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CÆMENTARIA HIBERNICA.

Our readers, and especially those among them who devote any serious amount of attention to the study of Masonic History, will be gratified to hear that Fasciculus II. of Bro. Dr. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S "Cæmentaria Hibernica" is on the eve of being issued from the press. We have been favoured with an advance copy of the Preface, and, judging from what Bro. CRAWLEY therein sets forth, we can say no more than that if the Fasciculus itself fulfils the promise of the Preface, more than one venerable theory as to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Ireland will receive its quietus. Thus, as regards the hitherto accepted statement that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was founded in 1729-30, Bro. CRAWLEY has discovered evidence in "contemporary ephemeral literature" that "the full-grown Grand Lodge of Ireland, in Dublin," was in existence in 1725. Further elucidation is also given "of the theory that the practice of issuing Warrants or Charters to subordinate lodges is due to the GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND." Again, as regards the Royal Arch, in treating of the regulations to which Dr. FIFIELD DASSIGNY'S pamphlet served as introduction, the opportunity has been taken to sketch in some detail the hitherto unknown story of Dr. DASSIGNY and his family. But above all Bro. CRAWLEY would appear to have succeeded in establishing an unbroken chain of connection between the ritual of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland of to-day with that of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Masons of England of the middle of last century. The chain is thus established. Bro. CRAWLEY is himself, as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Instruction of Ireland, "the accredited exponent of our Irish Ritual." Among those from whom he has obtained his knowledge is Bro. E. DRUIT THORP, P.G.I.G. Ireland, with whom he has been in fraternal intercourse on points of ritual, during the whole of his Masonic career. This Bro. THORP, who was initiated in No. 6 in 1848, and installed its W.M. in 1852, "was literally the pupil" of Bro. JOHN FOWLER, who was initiated in Lodge No. 620, "in 1792, only a few months after LAURENCE DERMOTT'S death." "By his great natural gifts," Bro. CRAWLEY tells us, this Bro. FOWLER "became almost at once a prominent Master of Ritual amongst us." He became Dep. G. Master in 1814, and during his 11 years' tenure of that office carried into effect the International compact of 1814, which once more brought the work of the Grand Lodge of England in harmony with that of the Grand Lodge of

Ireland. Moreover, the work taught by this Bro. FOWLER, "and no other" was by solemn enactment declared by the Grand Lodge of Ireland to be "the standard Irish work." In addition, we are told there is evidence to show that Bro. FOWLER "as far back as the close of last century discussed questions of Ritual and discipline with Bros. BOARDMAN and ALEX. JAFFREY, the guiding spirits of our Grand Lodge, and through them with Bros. THOMAS and EDWARDS HARPER, the Deputy Grand Master and Dep. Grand Secretary respectively, of the Grand Lodge of 'Ancients,' which was recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland and with which the latter carried on a regular intercourse. Thus, through Bro. THORP, the author of "Cæmentaria Hibernica," is, as it were, in direct communication with Bro. FOWLER, the great light of Irish Ritual, at the close of last century, who himself through Bros. BOARDMAN and JAFFREY, had been in the habit of discussing "questions of Ritual and discipline," with Bros. THOMAS HARPER and EDWARDS HARPER, of our English "Ancient" Grand Lodge. Indeed, this connecting chain may be carried back to the very beginning of Speculative Freemasonry. Bro. THOMAS HARPER, Dep. G.M. "Ancients," may be said to have been the literary executor of DERMOTT, seeing that in 1807 and 1813 he brought out editions of "Ahiman Rezon," the copyright of which Bro. DERMOTT, shortly before his retirement from the office of Deputy Grand Master in 1787, presented to his Grand Lodge. Add to this, that in one of his earliest minutes as Grand Secretary, the virtual founder of "Ancient" Masonry in England records how he "repeated the whole ceremony of Installing Grand, &c., in the manner which he had learned from Brother EDWARD SPRATT, Esq., the celebrated Grand Secretary of Ireland," while in another minute of much later date, when he was Deputy Grand Master, DERMOTT is recorded as having enumerated his Ahiman Rezon, EDWARD SPRATT'S Constitutions (1751), DASSIGNY'S Inquiry (1744), and ANDERSON'S Constitutions (1738) as the authorities to be relied upon for the laws and customs of "Ancient" Masonry. However, we need not pursue the interesting theme further. It is enough that the second Part of Bro. CRAWLEY'S "Cæmentaria Hibernica" will be before the Masonic world in a few days, and then we shall know with certainty what further light our learned brother is able to throw on that part of Masonic History which he has made peculiarly his own, and which, both from his official position and his recognised status as a writer, he is able to treat so competently.

THE GRAND LODGE OF WYOMING.

This is one of the American Grand Lodges of recent constitution, and held its 22nd annual Communication in September last. It follows, therefore, that it was established in the year 1873, since when it has increased its roll of lodges to 15 and its aggregate membership to 1023, giving an average per lodge of close on 70 members. It is, therefore, not much stronger in point of numbers than one of our moderate-sized English Provinces, and the chances are greatly in favour of its not being by any means so well informed generally as to the laws, usages, and customs of Freemasonry as the latter. Yet it is a sovereign and independent body, and as such on a footing of equality with the powerful and influential Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois; its Grand Master makes decisions which, when, and until they are endorsed by his Grand Lodge, have the force of law, while the Grand Lodge enacts laws, which may or may not be wise and in accordance

with the ancient laws of the Craft as they have been handed down to us from time immemorial. But as time goes on, and the State of Wyoming gains in strength, and as its Grand Lodge becomes proportionately more influential, the laws it is now enacting, and the decisions of its successive Grand Masters when endorsed by the Grand Lodge, will, as regards the former, become part of the complex laws of Masonry in the United States, and, as regards the latter, will be taken as precedents for the guidance of future American Grand Masters. It seems desirable, therefore, that we should very narrowly criticise the acts of a youthful and, no doubt, aspiring Grand Lodge like this of Wyoming, in order that where it does what seems reasonable and in accordance with the best traditions of the Craft, it may receive every possible encouragement, and where it pursues a policy which seems directly opposed to those traditions, a salutary outside influence may, as far as possible, be brought to bear in order to divert it from its dangerous proclivities. We referred last week in our Notes to the regulation which, according to the review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming at this Communication in the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month, it passed against the liquor traffic, or rather against accepting as candidates for admission into its lodges those engaged in that traffic. We pointed out that however strong and justifiable may be its opposition to the vice of intemperance, however anxious its members may be to reduce that vice to a minimum, where the traffic in liquor is sanctioned by the law of the land, it will not do for any body of Freemasons to set itself above that law. A lodge or a Grand Lodge may do what it likes by precept and example "to restrain, as far as possible, the crime of intemperance," but it becomes perilous in the extreme when it is declared an offence against Masonry for a brother to engage "in the manufacture or sale of intoxicants," when that manufacture and that sale are sanctioned by the law. We imagine that any Masonic body which expelled a member for being engaged in this manufacture and traffic would find itself, to use a familiar expression, "in a tight corner," in the event of the expelled member, not having been guilty of any offence against the law of the land, invoking the aid of the law in order to bring about his restoration to the rights and privileges of which he had been improperly deprived. Every lodge, as we pointed out last week, is justified in denying admission to its membership any candidate for initiation or joining, but to us it seems very questionable if a lodge is legally justified in expelling a member who is merely following an occupation which is sanctioned by the law. Passing from this to a matter of far less importance we are given to understand by our contemporary that Bro. KUYKENDALL, Grand Secretary, in his report on Correspondence denounces the Representative system in very strong terms, affirming that "no duties"—the words we are quoting are those of the reviewer, not of Bro. KUYKENDALL—"can be assigned a Grand Representative without infringing upon many of the powers guaranteed the Grand Master under constitutional enactment or making the first-named merely the agent of the latter, who alone, save the Grand Lodge, has, or can have, power and authority to perform any binding act a Grand Representative might be delegated to undertake under a defined duty of the position." We are not quite sure that we understand what all this means, but we take it to be in condemnation of the Representative System which, as far as our judgment goes, is not only harmless in itself, but must in the nature of things be calculated to promote a kindly and fraternal feeling between the Grand Lodges, which exchange Representatives. We have never heard that a Grand Representative has the right of interference in the internal government of the lodge he is accredited to. When two Grand Lodges exchange Representatives, it is a sign that they are on friendly terms, and that each is in general sympathy with the Masonry practised by the other. Other subjects appear to have been referred to at considerable length by Bro. KUYKENDALL in his Report, and in the case of one of them we are very much inclined to agree with him—that of recognising newly-established Grand Lodges. Bro. KUYKENDALL is reported as having expressed himself to the following effect:

"We believe the true and safe policy is to withhold recognition in all cases until all questions of doubt have been settled. Hurried recognition heretofore has caused more than one Grand Lodge to eat humble pie," and he cites the case of Bro. PARVIN, of Iowa, in respect of the "Mexican Masonic problem," arguing that though it may be true, as Bro. PARVIN says, that in Mexico "the charters of the Women's Lodges have been recalled and that women are no longer eligible as candidates for Masonry, and are not allowed to visit lodges or be recognised as Masons," yet, that "a body of Masons which so far departed from the original plan of Masonry as to make Masons of women (not accidentally), and grant them chartered rights, may in equally as erratic a manner return to them that of which they have been deprived." What else is recorded of Wyoming and its doings does not call for comment.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 3rd proximo:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th October, 1896, to the 19th January, 1897, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1102 3 11	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£351 10 9
Account	217 19 8	" Balance	1304 7 3
" Subsequent Receipts	531 17 7	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	196 3 2
	£1852 1 2		£1852 1 2

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. William Shurmur, as Z.; John H. Wildash, as H.; William Harris, as J.; and 23 others for a chapter to be attached to the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, to be called the Philbrick Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Walthamstow, Essex.

2nd. From Comps. Richard Newhouse, as Z.; William Fearnside Robinson, as H.; Andrew Henry Baird, as J.; and 22 others for a chapter to be attached to the Minerva Lodge, No. 2433, Birkenhead.

3rd. From Comps. James Hill, as Z.; Sydney F. Mackway, as H.; Henry Baldy Buckeridge, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, London.

4th. From Comps. James Speller, as Z.; Walter Edward Sutton, as H.; Reuben Loomes, as J.; and 14 others for a chapter to be attached to the Crusader's Lodge, No. 1677, London.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that subject to an alteration of the designation of the first-named chapter, it being borne by a neighbouring lodge which contemplates having a chapter attached to it, the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Harmony Chapter, No. 309, from the Red Lion Hotel, to 31, West-street, Fareham.

The Fermor Hesketh Chapter, No. 1350, from the County Hall, to the Masonic Hall, Merton-road, Bootle.

The Montefiore Chapter, No. 1017, from the Café Royal, Regent-street, to the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, London.

The Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452, from the Masonic Hall, to the Public Hall, Croydon.

The Committee, having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee recommend that, inasmuch as the Albion Chapter, No. 2020, Woodstock, South Africa, has never been consecrated, and has failed to reply to the summons sent to it by order of Grand Chapter, it be erased.

The Committee recommend that the Philanthropic Chapter, No. 405, Port of Spain, Trinidad, which has made no return of work since 1875, be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased from the roll of chapters.

The Committee recommend that the Orion-in-the-West Chapter, No. 415, Poona, Bombay, which has made no return of work since 1878, be summoned to show cause why it should not be erased from the roll of chapters.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
January 20th.

CONSECRATION OF THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' LODGE, No. 2631.

There was a very numerous and representative gathering of brethren on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at the Alexandra Hotel, Liverpool, where the ceremony of consecration of the above lodge took place under favourable auspices as to its future success. The first W.M. is Bro. Thomas Salter, P.P.G.D., who holds a prominent position in Freemasonry, and an equally honourable place in the commercial world, with which he has been identified for many years, having had the distinguished honour of occupying the post of Chairman at one of the Liverpool dinners in aid of the Commercial Travellers' Schools at Pinner.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. R. Wylie, Past Grand Deacon, D.P.G.M., and there were also present—

Bros. T. W. Rice, P.P.S.G.W., acting as S.W.; G. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas., acting as J.W.; the Rev. T. H. Leeson, P.G.C., acting as Chaplain; Thomas Vernon, P.P.G.D.C., acting as D.C.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.C., acting as Secretary; W. Savage, P.P.G. Treas., acting as I.G.; J. Armstrong, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Cheshire; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Heard, P.M. 1609; J. Scott, P.G.S.; J. Roby, S.W. 2619; C. Trevitt, P.M. 2316; John M'Carthy, P.P.D.G.R.; J. Bell, P.P.G.D.; T. J. Jarman, P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. M'Lachlan, P.M. 241; G. B. Kirkland, P.M. 1182; Lewis Peake, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and A. E. Coveney, P.G.D. Cheshire.

The ceremony of consecration was impressively performed by the Dep. G.M., most efficiently assisted by the P.G. CHAPLAIN, who delivered an interesting oration on the principles and practice of Freemasonry.

Bro. Thomas Salter, P.M. 241, P.P.G.D., was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. W. Foulkes, P.P.A.G.S., and the other appointments were as follows: Bros. J. T. Bramley, S.W.; F. J. Barford, J.W.; Simon Jude, P.M. 241, Treas.; Amos Alcock, S.C.; J. L. H. Woods, S.D.; Thomas Hughes, jun., J.D.; William Foulkes, P.P.A.G.S., D.C. and Charity Representative; James Shirley, I.G.; T. T. Jones, Org.; and W. J. Doran, Tyler.

After the business, an excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. H. Heard, and in the course of the evening, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, a musical programme was given by Bros. D. J. Davies, W. Sweetman, Ben Roberts, F. Tuson, J. Scott, and T. T. Jones, Organist.

CONSECRATION OF THE MILITARY CHAPTER, No. 2621.

This chapter was consecrated on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, W. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Scribe E., who had as his assistants Comps. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.S.N., as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C., as Scribe N.; and Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj., G.D.C., as D.C.; whilst the musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Frederick Bevan.

Amongst the companions present were:

Comps. Captain George Hearn, P.K. 883 (I.C.), H. designate; Lieutenant R. Marshall, I.P.Z. 1216, J.; Francis Carter, P.Z. 7; J. Maitland, P.K. 107 (I.C.); Major C. W. Carrell, P.Z. 22, P.G.S.B.; Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.Z. 7, P.G.D.C.; Capt. C. de M. Franklyn, R.E., P.D.G.D.C. Gibraltar; Capt. Gates, 311; and Rev. C. E. Wright, 236; who had signed the petition for the warrant, and the following distinguished visitors: Comps. Major G. H. N. Bridges, P.Z., S.E. 1216; Colonel T. P. Powell, P.Z., S.E. 5; H. Sadler, Grand Janitor; J. H. Richardson, P.S. 1216; A. England, 1st Asst. Soj. 1216; W. V. Chubb, 1706; W. F. Frydell, 916; and J. Coope, P.Z. 1604, as Janitor.

The chapter having been opened and the companions admitted, Comp. EDWARD LETCHWORTH announced that the M.E.Z. designate, Comp. Col. the Earl of Portarlington, P.Z. 117, was unfortunately absent through illness.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and observed that it was but a few months previously he had had the pleasure of consecrating the Military Lodge, No. 2621, and that he considered it a very favourable sign and proof of strong vitality that the Military Lodge had so soon been able to found a chapter in connection with itself. He trusted that the new chapter might prove equally useful to the class for which it was intended, viz., members of her Majesty's Regular and Auxiliary Forces, and might be instrumental in advancing the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

An oration upon the special objects of the chapter was then delivered by Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, H., in which he pointed out that the occupation by British soldiers of any new territory was always accompanied by the spread of Freemasonry, and that whilst the profession of a soldier taught habits of discipline, so also did Freemasonry teach obedience and order.

The chapter was then formally dedicated, consecrated, and constituted, and the following officers having been elected by the companions were invested by Comp. E. Letchworth, in the absence of the M.E.Z. designate, Comp. the Earl of Portarlington: Comps. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, V.D., P.Z., P.G.D.C., as I.P.Z.; Captain Hearn, P.K. 883, as H.; Lieut. R. A. Marshall, I.P.Z. 1216 as J.; Francis Carter, P.Z. 7, as Scribe N.; Major Carrell, V.D., P.G.S.B., as Treas.; Captain C. de M. Franklyn, P.D. G.D.C. Gibraltar, as S.N.; J. Maitland, P.K. 107, as D.C.; Rev. C. E. Wright, 236, as Principal Soj.; Lieut. W. P. Schreiner, 859, as 1st Asst. Soj.; Captain W. Gates, 311, as 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Lieut. Malet de Carteret, 244, as Stwd.

Votes of thanks were passed to Comp. E. Letchworth and the other Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected as honorary members of the chapter.

After the election of a Committee to frame the by-laws, and the proposition of several joining members and candidates for exaltation, the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards partook of a most excellent banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The arrangement of the chapter in the magnificent ball room and at the table, were the subject of universal approval from the companions present.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

The ladies' night of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, was held on the 7th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when the following brethren and ladies were present: Bro. W. G. Mills, W.M.; Bro. D. A. Langdon, I.P.M., and Miss Langdon; Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas., and Miss Symons; Bro. J. Cuer, S.W., and Mrs. Cuer; Bro. Tom Taylor, J.W., and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. T. Ockleford, S.D., and Mrs. Ockleford; Bro. T. J. Burgess, Sec., and Mrs. Burgess; Bro. J. Jenkinson, Stwd., and Mrs. Jenkinson; Bro. L. S. Fountaine, P.M., Stwd.; Bro. T. L. Dennett, Org.; Bro. C. J. Pond-Jones, Stwd.; Bro. J. J. Berry and

Mrs. Berry; Bro. C. J. Brown and Mrs. Brown; Bro. A. Preager and Mrs. Preager; Bro. J. W. Reading and Mrs. Reading; Bro. E. J. Vidler and Mrs. Vidler, and Miss Barnett; Bro. M. Weiss and Mrs. Weiss; Bro. Geo. Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Arthur Hall and Mrs. Hall, and Bro. E. M. Hall; Bro. J. H. Selmes and Mrs. Selmes; Bro. F. Bristow and Mrs. Bristow; Bro. A. Davies and Miss Taylor; Bro. S. Armfield and Mrs. Armfield; Mrs. Armfield sen., and Miss Armfield; Bro. J. H. Grove and Mrs. Grove; Bro. H. Vallis and Mrs. Cooper; Bro. P. Sharpe, P.M. 869 and Mrs. Sharpe; Mr. Samuel J. Griggs and Mrs. Griggs; Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P. Eng., &c., and Mrs. Tijou; Bro. Sutton Abbott, P.P.A.G.S. Essex, and Miss Abbott; Mrs. Sydney Russell, Mr. Edward Ardley, and Miss Kemp; Bro. Frank Kennard and Mrs. Kennard; Bro. W. J. Flint and Mrs. Flint; Mr. S. Archibald Vasey, Mr. F. P. Vasey; Bro. Geo. Robins and Madame Rich; Bro. Aitken Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Willie Wright, P.M., Mrs. Emerson and Mrs. Palmer; Bros. Thomas, F. Gehringer, H. Ballard, J. R. Morrison, A. G. Peckham, A. Byford, C. Yates, and E. Schneitter, Mr. A. L. Guittard, and Bro. Victor Medcalf.

