif	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. W. Godfray	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. W. Alton	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Kynaston	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. E. Costard	...	...
" T. Gicquel	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. R. Sinnatt	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Rev. S. S. Stitt	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. W. Hinds	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" F. Clarke	...	...
" G. Chauchoin	...	...
" T. Cummings, jun.	...	...
" G. C. Godfray	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. H. Hambly	...	...

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a capital dinner was served by the Tyler, Bro. W. Hambly.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

Songs and recitations were given by, amongst others, Bros. Dr. Godfray, Clarkson, Gould, M. Le Cronier, and Brée, Bro. the Rev. Stitt playing the accompaniments.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very enjoyable evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF JERSEY.

A meeting of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 20th ult. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. E. C. Malet De Carteret, was supported by Comps. Major J. C. Raven, P.G.H., and P. Bois, P.G.J., and a fair number of companions of the Order.

Prov. G. Chapter unanimously voted the sum of 15 guineas towards a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls next year.

The following officers were appointed:

Comp. P. Bois	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. T. Pugsley	...	...	Prov. G. J.
" F. J. Godfray	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" P. G. Hamilton	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. Brée	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" T. Bichard	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Hamling	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. C. Barrette	...	...	Prov. A.G.P.S.
" M. Le Cronier	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. C. Godfray	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Cummings	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Rev. S. S. Stitt	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Hambly	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 1364.

The latest addition to the roll of English Royal Arch chapters was successfully launched on the 4th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, City of London, in the presence of a company of nearly 50 companions of the Order.

Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Thomas Fenn, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, A. K. Turbfield, E. Chatterton, E. J. Anning, C.C., Samuel J. Cross, John R. Carter, H. B. Chamberlain, R. H. Goddard, J. Ponsford Taverner, T. H. Parry, J. F. Saunders, R. W. Carter, R. J. Ellis, H. E. Coard, George Thomas Peall, I.P.Z. 2501, P.G.R.; W. Gower, J. 2501; R. F. Shrubsole, 1329; Charles Lacey, P.Z. 174; Capt. J. W. Heath, M.E.Z. 19; W. F. Keddel, P.S.; E. J. Moore, H. Sadler, Grand Janitor; Charles J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P. England; C. H. Webb, P.P.G.S.B.; James Speller, P.G.A.S. Essex; W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. B.; J. Newton, P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Knight, P.P.G.S.E. Essex; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; and others.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Comp. Edward Letchworth, Grand Scribe E., who took the chair of M.E.Z. He was assisted by Comp. Thomas Fenn, Past President Committee of General Purposes, as H.; Comp. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Grand Superintendent Bucks, as J.; Comp. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C., as Scribe N.; Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.; and Comp. S. J. Cross, P.Z. 1237, as Scribe E. *pro tem.* Music was added to the ceremony, under the direction of Comp. E. Chatterton, Scribe N. 1508.

After the chapter had been formally opened, Comp. LETCHWORTH, addressing the companions, said: Companions,—we are met here this evening for the purpose of consecrating a new Royal Arch chapter, to be dedicated to the service of the Most High. I can only express a hope that this new chapter will be the means of uniting still more closely those who are already associated with the Earl of Zetland Lodge, and also be the means of advancing the best interests of our Order.

Comp. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF delivered the oration, in which he exhorted the companions of the new chapter to imitate the ancient Masons by doing their work thoroughly and completely. Those ancient brethren did nothing hurriedly, relying more upon excellence of workmanship than outward show. It should be so with all Masons, and the Craftsman, to be perfect in the Masonic art, should not rest until he became a Royal Arch Mason. He was afraid that this was not a general feeling, and that even aspiring brethren were content with going through the Master's chair of a lodge. Even where they aspired to the Arch Degree, many of them were quite content with simply being in the Order, and did not seek the Principal's chair, as they had the chair of W.M. of a lodge. It was this feeling which probably was the cause of so few lodges having chapters attached to them; but there was an improving disposition in this respect now, as the lodges were increasing in number which sought for charters for chapters. He was happy to say that the Earl of Zetland Chapter, No. 1364, was one of this class, and the desire of its members to be the possessors of a chapter was now fulfilled, as the G.M.E.Z., the Prince of Wales, had acceded to their request and authorised the founding of the chapter they were now engaged in consecrating. He wished it every success, and he believed it would have it, as the founders were all enthusiastic Masons.

The ceremony was then performed, and after the Consecrating Principal had first dedicated the chapter, and bestowed the Patriarchal Benediction, he installed Comp. Augustus F. Lay, M.E.Z. 2501, S.N. 22, as M.E.Z. for the first year. Comp. Thomas Fenn afterwards installed Comp. H. B. Chamberlain, J. 22, as H.; and Comp. Letchworth installed Comp. S. J. Cross, P.Z. 1237, as J. Comp. E. J. Anning, C.C., F.S.S., P.Z. 174 and 1598, was appointed to act as I.P.Z., and was also elected and invested as Treasurer; Comp. J. R. Carter, D.C. 201, 2nd A.S. 2374, S.E. 2501, was invested as S.E.; Comps. R. S. Ellis, S.N.; H. G. Coard, P.S.N. 1237, P.S.; J. F. Saunders, H. 1507 and 2501, S.E. 201, 1st A.S.; R. W. Carter, P.S. 1237, 2nd A.S.; R. H. Goddard, P.Z. 1623, D. of C.; E. Chatterton, S.N. 1598, Organist; J. P. Taverner and T. H. Parry, Stewards; and Turbfield, Janitor.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was passed, and they were elected honorary members of the chapter.

Comp. LETCHWORTH acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other Consecrating Officers.

A long list of proposed exaltees and joining members was read by the S.E., after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, which was served under the superintendence of Comp. Marcham.

The customary toasts followed the banquet, and the speeches in which they were proposed and responded to were interspersed with singing and recitations of a superior order by Comps. Chatterton, W. F. Keddel, S. J. Cross, P.Z.; H. Ponsford Taverner, and R. Henri Goddard, P.Z.

Comp. A. F. LAY, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," referred to her Majesty being in the completion of the 60th year of her reign, and that the people were going to commemorate the event in a great and glorious way. The reign had been distinguished by the prosperity of the country, the strides made in the arts and sciences, and the extension and expansion of the Queen's dominions.

In giving the toast of "The M.E.G.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Comp. LAY said his Royal Highness had presided over Royal Arch Masons for 22 years, and but for the fact of his being the head of English Freemasonry the Order would not have stood in the position it now occupied.

In proposing "The Pro G.Z. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Comp. LAY said the Earl of Lathom was a nobleman who was universally beloved, and he took a deep interest in the welfare of Freemasonry. His lordship was also the originator of the removal of the Boys' School to better and more healthy quarters.

Comp. THOMAS FENN responded, and said with respect to the Grand Officers, Comp. Beach, Grand J., always attended the meetings of Grand Chapter. There was not as a rule much to do in Grand Chapter, but the companions ought nevertheless to attend.

Comp. A. F. LAY, M.E.Z., next proposed "The Consecrating Officers." The consecration of a lodge or chapter was a ceremony which every Freemason delighted to witness. All the companions were highly delighted with the consecration ceremony that evening, which had been most efficiently rendered. Never in the course of his long Masonic career had he seen it performed in a more faultless or masterly manner. Bro. Letchworth certainly had given the companions a rich Masonic treat. Some of them had heard him before, but he ventured to think that on that occasion Comp. Letchworth excelled himself. The oration by Comp. Brownrigg was excellent; it was listened to with rapt attention, and it made an impression never to be forgotten, while the rendering of the installation of Comp. H. by Comp. Thomas Fenn was performed in a style such as Grand Officers alone could accomplish. Comp. Matier, also, as S.N., and Comp. Richardson as D.C. were unique, and proved themselves to be perfect masters of the art.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., in acknowledging the compliment, said on behalf not only of those of the Consecrating Officers who were enjoying the splendid hospitality of the chapter, but also on behalf of those—Comps. Brownrigg and Richardson—who, unfortunately, were compelled to leave, he tendered his warmest thanks for the toast, proposed in such kind terms by the M.E.Z. Those who had been privileged to take part in the consecration of the chapter were companions who had many duties to perform in connection with the Masonic Craft, and he took the opportunity of thanking them for the kindly and efficient aid they had rendered. He could say on his own behalf that there was no duty they had to perform more agreeable or congenial to them than starting a new chapter into existence. He did not wish to anticipate what the companion might say

who was privileged to propose the next toast, but he must congratulate the chapter on having to be presided over during the first year of its existence by so genial and kind a companion as Comp. Lay. He was pleased to find present some members of the Enfield Chapter, a chapter which he had the honour of assisting in establishing some years ago.

Comp. E. J. ANNING, C.C., acting I.P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z.," and said he was especially glad to be in that position. He had had the honour of knowing Comp. Lay for nearly 25 years, and during that period he believed he had always had the privilege of enjoying his friendship. Both of them had run together in the mother lodge from which emanated that chapter, and inasmuch as that lodge had attained its 26th year it was in the fitness of things it should have its own chapter. The M.E.Z. had been a very hardworking and zealous Mason during the whole time he had known him in Freemasonry; no one had been more zealous in endeavouring to promote the foundation of a chapter in connection with the lodge; he had really been the principal one in that movement, and the result was what they had had that night. All connected with the Earl of Zetland Lodge could only hope that that chapter might have a flourishing existence. It had begun well; there was no reason it should not go on well. Those among its founders, and those proposed for exaltation would give it all the prestige which a Royal Arch chapter ought to have.

Comp. A. F. LAY, M.E.Z., in responding to the toast, thanked Comp. Letchworth for his observations regarding him, which he duly appreciated, and Comp. Anning also for what he had said. Comp. Anning and himself were initiated in the mother lodge, and they had worked together. He thanked Comp. Anning and the other companions for placing him in his present proud position. He certainly would give his best attention to making the chapter the success he believed it would be. A few words now would not be amiss concerning what led to the formation of the chapter. It was conceived one lodge night when he and Comp. Chamberlain were returning home. He ventured to mention to Comp. Chamberlain the large accession of new blood they had had to the lodge, and he thought it was a good nucleus for forming a chapter. Comp. Chamberlain agreed with him, and said it would be a grand opportunity for some of the young members. Before they separated they agreed that they would formulate a petition for a charter. After that they proceeded to work, and they did it innocently, with fear and trembling in case of a rebuke from high quarters. But on making inquiries, they found their fears in that respect were groundless, and the authorities endorsed the idea that every lodge should have a chapter of its own. The result had been shown that evening; the chapter had been consecrated; they had 18 candidates, who had sought them out, and had filled up their proposal forms and handed them without influence in the Earl of Zetland Lodge or out of it. They were men of good social standing and position who would be a credit to Royal Arch Masonry and to the Earl of Zetland Chapter. He thanked the companions. That chapter would be a great success.

Comp. A. F. LAY, M.E.Z., in toasting "The H. and J.," said he had the honour and pleasure of initiating Comp. Chamberlain in the Earl of Zetland Lodge in 1890; he was a shining light there, and, of course, a P.M. of the lodge; he was also J. in the Mount Zion Chapter. Comp. Cross, J., was senior P.M. of the Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, its Secretary, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, and Treasurer of the Association. It was impossible to imagine or conceive the labour Comp. Cross went through; he was always quite at home, but he was never cross. With two such excellent colleagues, he would be well supported during his year of office.

Comp. CHAMBERLAIN, H., after acknowledging the genial remarks of Comp. Lay, said he thanked Comp. Fenn for the very kind and fraternal manner in which he had placed him in the chair of H. It was the first time he had been in that chair. The way Comp. Fenn did it he should never forget. He hoped the chapter would have plenty of work. The officers were fully prepared for it, and the more work was given them the more they would like it.

Comp. CROSS, J., said that was hardly the occasion for trespassing on the time and attention of the companions with a long speech or anything savouring of verbosity. He appreciated the honour the founders had conferred on him in placing him in the chair of J. of the chapter. He appreciated it the more because he was a colleague of the M.E.Z. They had worked together many years in Craft Masonry and also as colleagues, and he hoped the concord and harmony which had attended them in office so long would attend them in the chapter. He knew it would not be the fault of the M.E.Z. if it was not so; and it would not be his. Comp. Lay had referred to his (Comp. Cross) humble exertions in connection with the promotion of that chapter, but Comp. Lay had been the mainspring of the success they had had that evening. It was not a fortnight ago in the room they were now occupying, that the M.E.Z. was addressing the members of the Earl of Zetland Lodge in reference to the new chapter, and he described himself as the father—the Earl of Zetland Lodge as their mother, himself as their baby. It would be his (Comp. Cross) to be the nurse. The baby promised to be a credit to its father and mother and to the attentions of the nurse. Next February they proposed to have it short-coated, and if the candidates came up they would see sturdy limbs and health for so newly-born a child. He would liken the Consecrating Officers to the medical gentlemen so necessary at a birth. He would like to add his meed of appreciation of the admirable and splendid services and say how eloquently and efficiently they had performed their duties. He felt a little of the glory reflected on his own shoulders, since he was the P.Z. of another chapter of which the M.E.Z. was the first founder and first M.E.Z. Indeed among the founders of the chapter were members of the Enfield Chapter. He was of opinion that, although their first duty would always be to their mother chapter, yet the Earl of Zetland Chapter would never be neglected at their hands. Two of the candidates he asked to join the Enfield Chapter, but when they found the present chapter was to meet on a Saturday they assented. He would like to say one word of tribute to the unanimity, concord, goodwill and fraternal feeling which had animated the founders throughout the whole of their association in the foundation of that chapter. Long might it continue, and might the friendship they had thus formed be cemented into a long, lasting, and Masonic friendship!

Comp. C. J. R. TIJOU, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said that meeting was an exceptional one, for companions were there who knew each other in other places, and the coming together that night brought back many reminiscences. It had been to him an evening of exceptional pleasure. They had the pleasure of being in the presence of a new Grand Warden of England, Comp. T. Fenn, who with Comp. R. Grey, the previous Wednesday in Grand Lodge had the rank of P.G.W. conferred upon him. That night

he could not help congratulating Comp. Fenn on his youthful feeling—he did not say it with any idea of flattery—but Comp. Fenn looked better since he had resigned than he did during the anxious time he occupied office; he looked five years younger. He (Comp. Tijou) was present as one of the guests of the M.E.Z. He congratulated Comp. Lay upon the companions he had around him; he was a practical worker; there was no gas in him; he was a steady-going business man.

