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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

It is about time we again reminded our readers of the claims which the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has upon the generous support of the Craft. We do not say this from any sense of fear that these claims will ever be treated with indifference, much less entirely ignored. We consider, in the case of institutions of this class, which depend almost wholly upon the voluntary contributions of the benevolent for their means of maintenance, that President LINCOLN'S advice to keep on "pegging away" is sound. In our own Society there are three such principal Institutions, to say nothing of the minor local Charities, which are continually increasing in number, while at the same time many of them are extending their spheres of usefulness. All these are voluntarily supported, and in the case of the Benevolent Institution and Girls' and Boys' Schools, the competition for subscriptions is becoming more and more keen every year, while at no previous period of their existence has the number of persons they are benefiting been greater. But keenest of all will this competition be during the present year, when the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee is to be celebrated, and every Charity that has ever been organised is endeavouring to raise a larger amount of subscriptions than in ordinary years in order that it may worthily commemorate this auspicious event. The Benevolent Institution had its turn in February, and its Festival, held under the auspices of the Duke of CONNAUGHT and STRATHEARN, K.G., has yielded some £18,800. It is now the turn of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will celebrate its roghth anniversary Festival, on Wednesday, the 12th May, under the presidency of Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK, Prov. G. Master of South Wales, Eastern Division. As regards its claims upon the generosity of English Freemasons, they are well known, but will bear repeating. Firstly, the number of children it is engaged in educating is some 270; secondly, the education and training it provides for these children are not only admirable in themselves but will bear favourable comparison with those of the best scholastic institutions of the same character established throughout the country. The latest evidence of this was announced in these columns on the 13th ult., when we announced that of the 22 girls who were entered for the Cambridge Local Examination in December, 1896, three passed with honours and 17 satisfied the

examiners, there being at the same awarded four distinctions for proficiency in one or other of the prescribed subjects. Of the 19 entered for the Preliminary Stage of the same Examination, 18 passed; of the 31 who competed in the College of Preceptors Examination, 25 passed, while all the 11 who underwent examination by the Associated Board of the Royal College and Royal Academy of Music were approved by the examiners. But this is only the latest evidence we have had of the excellence of the training which the children receive in our Institution for Girls. The results we have reported annually during a long series of years have been equally, and in some few cases, even more creditable to the educational staff of the School, so that there can be no doubt whatever as to the money contributed by the Craft towards its support being advantageously expended. There is, however, still a third claim which it is our duty to mention, namely, that while the annual expenditure of the Institution which is thus successfully fulfilling the purposes for which it was established is, roundly stated, some £13,700, the permanent income on which it is able to rely towards meeting this outlay does not greatly, if indeed it does actually, exceed £2500. There is thus a deficiency of upwards of £11,000 which must be made good annually in order that the Institution may be enabled to pay its way. There is, of course, nothing new in this statement of the claims which our Girls' School has upon the whole English Craft. We have made this or a similar statement many times in connection with every Festival that has been held in its behalf during the years the *Freemason* has been in existence. We are, in fact, doing no more than following President LINCOLN'S excellent advice. We keep on "pegging away," so that nothing may be lost sight of or under-estimated, which can in any way help to raise the amount that is required from year to year.

As to the prospects of obtaining the necessary sum at the approaching Festival on the 12th prox., we are pleased to be in a position to say that, so far, they are encouraging. The number of ladies and brethren whom the Secretary, Bro. HEDGES, has succeeded in enrolling as Stewards is slightly in excess of what it was at the corresponding period of last year, but whether this trifling advantage will be maintained till the day appointed is somewhat doubtful. There are so many urgent appeals being made to everybody, that it would not surprise us if this year's Board were rather less numerous than that of 1896. But that is no reason why the sum obtained should turn out to be smaller. We trust that not only will the whole of the £11,000 or £11,500, which is absolutely necessary, be raised, but also that a substantial excess over that sum may be announced, and for two reasons—(1) that the total may be worthy of the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee year; and (2) that the authorities may be enabled to make, as they have done of late years, a substantial addition to the invested capital of the Institution. From the recently-issued statement of account, that capital is stated at about £88,000, and as that amount is augmented so will the deficiency which has to be met annually be diminished. This is always a safe and, at the same time, a very wise, course to adopt. It has been followed by the authorities with success of late years, and if it is possible to put by further sums during this and following years, after defraying the expenses of the establishment, it is certain the Institution will be materially benefited. Hence our present appeal, and we sincerely hope that it will be answered in a manner that will redound to the credit of English Freemasonry in this year of years, in which the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated.