All the arrangements were admirably carried out and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

After the banquet a few toasts only were given.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said it is usual amongst Freemasons, as with all true Englishmen, to place the toast of the Queen at the head of their toast lists, and I am confident that it is the wish of all present that no exception to this rule should be made this evening, but I am sure that the toast of the Queen, which I am now about to propose, will meet with the same cordial reception it always receives in the Strong Man Lodge. We are privileged to live in the longest reign, under the best of monarchs, and one who has by high personal qualities endeared herself to all her subjects. And with the wish that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. long to spare Victoria to reign over us, I give you the toast of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER later gave "The Ladies." He said: I rise to propose the toast of the ladies. During the 164 years the Strong Man Lodge has been in existence, it has been the privilege of Masters to ask the acceptance of toasts upon many high occasions, but I am confident no Master has felt greater pleasure in the proposing of any toast than I do of the lady visitors to our banquet this evening. Ladies generally may, or may not, wish to join our ancient Institution, but several around me are anxious to give their names in for initiation, for they tell me as one of their sex once obtained secrets by the unpleasant experience of concealing herself in a clock, and afterwards did not give them any information, they will for ever try to obtain particulars of the institution by proper means, continuing in the meantime to give Freemasons that sympathetic support which the unique character of the Craft has always received at their hands. I now propose the toast of the ladies, and have much pleasure in asking Bro. Symons, Treasurer, and the oldest Past Master of the lodge to respond.

Bro. G. G. SYMONS, in reply, said: The W.M. having asked me to respond on behalf of the ladies, I therefore thank him for the evident desire on his part that they should enjoy themselves, and which I hope and believe they have. I am sure the ladies have recognised the very excellent banquet the W.M. has provided for them, and the musical programme was such that I believe they would have a pleasant evening. Speaking as the oldest member of the lodge present, I can assure the ladies it is always the happiest evening of the year. Unfortunately, we had no ladies' meeting last year, it was a year of sorrow, through the loss of one of our oldest and most respected brethren, but yet I am proud to say we have succeeded on the first application in placing his daughter at the head of the poll for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. I am sure the ladies are very pleased to be amongst us this evening, as, indeed, they are always ready to assist us in everything that is for the good of our Benevolent Institutions. Envious persons sometimes say we do not permit ladies to join our lodges, and, therefore, we must have some strong motive for not doing so. Well, our Scottish Poet, Robert Burns, said: "The wisest man the world ere knew, he dearly loved the lasses." King Solomon was accounted one of the wisest men, and he founded our Order from amongst the greatest and most scientific men of his time. These were the architects, builders, or Masons, there did not happen to be any ladies of that profession so he had only men to choose from. There was no new woman, no lady County Councillors and the national dress had never been heard of. Our W.M. has told us that one lady was made a Mason, however, I am proud to think that no other lady has endeavoured to imitate or follow the means by which she procured admission into the Craft. On behalf of the ladies I thank you, W.M., for the very pretty souvenir you have given them and the brethren all for drinking their health and I hope we may all meet again for many years to come.

Bro. D. A. LANGDON, I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said: I am sure no apology is needed for briefly interrupting the harmonious proceedings of the evening, when I tell you the toast I am about to propose is that of our W.M., Bro. Mills, to borrow the words of one of our modern poets, he is a man you don't meet every day. The members of the lodge knew how well he tried to study their comfort, and advance their interests, and the present occasion was another example of his kindness in providing such a grand musical treat. I have had the honour of knowing Bro. Mills intimately, and those who also have had that pleasure would agree that he was not contented with being in himself happy, but he delighted in that grand design of communicating happiness to others. To see him you think he is a jolly good fellow, but to know him you are certain of it. I ask you to be unstanding and drink his health in a bumper.

The toast was enthusiastically received with musical honours.

The W.M. replied as follows: Ladies and brethren, I scarcely know how to adequately thank you for the kind reception you have been good enough to give to the toast of my health. As you know, we are supposed to be guardians of principles we have had handed to us from the earliest times, and which we hope to pass down to posterity; doubtless some of the principles Bro. Langdon, I.P.M. will impart for the benefit of others, will be his grand Irish qualification of being well able to nicely state any good qualities he may see in a brother. Every member of the lodge has striven to make this meeting a success, and having as you assure us achieved this object, we are more than repaid for any trouble we have taken to give all a pleasant evening.

The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Visitors," said, we have yet another toast, and one which is very popular amongst us; it is that of the visiting brethren, I am glad to see so many brethren of distinction amongst us, but I could wish the number of visitors had been much greater; however, we fully appreciate the company of all we have and trust that our treatment of them has been such as to justify their coming amongst us again. With the toast I couple the name of Bro. Tijou, P.M., P.A.G.P. Eng.

Bro. TIJOU, replying, expressed the great pleasure it gave them to visit the Strong Man Lodge, the treatment was such that he was sure they all hoped to come again.

A capital musical entertainment was given by Madame Rich, Miss Edith Yorke, Bro. Tom Taylor, Mr. Sidney Russell, Bro. Frank Kennard, Mr. Edward Ardley, Bro. George Robins, Bro. Tom Burgess, and Bro. J. J. Berry, with Bro. W. Wright at the piano.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE WYCOMBE LODGE, No. 1501.

The Wycombe brethren, by general consent, scored heavily by their "ladies' evening" on the 19th inst. A more enjoyable gathering has certainly never been held in Wycombe. The plan of combining a concert and a dance proved a great success, and everything went off with a smoothness that showed how much care had been expended on the arrangements. Geniality and good-fellowship are Masonic characteristics, and these proved the keynote of the whole proceedings. There are some balls where stiffness reigns supreme, and the room is visibly divided into cliques. There was no trace of that kind of thing on this occasion, but instead an unaffected and general cordiality.

Some very pretty toilettes appeared among the brethren's guests, while an unusual element of picturesqueness was found in the fact that many of the brethren wore their aprons, collars, and other insignia. For this purpose a special dispensation had been obtained from the Provincial Grand Master. The brilliant colours had a very pretty effect when moving in the figures of a dance, while as for the jewels worn some of the ladies looked upon their Masonic hosts with envious eyes. Altogether the social season of 1897 may be said to have begun exceptionally well.

Craft Masonry.

Derwent Lodge, No. 40.

The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 11th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. L. J. Jukes, W.M.; E. J. McCormick, S.W.; H. Boyce, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. C. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. E. Borley, P.M., S.D.; T. Southcombe, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; G. Randell, P.M., P.P.A.G. D.C., A.D.C.; J. Baker Guy, Org.; A. Jones, I.G.; H. E. Smith and H. A. Stratford, Stewards; C. J. Ticehurst, I.P.M.; J. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. H. Cole, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. H. Hallett, P.P. G.O.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Gaze, P.M.; J. B. Foster, P.M., P.A.G.P.; J. Trinder, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Gloucestershire; A. S. Randle, T. Wilson, P. Beer, W. J. Boum, A. G. Smythe, J. T. Piper, W. Ray, C. H. Cartwright, W. E. Brown, N. Chennells, F. G. Tyrrell, J. Inman, L. O. Glenister, R. W. Redman, J. P. Bertel, J. T. Tremble, 548 (S.C.); W. D. Sims, 1208; F. G. Ticehurst, I.P.M. 1184; L. F. St. John, 1184; C. J. Honisett, W.M. 1184; T. W. Avis, P.M. 1184; W. R. Griffin, W.M. 2483; W. Goddard, 2483; W. N. Oldham, 2483; Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, W.M. 341; J. H. Smith, W.M. 732; H. A. Chaplin, W.M. 1842; F. H. Thorpe, 1842; F. Duke, 1842; W. Carless, P.M. 1842; A. G. Telling, 879; W. W. Smith, 851; A. C. Treadway, 1278; J. W. Reeves, 795; F. Attenborough, 1551; F. Carr, 1466; W. F. Teydell, W.M. 2434; J. S. Fletcher, P.M. 2200; C. Braid, P.M. 1196; A. Fish, P.M. 1366; and G. T. Hilliard, P.M. 174.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Letters expressing inability to be present were received from Bro. Col. Egerton on behalf of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M.; Bros. Sir William Marriott, Q.C., D.P.G.M.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; and others. A ballot was taken for Mr. Stephen Bumstead, a candidate for initiation, and he was unanimously elected. The report of the Audit Committee and balance sheet were presented and read by the Treasurer, Bro. Rossiter, P.M., and showed the lodge to be in its usual flourishing condition. Bro. E. J. McCormick, S.W., was then installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by Bro. L. J. Jukes, assisted by Bros. C. W. Duke, P.M., and G. Randell, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Boyce, S.W.; C. E. Botley, P.M., J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chrp.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; P. Beer, Sec.; T. Southcombe, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; G. Randell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., A.D.C.; J. Baker Guy, Org.; H. A. Stratford, I.G.; H. G. Smith and W. J. Bourn, Stwds.; and W. Leslie, Tyler. The W.M. then presented, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. L. J. Jukes, as a token of the esteem in which the I.P.M. was held by the brethren and in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds for the R.M.B.I., to be placed on Bro. Boyce's list for the forthcoming festival.

All business being ended and the lodge closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in a manner which elicited the greatest praise for all present.

The musical arrangements, which were under the able direction of Bro. J. Baker Guy, Assoc. Voc., T.C.L., Organist of the lodge, added in no small degree to the success of the meeting.

La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at Freemasons Hall, Bro. J. J. Pittman, W.M. presiding. Among other brethren present were Bros. R. Hogg, P.M.; John Cuming, P.M.; H. T. Hipwell, P.M.; John Skinner, P.M.; J. W. Elvin, P.M.; F. Cambridge, P.M., P.G.O. Surrey; F. J. Pittman, P.M.; H. H. Perry, P.M.; J. B. Sly, P.M.; and W. E. Wilby, P.M. Visitors, Bros. B. Colbron, P.P.A.G.P. Surrey; B. A. Williams, P.G.D. Surrey; W. J. Stahlschmidt, P.M. 765; J. Paul, P.M. 1287; Herbert Goodwin, P.M. 2095; B. Pollard, P.M. 858 and 1694; John Hoddinott, P.M. 991; M. B. Skidden (Canada); J. B. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Orilton Cooper P.M. 211; E. G. Easton, 2512; J. B. Pinchbeck 2202; H. C. Parker, I.G. 975; T. C. Cole, 2047; J. M. Newnham, 1536; and John Hopkins, 753.

After the transaction of the formal business of the meeting, Bro. Pittman proceeded to instal Bro. Guillermo T. Augspurg, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the current year. Bro. James Kench, P.M., P.G.P. Treas., completed the ceremony, and Bro. Pittman, to whom was presented a Past Master's jewel, was invested as I.P.M. The officers of the lodge for the year were Bros. T. H. Clear, S.W.; T. A. Tidy, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; S. A. Cross, S.D.; G. A. Sturgess, J.D.; R. Hopf, I.G.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., A.D.C.; W. G. Fenn, P.M., P.P. S.G.D. Surrey, H. M. Parry, and H. Hipwell, Stwds.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler.

The brethren, after closing lodge, banqueted at Freemasons' Tavern, and honoured the customary tasks.

Bro. Kerch, Treas., P.G.P., responded to the toast which included "The Grand Officers."

Bro. J. J. Pittman, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he thought when he addressed the brethren it was the last time he should have to inflict upon them one of his orations, but this evening it fell to his lot to propose the health of the W.M. He was confident the brethren did not require a long speech to commend the toast to them as they knew Bro. Augspurg well—that his heart was in the right place, and that during his year of office he would do his best to promote the welfare of Lodge La Tolerance and to fulfil his duties in his high station with that ability which had characterised him in his other offices. Unfortunately Bro. Augspurg was not an Englishman and therefore might labour under some difficulty in speech, but every member of the lodge would bear with him, although probably he might not be able to make himself quite so clear to them as he would if he was an Englishman bred and born; still they must look to him as a man whose heart was in the right place, as Master of La Tolerance determined to do his best.

Bro. G. T. Augspurg, W.M., in reply, said he was at a loss how to express his feelings of gratitude for the exceedingly kind words which had fallen from Bro. Pittman's lips and for the very warm reception the brethren had given them. Since his initiation he had been duly impressed by the solemn rites and ceremonies of the ancient Craft, and he was a great admirer of the wonderful rituals and tenets of the Order. Could there be anything grander than the beautiful, edifying principles on which the Order was founded and which taught them to put their trust, whenever in difficulty and

danger, in God, to put their confidence in the brethren, to assist them in poverty and distress, always to uphold morality, and to show uprightness and justice in their life and actions? In spite of that, the brethren knew that the Craft was very severely criticised and misjudged by their fellow beings. Let them not, however, be discouraged by that; let them be true and brave men and prove themselves in that capacity to the outer world; let them be loyal subjects to their ruler and to their fellow beings, and then they would probably convert the sceptics and opponents of the Craft. With that design in view, he was sure they would be successful in their efforts. He was fully aware of the great responsibilities that now rested on his shoulders in the exalted position the brethren had elected him to; but they might be sure that whatever he could do would be done to uphold the rites and principles of the Craft, and his brother officers would be most anxious to give him assistance in that direction.

Bro. G. T. Augspurg, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. J. J. Pittman," who they all knew was a downright jolly good fellow in every sense of the word. Bro. Pittman was a perfect Mason, and had carried out and discharged his duties in so able a manner that he had deserved the full appreciation and admiration of every brother; he was a worthy occupant of King Solomon's chair, and would now reign and figure prominently amongst the most able and eminent of the Past Masters who had presided in that lodge, and wisely ruled over its destinies. To show him the appreciation of the lodge the brethren presented him with a Past Master's jewel, which he (Bro. Augspurg) had the special favour of now affixing to Bro. Pittman's breast.

Bro. J. J. Pittman, I.P.M., on rising to respond met with an enthusiastic reception. He said he could assure the brethren that he scarcely knew how to frame words to thank the brethren for the very kind manner with which they had responded to the toast so ably and genially proposed by the W.M. He was relinquishing the office of Master of that lodge with a great many feelings of pleasure. During his year it had been his intense delight to go up from time to time and meet so many good and estimable brethren, who had done all they could to make the task of a W.M. easy to him. It had been a work of love from the moment he first entered the lodge and took a minor office; it had been his ambition to be W.M., and when he entered upon the office he did so with great fear and trembling. But after he had been in it some time, from the assistance he had from the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge, he felt that the office after all was not a difficult one—it was made a most pleasurable one altogether. On leaving it he felt deeply grateful to every brother of the lodge, whether a P.M., an officer, or a lay brother, for the assistance rendered to him. In the jewel there was a recognition, which was sometimes given in lodges as a matter of course, but he did not look upon it in that light; he estimated it as the expression of a feeling of gratitude of the brethren for services rendered. He had tried to do his duty, and with such P.M.s, who had passed the chair with such credit to themselves, he felt he could not do less than follow their example. He felt confident that every brother who occupied the chair after him would do the same as he had done, and not in any shape or form fall short of the example set them. At that particular juncture of the lodge it behaved every P.M. and every member to promote the lodge. They were passing through an epoch when they found two P.M.s and another brother who felt it incumbent on them to retire from the active list, and therefore the other brethren ought to stick to the ship and not let it be lost for the want of guidance. He should do not only his best to serve the brethren to the utmost, but he should assist the W.M. to make his year a success in every way. For many, many years to come he hoped to promote the interest of his mother lodge.

Bros. Eastman, Coleman, Orilton Cooper, Paul, Cole, Skidden, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Elvin, Skinner, Hopper, and Wilby to that of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Clear, Tidy, Cambridge, and Cross having responded for "The Officers,"

Bro. G. A. Sturgess, J.D., said: Worshipful Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, and brethren,—I thank you, sir, for calling upon me to respond to the toast of the officers. I look upon Past Masters as retired captains, but to whom we apprentices may always go and get help and assistance and sound advice. Then as to our I.P.M. we all know what a jolly good fellow he has been. We know that every yacht must have a commander, and a right good one we have got in you, sir, and I classify our visitors as passengers. Any time they like to come and join us in our hearty welcome they will find our grand old pilot, Bro. Massey, ready to land them safely into port. Worshipful Sir, I thank you.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening an excellent musical entertainment was given by Miss Alice Motterway, Bro. Arthur Barry, and Mr. H. Greene, under the direction of Bro. F. Cambridge, Mus. Bac., Organist of the lodge.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, and was attended by the following brethren—Bros. D. C. Ritchie, W.M.; J. A. Blount, S.W.; E. J. Harrison, J.W.; A. Cox, I.P.M.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., W.M. 2278, Sec.; C. Isler, S.D.; C. Hirst, J.D.; W. Taylor, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; H. S. Trego (Mus. Bac. Oxon), Org.; G. E. Walker, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Herts; R. Loomes, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; A. Henning, R. Blunden, F. Simmonds, J. Jauncey, G. Fullbrook, J. H. Thurman, J. Lefever, G. A. Hopkins, T. E. Newman, G. Yexley, J. Johnson, E. Bury, J. Amand, W. Pannell, D. C. Attwater, L. Danielsson, W. A. Goring, J. R. White, W. T. Roberts, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Hancock, P.M. 2191; R. M. H. Griffiths, 1677; J. R. Carter, 2501; and R. Eddie, J.W. 742.

The first business done was the raising of Bro. Danielsson, and afterwards the passing of Bros. Fullbrook and Blunden. Bro. J. A. Blount, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. S. Napper, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Couchman was re-elected Tyler. An Audit Committee was then appointed and a candidate proposed for initiation. One guinea was unanimously voted towards the Guy's Hospital Re-Endowment Fund, and a Past Master's jewel of the usual pattern and value voted to Bro. Ritchie in recognition of his services during the past year. Other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Short speeches and a long programme followed, the latter under the direction of Bro. Newman, whose services in providing entertainment for the brethren cannot be too highly spoken of. Bros. Standing, Roberts, Henning, and Goring very ably assisted, and Bro. D. C. Attwater secured enthusiastic applause for the admirable rendering of his songs. Bro. Henning gave a recitation which was much appreciated.