Comp. BROMHEAD also replied, and said in the course of his remarks that that chapter would be one of the most successful chapters in the "Province" of London. Comp. Lay was a perfect worker, and had carried his duties out in other chapters in a way which did credit to them.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given and responded to, the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW BRIGHTON LODGE, No. 2619.

Freemasonry has already a firm foothold in Cheshire, and the consecration on the afternoon of the 2nd instant of the above lodge at the Assembly Rooms, situated in the popular Cheshire riverside resort—New Brighton—added greatly to the strength and importance of the Craft in the Wirral peninsula. There was a gathering of about 70 brethren, the principals of the Order present being—

Bros. T. E. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Jackson, P.J.G.W.; T. Wood, P.S.G.D.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec. West Lancashire; L. Ellis, P.P.S. G.D.; J. B. Marks, P.P.J.G.D.; G. R. Ford, P.S.G.D.; J. S. Jolly, P.P.G.S.; J. Armstrong, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Theo. Fennell, P.G.S. of W.; J. Lewis, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Clayton, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Huxley, P.G. Treas.; Sam Watson, Sec. 1505; John Morris, Treas. 2375; and J. Lewis, Org. 1182.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and he was assisted in the impressive and important function by Bros. Col. C. S. Dean, P.S.G.W.; H. Jackson, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson and the Rev. Robert Edward, P.G. Chaplains; R. Newhouse, D.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; and H. Gordon Small, P.G. D. of C.

In the course of the ceremony, an oration on the nature and principles of the Order was delivered by the PROV. G. CHAP., and the musical portion of the proceedings was effectively furnished by Bros. D. J. Davies, G. Green, F. Tuson, W. Sweetman, R. Mountfield, and J. T. Hindle, P.G.O., who efficiently superintended the choral arrangements.

After the new lodge had been constituted most impressively by the Dep. Prov. G.M., the chair was taken by Bro. J. B. Sparks, P.P.G.D., who in stalled Bro. Lieut.-Col. Charles Stewart Dean, C.C., P.S.G.W., as the first Worshipful Master of the New Brighton Lodge.

The newly-installed W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. J. C. Robinson, acting I.P.M.; J. Quilliam Roby, S.W.; Simon Jude, C.C., P.M. 241, J.W.; T. Price, Sec.; J. E. Talbot, P.M. 2327, S.D.; J. T. Gibson, J.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancashire, D.C.; W. A. Short, I.G.; R. Mountfield, Org.; L. Langford, Stwd.; and W. J. Doran, Tyler.

Numerous propositions for joining and initiation were made.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, which was served in first-class style at the Victoria Hotel.

In the course of the after proceedings the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to, speeches of great Masonic interest being delivered by Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd (who has been connected with the Craft for 44 years), the Worshipful Master, the S.W., J.W., and others.

A programme of prominent excellence was given by the brethren who took part in the musical portion of the consecration ceremony.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

WINTER CONVOCATION OF GRAND COUNCIL.

The annual winter meeting of this Grand Council was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Friday, the 4th inst., and was attended by Bros. the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.T.; Japheth Tickle, C.C., P.G.T.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.V.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.V.; W. R. Shutt, P.G.B.B.; W. Hancock, P.C.C.; J. F. Guy, G. W. Capel, and others. As this is a meeting for business only, none but members and officers of Grand Council are invited.

Grand Council was opened in ample form, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.T., being in the chair. The minutes of the summer meeting of the Grand Council were read and confirmed. Letters, and telegrams, and messages were read from the G.S.R., the Earl of Warwick; Bros. Dr. Zacharie, P.G.S.R.; His Honour Judge Philbrick, D.R.O.; Richard Eve, G.T.; W. G. Lemon, P.G.T.; Sir Thos. Wright, G.C.; A. F. Lamette, P.G.V.; Maj. Penrose Dunbar, P.G.V.; J. Marshall (of Manchester), G.V.; Buckley Carr, G. Gdr; and several other brethren.

The report of the Grand Treasurer and Auditors, showing a balance of £93 3s. 11d., after an exceptionally heavy year of expenditure, was unanimously adopted, and the Grand Treasurer was congratulated on a balance of some £16 above that of the previous year. A hearty vote of thanks to the Auditors, Bros. Pakes and Guy, was duly passed and recorded.

The GRAND RECORDER reported the issue of 126 certificates during the year, which, with those unissued for the new Conclave, No. 29, and for Conclave No. 1, would make about 200 during the year. He mentioned that the conclaves in Penang and Singapore were in anything but flourishing condition, and was directed to obtain information and report again. The revised Book of Constitutions was ordered to be sent (in proof) to all con-

claves, with a note that further suggestions could be received up to the end of April, 1897.

The Grand Recorder was thanked for his attendance to his duties, and the usual Honorarium was unanimously voted.

The report of the Grand Visitors was considered most satisfactory.

The Executive Committee reported—

1. That, with regard to the Anglo-American Conclave, No. 6, Bro. Hancock, S.R., was in attendance to explain the exceptional circumstances which had led to anxiety on its account, and after his explanation and statement that work would be resumed with the new year, hearty congratulations and thanks were offered to him for his successful action in the matter.

2. They recommended Grand Council to adopt as part of their report the "inspired" article on the Order appearing in the Christmas Number of the *Freemason*.

This article was read and unanimously adopted.

We quote the following paragraph therefrom:

His lordship naturally asked for some documentary evidence of authority for these strange and hostile proceedings, but, up to the present, not a single scrap of such evidence has been forthcoming. Thus Time, the great revealer, has been left to work a solution, but meanwhile Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of the Craft, at Lord Warwick's request, has drawn up an outline of the situation, so far as he has been able to gauge it, and this has been forwarded by the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order to the Pro Grand Master of English Freemasonry, who has kindly undertaken to mediate between the Order and the Grand Master of the Allied Degrees in England, if possible.

The "case" of Bro. Philbrick—no mean authority in such matters—ends with the following weighty paragraph, which we think should not fail to carry conviction to the breast of any brother troubled with doubts on the matter:

It is obvious, therefore, that the order of the Grand Master of the Allied Degrees of 15th June, 1895, is entirely wrong, and founded on an absolute misstatement of fact, and the groundwork being thus untenable, the whole superstructure necessarily falls.

The report continued further—It is hoped that this will prove to be a final settlement of the controversy which has caused so much sorrow in our ranks.

3. A unanimous vote of congratulation was ordered to be sent to Bro. R. J. Finnemore, late District Grand Supreme Ruler of South Africa, on his appointment to a Colonial judgeship.

4. The annual amount offered as a subsidiary to conclaves going to the expense of a conclave of instruction was agreed to.

5. Grand Festival was fixed for June 16th, 1897, at Freemasons' Tavern, subject to final approval by the Grand Supreme Ruler, and the next Winter Committee was fixed for Friday, December 3rd.

Bros. J. Lewis Thomas and W. J. Lewin were appointed by the G.S.R. as members of the Executive Committee and the brethren present elected Bros. J. Tickle, J. J. Pakes, and J. J. Thomas. The Executive Committee for the coming year will, therefore, comprise Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, G.S.R.; his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., D.R.O.; Richard Eve, G.T.; C. E. Keyser, G.C.; Sir Thomas Wright, K.B., G.G.; A. T. Norton, G.V.; J. Marshall (of Manchester), G.V.; W. J. Spratling, B. Sc., G.R.; and the brethren named above. Bro. T. E. Edmonds, G.S., was re-appointed a Grand Sentinel for the year 1897.

The members of Grand Council afterwards dined together.

MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF ROME AND RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The annual meeting of the Division of Kent of the above Order was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath-hill, under the banner of the Saye and Sele Conclave, No. 122. The business of the conclave having been transacted, under the presidency of its Sovereign, Sir Knight B. R. Bryant, the Intendant General of Kent, the Rev. H. Cummings, Past High Prelate England, attended by his Deputy, Sir Knight A. H. Bateman, G. Jun.-Gen. England, and several other Divisional officers, entered under the arch of steel and assumed the throne.

Divisional Conclave having been formally opened, the muster roll was called, and the minutes read and confirmed. A satisfactory Treasurer's statement was presented and adopted, and the Treasurer, Sir Knight Bryant, was re-elected.

The Intendant General appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Sir Knights A. A. Bateman	...	Deputy.
" Dr. W. C. S. Burney, P.S. 148	...	Viceroy Eusebius.
" G. H. Kitson, I.P.S. 148...	...	Senior General.
" R. J. Voisey, V.E. 122	...	Junior General.
" Rev. C. H. Fielding, M.A.	...	High Prelate.
" B. R. Bryant	...	Treasurer.
" W. Campbell Taylor	...	Recorder.
" Frank Williams	...	Chamberlain.
" W. H. Bunney	...	Marshal.
" W. Briant	...	Prefect.
" Robert Elgar	...	Inspector of Regalia.
" V. T. Murché	...	Standard Bearers.
" W. A. Leaning	...	
" W. J. Hewitt	...	Sword Bearer.
" S. F. Mackway	...	Organist.
" F. Sanders	...	Herald.

Frater Spinks was elected and invested as Sentinel.

The alms were collected, and after an interesting address from the Intendant General on the principles and prospects of the Order, Divisional Grand Conclave was closed.

Saye and Sele Conclave thereupon resumed and closed, and the sir knights adjourned to dinner, presided over by Sir Knight Cummings, the Intendant General, supported by his Deputy and the M.P.S. of the Saye and Sele Conclave.

The loyal and Masonic toasts usual to Christian Masonry were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the musical abilities of Sir Knight Jewson, I.P.S., the Grand Organist of England.

Craft Masonry.

Weyside Lodge, No. 1395.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. A. H. Bowles, W.M.; R. Mossop, S.W.; F. E. Pearce, J.W.; G. H. White, P.M., Treas.; C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; Secretary; R. Stileman, J.D.; S. Boorman, I.G.; W. E. Robinson, I.P.M.; F. G. Gayton, P.M.; S. C. Knight, P.M.; J. H. Cleave, G. J. Bowyer, Viscount Cranley, F. H. Russell, J. Smyth, H. Phipps, C. J. Scott, and G. J. Mason, Tyler. The visitors present included Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; N. E. G. Willoughby, 2091; A. F. Bingham, 206; H. W. Cleave, C. F. Passmore, P.M. 2317; A. M. Wohlgenuth, J. T. Tomlinson, J.W. 2317; and C. Rifford.

The lodge was opened, after which Bros. Viscount Cranley and John Smyth were passed to the Second Degree. A further ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. Henry Hostache Phipps was raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Ballots were then taken for a candidate for initiation and for Bro. G. P. Smillie, P.M. 370, as a re-joining member, both of whom were unanimously elected. The Report of the Standing Committee on the question of placing the hiring of the Masonic Hall on a more satisfactory basis, was considered and adopted. A new code of by-laws was unanimously agreed to, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together, when the customary toasts were given.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo, in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne. Present: Bros. T. Barber, W.M.; H. J. Fenton, S.W.; G. Eland, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; Constable, Sec.; E. Hirst, S.D.; E. Simpson, J.D.; T. J. Smith, I.G.; R. Brew, Stwd.; A. L. Peace, P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; J. H. Pawson, P.M.; E. Shillito, W. T. Chambers, T. Tomlinson, and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. Letch Mason, 304, P.P.G.W.; S. Pegler, P.M. 403; and F. Rand, P.M., C. H. Woodhouse, P.M., J. F. Hanson, T. W. Turner, C. Porrett, T. Sanderson, and H. W. Peacock, of 242.

A most interesting and instructive lecture was given by Bro. C. Letch Mason, P.P. G.W., entitled "The Beauties of Freemasonry, with special reference to the Third Degree," which was listened to with the greatest attention, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to this distinguished brother.

This being the 100th meeting of the lodge since its foundation and consecration, a centenary banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel, provided by Bro. B. Maskill in excellent style.

Afterwards the usual toasts were proposed, the chief being "The Centenary Meeting," "The W.M.," "The Lecturer," and "The Officers."

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rixson-square, Bradford, on Thursday, the 3rd ult., Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., W.M., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Samuel Robinson, I.P.M.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Niven, P.M.; Charles H. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; R. S. Hird, S.W.; J. W. Bland, J.W.; J. A. Drake, S.D.; John Harland, as J.D.; J. S. Harland, I.G.; R. B. Nicholls, Org.; and H. Holmes, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. S. H. Stocks, P.M. 603, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Armitage, J.W. 603; H. E. Hodgson, D.C. 603; W. H. Howarth, 603; W. H. F. Schutte, W.M. elect 2330; Albert Graham, 600; Wm. Foster, 600; Isaac Hirst, Org. 1522; A. Swaine, 2330; A. Sutcliffe, P.M. 308; and W. Bailey, 1248.

The minutes of the installation meeting held in October last having been read and confirmed; owing to the unavoidable absence from indisposition of Bro. Ellis, P.M., Treas., his budget for the current year was directed to stand over until the next meeting. Bro. Last, P.M., Sec., then read an interesting paper entitled "Masonic Miscellanies," at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks for his paper was accorded to the Secretary and directed to be entered on the minutes. A candidate for initiation was proposed. Apologies for the absence of several brethren were tendered, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th ultimo, at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, near Bolton, Lancashire. Present: Bros. Z. Tetlow, W.M.; F. M. Palmer, I.P.M.; John Evans, S.W.; J. H. Howarth, J.W.; the Rev. T. Storey-Bates, Chap.; R. Hampson, Treas.; Hawthorn R. Thornton, P.M., P.D.G. Reg., Sec.; Thomas Cooper, S.D.; W. H. Howarth, J.D.; W. Mason Varley, P.M., D. of C.; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. W. Glover, I.G.; J. Ryder, J. D. Binns, J. H. Hadfield, and T. Mitchell, Stwds.; Geo. Calderbank, Tyler; J. Rogers, P.M.; T. Eddleston; R. Harrison, R. Court, G. Holford, J. Fletcher, W. Hibbert, T. Hope, J. Dent, J. E. Jackson, Dr. Rigby, F. M. Palmer, jun., J. Clarkson, J. Kay, J. Wood, W. Baldwin, G. Hughes, and T. B. Greenhalgh. Visitors: Bros. G. Duxfield, Prov. D.G. Reg.; L. Eccles, Prov. A.G. Sec.; W. W. Rice, P.P.G.W.; John Slyman, P.P.S.G.D.; E. A. Myers, P.P.G.D.C.; Eli Winterbottom, P.D.G.D.C. East Lancs; J. C. Varley, P.M. 277; H. England, 221; P. G. Pilling, 266; B. Eckersley, P.M. 1134; T. H. Murgison, 1126; E. Scott, 2269; G. Leeman, 1723; and J. D. Hirst, 345.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Zachariah Tetlow, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect was then presented to Bro. Hawthorn R. Thornton, P.D.G. Reg., the Installing Master, by Bro. F. Morton Palmer, I.P.M., and he was installed in an impressive manner, Bros. W. Wilde Rice acting as S.W.; John Slyman, P.P.S.G.D., as J.W.; and J. C. Varley, P.M. 277, as I.G. The working tools were presented by Bros. Z. Tetlow, P.M., and F. Morton Palmer, P.M. The investiture of the officers was performed by Bro. W. Mason Varley, P.M., who also delivered the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens in a masterly manner. The address to the brethren was given by Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.P.G. Org., in a most impressive manner. The following were invested: Bros. John Evans, W.M.; J. H. Hopwood, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; the Rev. T. Storey-Bates, Chap.; R. Hampson, Treas.; H. R. Thornton, Prov. D.G. Reg., Sec.; W. H. Howarth, S.D.; W. W. Glover, J.D.; R. Bates, D.C.; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Ryder, I.G.; Binns, Hadfield, Mitchell, and Thornham, Stwds.; and G. Calderbank, Tyler.