## CÆMENTARIA HIBERNICA.\*

In our article of last week on the second section of Bro. CRAWLEY'S work, we remarked on his important discovery of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Ireland some few years earlier than the date ordinarily assigned to its foundation. But the account of this discovery is rendered additionally interesting by the information which Bro. CRAWLEY has gathered from various sources concerning the principal personages mentioned in the excerpt from the *Dublin Weekly Journal*. Firstly, as regards the Earl of ROSSE, who, as we have seen, was elected Grand Master on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1725, the one or two anecdotes that are quoted of him fully bear out the description that he was "the wildest and most dissolute among the wild and dissolute gallants of the Irish Metropolis." He had "the reputation of being the most finished libertine within the four seas. But his high intellectual and social gifts lifted him above the level of his companions' dull debauchery. What with them was the practice of coarse excess, became with him almost the exercise of a fine art." But, though devoting his whole life to the pursuit of pleasure, he still found time to become "an active patron of fine art," and, what is still more to his credit, there must have been something eminently attractive in his lordship, when we are told by Bro. CRAWLEY that the satirists spared him, and that he has not met in contemporary literature "with a single personal attack on him of the kind which was wont to assail all public characters of the day, from the Viceroy down to GEORGE FAULKNER, the printer. Even the stories that were told of his lordship betray a touch of sympathy in the telling." There are two stories narrated of "the Earl's witty perversity" under the exhortations which were showered upon him by the clergy during his mortal illness; but for these we must refer the reader to the *Fasciculus* itself. As regards the other Grand Officers, Sir THOMAS PRENDERGAST, whom the Grand Lodge elected S.G.W., was M.P. for Chichester in the English, and for Clonmel in the Irish, House of Commons, and Postmaster-General of Ireland. As a Mason, he was a member of the Old Horn, Westminster, Time Immemorial Lodge—present No. 4—the aristocratic London lodge of the day, and having been elected S.G.W. of Ireland on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1725, was on the following St. John the Evangelist's Day (27th December) appointed J.G.W. of England. "Thus," as Bro. CRAWLEY points out, "Sir THOMAS PRENDERGAST had the honour of serving as Grand Warden simultaneously in the only two Grand Lodges then in existence." Bro. MARK ANTHONY MORGAN, of Cottlestown, Co. Sligo, and of Cork Abbey, near Bray, Co. Wicklow, who was appointed J.G.W., was also a prominent public man. He took his degree as B.A. at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1721, and sat in the Irish House of Commons for the borough of Athy; but, though a prominent, he was very far from being a popular, personage, and brought himself under the lash both of Bro. JAMES STERLING, who is mentioned in a later portion of the *Fasciculus*, and of Dean SWIFT. Bro. the Hon. HUMPHREY BUTLER, whom Lord ROSSE appointed his Deputy, was the eldest son of BRINSLEY BUTLER, second baron of Newtown Butler, who was created Viscount LANESBOROUGH in 1728, and was himself advanced a step in the peerage, being created Earl of LANESBOROUGH in 1756. Bro. THOMAS GRIFFITH, Grand Secretary, had a high reputation as a "representative of the lighter comedy," and was a successful vocalist as well as actor. "His popularity induced Lord SOUTHWELL in 1700 to procure for him a post in the Revenue, which he enjoyed till his death"—in 1743—"discharging his duties by deputy." In his early days he played at Drury Lane with BETTERTON, and in his later numbered QUIN among the youthful members of his company. This Bro. GRIFFITH is mentioned in a passage which Bro. CRAWLEY quotes in his *Fasciculus I.* as having been Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and what renders the passage quoted of still greater value is that the Grand Lodge of 1729-30 is distinctly spoken of as a "revival."

\*CÆMENTARIA HIBERNICA: Being the Public Constitutions that have served to hold together the Freemasons of Ireland. *Fasciculus Secundus*, 1735-1744. Re-issued with Introductions by W. J. Chetwode Crawley (LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.G.S., F.G.S., F.R. Hist. S.), Past Senior Grand Deacon Ireland, Grand Secretary of G. L. of Instruction, Ireland.

The next section of *Fasciculus II.* treats of "Bro. WILLIAM SMITH and the Masonic Manuals of 1735-6," and is preceded, as in the case of the other sections, by an Introduction, in which any particulars of especial importance are noted and freely commented upon. The Manuals are three in number, namely, the *Pocket Companion*, published in Dublin in 1735; the *Pocket Companion*, issued, almost simultaneously, in London for the use of English Freemasons; and "The Book M, issued at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in 1736, for the use of Freemasons in the North of England." As regards these, Bro. CRAWLEY points out that they "present differences in detail, but are substantially identical in legislation and dogma." This identity fully justifies the author's conclusion that "at the time they were published there was no appreciable difference in the work of the three Grand Lodges of Dublin, London, and York. The very care which introduced minor changes to fit the books for their several audiences is the strongest proof that there were no major differences." This opinion is, we suggest, corroborated by the list of works quoted by LAURENCE DERMOTT in a letter—for which he was censured by the Grand Lodge of the "Antients" in London—as being authorities for the guidance of the Antient Craft in their practice of Masonry—the works in question being ANDERSON'S Constitutions, 1738; DASSIGNY'S work of 1744; SPRATT'S Constitutions, 1751; and DERMOTT'S own "Ahiman Rezon" of the years, 1756, 1764, 1778. But we must reserve our further remarks for a third article, in which we trust we shall be able to bring the consideration of this further instalment of Bro. CRAWLEY'S work to a conclusion.