Leopold Lodge, No. 1571.

The 21st installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. A goodly number of brethren and visitors assembled in honour of the occasion. But for the inclemency of the weather the gathering would have been materially increased, letters and telegrams of regret pouring in at the last moment from those who had promised to attend. The lodge was opened under the Mastership of Bro. Henry T. Meadows, supported by Bros. A. Watts, I.P.M.; J. Hampson, S.W.; F. P. Langford, J.W.; William Carey, P.M., Treas.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; G. Horwill, S.D.; C. M. Morris, J.D.; Percy Leach, I.G.; R. W. Clarke, Org.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; George Hall, A.D.C.; Farmer, Goad, Pummell, Truckell, Pain, Davy, Elliott, Maud, Whitefield, Barnes, Bull, and Presland; also the following visitors: Bros. Dr. Lovett, P.M. and Sec. 3; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; W. Crawford, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; F. W. Rose, P.M. 1607; W. L. Barker, S.W. 1607; G. Cunningham, S.D. 1607; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463; D. Harlow, P.M. 65; R. E. Lanes, W.M. 1441; E. A. Anson, 2128; G. Mills, 147; Kinnipie, S.W. 65; E. Parsons, 1627; J. A. Clarke, 88; A. Ingleton, W.M. 1625; W. Dennis, W.M. 9; T. R. Hewett, S.W. 917; D. Reekie, 511; J. Holmes, 1310; and E. M. Tayler, 913.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been confirmed and the accounts of the lodge as audited, showing a substantial balance in hand, received and adopted, Bro. John Hampson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Duffield, P.M., D.C., to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation. After subscribing to the usual obligation Bro. Hampson was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. T. Meadows, I.P.M.; F. P. Langford, S.W.; G. Horwill, J.W.; William Carey, P.M., Treas.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Morris, S.D.; Percy Leach, J.D.; George Hall, I.G.; R. W. Clarke, Org.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; J. McKenzie, A.D.C.; R. Læ and J. B. B. Pain, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Warden,

and brethren were rendered in a very able and impressive manner by the Installing Master, Bro. Meadows. Bro. Carey, P.M., Treas., ably assisted in the installation ceremony. The ballot having been taken, and proving unanimous in favour of Messrs. J. E. Brook, W. M. Egles, H. V. Down, H. Simmonds, and W. Wickham, these gentlemen, with the exception of Mr. Egles, who had met with an unfortunate accident, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the working of the whole ceremony reflecting much credit on the Worshipful Master and officers.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the assembled visitors to the newly-installed W. Master, who announced his intention to serve as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to the W.M.'s list. Letters of regret on their inability to be present were read from Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., R.M.B.I.; Alfred Youngman, P.M. (father of the lodge); Henry Youngman, P.M.; and others.

The brethren at the close of the lodge adjourned to the banqueting table. After partaking of the creature comforts, the usual loyal toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" (special reference being made to the record reign of her Majesty), "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were duly honoured.

Rising to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. John Hampson," the I.P.M., Bro. Meadows, said that he had an easy task before him. Bro. Hampson had fully qualified himself for the position of W.M. by his long connection with the Leopold Lodge, his regular attendance, and the thorough way in which he had served in the several offices allotted to him. He (the I.P.M.) hoped that the W.M. would have a very pleasant and prosperous year of office, and felt sure that the toast would meet with that hearty reception which it deserved.

The W.M., who was warmly greeted, heartily appreciated the honour just conferred upon him. He was proud to occupy the chair of the Leopold Lodge in this memorable year of her Majesty's reign. He had worked hard to qualify himself for the chair, and all that he possibly could do would be done to maintain the working for which the Leopold Lodge had been distinguished. While sincerely thanking the lodge for its donation to his list as Steward to the Old People's Institution, he trusted that the brethren would individually rally round him and send him up with a list that would do credit to the lodge. Relying on the support of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, he looked forward to a very happy and prosperous year of office.

"The Installing Master and Immediate Past Master" next claimed the attention of the brethren. The W.M. submitting the toast, said that Bro. Meadows, both as W.M. and Secretary of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, had thoroughly deserved the thanks of the brethren of the Leopold Lodge. In addition, he had carried out the onerous duties of Installing Master in a manner which had given general satisfaction, and to mark the esteem of the brethren, he would ask Bro. Meadows' acceptance of a Past Master's jewel, which he trusted he might long be spared to wear, and that he would continue for many years to come to give the lodge the benefit of his Masonic experience.

Bro. Meadows, in response, was deeply sensible of the kindness he had received from all during his Mastership, and would highly value the beautiful Past Master's jewel just presented to him. During his many years' connection with the lodge, he had endeavoured to do his best, and if, as W. Master and Installing Master, he had earned the good opinions of the brethren he had been well repaid. As Past Master, the lodge would find him ready to do all in his power to promote its prosperity and usefulness.

"The Initiates" having been given in feeling terms, was responded to by Bros. Brook, Down, Simmonds, and Wickham, who were much impressed with the ceremony of initiation.

"The Visitors" met with a very hearty reception, the W.M. expressing the thanks of the lodge for the goodly array of brethren from other lodges who had honoured the meeting with their presence.

Bro. F. W. Rose, P.M. 1607, tendered fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes from the Lodge of Loyalty. Referring specially to the new brethren admitted that evening he emphasised the fact that the hope and promise of a lodge lay in the hands of the younger members. The initiates had been taught the equality of Freemasonry, but their responsibilities, no less than their privileges, were equal, for the Craft required from every brother alike the exercise of all the best powers with which he had been endowed.

Bros. W. Dennis, W.M. 9; W. Crawford, P.G.S.B. Kent; Harlow, P.M. 65; and Hewett, S.W. 917; also responded in suitable and feeling terms; all testifying to the excellence of the working and a very enjoyable evening.

The claims of the Masonic Institutions were ably advocated by Bro. J. Mason, R.M.B.I. In responding to the toast, and dealing with the Girls' and Boys' Schools, he referred to the excellent work done by these admirable Institutions, and coming to the Benevolent Institution, with which he was connected, he was glad that the W.M. intended to serve as Steward to the Old People's Festival in February, to be presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The benefits of the Institution were not confined to the homes at Croydon, but were open in the shape of annuities to all poor and distressed Freemasons wherever located. The income from invested capital being so limited, it was on the generous and charitable help of the brethren that the executive relied to carry on the good work of relief to the needy brethren and their widows. Bro. Mason concluded a forcible appeal by inciting all present to the exercise of that virtue—Charity—which never faileth.

With the toast of "The Past Masters" the names of the Treasurer, Bro. William Carey, and the Secretary, Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, were coupled.

Bro. Carey congratulated the W.M. on attaining to the chair on the lodge's majority, which was especially appropriate with the Master's knowledge of Operative and Speculative Freemasonry. He had commenced his Mastership well by initiating four gentlemen into the Craft in a manner highly creditable, and he felt confident that the initiates would prove themselves worthy members of the lodge into which they had that evening been admitted. Speaking on behalf of the Past Masters, he promised the W.M. all the assistance and support he might require at their hands during his year of office.

Bro. Morgan responding, was glad to say that the Leopold Lodge was never in a more prosperous condition. Exclusive of the Initiates they mustered about 50 members. Numbers, however, should not be the standard by which to gauge a lodge of Freemasons. Rather let them be judged by the ties of brotherly love and affection existing amongst them as members, but above all by the exercise of the greatest of the virtues—charity—with which they were merely sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, and in this connection he trusted that the lodge would heartily co-operate with the Worshipful Master in making his Stewardship worthy of the Leopold Lodge.

For "The Officers" Bro. F. P. Langford, S.W., and Bro. George Horwill, J.W., responded, pledging a regular attendance and all the help the officers could render to promote the prosperity of the lodge under Bro. Hampson's Mastership.

The musical programme which gave every satisfaction, was carried out by Mr. Adolph Fowler, Mr. Gabriel Thorpe, and Mr. Chas. E. Knott, Bro. Arthur E. Kippis ably acting as accompanist.

Studholme Lodge, No. 1591.

This lodge, which was originally consecrated at Surbiton by the late Bro. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg and afterwards removed to London, held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 20th inst., by special dispensation, at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, when a brilliant assembly of the most distinguished Masons in England met to do honour to the lodge and its coming Master in the year of its majority.

The business of the lodge having been transacted earlier in the day, the lodge was formally resumed at 6.45, and the visitors and members on entering were conducted to their allotted seats by the acting Directors of Ceremonies, Bros. Frank Richardson, Fitzroy Tower, Wedding, and Méville. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., was announced and conducted into the lodge by a deputation consisting of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and four Past Masters, and having assumed the chair, was saluted in ancient form. The W.M. elect, Bro. the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P., was presented by Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, the senior P.M., and installed in the chair by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, who was most ably assisted by Bro. R. F. Austin, P.M. The special jewel of Master, formerly the jewel of the lamented Prince, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, who was the Master at the time of his death, was, according to custom, delivered to the care and keeping of the new occupant of the chair, to be worn during his year of office. The officers were then appointed and invested, and nearly every one had either been initiated in the lodge or had been an original member. We subjoin a list: Bros. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M.

Norths and Hunts, S.W.; Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire, J.W.; Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, D.D., Dean of Gloucester, P.G. Chap., Chap.; Alfred Cooper, P.G.D., P.G.S., Treas.; Colonel A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., P.G.S., Sec.; Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire, P.G.W., S.D.; Hon. Sir Henry Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Prov. Grand Master Devon, J.D.; Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., I.G.; Colonel Mark Lockwood, M.P., S.G.D., D.C.; Sir Arthur Sullivan, Past Grand Organist, Organist; E. F. G. Hatch, M.P., Duke of Leeds, Lord Stanley, M.P., and Viscount Milton, M.P., Stwds.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. After the address, most admirably delivered by Bro. Austin, P.M., the Treasurer, Bro. Alfred Cooper, P.G.D., rose and said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—This lodge was started 21 years ago at Surbiton, and its principal founder and first Master was our Bro. A. B. Cook. In consequence of its great increase in numbers and prosperity, the lodge was transferred to London, and I think I may say without fear of contradiction, that no lodge of this age has ever held a more prominent position in the Craft. This, I may say, is chiefly due to the energy, tact, zeal, and ability of our Secretary, Bro. Cook, who is, as our Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, in a letter from Australia, very aptly calls him the backbone of the Studholme Lodge—it gives me very great pleasure to be on this occasion the mouthpiece of the members of our lodge, and to express on their behalf their great gratitude to you, and their thorough appreciation of your devoted and untiring energy as Secretary for the last twenty years, and they ask your acceptance of this service of plate as a slight recognition of all you have done for the lodge, and I wish you long life, health, and happiness, that you will remain our faithful friend and manager. Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., then thanked the members of the lodge in the most feeling terms, and said this token of their appreciation for what he had done, and had tried to do, for the benefit of the lodge, had come on him as a great surprise and showed that the members of the Studholme Lodge had been true to secrecy, as it had been a very kept secret indeed. It would be idle of him not to confess that the Studholme Lodge had been a great success, both Masonically, socially, and financially. The Masonic Charities had received during the past 21 years over one thousand pounds, and he was happy to say that out of nearly 200 brethren who had passed through the books of the lodge, only eight had passed away during their membership. He sincerely hoped that some at least of those who were present on that occasion might be spared to be present at the jubilee, and that the Secretary of that day might be able to look back as he could on a happy and prosperous 20 years.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master was then escorted out of the lodge as on his entrance, and the Grand Officers having retired, the lodge was closed.

After dinner the only toasts were—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master" (proposed by the W.M.); "Success to the Studholme Lodge" (proposed by the Speaker of the House of Commons); and "The Visitors" (proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the Secretaries of State for the Home Department and for India.

Among the members and visitors invited to be present, some of whom were unavoidably detained were the following:

Bros. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B.; the Earl of Yarborough, the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P.; the Viscount Wolsley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G.; the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Essex, Lord Charles Montagu, the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; the Earl of Portarlington, the Lord Stanley, M.P.; the Lord Amptill, the Lord Herschell, the Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Herbert Vane Tempest, the Lord Addington, Right Hon. the Speaker, Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart., the Viscount Milton, M.P.; the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, M.P.; the Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, M.P.; Sir James McGrigor, Bart., Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P.; the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P.; Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P.; W. W. Beach, M.P.; Victor Cavendish, M.P.; Sir John Monckton, Thomas Fenn (Hon.), Col. Malet de Carteret, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg (Hon.), J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips (Hon.), Col. Pratt Saunders, C. Godson, M.D.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.; E. A. Baylis, the Viscount Dungarvan, Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester, D.D.; Sir Gainsford Bruce, Col. Mark Lockwood, M.P.; Sir George Harris, Robert Grey (Hon.), Col. Le Gendre Starkie, E. F. G. Hatch, M.P.; Admiral Markham, R. Loveland-Loveland, R. D. M. Littler, C.B., O.C.; Frank Richardson, the Earl of Euston, E. Letchworth, F. Mead, C. Belton, H. A. Rigg, Col. James Peters, T. W. Weeding, C. F. Matier, Major Gordon Gilmour, R. Woodhouse, Col. W. W. Turner, C. Warner, M.P., Major H. C. Fortescue, H. Gordon Miller, General E. C. Sim, R.E., C. Ridley Smith, A. K. Tharp, R. Tryon, W. C. Watson, W. C. Grigg, M.D., A. W. Orwin, M.D., H. W. Allingham, Alfred Cooper, T. D. Bolton, M.P., Capt. F. C. L. Hulton, J. M. Sagar Musgrave, W. Mathews, E. Sagar Musgrave, A. Larcom, P. B. Hall, F. Holme-Summer, W. Towne, W. Wilson, Col. Aubone Fife, C. M. P. Phipps, Fleetwood Wilson, C.B., Capt. Portlock Dadson, Fritz Reiss, E. Routledge, W. G. H. Marshall, G. H. Dunsmore, C. V. Magniac, A. F. Sapte, Capt. J. Blyth, J. C. Fitzroy Tower, Col. A. B. Cook, Capt. Challoner, M.P., the Rev. Russell Wakefield, A. Stuart Brown, T. Gilbert Smith, H. Price, E. G. Glyn, H. T. Sullivan, S. H. Hargrove, Louis Méville, C. J. Lucas, Romer Williams, J. H. Matthews, Edward Darell, S. G. Kirchoffer, R. F. Austin, W. C. Beaumont, S. H. Cartwright, Hastings Miller, Col. Newham Davis, G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, and W. M. Guthrie.

Palatine Lodge, No. 2447.

The Festival of St. John in connection with the above lodge was held at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on Friday, the 22nd instant, when Bro. John Newton, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the present year by Bro. George Graham, the retiring W.M., assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. George Graham in the presence of a distinguished company, including Bro. Richd. Newhouse, D.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire, representatives from the Provincial Grand Lodges of East Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, and West Lancashire, and many brethren from neighbouring lodges. Bro. John Newton was duly placed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. George Graham. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. E. Sharples, S.W.; W. Spencer, J.W.; George Graham, I.P.M. and Treas.; H. Perry, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Thornton, S.D.; J. Halliwell Roby, J.D.; H. A. Henderson, I.G.; F. Broadsmith, P.M., D.C.; W. Hulme Jones, Org.; F. H. Slade, J. R. Horne, E. P. Hetherington, and W. Hughes, Stewards; and I. Thompson, Tyler.

After a well-served banquet, the loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with songs, violin solos, &c.

The time-honoured "Here's to his health" was well given by Bro. C. Blacow, and aroused much enthusiasm on behalf of Bro. Newton, whose popularity was unbounded.

Bro. G. Graham ably proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. replied in appropriate terms, and thanked the brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred upon him.

The toast of "The Past Masters," which was proposed by the W.M., was well received.

Bros. Graham, Broadsmith, Fowens, Perry, and Tinker responded. The heartiest wishes for a happy and prosperous year for the newly-elected W.M. were expressed by the visiting brethren.

Due prominence was given to the fact that Bro. Newton had deservedly reached his high distinction in the brief space of four years.

The remaining toasts were duly honoured.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the most memorable events in connection with this prosperous lodge.

Chapter of Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Cambridge, S.E., on Friday, the 22nd inst. Present: Comps. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., M.E.Z.; I. Dunn, H.; C. Plant, J.; F. Grummant, P.Z.; Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; H. Hardman, S.N.; Hy. Cornford, P.S.; Barr, Hurdell, Wittey, Benedetti, and Henwood.

The minutes of convocation, January 15th, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hurdell personating the candidate. Comp. Geo. Hy. Henwood, 704, was elected a joining member. Comp. Isaac Dunn, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1897.

Masonic Notes.

The regular Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd prox. We publish elsewhere the agenda, from which it will appear that the business will not be of a very exacting character. Warrants for four new chapters have been granted since November, two being located in London, one in Cheshire, and one in Essex.

We are very glad to be in a position to announce that since we last drew attention to the subject, very considerable progress has been made in strengthening the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The number of ladies and brethren who have volunteered their services is not far short, if, indeed, it does not already equal, the number who acted at the Festival in 1895. This, however, is a long way from being equal to the Board of last year, and, as this is the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and one of the Queen's sons will preside on the occasion, we sincerely trust the record of last year will be beaten. We shall have occasion to refer to the subject at an early date.

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We have very great pleasure in announcing that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock, has very kindly consented to preside as Chairman at the 109th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held about the usual date in May next. His lordship, as our readers are aware, is Prov. Grand Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, and as upwards of three months will elapse before the celebration takes place, there will be ample time for the Province to make its arrangements for supporting the presidency of their chief. In 1888, Bro. Lord Llangattock's predecessor in office, the late Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when, notwithstanding that the Girls' School Centenary was going to be held in the summer, the very large total of £15,296 was obtained by the exertions of a Board of 276 Stewards, the contribution from the Chairman's Province being £865. Doubtless, South Wales East, especially as it has since been strengthened by the addition of sundry lodges, will endeavour to beat these figures; at all events, we may be sure it will do its utmost to support its present Prov. Grand Master.