The business connected with the installation being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, Bro. John Evans, the newly-installed W.M., presiding, Bro. R. Bates officiating as D.C. The "spread" reflected the highest credit on Mr. and Mrs. Ashcroft, the respected caterers, and was excellently well served.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said the subject of that toast needed no eulogy from him. Every citizen, of whatever political or religious denomination, who had respect for goodness, must revere the Queen—such a Queen as every loyal heart was delighted to honour—such a Queen-mother as every dutiful son and daughter in the land must revere, and such a Queen as the poorest cottagers felt they could claim as a friend and neighbour.

The toast was heartily responded to with musical honours.

This was followed by the toast of "The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," succeeded by the usual Masonic toast list, interspersed with songs, recitations, and speeches by various brethren.

A specially interesting and edifying address in truly Masonic spirit was given by Bro. J. Duxfield, Prov. D.G. Reg.

In response to the toast of the evening, "The Health of the newly-installed Master of the Lodge, Bro. John Evans," the W.M. concluded his expressions of gratitude by hoping that during his year of office prudence might direct, temperance chasten, fortitude support, and justice be the guide of all his actions.

A beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Z. Tetlow, I.P.M., also a beautiful marble timepiece was presented to Bro. W. H. Howarth, S.D., by the brethren on the occasion of his marriage.

The proceedings finally closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

We acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of copy of the "Transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham" for the current year, to which we shall take an opportunity of referring at greater length at no very distant date. In the meantime we may state that, both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, the Province appears to have fared most prosperously. Under the former there are 36 lodges, with an average membership of 77 per lodge, while the private chapters are 12 in number, with a "paying" membership of 405, and a "subscribing" membership of 445, the average in the former case being 33.75 per lodge, and in the latter a fraction over 37 per chapter. But the most notable proceeding has, un-

questionably, been the establishment of a Provincial Benevolent Fund for providing annuities of £26 per annum for aged brethren and £20 per annum for the widows of brethren. The Province is to be heartily congratulated on the institution of this Fund.

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We are of the same opinion as Bro. W. F. Lamonby who, in the letter of his which will be found in our correspondence columns, considers that Bro. T. B. Whytehead has been overhasty in concluding that our Grand Lodge has already accorded recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Recognition will doubtless come at an early date, but as Bro. Lamonby points out, all that Grand Lodge has done up to the present time has been to acquiesce in the proposal of the M.W.G. Master to leave it to his Royal Highness to take such steps towards bringing about the restoration of kindly feeling among the brethren of the different Constitutions existing in the Colony as he may think necessary or expedient, with a due regard to the dignity of Grand Lodge and the interests of those lodges which may still desire to remain in allegiance to it. Thus what Grand Lodge has done at the instance of his Royal Highness may be looked upon—at least we hope it may be looked upon—as the beginning of the end of the unhappy discord which for the greater part of the last six or seven years has divided New Zealand Masonry against itself.

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By the way, we are not inclined to attach any great importance, as "Lex Scripta" apparently does in his letter in our issue of the 28th ult., to the grant of a warrant for the constitution of a "District Grand Stewards' Lodge of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand." We take it that this lodge will be organised and conducted pretty much on the same lines as our Grand Stewards' Lodge, which heads the English Register of Lodges without a number; that its membership will be restricted to Present and Past Stewards of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury; and that it will not initiate, pass, and raise candidates as is done in ordinary private lodges. Thus if our surmise is correct, the new lodge will in no way contribute towards extending the area of English Masonic influence to the detriment of the New Zealand Constitution. It appears to us to be in the nature of a step in the direction of what the English brethren in the Canterbury District consider a more complete organisation within itself of their District Grand Lodge and its roll of private lodges.

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One thing it clearly demonstrates, namely, that the Grand Lodge of England has not yet recognised the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, or rather had not done so at the time when the Grand Master was pleased to grant his warrant for the constitution of this lodge. In fact, we believe we are correct in saying that the lodge was sanctioned provisionally by the District G. Master before the Special Communication of Grand Lodge on the 29th July.

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We sympathise most cordially with the remarks of our correspondent "Δ" on the speeches that follow, regularly as the lodge meets, our observance of the "fourth degree," constituting as they do, as he suggests, a kind of "Self-laudatory" or "Mutual Admiration" degree. Doubtless, as a Mason of considerable experience, he has listened to many such speeches, but where he has listened to hundreds, we have read thousands, and we hardly know which is the more trying ordeal, to listen to or to read them. There is, perhaps, this advantage which the reader has over the listener, he can go to sleep over them without exposing himself to the charge of rudeness.

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In the old convivial days when a man dined out and on waking the next morning had a slight headache or dyspepsia, he invariably ascribed it to the salmon or the sauce. If the religious observance of this "self-laudatory" degree is continued much longer, it will become the custom to ascribe the morning's headache or dyspepsia following upon an evening's symposium, not to the wine, or the salmon, or the sauce, but to "the speeches." Fortunately the custom is growing apace in Masonic lodges of cutting short the speeches and lengthening the intervals for music and conversation.

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It is by no means a new feature in connection with our Girls' School that its pupils should achieve success in music, but we cannot call to mind that on any previous occasion we have made announcement of so many of them having been entered for a public examination in music, and all acquitting themselves

successfully. At the recent Examination in Practical Music of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music 11 girls were entered, namely, five for the Senior and six for the Junior; all of them passed and one with honours in each examination. We congratulate the School, and more especially its able instructress in music on a result so gratifying.

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Bro. Hugh E. Diamond, in his comparison, at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, of the present strength of the Boys' School, with what it was 25 years ago, was somewhat inaccurate in his figures. In 1871 the number of boys on the establishment was considerably in excess of 100—we believe the number was 115—not 83, as stated by him, while, at the present time, there are not 250, but 280 boys at Wood Green. The inaccuracy does not in any way detract from the force of Bro. Diamond's statement, that in the period in question, the School has increased enormously, but it is just as well that a brother who is taking a prominent part in the vexed question of the day should be as nearly as possible correct in his statements.

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We publish elsewhere a letter from a correspondent who signs himself as "C." and utterly condemns the scheme for the removal of the Boys' School. We do not quarrel with him for this expression of opinions, which are entitled to as much respect as if we agreed with him, more particularly as, unlike most of those who are protesting against the removal, he condescends to adopt arguments in support of his contention. What we do object to is the resolution at which he has arrived, not to support the Institution, because the policy which the ruling powers of the Institution have adopted does not meet with his approval. There is no doubt the Board of Management has the sympathy and support of a very large majority of those interested in the School, and the more the subject of the removal is discussed the more apparent does it become that that majority is steadily increasing. Thus he exposes himself to the charge of discontinuing his support because he and those who think with him cannot have their own way.

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We are requested to state that, in contemplation of the departure of Bro. Will E. Chapman for South Africa on the 26th instant, the Empress Lodge, the Eccentric Lodge, the Savage Club Lodge, and other lodges with which he is connected, will entertain him at a Masonic dinner on the 18th instant, and, as many brethren of other lodges may wish to join in the compliment to be paid to Bro. Chapman, the scope of the entertainment has been widened, so as not to confine it to members of the lodges named. All information can be obtained from the Hon. Secretaries of the movement—Bro. J. D. Langton, New Inn, Strand, W.C., and Bro. Clark, 3, St. Peter's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

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We beg to announce that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, will lay, with Masonic ceremonial, the first stone of a new public building at Longton, in the Province of Staffordshire, on Thursday, the 7th January, 1897.

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The Grand Secretary has received a communication from the Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, informing him that the lifeboat Alexandra, stationed at Hope Cave, Devonshire, one of the two lifeboats presented by the Freemasons of England to the Institution in 1877 in commemoration of the safe return from India of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, rendered good service on the 1st instant. The boat brought safely ashore the crew, consisting of 43 men, from the steamer Blisk, of Odessa, which stranded in Bolt Tail in extremely dark and thick weather, and will probably become a total wreck.

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At the half-yearly convocation of the District Grand Chapter of Bengal, held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Friday, the 11th September, a letter was read from Comp. Sir H. Thoby Prinsep, announcing that he had resigned the office of Grand Superintendent. A resolution expressing the regret of the Provincial Grand Chapter at the resignation was carried by acclamation.

THE Christmas number of the *Freemason*, is a bright and bulky budget of short stories, and other contents with special reference to Freemasonry.—*Star*.

THE Marchesa Vitelleschi, whose illustrations of old and modern Italian music at Queen's Hall last week were so highly appreciated, is one of the most recent converts from the ranks of the amateur to that of the professional musician. She is a sister of Lord Lamington (the Governor of Queensland), the Dowager Lady Delawarr, and Lady Melville.

Correspondence.

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

THE REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I wish to add my protest against the removal of the Boys' School from its present position; and, in doing so, would like to give my reasons for objecting to the course adopted by the Board of Management.

The present buildings have cost the funds a very large sum of money, which cannot, in any way, be recovered by the suggested sale of the land.

The reasons advanced by the Board of Management are negated by the records of the School.

In the first place, the site cannot be said to be unhealthy, as there has been no outbreak of illness for several years, and the occurrence of occasional sickness among the boys is much less frequent than in other schools of a similar character and size. With a little re-arrangement and slight alterations, the actual School building might be materially improved, if not made up to date.

Another plea put forward by the Board of Management is the necessity for more playground accommodation. In answer to this, I maintain that larger playground space exists at Wood Green than in schools containing a far greater number of scholars. For example, Christ's Hospital and the Drapers' Co.'s School at Woodford. Surely playgrounds sufficient for two football matches to be played simultaneously ought to be sufficient for ordinary purposes? Most public schools have their cricket field away from the actual precincts of the School, and there need be no difficulty in finding, within a radius of a mile and a half of the Wood Green School, several fields which could be utilised for such purposes as cricket matches, sports, &c.

I should also like to point out (with reference to the resolutions passed by some of the Provincial Grand Lodges in favour of the removal), that a very small percentage of those members who voted for the resolution can be aware of the facts of the case, or can ever have seen the Institution.

How many of the Jersey brethren (who agreed to the resolution, quoted in your last issue) have ever been near the School?

There is another way, I venture to suggest, in which the funds of the Charity might be better disposed of, and by which any risk of overcrowding the present Institution could be avoided, *i.e.*, by reducing the number of boys at the School from 260 to 220, or even 200, and by placing on the foundation of the Charity, a number of boys who might still remain with their parents, but receive an annual sum of £15 to £20 for their education and contingent expenses.

That this scheme is highly favoured by a large number of Masons, I instance the Mark Benevolent Fund (where all the children are educated from their own homes by attending very good grammar and other Schools in their own districts). Whenever this Fund is mentioned the greater number of assembled Masons freely express their opinion that this is the better plan.

In many cases, it is quite certain, that the children (both boys and girls), after having completed their education in the Masonic Schools, return to their families by no means pleased with their surroundings. The fact of their having been educated in advance of their brothers and sisters often causes dissension and unhappiness in the family circle, where none should exist.

I have, in common with a large number of Masons, been an active supporter of the Boys' School, but I shall certainly discontinue that support, as I consider the proposed removal is not justified by any of the statements made by the Committee.—Yours fraternally,

C.

THE SO-CALLED "FOURTH DEGREE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to your leading article on the so-called "Fourth" Degree, and all brethren must, I think, agree with you that refreshment after labour is most legitimate; but I fear we lapse after our symposium into another Degree—the "self-laudatory," or the "mutual admiration," Degree. I can understand that, once a year, when the Master of a lodge is installed, that those going out and those coming in should be either thanked or encouraged; but at all other banquets the toasts might be reduced in number, and proposed in the least possible flow of words. The advantages of such meetings are to be found in the brethren of a lodge becoming acquainted with each other, a desideratum which can hardly be acquired if speech after speech of "mutual admiration" has to be listened to, till the late hour obliges a quick retreat homewards, after the Tyler's toast. Let us have less talk and more brotherly communication; more acquaintance between brethren than can possibly be attained under the present laudatory system, which wearies the hearers, and chills that good feeling which should prevail.—Yours fraternally,

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London, December 5th.

THE NEW ZEALAND QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is not Bro. Whytehead labouring under some misunderstanding when he assumes that the Grand Lodge of England has already recognised the Grand Lodge of New Zealand? There are three important facts and incidents which, to the minds of many of us who take an interest in the question, plainly prove that recognition has not yet been accorded. Firstly, at the special meeting in July last, Grand Lodge was merely asked to "request the Grand Master to take such steps for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and for the establishment of fraternal good feeling with our New Zealand brethren as he may consider consistent with the honour of this Grand Lodge, and with just consideration for those lodges which may desire to retain their connection with the Grand Lodge of England." Secondly, a warrant has been issued for a new English lodge in New Zealand since the confirmation of the foregoing resolution. And, thirdly, the President of the Board of General Purposes, at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, is reported in the *Freemason* to have remarked—"When the Grand Master had determined, it would then be laid before Grand Lodge, to ratify and confirm what the Grand Master did."

I would, therefore, suggest that the question of recognition is at present in embryo, precisely as it was in two other of the Australasian Colonies, namely, New South Wales and Victoria, and in both of which there were originally unrecognised Grand Lodges. The late Earl of Carnarvon, when Pro Grand Master of England, visited Australia, and it was, in a great measure, owing to his lordship's kindly, diplomatic, and fraternal offices, that Masonic Unity eventually

became a reality in both Colonies by the establishment of the United Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria. Then, and then only was recognition by the Mother Grand Lodge of the world cheerfully accorded, and after such recognition had been refused to the respective local bodies more than once. In both these instances the movement was practically unanimous, only two English lodges in each Colony declining to join, and one each subsequently fell into line, leaving at the present time one lodge in Sydney and one in Melbourne.