## THE "STABILITY" LODGE, No. 217, LONDON.

This is the age of Lodge Histories, which is much to the advantage of the Craft generally and to the members of the favoured lodges in particular. Every now and then sketches of old lodges are being written, or more elaborate publications are being produced, the result being that an immense mass of most valuable and deeply interesting information respecting the usages and customs of our Masonic forefathers, has been accumulated of late years, enabling us to be more in touch with the brethren of the last century than ever before.

A fresh candidate for our study and consideration has just appeared, compiled by Bro. William Robert Smith, P.M., the lodge thus described being that of the "Stability," No. 217, which completed its first 100 years of existence on March 1st, 1897.

The History is not an elaborate work, but simply a brief account of the chief events during the century, especially in relation to the "most illustrious Mason connected with Stability Lodge, viz. Bro. Philip Broadfoot, who was initiated July 3rd, 1810." The book has really been "a product of accidental circumstances," having grown to its present size "as the materials opened out in amount and importance," and I entirely sympathise with the painstaking author in his wish that "this book may stimulate others to search into the great mine of Masonic History, and glean grain profitable to their mother lodge and the Fraternity at large."

Bro. Smith gives a copy of the original warrant (still preserved) of March, 1st, 1797, granted by the Duke of Atholl, Grand Master of the "Ancients," its number then, and to the blessed Union of December, 1813, being 300. There were eight founders, three of whom—the W.M. and Wardens—are recorded on the Charter. A number of interesting particulars are noted concerning these worthies, mainly traced by Bro. Henry Sadler, to whom nearly all Lodge Historians are considerably indebted, who is warmly thanked accordingly. Bro. Gould's handy little volume on the "Atholl Lodges," and Bro. Kenning's "Illustrated History of the Lion and Lamb Lodge," written by me, are also duly credited for information from their pages.

The lodge has had many places of meeting, 23 in all, and beginning at the Crown, near St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet-street, it wandered to numerous parts of the City, until the members have again returned to the same well-known street, and rest now at Anderton's Hotel. There have only been seven Treasurers, and as many Secretaries through the 100 years, Brothers John Dixon and Samuel Powell Fisher holding these offices now, respectively, and as Bro. Smith observes, "We hope for very many years."

A Table exhibits the numerical progress from 1797, and happily, now, during its centenary year, it is active, united, and prosperous.

The lodge, however, has a name that will last, quite apart from even its own personal history, because of the founding of the famous *Lodge of Instruction* working under the sanction of the "Stability" Lodge, by Brothers Peter Thompson and Philip Broadfoot. The latter took the Chair as W.M. at the first meeting held on the first Friday in February, 1817; so it is the oldest Lodge of Instruction in the Metropolis. Bro. Henry Muggerside was the successor of Bro. Thompson, and again we are in sympathy with Bro. Smith in his wish that our dear "Old Mug" may yet be spared to his dear ones for years to come.

The numerous items of information regarding many of the early members are deeply interesting, and make most entertaining reading. Bro. Smith's fondness for his lodge is rightly and clearly exhibited almost on every page, so that it is pleasantly written and in a very happy vein.

I congratulate the lodge on possessing such an enthusiastic and competent Historian, also on the Centenary Jewel Warrant being granted, and on the vigorous and healthy condition of the lodge. Brethren who want to know more about No. 217 cannot do better than apply for copies, 2s. each, from the Printers, Messrs. Lawrence and Symcox, Hall's-yard, Sardinia-place, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF CHARITY, No. 2651.

This function took place on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bold-street, Warrington, in the presence of a large number of brethren, amongst whom were—

Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., who had been deputed to perform the ceremony; R. Newhouse, D.G.S.B. Eng.; Thomas Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Wilde Rice, P.P.S.G.W.; John Clayton, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; Henry Jackson, P.J.G.W. Cheshire; the Rev. C. C. Bluett, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. H. Leeson, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. Robert Edwards, P.G. Chap. Cheshire; the Rev. Harry V. Pigot; T. Banner Newton, P.G.T.; Geo. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; Fred. Broadsmith, P.P.G. Reg.; S. Locke, P.S. G.D.; John Fletcher, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Brierley, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; G. D. Myers, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Smith, P.G.D.C.; W. Cole, P.G. Org.; Edmund Jones, P.P.G.S. Staff; Louis A. Winsloe, P.M. 32; R. Chorlton Parr, 148; W. B. Roberts, P.M. 148; H. F. Greenough, P.M. 148; J. Lythgoe, W.M. 148; R. Shillcock, P.M. 1250; A. H. Baird, W.M. 2433; Dr. C. A. Brewer, S.W. 2433; and Wm. Hudson, Sec. 1035; and the following founders: Bros. John Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; R. H. Pearson, P.M.; J. Rymer Young, P.M.; J. Hesketh, P.M.; Wm. Pierpoint, S.W. 148; Herbert Hatton, Thos. Morris, Daniel Jones, J. Shaw Green, Hugh Ferguson, and Thomas Tunstall, P.P.G.S. of W.

Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Jos. Adams, P.M., the S.W. designate, through illness, and of Bro. Professor A. H. Young, P.M., owing to an important professional engagement.

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. William Goodacre, on entering the lodge was received by the assembled brethren in a manner fitting to his exalted rank, and having taken the chair, appointed Bros. T. Banner Newton, P.G.T., as S.W.; G. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T., as J.W.; and John Fletcher, P.P.G.D., as I.G. The lodge was then opened up to the Third Degree, and, after the usual salutes,

Bro. GOODACRE addressed the brethren in a few well-chosen words on the object of the meeting, and explained that he had been deputed by the M.W.G.M. to consecrate the lodge. He concluded his brief remarks by wishing the new lodge the greatest possible success.

After prayer by the CHAPLAIN, the founders were arranged round the lodge board and signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. H. LEESON, having delivered a brilliant oration on the nature and principles of the Institution,

The anthem "Behold how good and joyful," was most effectively rendered by the musical artists. The hymns and other anthems used on such occasions were also effectively chanted and to the satisfaction of all present.

The lodge having been dedicated and constituted in the usual form, Bro. John Armstrong, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire, was presented as W.M. Designate, by the P.G.D.C., and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the Consecrating Master.

The W.M. then invested Bros. R. H. Pearson, P.M., as J.W.; J. Rymer Young, P.M., Treas.; John Hesketh, P.M., Sec.; William Pierpoint, S.D.; Herbert Hutton, J.D.; Thos. Cooper, P.M., I.G.; J. Shaw Green and Hugh Ferguson, Stewards; and J. H. Galloway, Tyler.

The W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants for their impressive rendering of the several ceremonies, and that Bros. Goodacre, Newhouse, Lambert, and Leeson, be elected honorary members of the lodge. This was carried with the utmost enthusiasm, and a Founder's jewel suitably engraved was also presented to Bros. Goodacre and Newhouse.

The honorary members all expressed their thanks for the honour done them.

Letters of regret were received from Bros. Major J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas. Eng.; Col. C. S. Dean, P.S.G.W. Cheshire; G. H. Brown, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; Walter Simpson, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Gordon Small, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Rose, P.A.G.D.C.; and others.

Five propositions for initiation and five for joining were submitted after the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers had retired in procession.

The lodge was closed and the brethren subsequently partook of a banquet served in the Masonic Hall. The banquet itself, and the speedy and efficient manner in which it was served, reflected the greatest credit upon Bro. Chantry, in whose hands the catering had been placed.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, and then the "M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Eul of Lathom, G.C.B., the D.G. Master, and other Officers of Grand Lodge," to which Bro. NEWHOUSE, D.G. Std. Br., replied.

Bro. W. PIERPOINT, S.W., proposed "The Deputy Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire and the Provincial Grand Officers of this and other Provinces."

Bros. J. J. LAMBERT and J. FLETCHER responded on behalf of West Lancashire, and F. BROADSMITH for Cheshire.

The toast of "The W.M." was submitted in most felicitous terms by the Consecrating Officer, Bro. GOODACRE.

Bro. Wm. Hudson sang a special variation of "Here's to his health in a song."

After replying, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Master, W. Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Secretary of West Lancashire," and said they were greatly favoured in being privileged to have their lodge consecrated by one of the, if not the, ablest officer in England.

"The Mother Lodge, No. 148," was proposed by Bro. J. R. YOUNG, P.M., in eloquent and feeling terms.

Bros. LYTHGOE, W.M.; W. B. ROBERTS, Sec.; and GREENOUGH, Treas., responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was in good hands in Bro. T. MORRIS.

Bro. the Rev. R. EDWARDS responded.

"The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter took place at Bury, on the 24th ult. Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, G. Supt., presided. The following companions were appointed as Provincial Grand Officers:

Comp. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, 62	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" James Heelis, 62	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" James Newton, 37	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" C. D. Cheetham, 993	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. Pollitt, 42	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. F. Chambers, 210	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. S. Scott, 345	...	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" F. W. Lean, 935	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" C. H. Woods, 381	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" O. C. Crompton, 42	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Max Weigenthaler, 645	...	...	Prov. G.S.Bs.
" A. B. Bennett, 204	...	...	
" James Bottomley, 277	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" George Whewell, 344	...	...	
" Peter Radcliffe, 219	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" James Shuttleworth, 286	...	...	
" W. T. Allitt, 993	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" James Corney, 325	...	...	
" W. O'mrca, 462	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. W. Wolsey, 128	...	...	
" S. Newton	...	...	Prov. G. Auditors.
" G. W. Davies	...	...	
" E. H. Flower, 1055	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The sum of £10 was voted to the Systematic Charity Fund of the province.

A sincere vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Comp. J. H. Sillitoe.