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An absurd rumour has found its way into the Dublin press to the effect that Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Lord Roberts, the Commander of the Forces, were initiated in a Dublin lodge on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and *Irish Society*, which claims to be "the only Society Journal in Ireland," regards it as "an honour to Dublin Masons to have secured two such eminent noblemen for initiation in one of their lodges." It happens unfortunately for *Irish Society* that, as regards Bro. Lord Roberts, he was initiated in an English lodge in India some 40 years ago, and was appointed S.G.W. of England in 1895, while as regards the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland we have the authority of a well known Irish Mason, a Grand Officer of Ireland, for stating that the rumour has absolutely no foundation.

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General sympathy will be felt with Bro. Lord Roberts, Commander of the Forces in Ireland, at the news that his son, Lieut. Roberts, of the Royal Fusiliers, while engaged in playing polo, was struck in the eye by the ball, which smashed the glass he was wearing and drove the splinters in so that the sight of the eye is gone.

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We have been favoured with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, during the year 1896. The annual convocation was held on the 10th November, under the presidency of Comp. W. H. Shryock, G.H.P., who delivered a very interesting address. It was announced that the Committee of the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Chapter had prepared and recommended certain arrangements, which were approved and adopted, the principal being that a special convocation should be held on Thursday, the 4th June next—the anniversary of the date of formation—at the Masonic Hall, Baltimore, to which all R.A. Masons in the State should be invited, and that a bronze medal, commemorative of the occasion, should be struck and distributed by subscription. Comp. Gen. Shryock is still in office as G.H.P.

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At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane, on the 2nd December last, a resolution to the effect that "the services of a reporter who is a member of the Craft be obtained for the purpose of reporting the proceedings at meetings of District Grand Lodge," and that it be "an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to make the necessary arrangements to give effect to the same." The motion was made at the instance of Bro. A. J. Stephenson, M.L.A., Past Dist. S.G.W.

At the same meeting the District Grand Master—Bro. the Hon. C. A. Gregory, C.M.G.—gave an account of sundry visits which, in company with the District Grand Secretary—Bro. John Fenwick—he had made to the lodges at Rockhampton, Charters Towers, Ravenswood, Townsville, and Cleveland, in the interval between the September and December Communications of District Grand Lodge, and we are glad to say that the District Grand Master reported most favourably, not only of the hearty welcome which he and his District Grand Secretary had experienced, but also of the admirable manner in which the duties of the lodges were being carried out.

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It seems that in Charters Towers the District Grand Lodge, under the Scottish Constitution, has appointed "a duplicate Dep. Dist. G. Master and other officers," and that this is regarded as "apparently giving them a higher status or prestige than the English brethren, and, as they say, to their disadvantage generally." Under these circumstances and as such duplicate officers could not be appointed under the English Constitution, Bro. Gregory considered that personal visitation was the best policy to adopt and hence these visits.

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The Craft in Massachusetts held the usual important communications in the month of December last. On the 8th ult. the annual meeting took place under the presidency of Bro. Edwin R. Holmes, M.W. Grand Master, who in his address very carefully reviewed the events of the past year. From what he said it appears that the number of lodges at present on the roll is 234, and the aggregate number of members 37,763, showing an increase of close upon 500 as compared with the previous year. We learn also that the Masonic Charity Fund belonging to Grand Lodge amounts to 115,000 dollars, which at an early date will be increased by the generous bequest of 50,000 dollars, by the late Bro. John Collamore. Bro. Holmes, however, does not appear to be satisfied with the sum, and considers that no time should be lost in raising the Fund to 500,000 dollars (£100,000).

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In the course of the proceedings a report was presented, in which it was recommended that the Masonic Hall in Tremont-street should be re-built at an estimated cost of 260,000 dollars, the object being to afford increased comfort and accommodation to the Craft. However, the proposal was deferred till the next Quarterly Communication, and the remainder of the session was devoted to the election of officers for the ensuing year, the principal being Bro. Charles C. Hutchinson, M.W.G. Master; Bros. Edward F. Smith, S.G. Warden; Joseph H. Gleason, J.G. Warden; John Carr, Grand Treasurer; and Sereno D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Secretary. The installation of the Grand Master elect and the investiture of the new Grand Officers took place on the 28th December.

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The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Hall, Boston, on the 8th ult., under the presidency of Comp. J. Gilman Waite, G.H.P., who delivered the customary address. The work pertaining to the usual Degrees having been exemplified, the election and installation of Grand Officers for the ensuing year took place, Comp. Seranus Bowen being the G.H.P.; Comps. S. F. Hubbard, Dep. G.H.P.; A. H. Libbey, Grand K.; and R. Walter Hill, G. Scribe. Comps. E. A. Holton and J. Albert Blake are the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively.

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Certain tabular statements have been going the round of our Masonic contemporaries, from which it appears that the estimated number of lodges in the world is 17,262, and the aggregate of subscribing members 1,054,036. Of these there are 11,943 lodges with a subscribing membership of 783,644 in the United States and Canada, while the remaining 5319 lodges and 270,392 members are distributed throughout the other countries in which Masonry has established itself. As regards the United Kingdom, England is credited with 1874 lodges and 91,000 members; Ireland with 396 lodges and 20,000 members; and Scotland with 540 lodges and 27,000 members. Who is responsible for these estimates we are unable to say; but in the case of England, the number of lodges in the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge is stated in our official Calendar to be 2190, and if we take 50 members per lodge as the average, as suggested in the *Masonic Token*, we have a total of not far short of 110,000, or 19,000 in excess of the number stated above.

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.

BRO. ROBERT BURNS AS MASONIC POET-LAUREATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to learn from Bro. Hughan's very interesting communication in to-day's *Freemason* that Bros. Hugh A. Peacock and Allan Mackenzie are throwing more light on the foolishly-disputed (as I think) question of Bro. Robert Burns's inauguration as the Poet-Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. Not having had the privilege of even seeing, much less of carefully perusing, the volume alluded to, and having no hopes of ever being able to do so, of course I can give no opinion of the no doubt arduous labours of Bros. Peacock and Mackenzie; yet, nevertheless, as a Mason taking a lively interest in the subject, I may be allowed to thank them for publishing their work, though, unfortunately, too poor to hope ever being able to buy it. My own view of the matter was stated in the *Voice of Masonry*, a widely-circulated and beautifully got-up magazine, printed at Chicago, in September, 1893, in a couple of sonnets, which, as they will be new to most of your readers, perhaps you will allow me to quote here—

I.

The lodge was duly closed, and Masons met
Around the festive board, to share the "flowing bowl,"
"The feast of reason and the flow of soul;"
And he, the greatest Bard which Scotland yet
Can show of all her many sons of song,
The gifted and true-hearted BURNS was there;
Masonic labours he well loved to share,
And they were proud he did to them belong
And prized the Craft. Some brother did propose
That they should crown him Bard of Masonry,
With which the others quickly did agree;
And so the Laureate's wreath, 'ere they arose;
Was placed upon the Poet's noble brow,
And the lodge still feels proud of that act even now.

II.

There are some dry-as-dusts who can't conceive
That the account thereof each worthy brother
Delighted to hand down to one another,
Had any truth; these Masons all believe
Their brother Masons lied, just to deceive
Their brother Masons. They have search'd the books,
And find no entry of it; so it looks
To them false on the face of it. I grieve
To think how much "Masonic History" is.
But this not being business of the night
Perform'd in open Lodge, what scribe could write
A record in the minutes? Yet the bliss
Of that night's honour'd and fraternal glee
Was life-long treasured in each Brother's memory.

As the office of Masonic Laureate was not one provided for in the Book of Constitutions, there would have been grave objections to making any such appointment in open lodge, and it has always seemed to me the height of folly to expect to find any entry of it in the records of the lodge. Such has long been my view, and I have wondered that Masons who can swallow without doubt the improbable fictions which are even yet taught as serious matters of fact, should seriously doubt the very reasonable tradition of the honour paid by his enthusiastic brother Masons to the greatest genius then under their banner—the wonderful poet of the people, ROBERT BURNS.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire,
January 16th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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"Scribe" seems right: No W.M. can be elected at a lodge of emergency; B.C. 130 is very clear. The election was doubtless *bad* and the business irregular.
C. H. W.

Reviews.

(Continued from p. 44.)

"MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING.—The Ancient Lodge of Scotland." Discussion of an Old Historical Question. By Rev. William Lee Ker, M.A., Minister of Kilwinning, Author of "Kilwinning Abbey," &c. Alexander Gardner, Publisher to her Majesty the Queen, Paisley; and 26, Paternoster-square, London. 1896.—It is not necessary that we should follow Bro. Ker over the whole of the ground he has traversed in order to vindicate the rights of a lodge which of late years have never—as we have already more than once remarked—been seriously, but only academically, assailed; indeed, the time and space at our disposal will not permit of our doing so. Bro. Ker rests his arguments in favour of Kilwinning's priority and supremacy mainly on the Schaw's Statutes of 1599, and if they are held to determine the question, there is no need for us to concern ourselves about what by comparison with these Statutes is mere secondary evidence. Similarly, if we are deemed to have established our case in behalf of Edinburgh, on the evidence of these Statutes, and these Statutes alone, we need not trouble about the Roslin Charters, the Kilwinning Legend, and other matters. But the course pursued towards the Lodge of Kilwinning by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, firstly, after its formation in 1736, and, secondly, in 1807, when, after a series of negotiations with Kilwinning, it succeeded in effecting a reunion of all Scottish Freemasonry under its banner stand on a different footing. Both Kilwinning and Edinburgh had up to the latter year been consistent in maintaining each its own claims to priority, but the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Scotland towards them both at the latter epoch—(1807)—was in direct conflict with its conduct towards them both at the former epoch, namely, in 1737; and as its decision at the latter of the two epochs may be reasonably considered—at least without a full investigation into all the circumstances—of greater value than the earlier decision; just as a revised code of laws is adopted as final and conclusive in preference to the code it supersedes, it devolves upon us to inquire how and why it came about that the settlement of 1807 was directly subversive of that of 1737. It is not disputed that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, after its formation in 1736, resolved that the lodges constituting it should be placed on the roll according to the dates of the evidence they severally produced of their priority, with a proviso in respect of lodges which produced no such evidence. These latter were to be postponed, and if at

any subsequent time they produced "instruction of their being elder, then they shall have their place on the Rolls according to the dates of their erection and Constitution." Under this arrangement, the Lodge of Edinburgh, which produced minutes dating from "Ultimo Julij, 1599," was placed No. 1 on the roll, and the Lodge of Kilwinning, whose documentary evidence went no further back than the 20th December, 1642, was assigned the second place. But it was not long before the latter, which nearly 100 years previously, had dubbed itself the "Ancient Lodge of Scotland," evinced dissatisfaction with the position thus assigned to it. In a few years it withdrew from Grand Lodge into its former state of independence, and subsequently issued warrants for the constitution of daughter lodges. In 1807 it was, to use an expression of Schaw's, "thocht neidfull and expedient," and for reasons which must commend themselves to every lover of Freemasonry, that the whole of the Scottish Craft should be brought into the one fold under Grand Lodge. Unofficial communications were therefore made on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Lodge of Kilwinning with a view to bringing about this most desirable consummation, the result being that Committees were appointed by the two bodies, and in the end a treaty of union was drawn up, under which Kilwinning was to be placed at the head of the roll without a number while the Lodge of Edinburgh remained at No. 1, it being arranged as regards the daughter lodges that they should be incorporated in their rightful places, according to seniority, in the roll of lodges about to be compiled. This treaty was agreed to in spite of the opposition raised by the S.W. of the Lodge of Edinburgh and subsequently renewed from time to time. Ultimately, however, the remonstrance of the Lodge of Edinburgh was withdrawn by its W.M., and since then, to repeat the words we quoted from Bro. Murray Lyon's History in the first portion of this review, "Time has now effaced from Mary's Chapel the recollection of its wrongs in the matter of precedency, and through the discretion and good feeling of its rulers, this resuscitation has never during the past 50 years been allowed to break the harmony of the Craft." But though the loyalty of the Lodge of Edinburgh to the past of 1807 is praiseworthy in the highest degree, it does not amount to a justification of the pact itself. No evidence that we have ever heard of was adduced in the course of the negotiations between Grand Lodge and Mother Kilwinning of sufficient weight to warrant any disturbance of the 1737 arrangement. The sole object of the negotiations was to re-unite the two sections of Scottish Freemasonry, and as Kilwinning was ready to sacrifice her independence and the power she exercised of chartering new lodges, it was "thocht neidfull & expedient" that some compensation should be made her. She was, in fact, a Grand Lodge, and in return for abdicating that position she was placed at the head of the roll without a number, while the Lodge of Edinburgh retained its rank as No. 1. But the question of priority as between the two lodges was not settled by this fact, but evaded. The Lodge of Kilwinning gained its point which it had in view when it entered into the negotiations with the Grand Lodge, and obtained for itself the "heidship" of the roll and certain other privileges, in return for the sacrifices it agreed to make, while the Grand Lodge of Scotland gained its point by bringing the whole of the lodges under its rule as the supreme Masonic authority in Scotland. But the order of priority was not thereby settled. It was doubtless felt by the G. Lodge, at all events, to be too delicate and too difficult a question to be dealt with summarily. It was, therefore, pretermitted or postponed, in order that harmony and the re-union of the two contracting parties might be secured, and it will so remain and for the same reason until the Greek Kalends. Kilwinning has added nothing to, nor has Edinburgh lost any of, its ancient prestige, but the Schaw Statutes of 1599 still remain, and the third paragraph of those Statutes provides that "Edinburgh shall be in all tyme cuming, as of befor, the first and principall lodge in Scotland, and that Kilwinning be the second lodge, as of befor is notourlie manifest in our auld antient writtis." The parties to the treaty of 1807 no doubt considered they had done a clever thing when they gave Kilwinning a place at the top of the roll without a number without disturbing the position of its No. 1, and, what is still more important, without being required to settle the conflicting claims of these two oldest lodges, and this will probably explain why, after a few protests, and threats, and petitions, the Lodge of Edinburgh acquiesced in the arrangement. As for the last two chapters, which are headed respectively "Records of Mother Kilwinning" and "Short Description of Kilwinning and its Abbey," they are very interesting reading, and may be looked upon as in some measure offering a kind of compensation for the very serious weaknesses which are to be found in the chapters devoted to the so-called vindication of Mother Kilwinning's rights.

"THE STORY OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY" (Offices of "Architecture," Talbot House, Arundel-street, London, W.C.).—This handsome volume is worthy of all praise, and has no equal of its kind. Although the size of the *Freemason*, and running to some 40 pages, profusely illustrated and published in the best manner possible, copies may be had from the publisher for the trifling sum of one shilling and sixpence each. This most deeply interesting story of our National Church has been told by the accomplished Editor of "Architecture" (Mr. James Dudley Morgan), and in such an appreciative and entertaining manner, that the very artistic brochure cannot fail to receive a most hearty welcome from the thousands and tens of thousands who take part in the frequent pilgrimage to this "one religious Building in the Kingdom that stands in its original finishing, with the proper lines of its stones displaying themselves, mellowed only by time." As this choice production is still on sale, there is no need to quote from its pages at present, neither would it be quite fair so to do. As, however, it is sure to be soon exhausted, farther on we hope to refer to not a few of the appropriate criticisms and opinions of the Author, as well as to mention the value and importance of the numerous plates, many of which have been drawn by Herbert Railton and other artistes of repute, whilst several portions of the Edifice have been not only faithfully sketched, but most carefully measured, accuracy and exactitude being special features of this choice souvenir of one of the most sacred and famous Buildings in the world.

"THE NEW ILLUSTRATED BIBLE"—(Messrs. Gowans and Gray, 22, Ann-street, Glasgow).—This little gem, in 12mo. size, of nearly 950 pages, is most compact and handy for reference, the type (*ruby*) being beautifully clear and the paper wonderfully opaque (considering the small size of the volume), and is a treasure for the many who desire and can appreciate an illustrated Bible of considerable excellence and beauty. There are many scores of illustrations, some full page, and not a few of the views will be found quite new and to date. The Palestine Exploration Fund, Fifth and Co.; Religious Tract, Graphic Art, and other Societies, as well as professional and amateur photographers have permitted the use of their negatives, several of the views being reproduced from the beautiful series of coloured photographs by the Photochromo Company, Limited. Only 10,000 have been printed and copies may be ordered through any bookseller.

Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

The installation meeting of this centenary lodge was held on Tuesday last, at Cannon-street Hotel, the W.M., Bro. John Berlyn, presiding. Among a very large body of brethren who attended were Past Masters—Bros. Joseph Levy, A. H. Cohen, H. J. Phillips, John A. Gartley, M. J. Emanuel, B. Marcus, S. W. Harris, E. H. Norden, W. Littaur, Charles F. Hogard, H. M. Harris, and S. Dancvger. There were also present the following visitors: Bros. C. Rotenberger, 1623; A. Kuttner, 1623; H. Pammont, S.W. 700; George Billings, 1364; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Rev. S. J. Roco, I.P.M. 188; Nathan Cohen, P.M. 654; S. A. Rothschild, W.M. 1017; J. H. T. Lyon, P.M. 720; Samuel Moses, 1666; S. Emden, 1349; Alex. Levay, 188; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; S. Moses, 511; Henry S. Moses, 511; Emil Koenig, 183; L. S. Genese, W.M. 2265; W. Goldstein, J.D. 2265; M. Moses, 1549; J. Wych Moses, 185; P. Vallentyne, P.M. 1017; A. J. Acworth, P.M. and Sec. 2265; W. Paine, I.G. 1048; J. F. Siunders, I.P.M. 1507; S. G. Thorne, 1425; M. Boeckbinder, 2265; A. Bonaldé, I.G. 1559; David Hills, W.M. 185; John M. Knight, P.M. 95; J. B. North, 1563; L. M. Moses, P.M. 2665; and David Jewell, 1668.

The brethren voted 50 guineas from the lodge funds to the benevolent Fund of the lodge, 10 guineas to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund, and one guinea to Guy's Hospital. Later in the evening the brethren carried a motion by Bro. Coleman Jones "That the lodge celebrate by a ball the long reign of her Majesty the Queen." The W.M. installed in perfect style Bro. Isaac Rosalki as Master of the lodge for the ensuing

year, and Bro. John Berlyn was invested as I.P.M. The other officers invested were Bros. Geo. Lichtenfeld, S.W.; Joseph Marcus, J.W.; J. A. Gartley, P.M., Chap.; Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M., Treas.; Humphrey James Phillips, P.M., Sec.; Jos. Trenner, S.D.; Hermann Lichtenfeld, P.M. 2353, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; Phillip Greenspan, I.G.; A. M. Goodrich and M. M. Freidlander, Stwds.; and R. J. Morley, Tyler. Bro. Berlyn, I.P.M., was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Solomon Kops Praeger, Maurice Friederberg, Lewis Abrahams, Samuel Moses, jun., and Lazarus Joseph Barnett. The W.M. having taken the lodge Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution, 10 guineas were voted to his list.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a grand banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., and C. F. Hogard, P.G. St. Br., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," which was proposed by Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M.