That New Zealand will ultimately follow the example of New South Wales and Victoria may be taken for granted; but until there be practical unanimity amongst the various conflicting interests, it is, in my humble opinion, idle talk of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand. But, doubtless, the influences that evolved order out of chaos, in New South Wales and Victoria, are at the present time at work in the southern colony. Meanwhile, one must be content to wait developments.—Fraternal yours,

December 5th.

W. F. LAMONBY.

MASONIC VAGRANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You sometimes insert cautions against impostors in the *Freemason*, and I shall be obliged if you will kindly mention the following as a caution to other brethren whom the individual in question may wait upon, and if any reader of the *Freemason* can assist in exposing this man by furnishing his address or name and number of his lodge (if any), I shall be glad if they will reply through your office. I would rather my name and lodge be not mentioned by you:

On the 31st of July, a man giving the name as J. E.—J.—, and representing himself as being connected with a firm in the steel and iron trade at Sheffield, came to me as a brother, explaining that his letters and supplies had not arrived, but that they would be sure to reach him next morning. In the meantime he wanted a cash loan—which I now regret to say he obtained—promising repayment the following day without any doubt. I have neither seen nor heard of him since!—Yours fraternally,

W.M.

Dorchester, 4th December.

Craft Masonry.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

A meeting of the above lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. J. Smith, acting W.M., D.C.; T. W. Fisher, I.P.M.; C. Garton, J.W.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; William Baker, S.D.; T. Selby-Henry, J.D. and Chap.; J. G. Robeson, I.G.; Thomas Stokes, A.D.C.; Goodes, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Mower, P.M.; Peach, Dixon, Lloyd, Collins, Farr, S. Rippin, A. J. Rippin, Peirson, Lockett, Pitt, Wetton, Purbrook, Fishleigh, Welch, Virgo, Doody, and Crawshaw. Bro. W. Hawkins, 1382, was a visitor.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Smith, acting W.M., read a telegram received from Bro. Sarson, W.M., regretting his absence through illness. Bro. Dixon was raised to the Third Degree and Bro. Purbrook passed. The notice of motion by Bro. William Baker, S.D., that the bye-laws be amended as follows: "That neither the ceremonies of passing or raising be worked on installation night" was carried unanimously. A petition to the Board of Benevolence was signed on behalf of the widow of an old member of the lodge. Mr. Henry Williams was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for a ladies' night, consisting of a Cinderella dance, the said Committee comprising Bros. Doody, Ferguson, Hughes, A. J. Rippin, Crawshaw, and the officers of the lodge. Lodge was then closed.

Whittington Lodge, No. 862.

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 16th ult. The members present included Bros. William Bradford, W.M.; T. H. T. Jarvis, S.W.; H. Kemp, J.W.; Walter C. Tyler, S.D.; A. Clarkson, J.D.; T. J. Hester, D.C.; James Weaver, P.M. 862 and 1319, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Sec.; S. Godden, P.M., Treas.; J. Irvine, P.M.; Goddard, P.M., Tyler; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M.; J. Greenwood Hartley, G. M. Field, P. Day, T. W. Lowe, W. A. Grayson, R. W. C. Palmer, A. T. Chamberlin, R. Spencer, J. T. Southgate, Frank Heywood, A. T. Taylor, W. Reynolds, S. H. Bradford, G. Green, and G. Palmer. Visitors: Bros. C. A. Walter, W.M. 865, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br.; G. H. Rawson, 2028, P.P.S.G.W.; Turtle Lee, 2264; Fred. Harrison, P.M. 27; Bertrand Grant, W.M. 2562; Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M. 1744; J. S. Butter, W.M. 45; Sidney Hill, Org. 101; Howard Reynolds, Org. 1309; B. Grant, W.M. 2562; F. Harrison, P.M. 27; W. J. Marchant, R. C. Davis, P.M. 2266; G. Collard, P.M. 1704; C. F. Winchen, 1209, 2999, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; T. H. Mills, Sandford, 1402; H. A. Brock, 1402; S. C. Phillips, S.W. 2562; John Hart, W.M. 2146; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Philip Greenwood was raised to the Third Degree, Bros. John Mortimer Field and William Geo. West were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Stewart H. Bradford, Walter Reynolds, and Jabez Williams were initiated, after which Bro. T. H. T. Jarvis was presented, and duly installed into the chair of K.S., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Bradford, I.P.M.; H. Kemp, S.W.; W. C. Tyler, J.W.; S. Godden, P.M., Treas.; J. Irvine, P.M., Treas. B.F.; James Weaver, P.M., Sec.; A. Clarkson, S.D.; T. J. Hester, J.D.; F. Heywood, I.G.; J. T. Southgate, D. of C.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Org.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses delivered to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given by Bro. J. Irvine, P.M., in a perfect manner.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been offered by the visitors, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a *recherche* banquet was served, at which the W.M. very ably presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. remarked on the exceptional presence of two Grand Officers—Bros. Stiles and Scurrah.

Bro. Stiles, P.G. Treas., in reply, said he was delighted to see his old friend, Bro. Jarvis, installed that evening as W.M. of the Whittington Lodge; he also was delighted to hear Bro. Irvine as Installing Master. Brevity being the soul of wit, he therefore congratulated the W.M., Wardens, and brethren on the way in which the working of the different Degrees had been carried out, and thanked them for the pleasure afforded him to be their guest that evening.

Bro. Scurrah, in reply on behalf of the Present Grand Officers, said no two brethren worked harder for the benefit of Freemasonry than Lords Lathom and Amherst. In Lord Lathom, whenever there was anything special on at Grand Lodge he was there, and the same might be said of Earl Amherst, who, although a younger officer, did his best for the benefit of the Craft in every way.

The I.P.M., Bro. Bradford, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was with the greatest possible pleasure he rose to propose that toast. Ever since Bro. Jarvis entered the lodge he had been a zealous and hard-working member of it. He had the greatest confidence in him, and thought he would make one of the best W.Ms. the Whittington Lodge had ever had.

The W.M., in reply, said he thanked them all for the too flattering manner in which his health had been drunk. He had tried to do his best, and if he had succeeded he could only say it had been a labour of love, and anything he could do to promote the interest of the Whittington Lodge, he would do with the greatest possible pleasure.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," and in a few words said all the brethren of the Whittington Lodge knew what Bro. Bradford had done for them in the past. He had attended all meetings, and after each meeting a banquet, he therefore, in the name of the lodge, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Bradford, I.P.M., in reply, said his year of office had been delightful. He had the support of good officers. As regards the jewel, he was proud to be the recipient of it. He thanked them all for the way in which his name had been received.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Initiates." He said the toast was always received well, it gave him pleasure in saying that he believed the three gentlemen initiated that evening would prove good men and loyal Masons, one of them was his son, another, Bro. Walter Reynolds, who was personally known to him, and Bro. Williams, whom he had not the pleasure of knowing personally, but judging by his attention that evening to the ceremony he believed he would be a credit to the lodge. In vacating the chair that day he humorously remarked that he bequeathed three things, viz., an I.P.M., a W.M., and his son as initiate; he thanked them all for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Bros. Bradford, Walter Reynolds, and Jabez Williams each replied.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said the toast was always received in the heartiest manner by the members of the Whittington Lodge. They had been favoured that night with many distinguished visitors, he therefore gave them a most cordial welcome.

Bros. John Hart, W.M. 2146; Grant, W.M. 2562; Geo. Walker Rawson, 2028, P.P.S.G.W., the ex-Mayor of Canterbury, and Capt. Knightley, P.M. 1744, responded to the toast.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Past Masters," and said they were always within a cable tow when wanted, they were always willing to give their time and energy for the benefit of the Craft and that lodge in particular.

Bro. S. Godden, P.M., said he was the oldest P.M. except Bro. James Weaver, he had been a member of the lodge for 30 years and anything he had done had been a labour of love.

Bro. Irvine, P.M., said he had great pleasure in responding. He had gone through all the offices leading to the chair. The Charities were not forgotten by the members of the Whittington Lodge. One member—Bro. Walter Tyler—took up a short time since 114 guineas, another member took up 109 guineas, and the I.P.M. took up 100 guineas.

Bro. Pouncefort, P.M., in reply, said the lodge was to be congratulated on having such a W.M. He was proud to say the lodge had their own Benevolent Fund, which amounted to the large sum of over £200.

Bro. Wavell, P.M., replied in a few well-chosen words.

In reply to "The Wardens of the Lodge," Bro. Kemp, S.W., said the W.M. might rely on the Wardens doing their duty.

Bro. Walter Tyler, J.W., in his usual humorous vein, strongly advocated the Masonic Charities. He was proud to be an officer under such a W.M. as Bro. Jarvis. He had seen much of him, both at the lodge and Fourth Degree, and he, therefore, felt it to be an honour to be his J.W.

We believe we are right in saying that Bro. Tyler has been twice a Steward, once taking up the splendid sum of £120 and on another occasion 100 guineas. This surely is something to be proud of, and we, therefore, must congratulate Bro. Tyler on his success.

The toast of "The Junior Officers" and Tyler's toast brought this very happy meeting to a close.

During the evening a splendid programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. James Weaver, P.M., &c., assisted by Bro. Turle Lee, Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Bessie Dickson, Bros. A. H. Gee, Gurney Russell, James Hamilton, A. H. Brock, Howard Reynolds, and Sidney Hill (accompanist), and Mr. H. Marriott.

Zetland Lodge, No. 1311.

On Friday afternoon, the 20th ult., the installation of Bro. Dr. Robert Swales, S.W., took place in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. The Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary were unable to be present on account of a Provincial Grand Chapter meeting unfortunately arranged for the same day. The lodge was honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. S.G.W., and the Prov. J.G.W. The installation ceremony was very ably rendered by the Prov. J.G.W., a Past Master of the lodge, Bro. J. Arthur Godwin.

After the ceremony and closing of the lodge, the Festival of St. John was celebrated by the usual banquet, which was attended by over 70 brethren, and a most instructive and enjoyable evening was spent. The musical programme was good and much appreciated. A deputation consisting of 11 brethren from the Zion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby, North East Province of Yorkshire, was present. Three of these brethren were jubilee Masons, their Masonic years in each case being over 50. Their combined natural ages amounted to 232 years. A fourth one was not able to be present on account of illness. The meeting was marked by a most interesting and agreeable incident, being a presentation to the lodge of a large framed and signed photograph of the four venerable brethren presented by the Patriarchal father and Masonic brother of the newly-installed W.M. The meeting was altogether a very successful one and augurs well for the Worshipful Master's coming year of office.

The officers appointed and invested were Bros. J. H. W. Nettleship, I.P.M.; W. H. Jarvis, S.W.; G. G. Frayer, J.W.; J. Arthur Godwin, Treas.; John W. Smith, Sec.; H. M. Forber, S.D.; H. J. Kiaer, J.D.; W. E. B. Marchant, I.G.; Clayton, D.C.; A. Willey and G. S. Humphrey, Stwds.; F. Song, Org.; and J. H. Newton, Tyler.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Clark, P.M., P.A.G.P. Middx., as W.M.; W. Hill, acting S.W.; Cronin, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. Wheatley, S.D.; H. Gale, J.W.; Davis, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and C. Boyce, Stwds.; and W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. Farrant was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Pitt, late of No. 104, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Bro. A. T. Scholding, P.M. Bros. W. Hopkins, S.W., was elected W.M.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. The name of a candidate for initiation having been handed in, the lodge was closed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. J. Tagg, W.M.; W. Hopkins, S.W.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; E. H. Trotter, P.M.; H. Webster, and others. A banquet followed.

Bros. G. Ransford and W. Spearing responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Jessett proposed "The Health of 'The Worshipful Master.'" He said that he regretted that absence in the far off County of Durham had prevented their W.M. on three occasions from attending the meetings of the lodge. However, in the person of Bro. Past Master Clark, the lodge had one highly capable of performing Masonic duty on the W.M.'s behalf. There were other Past Masters in the lodge who would have been only too pleased had their services been required. He coupled the name of Bro. Clark with the toast.

The pledge was warmly received.

The toast of "The Past Master Elect" followed.

Bro. Lucas, 1733, responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was proposed in fluent and kindly terms by Bro. Farrant.

Bro. J. C. Jessett, in reply, gave the brethren some figures in connection with the finances of the lodge, and hoped that those brethren who were somewhat in arrears with their subscriptions would forward same in order that he might present a favourable balance-sheet at the next meeting.

Bros. Cronin, C. Wheatley, H. Gale, C. Davis, W. Hill, and C. Boyce responded for the toast of "The Officers."

Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

A most successful meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, on Saturday, the 21st ultimo, when Bro. A. J. Turner, W.M., presided over some 60 brethren, among whom were Bros. J. J. Rumbal, S.W.; J. W. Facey, J.W.; J. W. Barker, P.M., Treas.; F. Norman, S.D.; A. J. Talbot, J.D.;

F. Miller, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; R. H. Williams, P.M., D.C.; W. Clapp, A.D.C.; L. Beale and J. H. Byrne, Stwds.; A. Norman, P.M.; J. Wiggins, P.M.; W. B. Neville, P.M.; J. H. Neville, P.M.; W. Dresden, P.M.; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; J. A. Battersby, J. T. Davis, C. Ortner, G. F. Saunders, F. D. Head, A. J. Taylor, W. Nelder, G. M. Pettit, M. Moss, S. M. Jones, R. Bidgood, Dr. E. T. Ensor, W. J. Chesterfield, J. May, J. Smith, A. Coomber, P. Hendy, Dr. Whitlock, J. Ortner, R. H. Meyer, W. E. Scott, and others. Visitors: Bros. Percy Wells, P.S. G.W. South Australia; the Rev. H. V. Tyrrell; J. H. Snelling, P.M. 1541; H. G. Holland, W.M. 2054; T. R. Bavar, 1339; F. Stutfield, P.M. 144; H. F. Foale, P.M. 1381; G. R. Barnes, P.M. 1261; E. P. Moore, 2150; T. Lecte, 901; E. P. L. Atkins, 1107; and F. M. Noakes.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. H. Hockey and F. Broomsgrove, and it proved unanimously in their favour. The W.M. then proceeded to raise Bro. Nelder, giving the traditional history. This was followed by the passing of Bros. Green and Jones and the initiation of Messrs. Hockey and Broomsgrove. The whole of the ceremonies were performed in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., who concluded by giving the charge to the initiates. The W.M. reported that a dispensation had been granted by Grand Lodge, on his application, to hold a Masonic service in St. Philip's Church, Earl's Court, which had taken place on the 14th ultimo, and an unanimous vote of sympathy having been passed to Bro. J. Wakeham on account of his recent bereavement, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that that was a very happy combination, for while her Majesty was one of the most womanly of women, so in Freemasonry they had some of the most manly of men. Her Majesty's influence, like that of the Craft, was felt for good throughout the world, but especially was that the case wherever the English language was spoken. He hoped that all future Sovereigns of this great empire would have their names associated with that toast, and that it would always be received by the brethren in the same hearty manner that they now received the toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and, in giving it, the W.M. said that his Royal Highness had such a kind, genial disposition, and possessed so much tact, everything always flourished that he took in hand. The Craft had certainly made gigantic strides while his Royal Highness had been Most Worshipful Grand Master, and under his wise rule it would be sure to continue to prosper.