## Scotland.

### GRAND CHAPTER.

A meeting of Grand Chapter was held in Edinburgh on the 22nd ult., Comp. Major F. W. Allan, the Dep. Grand First Principal, in the chair. The recommendations made at the last meeting of Office-bearers for next year were adopted. Comp. Lord Haddington was elected First Grand Principal, and Comp. C. C. Nisbet, Stwd., Depute Grand Principal. Comp. Major Allan installed Comp. Nisbet, who then installed the other Office-bearers. Thereafter the companions celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox. There were about 60 present, Comp. Nisbet presiding.

The toast of "The First Grand Principal and other Office-bearers of the Supreme Grand Chapter" was proposed by Comp. C. C. YORSTOUN, Advocate.

The CHAIRMAN, in replying, mentioned that the income for the past year had been £956, an increase of £142 over the previous year, and that the membership of companions admitted had been 1031, against 929.

Comp. Col. W. IYVON MACADAM proposed "The Past Grand Office-bearers," coupled with the name of Comp. Major Allan, who, he said, had broken the record in regard to the attendances at all kinds of meetings in connection with the chapter, inasmuch as he had visited Royal Arch chapters in India, at the Cape, Gibraltar, and Aden.

Comp. Major ALLAN, in replying, said he had also visited chapters in most parts of this country, and he assured them that Arch Masonry was now taking a hold in Scotland that it had not had for years.

## LADIES' NIGHT OF THE PILGRIM LODGE, No. 238.

### IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMPEROR WILLIAM THE FIRST.

About nine years ago the brethren of the Pilgrim Lodge, under the Mastership of Bro. F. Wagner, held a lodge of mourning in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, for their illustrious brother, the Emperor William the First, who had quitted the field of earthly labour a few weeks before, and the many English brethren who were present on that occasion will have a vivid recollection of the ceremony. On Friday, the 19th ult., the same hall witnessed a scene of a different character. Again, it was the Pilgrim Lodge that originated it; again, it was in connection with the Emperor William the First, and Bro. Baelz was the Master who presided, but this time it was more of a festive than a mournful character, for the brethren had resolved that their annual "Schwestern-Fest," the one occasion in the year when ladies grace by their presence the meetings of the Pilgrim brethren, should this time furnish also the opportunity for celebrating the 100th anniversary of William the First's birth.

A large muster of the Pilgrims, and their "sisters," and friends, in number exceeding 100, had assembled in honour of the occasion, and the festivity this time took the form of a dinner, followed by a concert.

After the loyal toasts to "The Queen" and "The Present Emperor" had been duly honoured, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER introduced the toast of the evening, that in memory of "William the First," in a speech of rare eloquence and feeling. He pointed out how the greatness of William the First was not so much founded on unusual natural gifts, but on firmness of character and the courage and persistency with which he carried out what he recognised as right, untroubled by party-hatred or favour. A clear, deeply-felt sense of duty led him in all his actions. Gifted with an extraordinary knowledge of men, he knew how to surround himself with the best men

of the nation; self-seeking and vanity were strangers to his nature, and standing truly and faithfully by his great advisers, he followed—although sometimes with a heavy heart—their trusted council. He was in the best sense of the word a self-made man, and in that, as in many other respects, a worthy example for every good Mason. After the happy ending of great wars he gave his whole attention to the development of Germany on all fields of science and art, commerce and industry. His vow that his time belonged to his country he faithfully kept to the very end of his long life. For half a century he belonged to our Fraternity; he always proved a true brother; he was ever ready to lend his help to German Masonry, and was devoted to the cause with love and conviction to the day of his death. The speaker admonished his German as well as his English brethren to desist from petty jealousies and invidious paper wars, and gave expression to the hope that the time might not be far distant when all Germanic nations would be united in a common endeavour to secure the blessings of peace to all the world.

It was only right that on an occasion like this the late Emperor's great coadjutor, Prince Bismarck, should be remembered, and Bro. Dr. HARRER eloquently proposed the Prince's health.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Pastor WYSARD in a speech of rare grace and impressiveness.

Altogether the festivity was one which will long be remembered by those who were present, and that nothing might be wanting to give it a true Masonic spirit, the banquet ended with a collection, the proceeds of which, amounting to about £75 will be devoted in this the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

After the banquet the brethren and visitors re-assembled to an excellent concert under the conductorship of Bro. W. Ganz, P.G.O., which kept the company together until a late hour.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE KING SOLOMON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2029.

The annual supper of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 16th ult. The Preceptor, Bro. Alex. Jardine, P.M., presided, supported by Bros. T. P. Baptie, D.L., J.P., P.M., W. Green, P.M.; and a host of members of the mother lodge. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. E. A. Gibson, Hon. Sec.

After the usual loyal sentiments, Bro. W. Fenton-Jones gave a brilliant piano-forte solo, Bro. H. P. Gibson a song, and Bro. Gardiner (visitor) a recitation.