Bro. John Berlyn, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said it afforded him a great amount of pleasure to have the privilege and honour of submitting the health of such a brother as Bro. Rosalki to the brethren. When, on a former occasion, he indicated Rosalki as the coming Master, he met with the brethren's approval in every respect, and the way in which the W.M. invested his officers that evening, as well as his performance of the ceremony of initiation, showed that they had chosen the proper man. He was sure they would be very pleased with the choice they had made.

Bro. I. Rosalki, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he should only trouble the brethren with a few words. He thanked Bro. Berlyn for the way in which he had proposed the toast and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received his remarks. When he commenced Masonry many years back, and had the pleasure of joining the lodge of Israel he did not think it would happen that he should occupy the chair of that lodge; he thought he should never be able to reach that point, and he assumed that it was only the great principle Freemasonry possessed, brotherly love, which brought him to that position. He considered himself exceptionally fortunate in being the Master this year—a year the memory of which would endure for many generations as the diamond year of Queen Victoria's reign. But it was an exceptional year in another respect, and on this account he esteemed himself exceptionally fortunate in being Master of the Lodge of Israel. He knew that politics had no place in Freemasonry, although he was not an old Mason, but he would mention the exceptional circumstances of this year. It was a great year for Freemasonry for the reason that the great Arbitration Treaty had been come to by the two great peoples of the world. After thousands of years of approaching civilisation they had only just touched the fringe of that civilisation which settled everything so amicably in those early days. The brethren are aware that at the building of King Solomon's Temple, there was not any sound of Masonic tools heard to disturb peace and harmony. That was to the advantage of Freemasonry thousands of years back. After this long interval the two great English-speaking nations had just found out that it was to their advantage to settle their differences amicably! and he was proud to be W.M. of the lodge of Israel in such a year. He thanked the brethren for their kindness, and hoped that the lodge would go on improving. In Freemasonry there was nothing but good, and he hoped that in that lodge peace, harmony, and goodwill would exist for years to come.

Bro. Barnett, one of the respondents to the toast of "The Initiates," said he was bound to express his surprise at the very imposing, nevertheless expressive, service the initiates had witnessed. It was certainly beyond his thoughts, and he was certainly expressing the opinion of his brother initiates when he said it was beyond his expectations. He did not gather all that was said by the Master, because his mind wandered, and wondered what he was going to see. But what he did gather, and what he considered the gist of the lecture, was the many important and very good mottoes. It greatly impressed him that Freemasonry was both non-political and non-sectarian, and although he was a very young man, nothing to his mind more tended to improve good fellowship and brotherhood than the exclusion of political and religious matters. Philanthropy also greatly impressed him, but, speaking again as a young man, a working young man, the word was often abused. Collections were sometimes made and subscriptions sought for cases which were not altogether deserving, but if at any time the lodge had a deserving case and an appeal was made to him they might depend on his assisting it; it might be only in shillings; if ever his mite would increase the success of what the lodge had in hand he would be at its service. Before sitting down he begged publicly to thank Bros. Richmond and Gould for moving and seconding his candidature.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," all of which, he said, were doing excellent work. The brethren had reason to be proud, when 31 girls out of the Girls' School passed the Cambridge Examinations. The Boys' School would celebrate its centenary next year, when the Grand Master would preside at the Festival. The Girls' School in 1887 celebrated its centenary and collected £50,000. In 1892 the Benevolent Institution realised £69,000. He was told that in 1898 the Boys' School would exceed the latter sum. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn would preside at the Festival next month of the Benevolent Institution. The circumstance was rather appropriate that in the 60th year of the Queen's reign her son should preside for an Institution which did not take on candidates until they were 60 years of age. There were 475 of those annuitants on the books of the Institution, the men with £40 a year, the women with £32, and other women, widows of annuitants, receiving out of a Samaritan fund half their late husbands' annuities, or £20 a year for five years, to give them a chance of being elected themselves. The Institution spent annually in annuities £16,400, and he hoped the brethren would support the W.M., who was going up as Steward for that Institution on February 24th. At the election in May, 119 candidates were coming forward and there were only 19 vacancies, and unless the Committee, after the February Festival, had a large amount of money at their disposal, 100 candidates, old men and women mostly over 70 and some over 80 years of age, must go away unsuccessful. He hoped the brethren would kindly help the Institution as much as they could.

The other toasts were afterwards honoured.

York Lodge, No. 236.

The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Duncome-place, York, when, in addition to members, there was a good attendance of visiting brethren. Bro. M. Bryson, W.M., presided, supported by his officers. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed, and a report of the Audit Committee adopted, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Farbrace Sidney Gramshaw, M.D., was proceeded with. He was presented by Bros. Carter, P.M., and A. Jones, P.M., the ceremony of installation being very carefully performed by the W.M., Bro. Bryson, assisted by Bros. Mark Rooke, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and Arthur Jones, P.M., Sec. The W.M. elect subsequently appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Mungo Bryson, I.P.M.; A. Procter, S.W.; F. W. Laughton, J.W.; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; G. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. S. Jones, P.M., Sec.; O. G. Taylor, Asst. Sec.; J. A. A. Askew, S.D.; E. S. Robinson, J.D.; G. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; J. S. Shannon, I.G.; F. W. Cull and A. G. Rayner, Stewards; and J. Hall, Tyler.

In addition to the officers above-named, there were present Bros. J. Sykes Rymer, P.M.; Dr. W. Draper, P.M., P.Z.; Major J. A. Barstow, P.M.; E. Carter, P.M.; T. S. Brogden, P.M.; J. B. Sampson, P.M.; E. W. Purnell, P.M.; S. Border, P.M.; Dr. Foster, P.M.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.M.; D. Lockwood, J. A. Collier, G. H. Osborne, W. N. Stimpson, A. G. Rayner, G. Chalmers, A. H. Furnish, Geo. Sykes, Dr. Hingstone, Captain Lindberg, W. Hirst, W. Smith, A. Sample, P.P.G.O., and others. The visitors included Bros. Judge, W.M. 1010; Turner, W.M., J. Melross, S.W., and W. Swift, of 2328; Chambers, S.W. 1611; C. Judge, jun., J.D. 1010; and C. Garrod and W. Bean, of 1611. (The Dean of York wrote expressing regret for absence owing to an engagement away from the city.)

The usual banquet was held at York Royal Station Hotel, when there was a numerous company, including most of the brethren above-named. The W.M. elect presided.

During the well-served dinner the W.M. took wine with his brethren from the "loving-cup."

"The Queen and the Craft" and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Lodge" having been duly honoured.

Bro. Alderman Purnell, P.M., proposed "The Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M. of the North and East Riding; the R.W. the Lord Bolton, P.G.W. of England; and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers."

The toast was responded to by Bros. Brogden and Swift.

Bro. Major Barstow proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Judge, W.M., Hull, who referred to the great loss the York Lodge had sustained in the death of Bro. Jos. Todd, the late Treasurer.

Bro. Turner, W.M. 2328, and Bro. Chambers, S.W. 1611, replied.

Bro. A. Buckle, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said he did not know any body of people in the kingdom who had better supported charities than the Freemasons. He advocated the aiding of local and district efforts, especially with regard to the North and East Riding Educational Fund.

A collection was taken and £3 5s. contributed to the Charity Fund.

Bro. S. Border, P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master of the York Lodge," the toast being very cordially received.

The Worshipful Master in responding to his health, said he would do all possible during his year of office to sustain the traditions of the York Lodge. (Applause.) He was certain of this that they would acknowledge that he had, in the various offices he had filled, at any rate tried to do his duty. (Applause.) He hoped the lodge would be favoured with a prosperous year, and he trusted the North and East Riding would do still more for their own local charity fund and less for the Boys' School. (Hear, hear.) Their able J.W. had set a good example in this matter. (Hear, hear.) As to the removal of the Boys' School it was an unnecessary expenditure. (Hear, hear.) He then proposed "The Installing Masters and P.Ms. of York Lodge," which was suitably acknowledged.

"The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been submitted the evening was passed in harmony.

Songs, recitations, &c., being given by the W.M., and Bros. Garrod, Watson, Hirst, Shannon, G. Kirby, A. Sample (who efficiently acted as pianoforte accompanist), and others.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors were present. Bro. H. H. Baker, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the D.P.G.M., Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, the ceremony being most ably performed. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. J. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Hunt, J.W.; Rev. W. Humphrys, P.M., Chap.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; F. Rendell, S.D.; D. Owen, J.D.; J. A. Randall, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Bush, P.M., Org.; H. Ash, I.G.; W. R. C. Sudweeks and G. F. Smith, Stwds.; and W. G. Pike, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. F. Reynolds, P.M.

London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962.

The installation meeting took place at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 15th inst. The W.M., Bro. G. F. Elles, opened the lodge, and there were present Bros. S. D. Morris, I.P.M.; Hiram Henton, S.W.; W. J. Wright, J.W.; A. M. Towell, P.M., Treas.; A. Haig-Brown, P.M., Sec.; H. H. Nuding, D.C.; V. J. Wright, A.D.C.; F. F. Grimes, I.G.; W. H. Latham and E. W. Davies, Stewards; Neville Green, P.M.; W. McNish, P.M.; J. C. Tilt, P.M.; L. V. Walker, P.M.; H. F. Bing, P.M.; and some 20 other members.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Elles initiated Messrs. Robert Stanley Chandler, Geo. William Francis Dawes, and Charles Woodhead Potter, the ceremony being performed in an able and impressive manner. Bro. Hiram Henton (the bandmaster of the regiment) was next installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Henton appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. S. Wright, S.W.; F. F. Grimes, J.W.; A. McDowall, P.M., Treas.; A. Haig-Brown, P.M., Sec.; V. J. Wright, S.D.; W. H. Latham, J.D.; E. W. Davis, I.G.; H. H. Nuding, P.M., D.C.; A. Collins, A.D.C.; C. E. E. Brightman and H. Bishop, Stewards; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to an excellent banquet, and among the visitors partaking the hospitality of the lodge were Bros. H. A. Wright, 30; Edwin Linfoot, 1298; P. Salvage, 1706; B. Hoddinott, 2005; Henry Nuding, 1924; F. Ellis, 1706; William Wilds, 174; Percy Day, 862; W. Jeans, 548; J. R. Freeman, 55; C. H. Oliver, jun., 471; A. Darch, 72; James Thom, 231; Richard Poore, 1949; R. W. Hobson, 1328; H. Keinbenger, 1540; A. V. H. Fauncefort, 862; W. J. Kennaby, 1420; H. V. Tyrell, 2639; J. M. Rogan, 639; W. W. Morgan, 177; H. Kemp, 862; G. Townley, 2190; and W. T. Massey, 160.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said it did not matter whether they were Masons or Volunteers their hearts were one for love they owed their dear Queen. That estimable lady had no doubt very great troubles during her life, but she had borne them with fortitude. He sincerely trusted the Great Architect would spare her in this, her Diamond Jubilee year, and that they might all say "God bless you, our dear Queen."

After the toasts of "The Grand Master" and "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been duly honoured,

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. C. F. Elles, I.P.M., who said he was sure it would meet with the heartiest reception. The W.M. had been long enough a member of the regiment to be known to them all. He had earned the esteem of every one in the corps. The members of the lodge knew that with Bro. Henton as W.M. they need have no apprehension as to the welfare of the lodge; he was an old Past Master, and he would maintain and improve their standard of working. He was to be congratulated on holding the position he occupied, and they all wished him a happy year of office.

The toast having been heartily received,

The W.M. said he was exceedingly proud of what had been said of him by the I.P.M., and he felt flattered by those remarks. He should use all his energy and zeal to keep up the prestige of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. The position the brethren had placed him in was one he did not anticipate when he joined the regiment, but since he had been chosen he should, as an old soldier, do his best to carry out the wishes of the brethren. He had learned a great deal since he joined the brigade and as long as he lived they would never want a better or stauncher friend. He prayed that the Great Architect would let him go out of the chair with honour and credit to the lodge and he should then be satisfied. He hoped the heart within him was a monument that he had the greatest respect for the Craft in general and the London Rifle Brigade Lodge in particular, which he hoped he should faithfully serve.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and described the toast as the most important of the evening. On that occasion it was pre-eminently an important one as Bro. Elles, on vacating the chair, initiated three members of the brigade into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Those gentlemen had that evening taken a step with the left foot and he had told them those steps would lead them in the right direction. The impressive way in which the I.P.M. had initiated those brethren would leave a lasting impression on their minds. The initiation ceremony was one of the most solemn in Freemasonry because the brethren initiated were impressed with the importance of the fact that they had become Masons. If they would continue to follow out those grand teachings which they received within the lodge they would never regret taking that step in the right direction.

Bro. R. S. Chandler thanked the W.M. for the words of encouragement and he deeply appreciated the generous and hearty way the brethren had received the toast. He thought it a most excellent thing to become a member of the ancient and illustrious brotherhood of Freemasonry. On the death of his father, who was a Mason, he was sent with his brother to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and since leaving that Institution, which every Mason had reason to be proud of, he had been an active member of the Old Masonians. In fact, from his birth upwards he could truthfully say he had been in close connection with Masons, and that night had seen the consummation of his hopes, he had learned something of its secrets. He prayed that he might become a useful member of the Craft and a credit to his mother lodge.

Bros. G. W. T. Dawes and Chas. W. Potter also suitably responded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," congratulated Bro. Elles on the able manner he had performed the ceremony. Those who had had the good fortune to hear the addresses knew that they had still one of the old London Rifle Brigade among them who, what he did, did thoroughly.

Bro. Elles, I.P.M., said it was with some mixed feelings that a brother who had

taken some interest in his work found himself relegated to the ranks of the Past Masters. He had just become to feel comfortable in the chair when he had to get out of it. But so long as the Past Masters saw brethren anxious and willing to do all that in them lay to maintain the high standard of working, and they saw that in each incoming Master, they were satisfied. He had endeavoured to do his duties and the presentation of the Past Master's jewel that evening gave him the proud feeling that he had not been unsuccessful.

The next toast was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary and other Past Masters." The W.M. said he hoped the lodge would for many years to come have the pleasure of the Treasurership of Bro. McDowall, than whom no one could dispense their funds with kinder feelings. It was particularly wise, too, of him to appoint a brother as Secretary of the lodge who had the experience and zeal and thoroughly conscientious feelings to carry out his duties as Bro. Past Master Haig-Brown. With regard to the "boys of the Old Brigade," he was pleased to see so many of the Past Masters present that night. Every one of them had gone through the chair with credit, and he trusted he might only follow in their footsteps and do the work as well as they had done.

Bro. McDowall, P.M., Treas., said he had not missed an installation meeting of the lodge, and he was present that night against the doctor's orders. But the reception of the toast and the way the W.M. had proposed it, together with seeing so many of his comrades in the regiment, did him a great deal more good than a bucketful of medicine. As long as he was Treasurer he would continue to render as much assistance to the W.M. as he could.

Bro. Haig-Brown, P.M., Sec., hoped that the trust reposed in him would be maintained by him, and that he should quit the present year to the satisfaction of all brethren as in the past.

Bro. Walker, P.M., also responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M., and responded to by

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., who referred to the initiation of Bro. Chandler. He said it had been his privilege and pride for seven years to own Bro. Chandler as a friend. In him the brethren were admitting a man and a brother who would be a credit to them. He was a living example of what the School had been in the past, and at the present time 279 boys were being trained, educated, clothed, maintained, and their characters developed in the Institution. Many were now knocking at their doors who could not be admitted unless the School was extended.

"The Visitors" and "The Officers" toasts were also submitted, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

A choice programme of music was performed under Bro. Parrington Salvage, 1706, the artists being the Abbey Glee Singers, Bros. Francis Ellis and Sam Kessell, and Mr. A. Melrose.

Barnato Lodge, No. 2265.

This lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 18th instant, at the Café Monico, Piccadilly-circus, when Bro. Carl Vandyk, P.M. 1017, W.M., presided. There was a large attendance of brethren during the evening, and among them were Bros. J. Hodgkins, P.M.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S.B.; I. B. Joel, P.M.; T. Honey, P.M.; R. Marcus, P.M.; F. J. Street, P.M.; and H. Phillips, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; E. Hobbs, P.J.G.D. Essex; C. Coleman, P.M. 1425; J. J. Roberts, Sec. 1076; J. J. Lamigeon, W.M. 2551; J. Berlyn, W.M. 205; J. Hemming, P.M. 1287; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 749; G. Ridout, P.M. 1287; L. Lazarus, P.M. and Sec. 188; G. Lichtenfeld, J.W. 205; George Wales, 1602; F. Downes, J.W. 1158; W. J. Dickenson, 2535; M. Joseph, 185; J. Leather, 1287; J. White, 1040; R. S. King, 2488; S. Genese, 188; J. S. Keith, 2551; J. Marcus, 205; G. W. Horsfield, J.W. 114; and H. Fletcher Campbell.

Bro. Vandyk installed Bro. L. S. Genese, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and was himself invested with the collar of I.P.M. and presented with a handsome jewel of a P.M. Bros. J. D. Phillips was invested as S.W.; H. Townend, J.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; E. J. Acworth, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Organist; R. Lush, I.G.; H. I. Barnato and M. Hyman, Stewards; and R. Morley, Tyler. Later in the evening, on the motion of Bro. Hogard, the lodge voted 20 guineas as the nucleus of a fund for presenting a testimonial to Bro. Acworth, the Secretary, for his services to the lodge.

The brethren, after closing the lodge, adjourned to a choice banquet, and the toast list was regularly honoured.

A musical entertainment enlivened the evening before the speeches. Mr. George Blackmore gave some humorous recitations, and Mr. Charles S. Greenhead performed magnificently a solo on the violin. The vocalists were Miss Alice Lovenez, the Lyric Vocal Quartette (Bro. Thomas Powell, Charles Strong, Etherington Smith, and Horace Reynolds), Bro. F. H. Cheesewright, and Mr. Walter Grace. Bro. W. Wright, Organist of the lodge, presided at the piano.