Bro. J. H. Neville, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and congratulated him on his excellent working in the lodge, and the genial way he was presiding over the after meeting. He was quite sure they would all agree that in Bro. Turner they had a most efficient W.M.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

In reply, Bro. Turner thanked the brethren for the very kind way they had received his name. They had conferred on him the highest honour that a lodge could bestow on any brother, and by their applause they showed they meant to support him right loyally during his year of office. In return for their kindness, he promised he would do his very best to try and prove worthy of such confidence. They knew that it was a very responsible position to preside over a lodge—especially one of the size and importance of the Kensington Lodge—but with their continued support, he felt confident that when his term of office expired, he should be able to hand over the warrant of the lodge to his successor pure and unsullied as he had received it.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiates," and in doing so, he gave Bros. Hockey and Broomsgrove a most hearty welcome into the Kensington Lodge. If they would only try to act up to the principles of the Craft they would become wiser, better, and happier men.

Bros. Hockey and Broomsgrove thanked the brethren for admitting them into the Order, and trusted that they might prove themselves to be good Masons and useful members of the Kensington Lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said they were always anxious to give a hearty welcome to visiting brethren, but this spirit was by no means confined to that lodge. Wherever a good Mason went he could be quite sure of receiving the right hand of good fellowship, and especially was that the case when he went as a visitor to a Masonic lodge.

Bro. Percy Wells, P.S.G.W. of South Australia, in reply, said that he had been a member of the Fraternity for over 50 years, and had gained his Masonic experience in many parts of the world. He had the honour of drafting the Articles of Constitution on which the Grand Lodge of South Australia had been established. That was the oldest Grand Lodge in the Australian Colonies, and he was very proud to be one of its Past Grand Wardens. He congratulated the W.M. on the splendid manner in which he had conducted the lodge, and thanked the brethren for giving him the pleasure of spending such a very happy and instructive evening.

Bros. H. V. Tyrrel, J. H. Snelling, H. G. Holland, and E. P. L. Atkins likewise responded.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" were duly honoured and responded to.

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful meetings ever held in the lodge.

The musical portion of the programme was in the hands of Bro. F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org., and Bros. C. Ortner, J. Ortner, W. Green, H. G. Holland, J. Wiggins, J. T. Davis, and F. Norman contributed some grand singing, which was rapturously received. Bro. S. Adkins gave a pianoforte solo in a splendid manner, and Bro. the Rev. H. V. Tyrrel fairly convulsed the brethren by reciting an account of an inquest as told by a foreman of a Cornish jury.

Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328.

The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 24th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. The W.M., Bro. J. P. Carr, presided, supported by his officers and a number of visitors, including the Masters of the York and Eboracum Lodges and their Wardens, and the W.Ms. of the St. Germain, Excelsior, and Minerva Lodges, and other brethren.

The installation was conducted by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.S.B., assisted by the W.M. and by Bro. C. E. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.C., the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. J. E. Jones, P.M., and F. Shann, P.M. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. Melrose, J.P., S.W.; Capt. T. Lindberg, J.W.; Rev. E. Bulmer, P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. L. Swift, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; C. E. Wood, Sec.; Capt. W. D. Rudgard, S.D.; A. G. Stevenson, J.D.; H. J. Rudgard, I.G.; J. E. Jones, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Dr. J. T. Hingston, Stwd.; and J. R. Parker, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, seconded by the Dean of York, P.M., P.G.C., the lodge gave voice to its sense of sorrow at the death of Bro. Todd, of York, Prov. G. Treas., and expressing regret at the loss his death would occasion to Masonry in North and East Yorkshire.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren and their visitors, to the number of 36, dined together at the North-Eastern Hotel.

Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult. at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, Bro. David Phillips, W.M., presiding over a company of brethren numbering about 50. Bro. George Ransford, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, after which Bro. George Emblin, P.M., D.C., presented to the W.M., Bro. W. Klingenstein, P.M., a P.M. of Nos. 73 and 1540, for the benefit of installation. Bro. David Phillips, W.M., then installed Bro. Klingenstein, and himself was invested with the collar of I.P.M. The officers for the year were then appointed, and Bro. Phillips completed the ceremonies by delivering in splendid style the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. He was afterwards presented with a Past Master's jewel, accompanied by some richly-deserved encomiums from the W.M.

The brethren supplemented the labours of the evening by partaking of a choice banquet.

The loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers" and "The Masonic Charities," and, in speaking of the latter, said he did not know of any subject at the present time of more importance than the controversy about the Boys' School, because he did not want to see any of the Masonic Charities suffer for it in the slightest degree. Masons supported three Institutions, one for the girls, one for the boys, and they did not forget the old people; they supported them to the best of their ability; they deserved support; but, at the same time, he did not like to see a controversy or anything that would lessen the support. He felt himself to some extent responsible for the controversy then before the Craft as to the removal of the Boys' School, in which Institution he was deeply interested as a Vice-President. That Institution's affairs were coming more prominently before the Craft, and it required thought, very great thought, and full information from those who knew all about the Institution, to judge fairly on the step which the Board of Management had taken. The old Board of Management was the House Committee, which consisted of 12 London brethren. The provinces entertained a feeling against that state of things, and thought the Institution was not fairly managed. That difficulty was got over. There was first a provisional Management Committee, and eventually a Board of Management, which they determined should rule and guide the Institution, was formed consisting of 15 London and 15 provincial brethren—so that there was an equal responsibility. That scheme had happily worked very successfully. The members of the Board had during the period of its existence many controversies, but as a Board of Management, he would frankly say, having been on many Boards in his life, that he never knew a more cosmopolitan and honest Board, and although some members received and accepted a beating, they all pulled together for the welfare of the Institution. That feeling was in existence at the present time. With regard to the removal of the School, there had been a difference between members of the Board, but now it had been determined by practically the unanimous wish of the Craft—all pulling in one direction, to make the removal a great success, and the Institution a proud pillar of the Craft. He was regretting only that day that his own Province of West Yorkshire, one of the noblest of the provinces, was diametrically opposed to the removal. He had not had an opportunity yet of expressing his feelings, but he might say it was his own feelings and the feelings of his colleagues on the Board that the School should be raised to the highest pinnacle. Let him tell them why the Board had determined on the removal. In 1890 they were under a cloud, and did not know where to look for succour, but they had a very poor festival. At that period the invested capital was something like £17,500. There were eight presentations which practically had a first charge upon the Institution, because they were perpetual. West Yorkshire held two, for which it paid £1050 each to keep two boys. The festival produced £9253, and the Institution was costing over £13,000 a year, so that the balance being taken from the invested £17,500 would have left a very small margin to work upon. What did the Board of Management do? They consulted the Earl of Lathom, who nobly accepted their invitation to take the chair at the Festival of 1891. They had never looked behind since; the festival realised £29,000. That showed the Craft were determined to support a thoroughly upright sound Board of Management. That year Lord Lathom hinted in his remarks that it would be wise for the Board of Management to look out for another site because the present School was hemmed in by buildings of a small description. He would like the brethren then round the table to go down to Wood Green and see the surroundings of the Boys' School. It had 13½ acres; the playground was small; it had 260 boys; there were 279 on the books; every portion of the building was filled; they were better clothed, better fed, and better educated than they were before; and now the Institution had outgrown the building; therefore it was determined to remove to a broader acreage. From 1891 to 1895 the Craft had supported the Board of Management to the extent of £120,000. The invested capital which was £17,500 in 1890, and partly mortgaged, had grown to something approaching £70,000. That would at any rate answer any severe criticism of the step they were taking—the Craft was supporting them; they wished them to remove. The objectors said the Board ought to have taken the Craft more into their confidence. That assertion had been threshed out over and over again. There was no law to say they were to send out balloting papers to get the opinion of the Craft. If there was it would be unfair if the principle was one man one vote. If the vote was *pro rata*—a vote for every five guineas a brother had subscribed—he would not mind; but he objected to a brother who had subscribed only five guineas having the same voting power as himself who had paid hundreds. He contended that the Board had done what was right, that their action had the support of the Craft, and that the Craft had been taken into the confidence of the Board. After indignantly denying the insinuation of a Masonic paper that the Board had perpetrated a "job," he called upon the brethren to give their assistance to the Charities. He assured them that whatever criticism there might be on the site chosen for the Boys' School, it was a good one.

Bro. David Phillips, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that Bro. Klingenstein had been so good a Treasurer, that the brethren might be sure he would be an equally good Master.

Bro. Klingenstein, W.M., in response, said he had very little to say, because the I.P.M. had set the excellent example of brevity of speech. He would try his utmost to deserve the honour the brethren had bestowed upon him—and all's well that jends well.

Bro. Klingenstein, W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said lodges liked to show hospitality, and he was pleased to say that principle had always been followed up in that lodge to the fullest extent. That evening they were honoured by various visitors of distinction, among whom were Bros. Massey, Polak, and Harding, all very old friends of his own. There were also Bros. Welsford, Clark, Higgs, and Grove, besides several others—friends of brethren belonging to the lodge. They were all heartily welcome. He hoped they had benefited by what they had heard inside the lodge and also by what their excellent and good friend, Bro. Smithson, had told them of the Charities, more especially of the Boys' School. The brethren would see from what he had said the energy a large body of Masons brought forward in support of the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Polak, in the course of his reply, said when the worthy and Worshipful Master was good enough to extend an invitation to him at his own lodge on the previous Monday, he felt, before coming here, that the visitors would receive a warm welcome. When they entered the precincts of the lodge they knew that the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge would not be behind other lodges in hospitality. As a young Mason, he wished to say, with regard to the performance of the ceremony of installation by the I.P.M., he did not think he could find words sufficient to extol the praiseworthy manner in which he performed it. Every word he uttered seemed to come from the bottom of his heart.

Bro. Harding said he endorsed every word of the last speaker. He was charmed with the manner in which the ceremony was performed. He had seen it performed many times since he was initiated in 1867, but he had never seen it better performed. He was also delighted to see Bro. Klingenstein in the chair. The lodge had honoured itself by placing him in it. He never knew Bro. Klingenstein put his hand to anything without it turning out a success. He was also glad to hear about the Boys' Institution—that it was going to be removed to a better locality. He was going up for the Derby Allcroft Lodge as Steward for the Boys' Institution. That lodge had been fortunate enough to get a boy in—a first application and the last chance; they got him in at the head of the poll, and that meant a great amount of assistance from the brethren.

Bro. Welsford said it was a particular pleasure to him to accept the invitation of Past Master Phillips. He held the proud position of Assistant Preceptor of a lodge of instruction at which Bro. Phillips was a constant attendant. Ten members of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge were regular attendants. Such a promising lot of members coming forward set a good example, and he was sure good Masonic work would follow. The visitors would like to thank the W.M. very sincerely for having invited and brought to that meeting a Grand Officer who had given them a clear, sound, business-like statement on a controversy at the present time stirring the ranks of Masonry far and wide. He had not heard before such a complete vindication and answer to all the charges brought against the Board of Management of the Boys' School. With such clear-sighted, keen business men at the head of affairs of the Institution, the brethren did not mind giving their subscriptions, large and small. When they knew the time Bro. Smithson and others give to the Institution, they knew the money would not be ill spent. The visitors had had a most enjoyable night, not only in the lodge, but also at the festive board.

Bro. Clark advised the young members to attend lodges of instruction, as it was only by so doing they could become perfect.

Bros. Higgs and Grove also responded.

Bro. David Phillips, I.P.M., replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," thanked the brethren for presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, and for the kind remarks of the W.M. Whenever he put the jewel on it would remind him of the many pleasant hours he had passed as Master of the lodge and of the brethren's kindness. He had tried to do his best during his year of office, and if they were satisfied he was pleased. He did not speak of the work he had done. It had been said by brethren that no one should accept office unless he intended to carry out its duties. The Past Masters who had gone before him had set him a very good example. If in following their footsteps he had satisfied the brethren, he was delighted. So long as he remained a member of the lodge he should do his very best to further its interests.

Bro. George Emblin, P.M., also replied.

Bro. Klingenstein, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and the Secretary," said it was well for a Master that he was able to have such brethren among his officers as Bros. G. Ransford and Bullock, and he was proud to have to propose their health, because he knew they would do their utmost to bring their energies to bear on the offices they had undertaken.

Bro. George Ransford, P.M., Treas., replying, said he was very pleased with the kind expressions of the W.M. towards him, and he thanked the brethren one and all for their unanimous vote in electing him. It was a great honour to any brother, whoever he might be, to be elected unanimously without fear or favour. If they would entrust him with their money he would to the best of his ability see it was well spent in the right direction under the W.M., whose servant he was for the time being. Whatever the W.M. told him to do he should do, and he should not allow anything unless the W.M. gave him permission.

Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec., said the previous speaker was the Treasurer of the lodge and a P.M. He had a complaint to make about Bro. Ransford; he had been his stumbling block in past years, and that night he had aggravated the offence. (Laughter.) He (Bro. Bullock) had had a private tip that he would have to make a speech, and Bro. Ransford forestalled him; and when the floodgates of Bro. Ransford's speeches were opened there was nothing more to say. But he (Bro. Bullock) had to say that he was a Past Master of that lodge, and the first Master and father of the lodge, although he was told he was a very young-looking father. Bro. Ransford came forward and said to him he was on the job when the money was collected, that he was Treasurer, and that he (Bro. Bullock) was not to forget it, and then Bro. Ransford skinned him of everything, so that he had not a copper left. (Laughter.) Bro. Ransford said he would take care of it; he would, and he would give the brethren a good account of it. He (Bro. Bullock) being father of the lodge, the brethren would think he ought to retire as he had entered upon the serene and yellow leaf. But he had been made Secretary—an office in which one got more kicks than halfpence—but Bro. Klingenstein asked him to honour him by being Secretary for a year, and what could he say? They all voted Bro. Klingenstein, and he had only got to make a request and they were bound to accede to it. He hoped the appointment would meet with the brethren's approval. Bro. Klingenstein was now W.M. of a lodge for the third time; he was not afraid of work. He had a business to attend to; he was Treasurer of the German Benevolent Society, and he was to be met frequently late going to some society's meeting after a hard day's work. That was the sort of brother they had in the chair of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge. He (Bro. Bullock) hoped that at the end of the year they would say of him—Well done, good and faithful servant, and that he should succeed in the Secretaryship.

The toast of "The Officers" was given and replied to before the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Royal Arch.

St. Magdalen Chapter, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ultimo, in St. George's Club, Doncaster. Present: Comps. J. Constable, M.E.Z.; C. Goldthorpe, H.; W. Fretwell, J.; J. Fitzgerald, S.E.; W. Mason, Janitor; F. Rand, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; S. Pegler, P.Z.; F. Webb, I.P.Z.; J. H. Pawson, C. H. Woodhouse, J. W. Hirst, P.Z.; and others.

As there was no work on, the chapter was closed, previous to which a brother was proposed for exaltation.

All Saints Chapter, No. 422.

The annual installation of this chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, Old Hall Gainsborough, on Thursday, the 26th ult. Present: Comps. F. Farmer, M.E.Z.; J. R. Sowby, H.; J. Constable, J.; H. E. Pearson, S.E.; A. E. Adlard, acting S.N.; T. E. Liversidge, P.S.; and others.

The installation ceremony was performed by the M.E.Z., and Comps. Sowby, P.G. Treas., was installed as M.E.Z.; Constable, P.P.G.S.N., H.; Mason, J.; Liversidge, P.P.G.P.S., P.S.; Caldecott, S.E.; Adlard, S.N.; Middleton, 1st A.S.; and Scott, Janitor.

Owing to some local arrangement and the recent death of Comp. John Moxon, the customary banquet was postponed until December.

Stamford Chapter, No. 1045.

The annual festival of this chapter was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday evening, the 23rd ult. A large number of members and visitors were present, amongst whom were the following: Comps. Joel Foden, Prov. G. Treas., M.E.Z.; J. S. Law, H.; the Rev. C. C. Atkinson, M.A., P.P.G.P.S., J.; J. T. Goulding, P.S.; W. A. Doherty, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Derbyshire, P.G.O., A.S.; John Lewis, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; W. Pugh, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; R. Newhouse, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; James Davenport; J. Ferguson, P.A.G. Sec.; W. Skilling; F. Broadsmith, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; J. Cookson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; J. Whitelegg; James Hamilton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Martin Stone, P.Z.; J. Wakefield, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; H. G. Small, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; J. Blackie, M. Levy, T. Nicholson, J. Armstrong, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; and J. H. Evans, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.

The ceremony of installation was excellently carried out by Comp. F. Broadsmith, P.Z., P.P.G.H., assisted by Comp. John Lewis, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Comps. J. S. Law, M.E.Z.; the Rev. C. C. Atkinson, H.; J. T. Goulding, J.; W. A. Doherty, S.E.; A. C. Sparkes, S.N.; J. S. Derbyshire, P.S.; James Davenport, 1st A.S.; Wm. Skilling, 2nd A.S.; J. Hamilton, Treas.; and A. Huxley, Janitor. After various items of business had been transacted, the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to a supper, after which the various loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Mark Masonry.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford. Bro. J. F. Last, W.M., presided, and was supported by the officers and a goodly number of the members. The minutes of the election meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Althorp, P.P.G.W., presented Bro. G. Martin, S.W., the W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been declared open, Bro. Martin was regularly installed into the chair of A. The W.M. having been proclaimed by Bro. T. Norfolk, P.M., P.P.G.O., and saluted by the brethren, appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. C. Gamble, S.W.; J. Clifford, J.W.; Joshua Hill, M.O.; J. H. Pullan, S.O.; C. Whittaker, J.O.; C. Cromack, S.D.; John Cromack, J.D.; W. H. F. Schutte, I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; G. Althorp, P.M., Treas.; Rev. J. W. Clough, Chap.; T. Norfolk, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Last, I.P.M.; C. W. Hudson, D.C.; and J. Foulds, Stwd. The customary addresses were ably given by Bro. J. L. Atherton, P.M., P.P.G.W., in his usual impressive manner. A candidate was proposed for advancement at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

The visitors included Bros. John Barker, P.M., D.P.G.M.; J. Matthewman, P.G. Sec.; J. G. Hallas, W.M. 14; J. Dalzell, W.M. 58; and J. S. Smithies, W.M. 495, P.P.G.W.

After refreshment the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Mark Lodge" having been proposed, that of "The Prov. Grand Mark Lodge" followed.

In responding for the latter, Bro. J. Matthewman, P.G. Sec., remarked that, in his official capacity, he had recently been engaged in investigating the history of the lodge. He had inspected the minutes since 1874; he himself had been advanced in the lodge in 1873, and he enquired where were the previous records? So far as he could ascertain they were not to be found. He referred to the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in 1872 by six of the then existing lodges in the district, when Bro. Perkinson, of the Fearnley Lodge, Halifax, was appointed the first P.G. Master. The Old York Lodge was not one of the six lodges referred to. It held aloof at the time, and only came into P.G. Lodge in 1874, when it obtained a warrant of confirmation from Grand Mark Lodge of its old Time Immemorial Constitution. In looking over the records of the P.G. Lodge he found that at a meeting held at Huddersfield in 1874, Bro. Perkinson, P.G.M., mentioned that he had just before visited the Old York Lodge at Bradford, and he prophesied a successful future for the lodge, which he (Bro. Matthewman) was glad to find had been fulfilled, although there had been a period of depression in the meantime. Bro. Matthewman expressed a hope that some member of the lodge would endeavour to trace out its earlier history and hunt up the records.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Last, I.P.M., who, on behalf of the lodge, extended to them a very cordial welcome.

Bro. G. Hallas, W.M. 14, responded, and claimed that his lodge was the oldest lodge of Mark Masters, not only in the province, but also almost in England, as it had met for very many years before the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1856. When the lodge applied to Grand Lodge for registration the members were promised a Time Immemorial warrant, and he had been informed that they were considerably annoyed when it arrived to find that it was numbered 14 instead of T.I. The older members of the lodge relate how in former times the lodge met on Sundays at the old secluded village of Bottoms, near Eastwood, the brethren attending at full moon from miles around, travelling in carts and on horseback, while many walked long distances to attend; the several Degrees of Freemasonry were worked during the day, including the Order of the Temple. The lodge records prove its antiquity, the furniture is very antique, it was not known from whence it came and he had never seen anything like it.

Bros. Dalzell, W.M. 58, and Smithies, W.M. 495, also responded.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was proposed by Bro. Martin, W.M., who complimented him upon his very successful year of office.

Bro. Last, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the cordial manner they had received the toast of his health, the assistance which had been rendered by the Past Master and officers of the lodge had made his term of office very pleasant. He intimated to the Prov. Grand Secretary that as the lodge during its earlier existence worked in connection with the Old Lodge of Hope, No. 302 (Craft), it was possible that the missing records might be found in the old minute books of that lodge. With reference to the claim of the Prince Edward Lodge to seniority he assured Bro. Hallas, its W.M., that there existed no rivalry between the two lodges and he was pleased to find that No. 14 was in so flourishing a condition.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Harrison, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., who stated that he had always found Bro. Martin a good friend, a genuine Mason, and an earnest man; he was sure that he echoed the sentiments of all the brethren when he said that they had the greatest confidence in the W.M. in his ability to conduct the affairs of the lodge to their entire satisfaction; he ventured to predict a very happy and successful year for the W.M., and he promised that he would have the hearty support of all the brethren.

Bro. George Martin, W.M., in responding, acknowledged the kind wishes of the brethren and promised that it would be his endeavour to uphold the lustre and dignity of the chair; he would strive to emulate the I.P.M., who had had such a successful year, and hoped he would be well supported by all the brethren and then he had no doubt as to the result.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

Songs were contributed by Bros. Clugh, Hudson, Gamble, Clifford, Whittaker, and Pullan.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 17th ult. Among those present were Bros. Rev. R. C. Fillingham, W.M.; T. B. Dodson, S.W.; F. W. Driver, P.M., P.G.S., as J.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; L. W. Harvey, I.P.M.; and A. N. Clemow, P.M. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.S.G.D., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no other business, the lodge was at once closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served.

Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a neat speech.

Bro. L. W. Harvey proposed the toast of "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he expressed a hope that a candidate or two would be forthcoming before the W.M. left the chair. Bro. Fillingham was a well known public speaker and a man of letters and therefore to him it would be a very easy matter to master the ceremony of advancement—if he did not already know it. He (the speaker) hoped to be able to introduce a candidate next year, and if the other active members of the lodge did the same No. 238 would again be in a highly flourishing condition.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the proposer of the toast for his kind remarks. He hoped that there would be work to do before he left the chair. He was very proud of being W.M. of the lodge which in its time had had many good Masons and brilliant exponents of the Mark ritual. He was a very busy man but still thus far he had been able to perform his Masonic duties without detriment to his clerical and private engagements.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Visitors." He said that it was always to him a pleasure to attend any Masonic lodge as a visitor, but more especially one like the present which had for members several of his old friends. He had enjoyed their hospitality very much, and it went without saying that with so accomplished a Chairman, the proceedings and the speeches were both interesting and pleasing.

In giving "The Past Masters" the W.M. touched kindly on the absence of one who, in days gone by, had been of great service to the lodge, he alluded to Bro. Nelson Prower, G. Sec., at present in Cyprus. They also had to thank Bro. Harvey for having introduced several members, and to their host, Bro. Clemow, they owed much.

This toast having been warmly received, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

The W.M., Bros. F. W. Driver, T. Dodson, A. Clemow, and H. J. Lardner entertained the brethren.

Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 309.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Belvedere, Kent, on the 25th ult. The W.M., Bro. Greig, P.S.G.O., being unavoidably absent in the North of England, the lodge was opened by the senior P.M., Bro. Wood, P.G.M.O. After the usual formal business, and in the further absence of the I.P.M., the chair was assumed by the Secretary, Bro. Bateman, P.M. 309 and 433, and W.M. elect 332, who, at a moment's notice, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Campbell Taylor, P.M. 44, according to ancient usage. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Greenway, S.W.; Turton, J.W.; Messer, Wood, P.M., and Corbett, Overseers; Robinson, P.M., Treas.; Bateman, P.M., Sec. and acting S.D.; Thomas, P.M., acting I.G.; and Gale, Tyler. Two candidates for advancement were proposed, and after a vote of thanks to the Installing Master and the usual routine business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and visitors partook of supper under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Boro' of Greenwich Lodge, No. 332.

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ultimo, at the William the Fourth, Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, Bro. Burney, W.M., presiding. After the minutes, the chair was taken by Bro. Bateman, P.M. (Hon. Member), at the request of the W.M., and three candidates were advanced to the Honourable Degree. Bro. Bateman was

balloted for, and duly elected as a joining member, and the election of W.M. for the ensuing year being thereafter taken, that brother was unanimously elected to fill the chair. Two joining members were proposed, and the Secretary, Bro. Carter, P.M., intimated there were several brethren coming forward for advancement.

This Mark lodge was the first of the East Greenwich Masonic institutions, and led to the establishment of the Invicta Red Cross Conclave and the very large and successful Craft lodge under the same name.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

This old chapter met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 13th ultimo, when there were present, among others, Bros. L. Steele, C.E., 30°, M.W.S.; W. Maple, Prelate; Dr. Victor Jagielski, 1st General; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M. W.S., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; T. Biddlecombe, F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Major J. E. Anderson, 31°, P.M.W.S.; and H. Adams.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Recorder read the resignation of Bro. C. W. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S., which was received with great regret.

Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. J. Speller, 2nd General; Dr. Lott, 31°, Organist; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Organist; Dr. T. W. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Captain Baldwin, Harris Hills, 30°; W. Fisher, Captain Carpenter, T. Carrick, and many others. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Café Royal, and gave unqualified satisfaction.

"The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed by the Recorder, who said that Bro. L. Steele was one of the most energetic and zealous brethren he had ever known. He (the M.W.S.) that afternoon had come up to town from Southampton, and intended returning that night. He was thoroughly conversant with the ritual, and was exceedingly anxious to give the members of the Mount Calvary Chapter a taste of his quality. Many of those present had seen Bro. Steele's recent work in the Mount Calvary Preceptory as its E.P., or E.C. as it used to be called, and hoped to see him perform the duties of a M.W.S.

Bro. Steele, in reply, briefly acknowledged the toast, and endorsed the remarks of the proposer of the toast with regard to the speedy introduction of candidates to their beautiful and impressive Degree.

"The P.M.W.S.'s" was coupled with the names of Bros. F. W. Driver and Major J. E. Anderson, who both ably responded.

The respective toasts of "The Treasurer and Recorder" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bro. Driver read several new and interesting selections from his repertoire.

Rose and Lily Chapter, No. 97.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., when Ill. Bro. John Skinner was placed in the chair. The ceremony was carried out by Ill. Bro. C. Driver, 33°, who was the original founder of the chapter, and for the last 14 years its Treasurer. The ceremony was conducted in Ill. Bro. C. Driver's best manner, and with, if possible, greater solemnity than usual, for that brother is proceeding to South America to carry out extensive engineering works, and his absence must be for some years, and this evidently introduced a tinge of sadness into the proceedings. Ill. Bro. C. Driver has consequently resigned all official connections with the Rose and Lily, but was without a dissentient voice made an Honorary member of the chapter, and Ill. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, 32°, was unanimously elected Treasurer, *vice* Ill. Bro. C. Driver.

After the chapter was closed, the usual banquet was held at the Café Royal, where a strong gathering testified to the great popularity of Ill. Bro. C. Driver.

Caer Daf Chapter, No. 118.