The event of the evening was the presentation of a handsome and valuable silver tea service and tray to Bro. Jardine, Preceptor, as a small acknowledgment of his devoted services to the lodge of instruction.

Bro. BAPTIE, who made the presentation, did so in his usual lucid and most charming style.

The remainder of the evening was most enjoyable.

Songs and recitations were rendered by Bros. W. Cameron, Yarborough, Kingwell, and Roberts, and a highly-trained quartette under the direction of Bro. W. Price.

The Hon. Sec., Bro. E. A. Gibson, was honoured with a special toast for his services.

The lodge is held at the Marlboro' Hotel, Villiers-street, Strand, on Mondays, at 7 p.m.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. WHITEHEAD SMITH.

At a lodge of emergency of the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, held recently in the lodge room at the Masonic Hall, Wimborne, an interesting presentation took place. For many years Bro. J. Whitehead Smith, one of the oldest Past Masters, has worked most regularly as Secretary and Organist, but owing to failing sight has relinquished his position as Organist at the Minster, which he has held for over 30 years, and will reside at Sandown (I.W.). Previous to his leaving, the brethren desired to show their appreciation of his high personal qualifications and his ability as a Mason, and this they did by presenting him with a purse of £33, and a very handsomely-illuminated address.

There was a large attendance of the brethren, for whom Bro. the Rev. W. MORTIMER HEATH, P.P.S.G.W. Dorset, P.G. Chap. England, made the presentation. He said: Worshipful Bro. Whitehead Smith, it is very gratifying to me that I have been asked by the Worshipful Master and brethren of the lodge to convey to you their sentiments of fraternal regard and affection, not only for your personal qualities, but more for the valuable services you have rendered to this lodge in times past. These feelings no doubt are mixed with very great regret through the thought of your approaching departure from amongst us, and we shall lose your welcome presence and be deprived of that skill and ability which has marked your tenure of office in this lodge. You will leave pleasant memories behind you which will never be effaced. Most of us here have been privileged to enjoy your friendship outside the lodge and your brotherhood inside these sacred walls, and in neither case have you been found wanting. The lodge holds a wide reputation, not only on account of the worshipful brethren who have occupied the chair—you among them—not only on account of the efficiency of its officers, not only on account of the merit of all the brethren, but also from the way in which you have fulfilled the duties and carried on the work of the Secretary of the lodge, to the efficient and kind performance of which we are all well aware is due much of the smooth working and welfare of the lodge. But the brethren are not willing that your work should be recognised in words only, but desire and wish you to accept from them a more substantial acknowledgment with their good wishes. I therefore beg your acceptance of this purse containing £33, and with that the hearty good wishes and hopes of us all that you will find your cable tow sufficiently long and elastic to keep you in touch with the lodge—wherever you are and however distant you may be—and that many opportunities may occur for you to visit your mother lodge, where you will be sure to find a hearty welcome amongst the brethren, with and for whom in time past you have worked so zealously and so well. May the G.A.O.T.U. prosper those who are near and dear to you and have you in His keeping, that you may continue to be in the future, as you have been in times past, an example of that high ideal of Masonry—a true and perfect ashlar. (Applause.)

Bro. A. BUDDEN, W.M., read the address as follows: "Lodge and Chapter St. Cuthberga, No. 622, to W. Bro. J. Whitehead Smith, P.M., P.Z. 622, P.P. J.G.W., P.P.G.J. Dorset. We, the undermentioned members of the above lodge and chapter, beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse of money as a mark of our fraternal regard and affection and in testimony of our gratitude for the services rendered by you for so many years as Secretary, Organist, and Scribe E. We deeply feel the loss we shall sustain at your departure from the town and

pray the G.A.O.T.U. will spare you for many years in health and happiness. March 29th, 1897."

The names of 75 brethren were inscribed.

Bro. WHITEHEAD SMITH suitably thanked the brethren for the handsome gift and address, also the brethren who had attended in such large numbers to do honour to him that evening. It was owing to failing sight he had to give up his appointment, and not being a wealthy man the present was a most acceptable one.

At the "Fourth" Degree Bro. BUDDEN proposed "The Health of Bro. Whitehead Smith," and in doing so said not only would they miss him in connection with that lodge, but he would be greatly missed in the town of Wimborne where for over 30 years he had taken the most active part in the musical world and always placed his high musical ability at their disposal.

The toast was most heartily drunk and duly acknowledged.

### JAMES TERRY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2372.

This new lodge of instruction, which has been in existence about four months under the sanction of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, Waltham Cross—so named after the highly-esteemed brother of that name—held its first important meeting at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., the ceremonies of consecration and installation being most ably and impressively rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. and Prov. G.D.C. Hertfordshire, Sec. R.M.B.I., who presided on the occasion, and was assisted by Bros. R. Middlehurst, P.M. 2372 and 1327, P.P.G.S.B., as I.P.M.; Dr. W. P. Warren, I.P.M. 2372, Prov. J.G.W., as S.W.; W. Metcalfe, P.M., Treas. 2372, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P., as J.W.; J. Robinson, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.W., as D.C.; H. Trask P.M. 2372, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., as I.G.; while Bro. the Rev. C. E. J. Carter, Chaplain of the Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield Lock, discharged the duty of Chaplain.