Bro. Edward Terry, P.G.T., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said it was the third time he had visited the Barnato Lodge, he saw the lodge consecrated and went away from the ceremony with brotherly love in his bosom when he had witnessed the distribution of diamond jewels all over the place. He had got over that sensation, but Bro. Barnato's name had always aroused his feelings. He was pleased at having another opportunity of visiting the lodge. He had heard what the W.M. had just said that the Prince of Wales had not much time to devote to Masonry; but he (Bro. Terry) was pleased to say that knowing the Grand Master personally he was able to inform the brethren that there was no subject pleased his Royal Highness more, and when Masonic Charitable cases were brought before him he took great interest in them; he was very active in the real good of the cause, which was Charity. He (Bro. Terry) was a J.D. when the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master in the Albert Hall, and he saw the ceremony. Afterwards he saw how his Royal Highness was appreciated when visiting a Parsee lodge in Bombay, and as an English guest, he (Bro. Terry) had to comply with the request, that he should sing "God save the Queen." He was asked by the Master of the lodge to convey the brethren's loyal feelings to the Grand Master. In that lodge all castes in India were represented, and yet all sat down in brotherly love. Masonry was one thing that made our little country keep a big country like India. In Australia he had the pleasure of assisting at the installation of Sir Robert Gough, the Grand Master of New South Wales, and in that community he thought the whole of the population of Australia, and 3000 Masons out of a population of over 2,000,000 were present from Victoria, Sydney, and Western Australia. He was very proud to be present that night; he was Past Grand Treasurer, and he was proud of the distinction, and the honour was conferred by the Craft at large. He then complimented the I.P.M. on his working.

Bro. Carl Vandyk, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," whom he praised for his working ever since he was initiated five years ago. He was the man who deserved promotion, and was now in his right place. He (Bro. Vandyk) could speak from experience, Bro. Genese having been one of his officers.

Bro. L. S. Genese, W.M., replying, said that was a proud evening for him. When he was initiated he looked forward to the time when he should reach the chair. Now he felt he had reached the summit of his ambition in Freemasonry—at least he should feel so when he had gone through the chair. When he had concluded his year of office he hoped it would be said of him that he had deserved the sympathy and confidence of the brethren.

Bro. L. S. Genese, W.M., next gave "The Installing Master," and said Bro. Vandyk's period of office of 15 months had been most successful. The lodge had had 11 initiates and 15 joining members. He (the W.M.) hoped his year would be as successful as Bro. Vandyk's. All that Bro. Vandyk had done had been perfectly done.

Bro. Carl Vandyk, I.P.M., replying, said he should never forget the kindness shown to him, and doing his work well was the proper way to repay that kindness. He thanked the brethren very much for the beautiful jewel of a P.M. which they had presented to him by Bro. Harry Barnato. He had opened one of the happiest years of his life as Master of the Barnato Lodge. Instead of serving the 15 months he would like to have served two years. However, the brethren had got a brother in his place who was as good as any they had in the Barnato Lodge. He (Bro. Vandyk) could promise the brethren that if he continued to be in good health he should be at all the lodge meetings.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M. 188, and John Berlyn, W.M. 205, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. T. Honey to that of "The P.M.s." Bros. Hogard and Acworth, replied to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Phillips, S.W., and other brethren to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of an exceedingly pleasant evening.

Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362.

The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held at the Headquarters, Chancery-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. There were present Bros. Geo. D. Mogford, W.M.; T. W. Mogford, S.W.; J. L. Miller, J.W.; H. R. Myers, P.M., Treas.; G. Jackson, Crow, Sec.; G. W. Barter, S.D.; C. E. Gilbert, J.D.; G. Groome, D.C.; C. E. Cowtan, Org.; G. C. Chandler, I.G.; A. Marshall, Stwd.; Lieut. Claud Scott, P.M.; G. E. Grimes, P.M.; H. Sillis, I.P.M.; M. H. Hale, P.M.; W. S. Hall, G. Stevenson, C. W. Steel, J. W. Harris, H. Fowler, R. Laurie, J. Greenfield, E. E. Milner, F. V. Bradford, H. Cowtan, C. W. Patten, W. J. Lewis, and J. T. Balls. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., G.S.B. (Hon. Mem.); W. J. Mason, 1328, P.P.G.D. Surrey; R. J. Rogers, P.M. 733; G. Weaver, S.D. 733; G. C. Butcher, 733; H. D. Hane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; C. Haslow, 733; T. King, 215; Morgan Richards, S.D. 1503; John Simpson, S.W. 704; Geo. F. Vine, J.D. 2271; C. H. Denny, W.M. 1671; R. J. Heamden, W.M. 1853; J. Collet-Smith, W.M. 1065; T. B. Harpham, 753; E. P. Dselevanti, Org. 2021; F. Beesley, 733; R. Armstrong, 733; G. Goddard, 733; Thos. Y. Bolton, W.M. 1687; H. Campbell, W.M. 742; T. Goodman, W.M. 1366; J. Fulford, 2021; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. W. Mogford was duly and ably installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by his brother, Bro. Geo. D. Mogford, I.P.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. G. D. Mogford, I.P.M.; J. L. Miller, S.W.; G. W. Barter, J.W.; H. R. Myers, Treas.; G. Jackson Crow, Sec.; C. E. Gilbert, S.D.; G. Chandler, J.D.; G. Groome, I.G.; E. Marshall, D.C.; C. E. Cowtan, Org.; G. Stevenson and C. W. Steel, Stwds.; and S. Ingram, Tyler.

After other business the lodge was closed, and a banquet followed.

Owing to the lateness of the hour and the length of an excellent musical entertainment, the W.M. set a commendable example of brevity in proposing the right loyalty toasts.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically received.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah having been called upon to reply for "The Grand Officers," said it was an honour and privilege to serve under two such chiefs as Earls Lathom and Amherst, when there was any important business at Grand Lodge it was a very rare thing indeed if one or the other was not present, it simply showed that the Grand Officers of England did all they could to encourage the benefit of the Craft and the brethren generally.

Bro. Geo. D. Mogford, I.P.M., then said he had to propose "The Health of the W.M.," which they would all welcome. It required very few words to recommend the toast to their notice. He was worthy of the position of W.M. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, he was a subscriber to all the Charities, and he had every reason to believe at the end of his year of office that the dignity of the lodge would have been upheld.

Bro. T. W. Mogford, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for having spoken of him in terms he did not deserve, and also thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. They had conferred the greatest Masonic honour upon him in installing him that evening. He appreciated that honour, and it would be his earnest endeavour to do his best for the lodge and the comfort of the brethren.

The W.M. then said he had to propose "The Health of the I.P.M." They had had a good sample of a Master in Bro. G. D. Mogford, who had discharged his duties in an able manner, and in the name of the lodge he had the pleasure and privilege of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, and in pinning it on his breast said: May you live long to wear it, and when looking on it may it ever remind you of your pleasant year of office as W.M. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge.

Bro. G. D. Mogford, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for that mark of their esteem. His year of office had been a pleasant one, and he had to thank his officers for their great assistance to him, especially in the lodge of instruction. He could only express his thanks for the more than courteous manner in which they had also received him.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said the lodge was at all times pleased to welcome visitors, and he was proud to see such a distinguished array that night.

Bros. H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex; R. J. Rogers, P.M. 733; M. Richards, S.D. 1503; H. Campbell, W.M. 742; and C. H. Denny, W.M. 1671, responded to the toast.

For "The Past Masters" Bros. Scott and Grimes replied.

The toast of "The Officers" followed.

The Treasurer, S.W., and J.W. responded.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very happy and successful gathering.

Ebbisham Lodge, No. 2422.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Epsom, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. C. P. King, W.M.; W. Pile, P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; W. J. Green, S.W., W.M. elect; H. A. P. Genge, J.W.; Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. O'Connell, P.M., P.P. J.G.D., Sec.; E. G. Wilson, S.D.; W. G. Langlands, J.D.; R. H. Ward, D.C.; E. R. Capon, Stwd.; T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., P.M., P.D.G. Reg. England; J. Andrews, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. M. Grellier, A. Low, J. T. White, G. Dodge, and A. Rowley, Tyler. Also the following visitors: Bros. Fred. West, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; G. Dunkley, P.M. 1851, P.P.G. Org.; A. C. Wood, P.M. 1586; G. H. Jones, S.W. 1586; D. Jones, J.W. 1586; H. J. Jones, P.M., Treas. 1586; A. Collinson, 87; J. Stanton, W.M. 2157; J. Salter-Whiter, S.W. 1892; J. J. Caney, P.M., 198; and W. J. Baker, W.M. 1892.

The dispensation authorising the removal of the lodge from the King's Head Hotel, Epsom, to the Spread Eagle, having been read, the W.M. opened the lodge, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Bucknill presented Bro. W. J. Green for the benefit of installation; that ceremony was performed in a highly efficient manner by the out-going Master, Bro. C. P. King. The newly-appointed Master, Bro. Green, then invested in an accurate and genial manner the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. P. King, I.P.M.; H. A. P. Genge, S.W.; E. G. Wilson, J.W.; E. L. G. Houndle, Chap.; F. W. Coles, P.G.S.B. England, Treas.; J. O'Connell, Sec.; W. G. Langlands, S.D.; R. H. Ward, J.D.; Capt. E. Northey, I.G.; E. R. Capon, D.C.; T. A. Hill, P.M., P.P.G. Org., as Org.; H. M. Grellier, Stwd.; and A. Rowley, Tyler. Bro. C. P. King then gave the customary addresses in a very creditable manner, after which the W.M. presented him with a very handsome Past Master's jewel in appreciation of his excellent services as W.M. Other matters of detail having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an admirably prepared and served banquet, which reflected the highest credit on the well known and popular proprietor of the house, Mr. H. C. Keeble.

The Worshipful Master proposed the following toasts in a very happy manner—"The Queen and Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Onslow."

The toast of "The W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. F. West," was entrusted to Bro. J. O'Connell, who, owing to his Masonic knowledge of the province, did it every justice.

Bro. West responded at length and in the most genial manner, and in the course of his remarks referred to the capital work of the lodge, which was the natural outcome of the lodge of instruction so ably presided over by Bro. O'Connell, its Preceptor. He further expressed pleasure at the great discrimination exercised in the admission of candidates to the Ebbisham Lodge, and fully concurred in the remarks of the proposer of his health that "the founders had not established the lodge with a view of increasing the lodges of the province, but rather with the object of having an opportunity near at home of practising and carrying out the highest and best privileges of Masonry."

Bro. West then proposed "The W.M.," whom he very heartily congratulated on his promotion to be a ruler in the Craft. He felt sure from what he had seen that the W.M. would, on the completion of his year of office, hand over the position to his successor in as satisfactory a condition as he himself had found it.

The Worshipful Master replied in a few well chosen but appropriate words.

Bro. Pile proposed "The Visitors" in his customary welcome manner, and they all responded in terms of congratulation and pleasure.

The other toasts, which complete an installation toast list, were duly honoured, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Musical contributions were ably given by Bro. G. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org., and Messrs. F. Godfrey, R. Keeble, and R. Evans.

National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 20th inst., when there were present the following brethren: Bros. Major Vane Stow; H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; Wailes, P.M.; Capt. Postans, P.M.; Capt. Turner Emery; Capt. Wilson; Capt. Nicholls, W.M. 2228; Lieut. J. G. W. James, P.M.; Capt. Langman; Major Lewis-Barned; the Rev. Canon Whittington, P.M.; the Rev. Dawson Clarke, P.M.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Capt. Horncastle; Col. Tully, P.M.; Major J. H. Wrenn; Col. Inglis; Col. W. B. Murley; Capt. Cecil Wray, R.A.; J. W. T. Chapman, P.M.; and James Horncastle.

There was a heavy list of business before the brethren, and Bro. Lieut. J. G. W. James, P.M., passed to the Second Degree Bros. Major J. H. Wren and Capt. Cecil Wray, R.A. Adjutant H.A.C. After that ceremony was completed, Bro. Capt. Postans, P.M., raised to the Third Degree Bro. Capt. Horncastle. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, G.S.B., next installed Bro. Major H. Vane Stow as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, P.D.G.S.B., the first W.M. of the lodge was unable to be present to be invested as I.P.M., and Bro. Capt. Postans, received the collar for him. The other officers for the year were Bros. Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, S.W.; Capt. W. Nicholls, W.M. 2228, J.W.; the Rev. Canon Whittington, M.A. Oxon, Chap.; Capt. E. W. Postans, P.M. 34, I.P.M. 2484 Treas.; Lieut. J. G. W. James, P.M. 795, I.P.M. 1502, P.P.G.S.B. Berks, Sec.; Capt. Turner Emery, S.D.; Capt. H. C. Wilson, J.D.; Lieut. Robson, I.P.M. 764, I.G.; Major H. B. Lewis-Barned, Org.; Major W. Richardson, P.M. 561, D.C.; Capt. A. W. Langman, Steward; and Charles Warren, Tyler. The W.M. informed the brethren that Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, G.C.B., &c., was unable to be present having that evening an important engagement in Belfast. Two gentlemen were successfully balloted for as initiates, Major T. Stewart Inglis, late City of London V. Artillery, and Major Sidney Wishart, City of London V. Artillery, but their initiation was deferred. The W.M. announced that unless any other brother wished to take up a Stewardship for the Institutions he should be glad to stand for the Boys' School, and he hoped all the brethren would support him.

The lodge was afterwards closed and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, G.S.B., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that a few days ago at Longton, in Staffordshire, no one but he had the honour of carrying the sword of Gustavus Adolphus before the Prince of Wales, and on that occasion he was very pleased to hear the Grand Master speak as he did about Freemasonry amidst the huzzahs of those who were assembled. The brethren were all enthusiastic, notwithstanding the bad weather and that all had to walk through a quagmire. The work that night was under more favourable circumstances, and he was glad to be present to perform the work of installing the W.M., although he was afraid he had not done it satisfactorily. He had had a great deal of work to do during the day, and that, perhaps, accounted for the badness of the way in which he worked in the lodge. Speaking for the Grand Officers, he might say they all did their work with pleasure. A great many brethren in the Craft also did their work well, but they were not all noticed. He had himself done a great deal of work, and it had occupied much time, but he had met many friends, and he had also received his reward. He could assure the brethren that he would still continue to do the work, and should have done so if he had not received Grand Office. Freemasonry was a very grand Institution, and if for nothing else because of its noble Charities, which all Masons in this country appreciated. He saw around the board enthusiastic Masons, and he was sure they would go on with great delight to attain the highest post they could. Capt. James he had known a long time, and he also knew his excellent career as a Mason. The J.W., Capt. Nicholls, he had known longer still, and he knew the great good he had done for Freemasonry. Bro. Massey was a very old friend of his, who, in his Masonic press career of 33 years had done as much good as any one in spreading information with regard to the great virtues of Freemasonry, and yet who was always unobtrusive and quiet. Although among the company he saw some for the first time, he was glad to see them, and he was particularly glad to see Major Vane Stow in the chair of the National Artillery Lodge. He (Bro. Lovegrove) was never an artillery man, but he was once an officer under Lord Latham in the Artists' Rifle Corps. Having afterwards a great deal of business on hand, when the time came for him to be promoted to a captain he had not the leisure to study for his qualification, and he gave it up, although he was proud to serve under such a distinguished man as the Earl of Latham. He had got his son to take volunteering up. In the National Artillery Lodge there were both regulars and Volunteers, and when those two services were joined in one lodge he was not at all surprised that it was a model lodge.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove, G.S.B., next proposed "The W.M.," a toast somewhat difficult for a stranger, but made easy by the knowledge that in that case Major Vane Stow had attained a high position as a military man. He hoped the W.M. would have a successful year. The brethren of the National Artillery Lodge knew him well, and were acquainted with his merits. They were all confident he would be a worthy successor to Colonel Ritchie, R.A., P.M., P.D.G.S.B., in the well-ruling and governing of the lodge.

Bro. Major H. Vane Stow, W.M., in responding to the toast, said it was with great pleasure he rose for the first time to do so. He had not sought the position; he had been put into it; and he would endeavour to do his best for the lodge. There were various things one had a desire to do when in that position; sometimes it was very difficult to know what to do. That night there had been much to do, but through the kindness of their would-be initiate, they had been saved some work, which, however, would be shortly done at an emergency meeting. Bro. Lovegrove had kindly attended to perform the installation ceremony, and had done it with great efficiency; his apologies for his performance were quite unnecessary. Those brethren who had heard the ceremony performed from time to time would know Bro. Lovegrove performed it well, and that it was not to be ashamed of. As Bro. Lovegrove had mentioned one or two things, he (the W.M.) would do the same. One subject Bro. Lovegrove mentioned was the presence of Bro. Massey, whom he said he was glad to see. He (the W.M.) was very pleased to hear that mentioned; he also was pleased at the presence of Bro. Massey, because he was an ancient amongst the Artillery Volunteers. There was one before who called himself "The Ancient" in the Volunteer Force, but he had gone, and Bro. Massey was the Artillery Volunteers' Ancient at Shoeburyness. Bro. Massey had also for some years now brought down his son to Shoeburyness, who was following in his father's footsteps to do the best he could for the National Artillery Association. It was exceedingly gratifying to him (Major Vane Stow) to see Bro. Massey at his installation that night and occupying the chair of J.W. during the ceremony. It was not, however, pleasing to him that so many brother officers were absent, but it was an enforced absence. Lord Stradbroke, the S.W., was but he had shown great interest in the lodge by attending little rehearsals of the ceremonies. Then there was Lieut. Robson, I.G., who had sent a letter expressing his great regret at being absent. Colonel Ritchie, I.P.M., too, he was very busy on the re-organisation of the Royal Artillery; the regiment was being split up and he was working hard. He hoped the re-organisation would go on in such a way as to justify Colonel Ritchie's absence. There was another absentee, Lord Roberts, he wrote a charming letter, apologising for his absence which was caused by his being compelled to be at a large gathering in Belfast that night. Those letters showed that although the writers were absent in body they were present in spirit and they would like to know that this meeting went off well. This lodge would be the nucleus of one which would grow to something like the magnitude of the mother lodge, the Ubique, which had a bad time at first, but was now doing very well. The National Artillery Lodge was not having a bad time; it had a large field to recruit from if the brethren would only bring in their friends who were desirous to join the Order.

Bro. Col. Tully in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said he did not remember a lodge meeting where there were so many P.Ms. present. That showed the interest this lodge had excited in the members of other lodges. He was glad the lodge had so good a W.M.