This chapter held their annual festival at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. Bro. John Munday, P.M.W.S., M.W.S. *pro tem.*, was supported by Ill. Bro. J. H. Taylor, 30°, P.M.W.S., and others. Bro. David Robertson Roberts, Ill. P., M.W.S. elect, was efficiently installed for the ensuing year by Bro. John Munday, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for discharging his duties so ably. The M.W.S. appointed as his officers Bros. W. B. Ferrier, Ill. Prelate; John Shaw, 1st General; H. B. Crouch, 2nd General; John Munday, P.M.W.S., Treas.; J. H. Taylor, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; H. Frazer, jun., Marshal; L. Leon, Raphael; De Vere Hunt, Herald; John Sheridan, D.C.; A. L. Roberts, Almoner; G. T. Coleman, Captain of the Guard; and P. L. Atkinson, Steward.

The chapter closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall for the annual banquet, where a convivial evening was spent.

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

The Fifteen Sections were worked in this, one of the most flourishing South London lodges, at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, under the able presidency of Bros. C. Plant, W.M. 101, as W.M.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1527, as S.W.; Henry Buckeridge, W.M. 1658, as J.W.; J. Moss, S.D.; T. W. Trotter, J.D.; C. Elderfield, I.G.; J. Andrews, P.M. 1986, Preceptor; Hy. Cornford, S.D. 1922, Sec.; T. R. Cass, W. E. Hurley, E. J. Strevens, J. Hooper, O. Lamare, G. Cannon, J. Cannon, J. Warne, W. Hill, M. W. Harris, T. T. Harris, G. Grove, T. H. Harden, E. Walker, G. W. Rulle, E. J. S. Ware, C. S. Sisman, W. E. Groome, W. L. Chamness, A. R. Jackson, J. H. Heath, W. T. Lawrence, A. R. Bayfield, W. H. Bathurst, F. Blake, W. Smith, R. Goodenough, E. Kleigh, G. Quelch, W. S. Robinson, H. C. J. Edwards, and W. H. Thornton.

The minutes of the previous weekly meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. gave the introductory address to the lecture and asked the following brethren to assist him in rehearsing the Sections of the 1st Lecture, viz.: Bros. Smith (1st), W. S. Robinson (2nd), E. J. S. Ware (3rd), F. W. Trotter (4th), J. Moss (5th), Henry Cornford (6th), and W. S. Whitaker (7th). The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. gave the introductory address and asked the following brethren to assist him in rehearsing the Sections of the 2nd Lecture, viz.: Bros. J. Andrews (1st), W. Hill (2nd), W. H. Bathurst (3rd), Hy. Cornford (4th), and J. Hooper (5th). The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. F. R. Cass rehearsed the 1st, J. Andrews the 2nd, and H. Buckeridge the 3rd Section. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the following brethren were elected joining members: Bros. J. Cannon, 2589; G. E. Cannon, 2262; G. Quelch, 1681; R. H. Goodenough, 1681; E. Kleigh, 101; W. S. Lawrence, 1572; and A. B. Bayfield, 145. Bro. S. W. Whitaker was elected an hon. member for able services rendered the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. C. Plant for his so ably presiding over so large a gathering and with such precision. Bro. Plant heartily thanked the brethren for so cordially supporting him, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Section workers for their admirable working. This was seconded by Bro. Jackson and carried unanimously. Bro. Andrews, P.M., very suitably replied on behalf of the workers. The whole arrangements were so admirably carried out as to call forth the heartiest thanks to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. H. Cornford, who spares neither pains nor time in making all brethren welcome. The business ended, the lodge was closed.

THE 43RD anniversary dinner in aid of the funds of the Dramatic and Musical Benevolent Society will be held at the Hotel Metropole on Wednesday, the 3rd March, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

Masonic and General Tidings.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES arrived at Hall Barn on Tuesday evening on a visit to Bro. Sir Edward Lawson.

AMONG the Queen's guests at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, were the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, and the Dean of Windsor.

WE REGRET to hear that Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., was prevented from paying his contemplated visit to Bristol on Thursday in consequence of the very serious illness of his mother.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK left Sandringham for London on Monday afternoon, while later in the day the Duke travelled by special train to Holkham Hall, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Leicester.

THE LADY MAYORESS'S Juvenile Fancy Dress Ball at the Mansion House has been fixed for Monday, the 18th January. The ages of the children will be strictly limited to between six and 14 years.

THE QUEEN'S REIGN.—Dunbar, Dec. 8th.—At a meeting of the City Corporation to-day a resolution was passed in favour of the erection of a statue to Queen Victoria in commemoration of her Majesty's long reign.

THE COURT of the Fanmakers' Company, at the instance of Bro. H. H. Crawford, City Solicitor, have decided to hold a competition Fan Exhibition next summer, and the Drapers' Company have very considerably granted the use of their hall for three weeks for the purpose.

WE REGRET that in the concluding paragraph of our description in the Christmas Number of the *Freemason* of the "Sutton Masonic Hall," we should have given Bro. "W. Williams, P.M., P.G. Treasurer Surrey," as the Chairman of the directors. We should have written "Bro. W. Pile."

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK will leave Marlborough House for Copenhagen towards the end of next week, and will make a stay of several months in the Danish capital. A large suite of apartments in the palace of their uncle, the King of the Hellenes, has been furnished and decorated as a residence for them.

HIS EXCELLENCY MR. T. F. BAYARD, the American Ambassador in London, has written to the *Daily Telegraph* respectfully declining the testimonial which that journal started, and which was intended to serve as a recognition of the services he had rendered in his Ambassadorial capacity to the United Kingdom and the United States.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE, Marchioness of Lorne, who was accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, opened the annual sale of work in aid of the Church Army, at the Portman Rooms on Monday. Her Royal Highness was received by the Committee, and at the conclusion of the brief ceremony was cordially thanked for her kindness in attending.

THE LORD MAYOR has received from Bro. A. Akers-Douglas, H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, the customary warrants for the killing and delivery of four fat does from Bushey Park. Similar warrants have been issued to the Sheriffs for three, and for one each to the Recorder, Chamberlain, Town Clerk, Common Serjeant, and Remembrancer.

THE "FREEMASON" comes out with a Christmas number and plate, with portraits of the several Provincial Grand Masters of England. The number contains a large amount of interesting information in addition to several capitally written stories and sketches. There are illustrations of some rare certificates, &c., altogether a very interesting number.—*Tunbridge Wells Gazette*.

BRO. EDWARD TERRY has been writing to the papers contradicting what he calls the "absurd" report that he is about to retire from the stage and give up management. Bro. Terry states that he is going to visit America next spring, and that in the meantime he intends giving performances of "Love in Idleness," preceded by Mrs. Beringer's adaptation of "The Holly Tree Inn," at a series of matinees, commencing on Monday, the 28th inst.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY has promised to attend a meeting which will be held at the Mansion House, on the 22nd March, 1897, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, in aid of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, to publicly inaugurate the Ladies' Guild, of which the Duchess of York and Duchess of Fife are patronesses, and to transform the old Board of Trade offices just secured by the society at the corner of West India Dock-road, into the Albert Victor Sailors' Rest.

THE SECRETARIES of the several County Cricket Clubs met together at Lord's on Tuesday and arranged, as far as possible, the principal fixtures for next year. A prominent feature of the 1897 cricket season will be the visit of the Philadelphia team to this country. It will last from the first or second week in June to the end of July, and already arrangements have been made for it to play matches with Lancashire, Cambridge University, Sussex, Middlesex, Yorkshire, Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Somersetshire, Kent, and Surrey. There will also be a match with M.C.C. and Ground.

BRO. THE HON. SIR EDMUND MONSON, the newly-appointed British Ambassador to the French Republic, visited M. Felix Faure, President, at the Palace of the Elysées, on Tuesday, for the purpose of presenting his credentials. The visit was made with the usual observances, the Ambassador and his staff being in full uniform, and being conveyed to the palace in State carriages furnished by the French Government, and under the usual military escort. The ceremony, though formal, was of a very cordial character, and after his Excellency had returned to the Embassy, our Ambassador called upon the Foreign Minister, M. Hanotaux. The passage of the Ambassador to and from the Elysée was thronged by a large concourse of spectators.

A GRAND MASONIC SERVICE is to be held in the Parish Church of All Saints, Dalmeny-road, Tufnell Park, N., by permission of the vicar, the Rev. Bro. W. J. Hocking, on Sunday next, the 15th inst., at 3.30 p.m. Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, D.D., P.G.C., has kindly consented to preach the sermon. The brethren, of whom a large number have promised to attend, will appear in Arch and Craft clothing. The music will be of an exceptional character. During the collection Miss Emily Davies will sing "Let the bright Seraphim." One of the objects of the service is to raise a fund for the building of a scup kitchen for the 5000 poor of Upper Holloway. Masons and their friends desiring to attend the service are requested to apply to Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., 143, Tufnell Park-road, N., as admission will be by ticket only.

FIRE AT THE MITRE HOTEL, HAMPTON COURT.—Between two and three o'clock on Wednesday morning smoke and sparks were noticed by a policeman from the Barge-walk issuing from that part of the Mitre Hotel which faces towards the river. Within a very few minutes Superintendent Moorman and eight men of the Palace Fire Brigade were on the spot with the hose cart, and a jet of water was soon playing on the flames. It was found that the fire had broken out in a sitting-room immediately over the suite used for Masonic gatherings, and the cause was a wooden beam under the hearth stone. It evidently had been smouldering for a considerable time and at last burst out into flame. Altogether the damage is estimated at between £250 and £300. Mrs. Sadler was naturally much alarmed, but her anxiety was soon allayed, and as few lodges meet at her house in the winter months, there will be no interference with Masonic gatherings, or any other department of the business.

A FAREWELL DINNER to Bro. S. Punter, late Colour-Sergeant E Company of the 2nd London Rifles, took place on Saturday last, the 5th inst., at the City Restaurant, Sergeant W. J. Busby in the chair. The dinner, which was admirably served, was succeeded by an excellent programme of music, adding largely to the success of the evening. The Chairman in proposing "The Health of our late Colour-Sergeant," paid a high tribute to the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties during the many years he had carried the colours. The presentation was then made by Sergeant J. H. Morris, of a handsomely fashioned 18 carat gold watch chain, as a souvenir from the members of the E Company upon his retirement. Bro. Punter, in replying, stated that it was with very great regret that he found it necessary to sever his connection with the regiment, and whilst thanking them for their kindness he desired to be held in remembrance by the Company, and he signified his intention of offering three prizes, to be shot for annually by the members of each section.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT had not sufficiently recovered from his recent bronchial attack to be able to visit headquarters at Aldershot, while the Duchess, who had also been indisposed, has only just been able to quit her apartments.

H.M. THE QUEEN has sent a donation of £10 10s. to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. This is the tenth donation of the same amount which her Majesty has sent to the society.

A BALL in aid of the funds of the Home for Deserted Mothers and Children, Carlton-vale, Kilburn, of which Lady Jeune is the Hon. Secretary, will be held by permission of the Benchers, in Lincoln's Inn Hall, on Wednesday, the 3rd February next.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK are expected to arrive at Welbeck on Monday next, on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Portland, who will entertain a distinguished house party on the occasion. The festivities will include a grand ball, to which about 800 guests have been invited.

THERE WERE present amongst other ministers at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office, on Monday, Bros. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURNS for last week show that the mortality rate in London still compares favourably with that of the 33 large towns, being 18.9 per 1000 for the former and 19.4 for the latter. Influenza is making a steady but sure inroad on the health of the Metropolis, the fatal cases last week being 19, or nearly double the number registered a month ago.

BRO. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON presided as Returning Officer at a statutory meeting held at Guildhall on Monday, when Messrs. G. B. Lardner (River Pilot), G. T. Oven-den (Cinque Ports Pilot), and T. H. Lygo (Channel Pilot), were elected the first members of the newly-created Pilotage Committee, Mr. G. Elliott Bromage, Deputy Chairman of the Shipowners' Society, having been previously elected as the Shipowners' representation on the Committee.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will open on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 22nd inst., the Davy-Faraday Research Laboratory of the Royal Institution, founded by Dr. Ludwig Mond, F.R.S., as a memorial of Davy and Faraday. The ceremony will take place in the theatre of the Royal Institution, where by de ire of his Royal Highness Professor Dewar will, after the opening ceremony, show experiments illustrative of the use of liquid air in scientific research.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER, formerly High Commissioner for Canada in this country and lately Premier of the Dominion, was entertained at luncheon by the United Empire Trade League at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Tuesday, the chair being occupied by the Right Hon. James Lowther, M.P., while among the guests were Bro. the Earl of Kilmorey, Lord Masham, Sir David Tennant, Agent General for the Cape of Good Hope, and Bro. Sir H. Vincent, M.P.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, attended by Baroness von Egloffstein and Col. the Hon. Charles Elliot, visited on Tuesday morning the winter sale of the Working Ladies' Guild, for which Bro. Lord Brassey had lent the Indian Museum in his house in Park Lane. Her Royal Highness was received by the Marchioness of Headfort, the Countess of Lytton, Lady Alice Leslie, Lady Cunningham, and other ladies, and went straight to the stalls and made several purchases.

THE EARL OF ROSEBURY presided at a meeting held under the auspices of the London Reform Union, in Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on Monday, when Bro. Sir Walter Besant delivered an extremely interesting lecture on "London; its History and Greatness." Among those present were Bro. the Earl of Carrington, Sir Arthur and Lady Arnold, and several members of the London County Council, together with General Sir Andrew Clarke, Baron Halkett, Bro. and Mrs. Passmore Edwards, and others.

ON THE SQUARE.—The Christmas number of the *Freemason*, containing 80 pages of most valuable contributions by the leading literati of the Craft, is a budget that ought to be possessed by every member. It is, moreover, profusely illustrated, and is accompanied by a presentation plate of life-like portraits of the Provincial Grand Masters of England. This plate alone is worth the cost of the number. It is bound to have an immense sale, and will doubtless soon run out of print. Therefore "to order, brethren."—*Clarke's Guernsey News*.

WE HAVE very much pleasure in announcing that the sum of £21 has been received by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, being the share assigned it of the proceeds of the offertory at the recent Masonic service at Hatcham in behalf of the Masonic Charities. We have also to announce—and with equal pleasure—that the sum of £65 5s. 4d. has been received by the same Institution, being its share of the proceeds of the offertory at a Masonic service held at Middleton, Lancashire, in behalf of the same Charities, under the auspices of the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, which meets in that town.

ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE, Rathfarnham, one of the most important educational institutions in Ireland, was almost entirely destroyed by fire early on Monday. One of the masters was roused from sleep by the smell of smoke, and at once woke the other masters and the students. It was soon discovered that they were all in deadly peril, as the whole of the lower portion of the building was on fire and the flames were rapidly rising. Bed clothing was accordingly thrown out of the windows upon the pavement below, and then masters and students jumped from the windows, all escaping injury but one pupil, who slightly sprained one of his limbs. The new portion of the College, which was only opened by the late Archbishop of Canterbury during the visit he paid to Dublin shortly before his death, was destroyed, and, unfortunately, was not insured, but the loss caused by the destruction of the older portion was covered in this respect.