There were also present the following, namely, Bros. B. G. Poulton, 1489; J. Priddle, 1327; G. F. Stiles, 2372; W. A. Sproat, P.M. 1327; E. W. Newman; F. Godfree, S.W. 2372; R. Matthews, 2372; E. G. Burgess, 2372; G. R. Crockett, 2372; G. H. Chittenden, 1327; M. W. Ainsley; G. Parnell, 1327; G. Holdsworth, P.M. 2372, P.P.G.P. Herts; D. J. Shepherd; W. E. Bailey, 2346; J. H. Langdon, P.M. 1457, P.P.J.G.D. Essex; R. Fish, I.P.M. 1457; J. R. Codling, 2372; W. J. Robinson; W. A. Curtis, 13; A. Thompson, 1586; G. S. Gregory, 1327; J. Brown, 1327; G. Fagg, 30; H. E. Smith, P.M. 1327; E. Champness, 2372; W. Boggis, 1804; E. G. Platt, 1327; S. Clifton, 1327; A. Martin, 2372; F. C. Smith, P.M. 2372; A. J. Williamson, I.P.M. 2518; J. Cawter, 2136; C. H. Ashford, 2518; J. A. Dent, 2346; J. Jackson, 1327; A. Watkins, 933; J. W. Robinson; Peter Skiene; G. Worboys, 2372; J. Sharp, 1327; W. Pasfield, 1327; F. H. Mansell, 2518; G. Holdsworth, J.W. 1327; J. Dicks, 1349; G. F. Palmer, 834; J. Williams, W.M. 2518; J. Tydeman, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Keates; A. J. Maxfield, 1327; and W. B. Rutherford, 1327.

The Presiding Officer having taken the chair, and appointed his officers, as above, *pro tem.*, lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the brethren of the lodge having been arranged in order, the opening hymn was sung, and Bro. TERRY addressed those present on the nature of the meeting.

The proceedings were then carried out strictly in accordance with ancient custom, and in their progress Bro. the Rev. CARTER delivered a very eloquent oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry.

When the lodge had been constituted, it was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in an equally effective manner, the candidate being Bro. G. S. Metcalfe, W.M. 1327, who afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the evening.

A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Bro. Terry and the brethren who had assisted him in his labours, and the remaining business having been transacted, lodge was closed, and the brethren, who had appeared in Masonic clothing, adjourned to refreshments.

The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. T. Simmons, who is to be congratulated on the admirable manner in which they were carried out.

The James Terry Lodge of Instruction meets at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, every evening, at 8 p.m., the following being the staff of officers, namely: Bros. J. Robinson, P.M., P. Prov. G.W., Preceptor; W. H. Bickel, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; G. S. Metcalfe, Treas.; R. Tuffee, Hon. Sec.; and W. A. Champion, Hon. Asst. Sec.

### The Craft Abroad.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

#### St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277.

The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Limassol, Cyprus. The chapter was opened by Comps. F. O. Harvey, as M.E.Z.; Major Kenny, H.; Dr. Carageorgiades, J.; and the companions having been admitted, the ballot was taken for Bros. F. E. Mavrogordato, H. J. Aldred, and N. Houry, and being successful they were exalted into R.A. Masonry by the abovenamed Principals, with the assistance of the regular officers of the chapter. The election of officers for the year then took place with the following result, the ballot in every case being unanimous: Comps. Surgeon-Major Kenny, A.M.D., M.E.Z.; Dr. Carageorgiades (Mayor of Limassol), H.; F. H. Parker (Judge of the Limassol District), J.; F. O. Harvey, Treas. and acting I.P.Z.; G. T. Rossides, S.N.; Aldred, S.E.; E. Longcroft, P.S.; Williamson, 1st A.S.; Mavrogordato, 2nd A.S.; and Houry, Janitor. Comp. F. O. Harvey, P.Z., installed the three Principals into their respective chairs, and the newly-installed M.E.Z. invested all the officers with their collars. The balance-sheet for the previous 12 months, which showed a respectable balance in hand, was read and passed. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Comp. Cannons, who died suddenly in the previous month. A vote of £5 5s., proposed by Comp. F. O. Harvey, Treas., seconded by Comp. Parker, J., was passed to the assistance of a companion who was in distressed circumstances, who, although not a member of the chapter, commended himself to the members for his past services to the Order. On the proposal of Comp. Kenny, M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Harvey for having come down from Larnaca to install the Principals that day. It was then proposed by Comp. Parker, J., seconded by Comp. Carageorgiades, H., and carried unanimously, that a P.Z.'s collar and jewel be presented to Comp. Harvey, P.Z., this being the third year in succession that Comp. Harvey had to take the position of I.P.Z. on account of the previous First Principals having been removed—one by death and two on account of military service.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was presided over by the M.E.Z.