Col. Inglis said he certainly expected to be initiated that night, and he had come a long distance for the purpose; but he did not wish to spoil a good dinner by prolonging the operations of the lodge. He should be very pleased to come up again, and he had no doubt he would get on very well with the brethren. He had had a great ambition for many years to be a Mason, but he had been a busy man and had not been able to spare the time. That night he had come 60 miles; to-morrow he should go 80 miles for his next appointment. All his time had been occupied, except that small portion he had been able to devote to the Volunteer Force. Now that his connections with the Volunteer Force had been severed by age, he could spare time for his first love, Freemasonry. His father had been a Mason, and all his (Col. Inglis) brothers were Masons. The other toasts were given and the brethren separated after spending a most delightful evening. The Benevolent box realised £3 17s. 6d.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. Present: Comps. John Taylor, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. E. Biddlecombe, H.; W. Haynes Dunn, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.Z., S.E.; Fredk. Hughes, S.N.; Thos. W. Fisher, P.S.; Robt. Sarson, 1st A.S.; Thos. Cohe, P.Z., D.C.; G. Couchman, Janitor; S. M. Banker, P.Z.; I. W. Fisher, G. K. Durrant, H. Todd, F. V. Goddard, William Baker, T. G. Robeson, C. G. Diamond, D. Ringrose, Walter Fisher, John Kent, and Frank Hamlet. Visitors: Comps. W. S. Whitaker, P.Z. 1572; G. W. Speth, 548; W. Worrell, P.Z. 766; H. E. Cooper, P.Z. 1446; and W. Taylor, 552.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, as also the report of the Audit Committee. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Chas. Graham Diamond, Frank Hamlet, and Evan Phillips, which proved in their favour, and the two first being present, they were duly exalted into Holy Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. F. D. R. Copstick. The next business being the installation of Principals, they were duly installed and invested as follows: Comps. T. E. Biddlecombe, M.E.Z.; W. H. Dunn, H.; F. Hughes, J.; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. Fisher, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; R. Sarson, P.S.; G. Grant, 1st A.S.; William Baker, 2nd A.S.; T. Cohe, D.C. and Steward; and G. Couchman, Janitor.

There being no other business, the chapter was closed, and the companions dined under the gavel of Comp. Biddlecombe, the M.E.Z.

The evening's entertainment was enlivened by the vocal abilities of Miss Amy Fletcher, the Misses Worrell, and Bro. Egbert Roberts.

Warrant Officers Chapter, No. 2346.

A meeting of the above chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when there were present Comps. C. A. Pugh, M.E.Z.; R. Jennings, P.Z. acting H.; W. A. Greene, J.; M. A. McInerney, Scribe E.; A. J. Williamson, Scribe N.; Howe, acting P.S.; Betts, First A.S.; Freeman, Janitor; A. Molony, P.Z.; Parton, McGill, Edis, and Bailey.

The chapter was duly opened and the minutes read. Comp. A. Fraser, of Eureka Chapter, No. 1043, Bangalore, was balloted for and accepted as a joining companion. Bro. A. Copey was balloted for and accepted as a candidate for exaltation and he being in attendance was duly exalted. The chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

Porchester Lodge, No. 27.

The officers and brethren of this lodge assembled at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on Thursday, the 21st inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser, W.M. The principal business was the election of W.M., and the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon the Senior Warden, Bro. E. Hill, who was prevented attending through illness. The Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, having accepted the invitation given to hold their annual meeting under the banner of the Porchester Lodge in Newbury next summer, Bro. Keyser invited them to Aldermaston Park, where it would afford him much pleasure to entertain them at dinner. Bro. Keyser's suggestion was fully approved by the brethren present, and, on the motion of Bro. Cosburn, P.M., seconded by Bro. Knight, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his most liberal offer. The W.M. was also supported by Bros. Harrold, P.M.; Belcher, P.M.; Day, Stickland, Turner, J. Stradling, E. W. Goddard, J. Legg, and others.

The lodge was succeeded by a meeting of the Hope Chapter, those present including Comps. C. E. Keyser, M.E.Z.; R. Ravenor, H.; Rev. W. M. Hope, J.; Stephen Knight, S.E.; W. H. Belcher, P. Soj.; and others.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel to supper, at which Bro. Keyser presided.

Cæsarean Lodge, No. 74.

This old and very prosperous lodge met on emergency at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-street, St. Helier's, Jersey, on Friday, the 27th November, when there was a large number in attendance. The lodge was opened, when there were present Bros. E. Brés, P.J.G.D., P.M.; L. P. Hespirdoux, I.P.M.; P. Bois, P.M.; W. J. Puglesy, Treas.; P. G. Hamilton, P.M., Sec.; Rev. S. S. Stitt, Chap.; Capt. J. C. Barrette, S.W.; J. W. Hamling, J.W.; Major F. J. Godfrey, M.O.; Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, S.O.; A. W. Godfray, J.O.; L. Boyson, S.D.; C. H. Wilson, J.D.; T. B. Cummings, I.G.; Thos. C. Perkinson, H. G. B. Watson, Major C. G. Vatcher, J. U. Harper, H. Wakely, J. H. Venn, S. Gilley, J. Amy, W. Gosling, W. H. Hambly, Tyler; and others.

The Secretary having read the summons and stated the reasons of the emergency meeting, the ballot proved unanimous in favour for Capt. F. B. Blennerhasset, Astrea Lodge, No. 38, Burmah, and, being in attendance, he was admitted in the usual manner. After this the following were balloted for advancement: Bros. Arthur Walker, W. Sharp, C. Baker, W.M., A. B. Harden, S.D., all of 244; D. Leidir, 1248; W. Curtis, 245; J. Gould, 1536; W. H. Burt, 244; and F. French. The ballot proving unanimous in their favour, all with the exception of Bros. H. W. Burt and F. French, who were not in attendance, were then most ably and impressively advanced to the honourable degree of a M.M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Brés; Bros. L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M., and P. Bois, P.M., obligating the candidates, assisted by a complement of most able officers. The ceremonies were gone through in such perfect manner and style on this occasion that everyone assisting enjoyed a mental treat of no mean character. This work being completed, the Secretary having read letters of apology for non-attendance from the absent candidates and from the actual W.M., Bro. J. H. Goldsmith, and "Hearty good wishes" for the welfare of the Cæsarean Lodge having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board under Bro. Hambly's special and excellent supervision.

The Worshipful Master, as usual, presided most genially, his speeches were to the point, but commendably brief. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given and enthusiastically responded to.

The conviviality of the evening was pleasingly diversified with music, songs, and recitations, and the Tyler's toast brought a very sociable and pleasant gathering to an end.

The working of the above lodge is according to the established ritual, and the execution of the ceremonies in every respect faultless.

The amount of Masonic business transacted at this meeting was considered by the Past Masters present to be the largest on record.

St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, No. 163.

By a special dispensation of Grand Lodge, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Addington was duly installed Worshipful Master of the above lodge at Newport Pagnell on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. The ceremony of installation was performed in an excellent manner by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, who introduced, during the ritual, an appropriate allusion to the honour conferred by Grand Lodge upon Bro. Lord Addington. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. W. L. Harnett, Dep. Master; Sampson, S.W. and Treas.; Hipsley, J.W.; the Rev. V. P. Wyatt, Chap. and M.O.; F. W. Taylor, S.O.; Pope, J.O.; T. Taylor, Sec.; S. E. Hipwell, S.D.; W. W. Carlisle, M.P., J.D.; Simpson, I.G.; W. J. Levi, Org.; and Dr. Wickham and Pearce, Stwd.

After the ceremony, the brethren repaired to the Swan Hotel for the banquet, which was prepared in excellent style by Bro. Cannon.

Bro. C. F. Matier acknowledged the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston; and the R.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master, Bro. Viscount Dungarvan," and suitably apologised for the absence of the Earl of Euston.

Bro. Lord Addington, in reply to the toast of "The W.M.," spoke of his long association with the County of Buckingham and his connection with Freemasonry. He observed that the stress of population was so great and the race for wealth and advancement so keen that any law like that universal law of Charity regarded by Freemasons made the common band of union between them worth living for. (Applause.) Alluding to South Africa, he said perhaps it was in the minds of many that among the various lodges of South Africa some affection might be found to keep off an impending war, for there was a bond of Masonic friendship between English and Dutch Masons. (Renewed applause.)

Industry Lodge, No. 293.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th instant, when there was a large and successful gathering. Amongst those present were Bros. Adam Dodds, W.M.; R. B. Reed, P.M., P.D.G.M.; T. R. Jobson, I.P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.O.; R. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; John Page, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Purvis, P.M. 463, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Harland, W.M. 362; Wm. M. Lyon, P.M. Northumberland and Berwick (T.I.), P.P.G.M.O.; T. R. Short, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Stafford, J.W., W.M. elect; J. B. Mackenzie, as M.O.; W. J. Jobson, S.O.; H. H. Pitt, as J.O.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, P.P.G.C.; W. C. A. Holzapfel, Sec.; W. E. Peacock, as S.D.; Thos. Douglass, as J.D.; Wm. Brown, D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; R. Harrison, as I.G.; J. Armstrong, Stwd.; H. Coulson, G. Graham, E. Forster, J. Tweedy, R. Laverick, A. Simpson, John Carr, S. Brown, and others.

Bro. John Page, P.M., presented the W.M. elect to Bro. Adam Dodds, the Installing Master, who duly placed Bro. W. Stafford in the chair as W.M. The officers invested were Bros. A. Dodds, I.P.M.; A. Simpson, S.W.; H. Jackson, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, Chap.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Jobson, M.O.; W. C. A. Holzapfel, S.O.; T. Douglass, J.O.; John Armstrong, R. of M.; R. Harrison, Sec.; C. W. Hodgson, S.D.; J. B. Mackenzie, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Peacock, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. H. Pitt and R. Laverick, Stewards; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. Bro. R. B. Reed, P.D.G.M., delivered the ancient charges to the Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren in his usual impressive manner. Notices of motion for dispensing a portion of the funds were given, and, after the usual compliments and good wishes, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards held the annual festival at the Central Restaurant, and spent a happy and harmonious evening together.

Scotland.

Journeyman Lodge, No. 8.

The usual monthly meeting was held by the above lodge at their own Hall, Blackfriars-street, Edinburgh, on Thursday evening, the 5th instant, the R.W.M., Bro. Walker, in the chair. There were also present on the dais Bros. Wood, I.P.M.; Barton, P.M.; Rennie, P.M.; Sime, P.M.; Dodds, Treasurer; and Beveridge, Secretary.

After the usual business, deputations were received from Lodge St. David's, headed by Bro. Booth, R.W.M.; Lodge Defensive Band, headed by Bro. Swan, R.W.M.; and Lodge St. Clair, headed by Bro. McCraw, R.W.M.

After the loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, the event of the evening came on, which was the presentation to Bro. Walter Kirkland, Deputy Master and Mark Master of the lodge.

The Right Worshipful Master, in making the presentation, expressed his views of the esteem in which Bro. Kirkland was held by the members of the lodge, and referred to his many valuable services, not only to his mother lodge, but to a great many of the sister lodges in the province, and to his willingness to perform any Masonic duty when called upon to do so. The hearty response made to the Committee clearly showed the esteem in which he was held. He then invested Bro. Kirkland with a very handsome Mark Master's jewel and handed him a purse of sovereigns, at the same time expressing his sincere hope that Bro. Kirkland would long be spared to wear his jewel and come out and in among them.

Bro. McIntosh, P.M. Lodge Rifle, spoke to Bro. Kirkland's willingness to assist at Masonic functions, and dared to say that no brother in the province had made more Masons than Bro. Kirkland.

Bro. Boote, R.W.M. Lodge St. David's, endorsed the sentiments expressed by Bro. McIntosh, and bore testimony to the many services rendered by Bro. Kirkland to Lodge St. David's—more especially in the working of the Mark Degree, which he considered Bro. Kirkland worked in a manner which could not possibly be surpassed. As a token of their approval, Lodge St. David's had conferred on Bro. Kirkland honorary affiliation, which was the highest honour they could bestow.

Bro. Swan, R.W.M. Lodge Defensive Band, and Bro. McCraw, R.W.M. Lodge St. Clair, also added a few complimentary remarks as to the esteem in which Bro. Kirkland was held by their respective lodges, and to the services which he had rendered them.

Bro. Rennie, P.M., was then called upon to present to Bro. Kirkland, a silver tea and coffee service for Mrs. Kirkland. He said although the vigilance of the Committee had been exercised in presenting Bro. Kirkland with the testimonial, they had not lost sight of the fact that he was a married man. They had also provided one for Mrs. Kirkland. He fully endorsed every word that had been said regarding Bro. Kirkland, and said that when he Bro. (Rennie) was elected R.W.M. 14 years ago, he found he was without a worker, and consequently had to find one. He requested Bro. Kirkland to pull up the working of the Three Degrees, and in a fortnight's time he found him ready to work when called upon. He was proud that Bro. Kirkland's services had been so much appreciated by the members, not only of Lodge Journeyman, but by so many other lodges. It gave him unspeakable pleasure in handing over this present for Mrs. Kirkland, and he hoped they would be long spared to one another and enjoy the use of the gift.

Bro. Kirkland, in accepting the testimonial, said he failed to see how he had been thought worthy of such handsome gifts. All he had done was what every Mason ought to do—his duty. However, it was very gratifying to his feelings to know that he had passed the test of their mallets and the proving of their squares, and that their approval was shown forth in such a kind and handsome way. He thanked every brother from the bottom of his heart for his kindness to him, and hoped he might yet be able to show them how highly he appreciated their goodness of heart. As for his "wee wifie," he knew she would be quite overjoyed with the present.

The Craft Abroad.

St. George's Lodge, No. 2402.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on November 14th at Larnaca, Cyprus, when there were present Bros. Turner, W.M.; Morton, I.P.M.; F. O. Harvey, P.M., Treas.; Cannons, S.W.; Parker, J.W., W.M. elect; L. Z. Pierides, Sec.; Blattner, S.D.; Diran Augustin, J.D.; Seyyah, I.G.; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M. 1745, and Samby, P.M.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and after business had been transacted, Bro. F. O. Harvey, P.M., P.Z., &c., took the chair as Installing Officer, assisted by Bros. N. Prower, P.M., as S.W.; Morton, P.M., as J.W.; Turner, P.M., as D.C.; and Samby, P.M., as I.G.; and in a most impressive and able manner installed Bro. F. H. Parker into the chair of K.S. Bro. Harvey, who was the first W.M. of the lodge, and who has installed every Master since his year of office, was warmly complimented upon his effective rendering of the ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Cannons, S.W.; Blattner, J.W.; Harvey, Treas.; Turner, Sec.; L. Z. Pierides, S.D.; M. J. Louisides, J.D.; Ali Jellaladin Seyyah, I.G.; Halib Ilibi, D.C.; Natar, Org.; Z. D. Pierides and Gurgick, Stewards; and Morton, Tyler.

The W.M. said it gave him great pleasure that his first duty as Master of the lodge was to present to Bro. Turner, the I.P.M. and Sec., the handsome Past Master's

jewel of the lodge, which had been unanimously voted at the previous meeting of the lodge. He was sure that Bro. Turner fully deserved that mark of approval of his brethren for the able manner in which he had conducted the lodge during the past year, which for many reasons well known to the members had been a very difficult year of office, and he hoped he would long be preserved to wear the jewel and to assist the lodge with his presence and services.

Bro. Turner briefly replied, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and the W.M. for his remarks in presenting the jewel.

The W.M. announced that since they had last met they had suffered the loss of their friend and Bro. Carletti, the third Master of the lodge; he in very feeling terms referred to the excellence of character of their late brother, and moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the deceased. This was seconded by the I.P.M. and unanimously carried.

The lodge was afterwards closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall where justice was done to an excellent repast prepared by the Stewards of the lodge, under the direction of Bros. Turner and Harvey.

After the loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with quite an ovation and to musical honours, showing the popularity of the new Master.

Bro. Parker, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for the great honour he had been done in being elected as Master of his mother lodge. He would rather have seen their old friend the Senior Warden, following in his regular turn as he was a much older Mason, and by his punctual attendance at lodge had fully deserved the honour which he believed the lodge had intended conferring upon him, but Bro. Cannons had preferred to stand aside with the result that he had been elected. Having been placed in the chair he assured the brethren that he would do his duty to the best of his ability, and he hoped that with the advice and assistance of the Past Masters and officers of the lodge he would show the brethren that their confidence had not been misplaced.

The next toast in the list was one that was always received in the St. George's Lodge with heartiness, that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Harvey," they all knew what Bro. Harvey had done for the lodge better than he could tell them, and not only in that lodge, but in every other Masonic Institution in Cyprus Bro. Harvey's name was always to the front. He had to thank him personally for the Degree he had conferred on him that night, which his seniors in the chair would be able to tell them had been done in a masterly manner. Not only in this instance had he to thank Bro. Harvey, but in many other cases he was indebted to him for Masonic instruction, and his recent visit to London was made no great pleasure Masonically by the knowledge he had of Masonry. With Bro. Harvey he attended Grand Lodge in September, and this was a pleasure and a privilege one had to experience to appreciate. He also introduced him to the Grand Tyler, Bro. Sadler, who received them in a most cordial and brotherly manner, and he should never forget the morning they spent in that grand old Mason's company in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. He had no hesitation then in giving them the toast, and he was sure the brethren would receive it with all the honours.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Harvey, in replying, said he thanked the Worshipful Master and the brethren for the kind manner in which they accepted that toast, and the hearty manner in which he was always received on those occasions repaid him for any trouble or service he had devoted to the interests of the lodge. He had only just returned from his long stay in England, and he had taken the opportunity when there of attending Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Mark Lodge, and also many private, Craft, and Mark lodges and chapters, with a view of getting what information he could for the benefit of Masonry in Cyprus. They had had too much to occupy them that night for him to have imparted to them the observation he had made when in England, but on a future occasion he would tell them his experiences. He was pleased to think that his working of the ceremony of installation that night had given them such satisfaction, and any improvement they might have noted was due to the instruction he had received from that old and greatly honoured Mason, Bro. Terry, P.G.S.B. of England. Bro. Terry kindly invited him to the installation meeting of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, where he installed his successor in the chair, and he (Bro. Harvey) had corrected his working under the tuition of that skilful worker of the ceremony. They would remember that he was installed by their lamented Bro. Harriott, P.P.G.M. of Wigton and Kirkcudbright, and there were certain slight differences between the Scotch and the English working, and also their late brother at the time had been some years away from Masonic work. He had corrected all those differences and added what had been omitted, and he thought the ceremony, as he gave it that evening, was as near as possible in accordance with the working as done at present in London lodges. He had met in London all the Secretaries of the great Masonic Charities, and had promised to try what was possible in the future to assist those noble Institutions. He hoped that before long their voting strength in Cyprus on all the Charities would be much more weighty than at present, and when they had the fact before them of the election of the candidate recommended by St. George's Lodge at the recent meeting of the Girls' Institution, he thought that should be an incentive to greater exertions on their part in the future.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and the W.M., in proposing it, said they were always pleased to receive visitors in St. George's Lodge, although they were not so fortunate in that respect as lodges in larger districts. Bro. Prower they all knew, as it was not the first time he had been in Cyprus, and they were all pleased to welcome him back again. Bro. Samby was a Past Master of that lodge, and although for private reasons he had resigned membership two years ago, they were very happy to see him with them that night, and his presence made the list complete of all the surviving Past Masters of the lodge.