A MOST INTERESTING musical service in connection with the Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219, took place at All Saints' Church, Oxford-street, Manchester, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 29th ult. The brethren assembled in the Board Room of the Chorlton Dispensary, opposite the church, at 2.30 p.m. Upwards of 80 brethren, representing over 30 lodges and chapters attended. A procession was formed and proceeded to the church, entering by the principal gateway in Oxford-street, and thence by the main entrance to the church. The service was sung by the Rev. D. Ellison, rector, and the lesson was read by Bro. B. Whitwam, W.M. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Challenor, A.K.C., P.G. Chaplain, rector of Christ Church, Moss Side. A collection was made on behalf of Masonic Charities. There was a fairly good congregation.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—The Great Western Railway issue tickets at their City and West-end offices, and this arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining tickets at a crowded railway station, particularly at holiday times, and the booking office at Paddington Station will be open all day for the issue of tickets on December 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days—see Advt. In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcel traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations, will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford.

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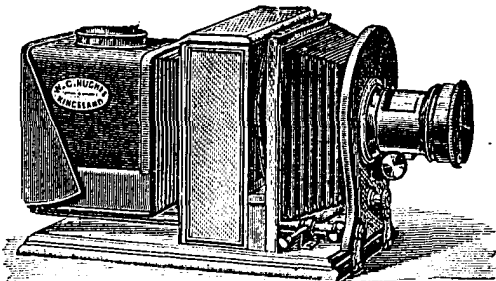
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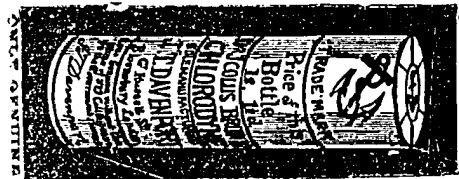
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A meeting of this council was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 17th ultimo. Among those in attendance were Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.W.C.N., as W.C.N.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe; and W. Harvey, P.W.C.N.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the Scribe read a letter of apology from Bro. F. Graves, W.C.N., who had been suddenly called away from London. There being no other business, the council was closed.

The members dined with the No. 238 Mark Lodge, under the able and effective presidency of Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.

During the evening, the toast of "The W.C.N." was duly proposed, warmly received, and acknowledged on behalf of Bro. Frederick Graves by Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

FUNERAL OF BRO. JOSEPH TODD, P.G. STD. B.

The remains of the late Bro. Joseph Todd, Chief Clerk of the Probate Registry at York, were entered in the York Cemetery on Saturday, the 21st ult. The first portion of the Burial Service was sung at York Minster, where the deceased attended regularly. The members of the Craft assembled in the York Lodge room, Duncombe-place, at half-past ten, and when the funeral procession left the deceased's residence the brethren fell in behind and walked thus to the Minster. Here the body was received at the south door by the clergy and choir, and as the procession passed into the choir the opening sentences of the Service were chanted. The coffin, which was of panelled oak with solid brass furniture, was placed on a bier just inside the gates of the choir. The raised brass breast-plate on the lid bore the following inscription:—"Joseph Todd, died November 18th, 1896, aged 62 years." After the Psalms had been chanted Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean, P.G. Chap. Eng., read the lesson and the concluding prayers were read by the Rev. Canon Temple, the other clergy present being the Rev. Canon Machell and the Rev. E. S. Carter. The hymns "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Peace, perfect peace," were softly sung by the choir, and the Dean gave the blessing at the conclusion. As the procession retraced its steps to the south door the choir chanted the "Nunc Dimittis." In addition to the members of the deceased's family there were present at the service Mr. H. A. Hudson, the Registrar of the Probate Court, and several of deceased's colleagues, also the Lord Mayor (Mr. Ald. Milward), the Under-Sheriff (Mr. W. H. Cobb), Mr. Ald. Dale, Mr. Percy Noble, Mr. George Crombie, Mr. J. Teasdale, Mr. F. Perkins, Mr. Thos. Peters, Mr. Domaine, Lady Terry and Mr. S. Terry, and others. The following is a list of the brethren present of the York Lodge, No. 236: Bros. M. Bryson, W.M.; A. Procter, J.W.; J. S. Shannon, D.C.; J. T. Seller, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. M. Forbes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. G. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. A. Barstow, P.M.; G. Garbutt, P.M., P.G.D.; J. B. Sampson, P.M.; T. S. Brogden, P.M., P.S.G.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. S. Rymer, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Border, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. Draper, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. W. Purnell, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Jones, P.M. and Sec.; G. Kirby, P.M.; M. Rooke, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. W. Cull, Stwd.; J. Melrose, T. C. Thompson, W. Blakey, R. H. Oakley, T. Smith, E. J. Robinson, I.G.; O. G. Taylor, G. Sykes, J. H. Wray, W. Hurst, J. Toes, R. Hodgson, G. Chalmers, W. F. Rudgard, A. W. Turner, W. N. Stimpson, A. H. Furnish, H. Churchill, J. Hall, Tyler; C. W. Simmons, and others. The following were the brethren from the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611: Bros. F. H. Halliwell, W.M.; J. T. Chambers, S.W.; G. Lamb, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; B. Kilvington, I.G. The following Past Masters: Bros. J. H. Shonksmith, J. Smith, J. L. Spetch, G. Chapman, W. Storey, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Brown, and J. Blenkin, P.P.G.D.; B. Lofthouse, E. Lansdowne, T. Welburne, M. Cooper, H. Scott, E. Thackray, W. S. Child, P.P.G.O.; C. A. Pfluger, and others. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., represented the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328; and Bro. R. Spence, W.M., the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991. Amongst others present were Bros. G. C. Lee, P.M. 1230; H. Longford, P.M. 1416, and P.P.G.D.; W. Hall, P.M. 1416; W. N. Cheesman, P.M. 566, P.P.G.D.; C. G. Rushworth, P.M. 1309, P.P.G.R.; G. E. Dunsford, 973; and H. H. Spink, P.M. 339. Bro. H. Foster, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., arranged the order of procession, and each brother wore a sprig of acacia.

On leaving the minster, the funeral procession made its way to the cemetery, where the remainder of the office was said by the Rev. H. Vyvyan.

There was a very large number of beautiful wreaths, amongst those who sent them being the clerks of the Probate Registry, the companions of Zetland Chapter, No. 236, York; the members of the York Lodge, No. 236; Bro. T. S. Shackles, W.M. 1010; officers and brethren of the Installed Master's Lodge, No. 2494; and members of the deceased's family.

THE LATE BRO. SIR B. W. RICHARDSON.

On Friday morning, the 27th ult., the funeral service for the late Bro. Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson took place at Marylebone Parish Church, in the presence of a large number of his friends and fellow-workers. Many associations were represented, namely, the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Glasgow (by Professor Gardner, Dean of the Faculty); the Faculty of Physicians of Glasgow (Dr. Cameron); St. Andrew's Graduate Association (Mr. Menzies); the British Medical Temperance Association (Dr. Ridge); the Odontological Society (Mr. Woodhouse); the Society for the Study of Inebriety (Dr. Norman Kerr); St. Pancras Local Option Union (Mr. Rowden); the Fitzroy Teetotal Association (Mr. J. P. Draper); the West London Band of Hope Union (Mr. J. H. Marshall); the United Kingdom Band of Hope (Mr. C. Wakeley); the Temperance Hospital (Mr. A. W. Bodger); the Townsend Cottages Band of Hope (Mr. R. J. Taylor); and the Sanitary Inspectors' Association (Mr. E. Tidman). The Lodge of King Solomon was represented by Bros. J. H. Tipper, D.G.P. There were also present: Sir Jos. Lister, F.R.S.; Professor Harley, F.R.S.; Sir Wm. O. Priestley, M.D., M.P.; Dr. Gage Brown, Professor W. R. Smith, Professor Highley, the Crown Representative of Scotland on the Medical Council; Dr. Symes Thompson, Dr. Abraham Cohen, Dr. John Lowe, Mr. Jos. White, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Alder; Mr. John Leighton, F.S.A.; M. G. R. Wright, F.S.A.; Dr. Lithgow, F.S.A.; Mr. C. Roger, F.S.A.; Mr. T. F. Dillon Croker, F.S.A.; Mr. Llewellyn Roberts (Secretary to the Royal Literary Fund); Bro. Jabez Hogg, Dr. R. Greene, Dr. Cooper Kay, Dr. John Sykes, Dr. Leonard Sedgwick, Dr. Cooper Rose, Dr. G. Knapton, Dr. Shuttleworth, Surg.-Maj. Poole, the Rev. Wenman Green, the Rev. Dr. Townsend, Dr. Haward (Great Yarmouth); Dr. and Mrs. Gavin Stiell; Mr. Hamilton (Brighton); Mr. H. C. Stephens, M.P.; Miss Chreiman, Mr. Alfred Nutt, Mr. Rae (Secretary to the National Temperance League); the veteran, Dr. Lees, Mr. J. H. Raper, Mr. J. Hilton, and four officers of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The coffin was met at the church door by Canons Barker and Wilberforce, and was borne up the centre aisle to near the choir, Canon Barker reciting the opening sentences of the Burial Service. Upon the coffin were a few wreaths, and some large floral tributes which had been brought into the church were placed by it. A very large number of wreaths had been received, among them being one

sent by Bro. Lord Glenesk, President of the Newspaper Press Fund, to which Bro. Sir B. Richardson had been Honorary Physician, "with grateful memories of generous services to one of many good causes." A Masonic emblem, with the inscription in Neapolitan violets "He rests from labour; so mote it be," had come from Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Danford Thomas and Bro. Francis Thomas. Others had been forwarded by Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. John T. Rae, and the workers and members of the Girls' Guild of Good Life, Hoxton Hall; the members of the Lodge of King Solomon, the Israel Lodge of Instruction, the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, Mrs. Linnaeus Banks and Miss Banks ("in grateful remembrance of the kind physician and friend, and in sympathy with Lady Richardson and her bereaved family"), the Hon. Mrs. Henry Forrester, Mrs. T. Herbert Barker (Bedford), Mrs. Eliot Yorke, Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan, Mrs. Hepworth Dixon, and Miss Douglas Jerrold. There were also wreaths from the London Temperance Hospital, the British Medical Temperance Association (of which the deceased had been President), the Society for the Study of Inebriety, "from the sorrowing Noviomagians," and the Rosedale Cycling Club.

The mourners were Lady Richardson (the widow), Mr. Bertram Richardson (eldest son), Mr. Aubrey Richardson (son) and Mrs. Aubrey Richardson, Miss Richardson (daughter), Miss Ward (niece), Mr. Sydney Hepworth Dixon, Dr. Watters, Mr. G. Briggs, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Law.

In the course of the service, Canon BARKER delivered an address, at the conclusion of which a hymn of two verses, "Forgive, blest shade, the tributary tear"—a favourite of the deceased, and inscribed on the tomb of his mother—was sung by the choir by request. The remainder of the burial service—the passages of commitment having, of course, been omitted—was read by Canon WILBERFORCE, and Canon BARKER pronounced the benediction. The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung by the congregation, who remained standing while the Dead March in "Saul" was played upon the organ.

The coffin was borne away to be conveyed to Woking for cremation.

Obituary.

BRO. STEPHEN PERCEVAL NORRIS, P.M., P.G. STWD.

The lamented death, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., of Bro. Samuel Perceval Norris, at the age of 73, has removed from amongst us an old, well-known, and much-respected citizen, who, by himself and his family had carried on business in the Ward of Bishopsgate for over 150 years. The deceased brother was born in Blomfield-street, late Brokers'-row, in 1823, and lived there and subsequently in Broad-street-buildings, both in the Parish of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for 63 years. He took much interest in Masonry, and continued his membership of Emulation Lodge, No. 21, up to the last. He had served as Master of that lodge, and was a Past Grand Steward of Grand Lodge, as well as a Life Subscriber of all the three Masonic Charities. Ten years ago the deceased left business and retired to Bournemouth, where he had had a country residence for the previous 20 years. He still, however, maintained an active life by becoming a Treasurer of the schools and taking a somewhat prominent part in municipal as well as political elections in the town, also becoming a founder of a Masonic lodge. The funeral took place on Tuesday, at Highgate, Bro. the Rev. J. Henry Smith (Chaplain of the Loriners and Spectaclemakers' Companies) officiating. The mourners included Mr. C. Norris, Upper Warden-elect of the Loriners' Company (eldest surviving brother), Mr. Henry Norris (brother), Mr. Alfred Norris, Bridge-master (brother), Mr. W. Grellier, Mr. Henry Grellier, Mr. F. W. Capper, Mr. C. Owden, Mr. Kilvington (executors); Bros. Col. T. Davies Sewell, Mr. W. Sewell Singer, Capt. W. C. Simmons, C.C.; and Mr. Stuart (of Bournemouth).

BRO. JOHN MOXON.

We have to record the death of Bro. John Moxon, of Gainsborough, which took place recently at the ripe old age of 73, and who was buried with Masonic honours, as many brethren attending as possible. He was initiated in April, 1850, in the Yarrowburgh Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough, and after fulfilling the various offices was elected W.M. in 1853 and re-elected in 1855, '61, '64 and '69 (six times.) He was P.P.G.D. in the Province of Lincolnshire. He was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in 1856 and was a P.Z. of his chapter, also P.P.G.J. He knew and did his work well, and as a townsman and as a Mason was highly respected. At the dedication of the new Masonic Rooms in the old Manor last June he occupied the M.E.Z.'s chair, and the Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. H. Sissons, complimented this veteran Mason on the very excellent way in which he did his work, both in opening the chapter and in the exaltation. His old familiar genial face will long be remembered by young and old, and "Good old John" will be a missed man. We may also mention that he was a Mark Master Mason, of which he had lately been an annuitant.

BRO. JAMES FORD WIGHT.

A well-known official of the Post Office passed away on Monday last in the person of Bro. James Ford Wight, Postmaster of Birmingham, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Deceased commenced his official career as a clerk in the Money Order Department of the General Post Office. In 1871 he was appointed head of the Issuing and Payment Department of the Money Order Office, and in 1888, when the Money Order Office was removed and its work redistributed, he became Postmaster of the West Central District of London. On the retirement of Mr. Walliker from the Birmingham postmastership in 1891, Bro. Wight was offered and accepted the post.

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