Bro. Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M. 1745, in reply, said he thanked them all for the kind welcome he always received from his brethren in Cyprus, not only in lodge but outside of lodge, and wherever he went he always extolled the hospitality of Cyprus Masons. As the W.M. informed them it was not his first visit to that lodge, as two years ago he was present when Bro. Norton was installed, and he was delighted to see that Bro. Harvey's working was, if anything, better than on that occasion. That was not always the case, as Past Masters who had been some years out of the chair were apt to deteriorate in their working. He was also pleased to find that Masonry was so thriving in Cyprus, and that such a good feeling existed amongst them; they appeared as one united family, and the word brother had a real meaning with them, and was not a false and empty form that he was sorry to say was very often the case elsewhere.

Bro. Turner, I.P.M., responded for the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Cannons, S.W., for that of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful evening to a close.

The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs by several of the brethren.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 6th, 1897.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.
- 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
- 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.
- 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.
- 1833, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1996, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory.
- 2020, St. Botolph, Albion Tavern.
- 2098, Harlesden, National Schools.
- 2243, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
- 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 166, Union, Criterion.
- 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
- 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
- 765, St. James, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
- 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Limehouse.
- 1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
- 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
- 1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall.
- 1412, Henley, Three Crowns, N. Woolwich.
- 1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.
- 1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monico.
- 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2469, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 93, Moira, Albion Tavern.
- 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

MARK LODGES.

- 315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, at 8.
- Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 1nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
- Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
- Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
- Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
- Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
- Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
- Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30
- St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
- St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
- Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
- Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
- Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1293, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
- 1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.
- 1687, Rothersey, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2484, Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2342, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
- City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
- Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
- Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
- Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
- Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
- Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
- Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
- Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
- London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
- Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
- Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
- Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8
- Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Pucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
- Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
- Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
- St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
- Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
- Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
- Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwith Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30
- United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
- Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
- Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross,

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
- 102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 227, Ionic, Criterion.
- 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
- 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1351, St. Clement Danes, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
- 1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1724, Kaisar-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.
- 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.
- 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
- 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
- 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
- 2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.
- 2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
- 2512, Fulham, Town Hall.
- 2550, Piccadilly, Cafe Monico.
- 2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
- 554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
- 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal.
- 2497, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- 259, Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole.
- 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

- 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGE.

- 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

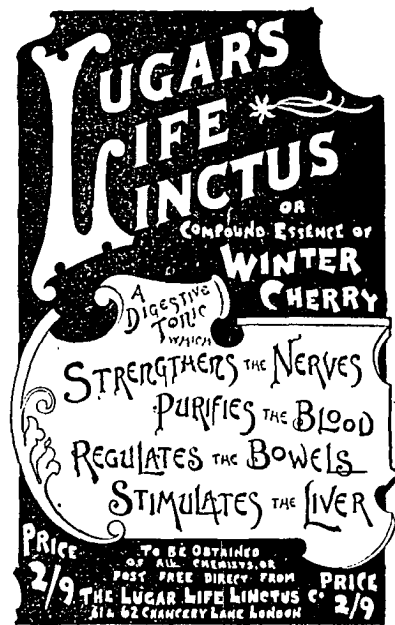
- 142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
- 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1949, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2466, Cherybles, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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



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Masonic and General Tidings.

WE ARE IN A POSITION to state that, at the instance of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, a vote of 1000 guineas in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund will be proposed at the next meeting of Grand Lodge on the 3rd of March.

WE HAVE MUCH pleasure in announcing that the late Bro. Capt. Crewe has bequeathed a legacy of £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

MR. LAWSON WALTON, O.C., M.P., will preside at the next smoking concert of the Legal Musical Society, which will take place on the 5th prox.

MESSRS. J. AND J. ABRAHAMS have taken a long lease of the Gaiety Theatre, Brighton, and intend running it with a dramatic and music-hall entertainment.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK has consented to open a bazaar at Hornsey on the 25th February, in aid of the proposed new Church of St. Peter, Hornsey, for the erection of which a sum of £8000 is required.

EARL AND COUNTESS CADOGAN have granted the use of Chelsea House for the annual National Combined Exhibition and Sale of the Irish Industries' Association on St. Patrick's Day next (17th March).

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between Bro. F. John Horniman, M.P., and Miss Louisa Minnie, daughter of Mr. George William Bennett, of Charlton. The ceremony will take place at St. George's Hanover-square, on the 30th inst.

SIR CLEMENTS MARKHAM presided at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society on Tuesday, at which Sir W. Martin Conway delivered a lecture on Spitzbergen, the interest in which was greatly enhanced by a number of excellent photographic pictures.

THE GORDON MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARY was celebrated at Westminster Abbey on Sunday afternoon last, when Canon Eyton preached the memorial sermon before an enormous congregation, the offertory, both at the afternoon and morning services, being devoted to the Gordon Boys' Home.

SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT will preside at the lecture which Mr. Henry Lucy has undertaken to deliver at the Crystal Palace in connection with the celebration of the 60th year of the reign of her Majesty. The subject of the lecture, which will be given on the 12th May, will be "The Parliaments of the Queen."

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT has sent a donation of five guineas towards any fund that may be raised for the widow of William Dunaway, who was killed by a train in which he and the Duchess were travelling to London. Dunaway, who had served in the Crimea, had been 33 years in the service of the railway company.

TUESDAY was the 12th anniversary of the death of General Gordon, and the statue of the gallant soldier in Trafalgar-square was, as usual, adorned with garlands and other floral emblems sent by the Gordon Boys' Home, the Church Army, the Council of the Ragged School Union, and many other bodies and individuals.

THE ELECTION DINNER of the Shipwrights' Company, will shortly be held in the hall of one of the principal City companies, and the Lord Mayor has promised to attend. Sir W. H. White, K.C.B., Chief Constructor of the Navy, will be inducted in the chair of Master, and there is expected to be a full attendance on the occasion.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG visited the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, at Ventnor, on Tuesday, and after inspecting the buildings, planted two Austrian pine trees in the grounds. Her Royal Highness's visit had reference to the proposed erection of a wing in memory of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

A SERIOUS FIRE broke out at the residence of the Dowager Countess de la Warr's residence, No. 50, Grosvenor-street, early on Tuesday morning. How it originated is not known, but the house was well on fire before the inmates had any warning, and the Countess had a very narrow escape. The cook, who jumped from the window, was very seriously injured.

FROM THE ACCOUNTS received of the wreck of the Indian troopship, the Warren Hastings, off the Isle of Reunion, on the 14th inst., it seems that everybody on board behaved with exemplary coolness. All on board, to the number of 1246 persons, were saved, and the sufferers were most kindly received and tended by the French officials and others on the island.

A GREAT MEETING of the Royal Geographical Society will be held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, about the middle of next month, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York will be present to welcome Dr. Nansen and receive from him an account of his latest Polar Expedition. Originally the Queen's Hall was chosen for the gathering, which bids fair to be one of the largest and most brilliant of the season, but the applications for tickets were so numerous that it was found necessary to engage the Albert Hall.

A REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCE of delegates from the Lifeboat Saturday Fund Committee throughout the country was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. His lordship gave the delegates a most cordial welcome, and Sir Edward Bickbeck acknowledged on their behalf the heartiness of the reception. A resolution was unanimously passed expressing satisfaction with the results of the movement in 1896, and expressing a hope that it might be equally satisfactory during the present year.

THE DRUMMOND CASTLE Breton Fund is officially announced to have reached a total of nearly £1600, a portion of which the Committee in charge has arranged shall be expended in providing an adequate supply of drinking water for the Island of Molene, the present sources being insufficient for the inhabitants. The work will be carried out under the direction of the French Minister of Public Works, and the estimated cost (£500) has been remitted. A clock for the Molene Church and a steeple for Ushant Church will also be erected out of the fund.

ROYAL BOTANIC SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the Fellows held in the Gardens, Regent's Park, on Saturday, the 23rd inst., Mr. J. S. Rubinstein brought forward a resolution recommending the Council to intimate the Lord Mayor, the Chairman of the London County Council, the London School Board, and other Local Authorities, and to the Secretaries of recognised Societies and Institutions, that the Council would be pleased to arrange for the use in the coming season of the Society's Gardens, for garden parties and receptions. The resolution was carried.

THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE presided at the first important meeting, held on Saturday afternoon last, in connection with the forthcoming Victorian Era Exhibition at Earl's Court. The meeting took place at Devonshire House, and among the ladies present were the Marchioness of Tweeddale (Vice-President), the Countess of Ellesmere, the Countess Cowper, and the Countess of Warwick. Bro. Imre Kiralfy, director-general of the Earl's Court Exhibition, submitted a plan of the proposed new building, which include a picture gallery, in which will be exhibited a collection of the masterpieces by women artists during the Victorian era.

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND and the Countess Cadogan, have arrived at Dublin Castle for the season, and among the visitors who have been staying with their Excellencies are the Duchess of Abercorn, and Lady Alexandra Hamilton, the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Marquis of Waterford, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Earl and Countess of Erne, Bro. Viscount Charlemont, Bro. the Right Hon. A. H. and Mrs. Smith Barry, the Hon. Henry Coventry, and Captain Harrison. A levee was held on Wednesday, and other functions have since followed or have been arranged for the present week.

LORD KENSINGTON'S WILL.—Personal estate of the gross value of £57,448 16s. 4d., and of the net value of £27,313 8s. 11d., has been left by the late Lord Kensington, of whose will, which bears date July 19th, 1872, probate has been granted to his widow and Colonel the Hon. Henry Walter Campbell, of 44, Charles-street, Berkeley-square. Lord Kensington appointed a trust fund of £10,000 settled on his marriage for the benefit of his younger children, and he bequeathed his coronetted plate to his eldest son and his first and other sons. He bequeathed certain pictures in trust for his eldest son, and he bequeathed to Lady Kensington £1000, the use and enjoyment of his house in Grosvenor-street and its furniture, and the income of his residuary personal estate, which, subject to her life interest, is to be in trust in equal shares for all his children, excepting such son as shall succeed to the Kensington settled estate.

THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE will hold her second reception of the season at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 10th prox.

MR. ANDREW BARLOW, of Chisley, Southampton, has very generously presented the sum of £1000 to the funds of the Hants Female Orphan Asylum.

OVER £1250 has been received by the Baptist Missionary Society in London, in response to a special appeal on behalf of the Famine Relief Fund.

MRS. GULLY will hold receptions at the Speaker's House, Westminster, on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox., and also on Wednesday, the 10th prox.

BRO. PASSMORE EDWARDS has offered £2000 towards the erection of a Victoria cottage hospital at Acton, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

THE QUEEN has affixed a special prize of £25 to the Council of the Royal Counties Agricultural Society at their show, which will be held at Reading in the month of June.

THE COUNTESS OF ALBEMARLE will present the prizes of the London Volunteer Medical Staff Corps at the head-quarters in Calthorpe-street, on Saturday, February the 6th.

THE QUEEN has intimated her intention of making a donation of £100 to the fund being raised by the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, for defraying the cost of the new hospital in course of erection in the City-road.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, the Commander-in-Chief, has been unable, to his great regret, to resume his duties at the War Office, owing to the severe weather and a bad cold he has contracted, which has compelled him to remain indoors.

BRO. F. J. HORNIMAN, M.P., has presented the Bishop of Truro and the Mayor of Falmouth with the title deeds of the advowson of the Falmouth rector's rate. This gift will relieve the inhabitants of the rate of 1s. 4d. in the pound, with which they have hitherto been saddled.

THE HON. WALTER ROTHSCHILD has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the South Hackney Synagogue and Class Rooms, which are being erected from the designs of Mr. Delessa Joseph, F.R.I.B.A., and February 14th has been selected for the ceremony, at which the Chief Rabbi will officiate.

BROS. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury), the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart.), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, W. Hume Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were among the Ministers who attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

A MEETING of the Executive Council of the Actors' Orphanage Fund, of which Bro. Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry are President and Vice-President respectively, will be held at the Inns of Court Hotel to-day (Friday) at 12.30 p.m., when a handsome offer by a well-known philanthropist and other suggestions in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be discussed.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES has graciously consented to become Patroness of the National Free Home for the Dying, at Clapham, of which the Duchess of Sutherland is President, and the Bishop of Rochester, Patron. This Home is absolutely free and admits patients without distinction of creed or country. The office is at the Church House, Westminster, Secretary, Miss Grace Murray.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, have been deputed by the Queen on her behalf, the new General Hospital, in Birmingham, on a day yet to be fixed in the month of June. The building is estimated to cost £200,000, and towards this Mr. J. C. Holder, the chairman of the Building Committee, has contributed a further sum of £5000.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK is expected over from the Continent to-morrow (Saturday). At the command of the Queen, General Sir Charles Du Plat has gone over to Flushing on the Royal yacht, Victoria and Albert, to meet the Empress, who will go first to Osborne. She will stay in England for a few weeks now, and come back later on to be with her mother for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

THE ST. PETERSBURG correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, is authorised by the Minister of the Imperial Court of Russia, to declare that the health of the Czar up to the present time is, and has been, most excellent. His Majesty has taken his usual walks, transacted as usual his State business, and received, as usual, the reports of his Ministers. In short, his daily life and condition is precisely what it always has been.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN (Bro. the Earl of Lathom) is authorised to announce that Drawing-Rooms will be held under the usual regulations, at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the 24th February, and a day yet to be named in March. Names for presentation may be sent to the Lord Chamberlain's office on and after the 1st prox. for submission to the Queen. The Prince of Wales will hold a Levée at St. James's Palace, on Friday, the 26th prox.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Captain Holford and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, returned to Sandringham from Marlborough House on Saturday evening last, on which day the United States Ambassador and Mrs. Bayard, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, and the Bishop of Thetford arrived on a visit. During the latter end of last week, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the Princess Victoria, and the Duke and Duchess of York enjoyed sleighing in the park and district.

BRO. BARON DIMSDALE having retired from the office of Chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the County of Hertford, the opportunity was taken on Tuesday of presenting him with a pair of silver candelabra and a silver salver in recognition of the many important services he has rendered to the county. Bro. Baron Dimsdale, who is, or was a member of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, represented Hertford in the House of Commons from 1866 to 1874, and the Hitchin Division of the County from 1885 to 1892.

THE MANSION HOUSE FUND for the relief of the sufferers by the famine in India had reached a total of £171,000 up to Thursday, irrespective of the large sums which are in course of collection throughout the country by the Lord-Lieutenants of counties, and Lord Mayors and Mayors of cities and towns; by the Lord Provosts and Provosts of Scotland; and in Ireland by his Deputy Lieutenants. The Birmingham fund had reached £5000 on Wednesday.

THE WILL, which bears date December 8th, 1890, of Charles Frederick Ashley Cooper, second Baron de Mauley, of Langford House, Lechlade, Oxon., who died on August 24th, 1896, aged 81 years, at The Knapp, near Dundee, has been proved by the sole executrix, his widow, Maria Jane Elizabeth, Baroness de Mauley, daughter of the fourth Earl of Bessborough, and to her, the testator, by his will, devised and bequeathed everything of which he might die possessed. The late Lord de Mauley left personal estate of the value of £1076 12s.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED that the memorial to the late Bro. Sir John Pender shall take the following forms, so far as the funds permit: (1) That a bust of Sir John shall be placed in a suitable institution in London, at a cost not to exceed £200; (2) that a sum of not less than £5000 shall be placed in trust with the Council of University College, London, as an endowment fund for the maintenance of the electrical laboratory in that college, to be named the "Pender Electrical Laboratory," and the existing chair of electrical engineering to be known as the "Pender Chair of Electrical Engineering;" and (3) that a Pender Scholarship and gold medal be founded at Glasgow in connection with electrical subjects.

PRINCESS LOUISE MARCHIONESS OF LORNE has again consented to open a Fan Exhibition, promoted by the Worshipful Company of Fanmakers. It will be held at the end of May, and will be the fourth of its kind, the first being inaugurated by Princess Louise in 1878. The Queen has extended her patronage to the exhibition, one of the principle features of which will be the competition for a prize offered for the best painted design of a fan-leaf to commemorate the celebration of the 60th anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the Throne. A special class for historical fans is sure to be large and representative. The Drapers' Company have lent their beautiful hall in Throgmorton-street for the occasion.

THE CREMATION of the remains of Sir Isaac Pitman took place on Thursday at Woking, the funeral address being delivered by Rev. J. Ashby, President of the New Church Conference. A service in memory of the deceased was held at the New Church, Argyle-square, W.C., which is one of 12 buildings in and around London associated with the Swedenborgians. Amongst those present were Mrs. F. Pitman, widow of the late Mr. Frederick Pitman (who had been a member of the congregation), General Sir John Spurgin, K.C.B., C.S.I., Colonel S. B. Bevington, J.P., Dr. Gray, and Dr. Norman Kerr.

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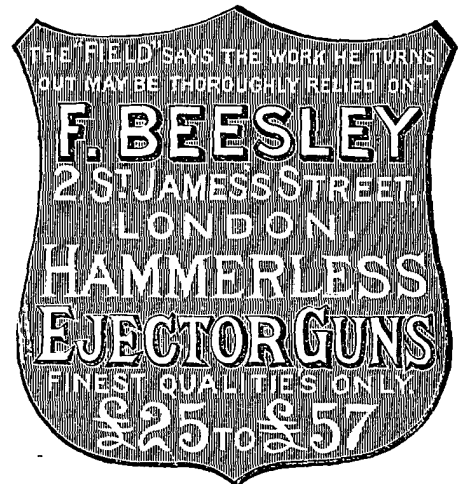
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