The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The toasts of "The Principals," "The Past Principals," "The Officers," and "The Exaltees" were all well received, and replied to in commendably short speeches.

The Janitor's toast brought to an end one of the most successful meetings of the chapter.

The evening was enlivened by songs and music, the chapter being fortunate in possessing amongst its members several good singers and musicians.

## Craft Masonry.

### Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. J. GREIG, P.M.

The annual installation meeting of this old-established lodge was held on the 25th ult., at their new quarters, the new Masonic Hall recently built by the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant, which, although not yet completed, was well draped with curtains, &c., thus covering all unfinished parts, which will be completed before the next regular meeting. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Greig, assisted by Bros. G. T. Kinipple, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Spencer, J.W.; H. J. Harriss, P.M., Sec.; W. M. Graham, S.D.; J. Smart, J.D.; J. Huckell, I.G.; T. F. Noakes, Org.; and a good number of Past Masters and brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet adopted, the W.M. at once proceeded to raise Bros. J. Carter, L. Newman, W. G. Read, and E. S. Underwood, immediately following this ceremony by passing Bros. C. Launspach and P. Barabain, and without any loss of time proceeded to install his successor in the chair. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Bro. Greig for the excellent and impressive manner in which he performed the installation, as well as the previous ceremonies of passing and raising. The Worshipful Master for the ensuing year (Bro. G. T. Kinipple) then invested his officers, giving the address to each in a manner thoroughly up to the traditions of this lodge for excellency of work, viz., Bros. W. J. Greig, I.P.M.; S. E. Spencer, S.W.; W. M. Graham, J.W.; J. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Harriss, P.M., Sec.; J. Smart, S.D.; J. Huckell, J.D.; J. Dobbs, I.G.; T. F. Noakes, Org.; G. Schadler, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Downes, A.D.C.; W. H. Montagu and H. Miles, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The usual addresses were given by the Installing Master, Bro. W. J. Greig, with marked effect and won for him the hearty approval of the brethren. The following sums were then voted unanimously, 10 guineas to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' (M.W.G.M.) Hospital Fund; one guinea to the fund being raised by the Freemasons for endowing a bed at Guy's Hospital; three guineas to a former brother in great distress; and five guineas for a Life Governorship at one of the Masonic Charities, for presentation to the wife of the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Harriss, P.M., in acknowledgement of his great urbanity and kindness to all the members, and appreciation of the able and courteous manner in which he performed the duties of his important office.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

"Hearty good wishes," were then tendered by the large number of visitors present and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room where an ample banquet was excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hamp.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, as also that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Greig proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in very felicitous terms, stating that this lodge had fortunately had a succession of excellent Masters carrying out the precepts of the Craft, and he felt sure that their W.M. would not be behind any of his predecessors in this respect, and would prove a Master of whom they would all be proud.

The Worshipful Master, who had a most cordial reception on rising to respond, said "I suppose there are moments in every man's life when he feels it very difficult to find words to express all that is in his heart and that this was one of those peculiar moments in his own, but he did most heartily thank them for the kind reception they had given him and the brethren for electing him to that exalted position that it was now his privilege to hold. I thought when I was initiated 10 years ago I could not attain to this high position, but by the grace of the Great Architect I have been spared to do so. I hope you will give me credit for doing my best and that I shall give satisfaction to you all. I shall be amply rewarded if at the end of my year of office it can be said to me. Well done, good and worthy brother."

In submitting the toast of "The Installing and I.P.M.," Bro. Kinipple, W.M., observed that he approached the task with some diffidence, as it might be considered that he was simply reciprocating the kind words Bro. Greig had used towards himself, but they must admit that Bro. Greig had proved himself one of the most able Masters the lodge had ever had, and that he had completed his year of office as W.M. most successfully by the able manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony that evening, and it was indeed a very pleasant duty that he had to perform in pinning on his breast that Past Master's jewel, and also presenting him with a silver tea service and taltalus, as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his very valuable services during the past year, and they all hoped he and his wife would be spared many years to make good use of them in memory of his many Masonic friends.

Bro. Greig, who was evidently much touched by the kindness of the brethren, in very feeling terms said: I have a very embarrassing and difficult task before me to adequately acknowledge your great kindness, especially when accompanied by such handsome presents. I have done my best for the lodge and shall continue to do so as long as I am spared to come amongst you. I do heartily and sincerely thank you and am sure this moment will remain engraven on heart and memory all my life.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Visitors," saying he was particularly fortunate in having so many present at his installation. They were always pleased to see and entertain guests, and he hoped they had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. J. R. Johnson, P.M.; J. G. Millbourn, P.M.

13; F. T. Wood, P.M.; and J. Tolworthy, W.M. 2625, who, in their reply, bore their testimony to the excellent working in the lodge and their appreciation of the manner in which they had been welcomed and entertained that evening.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" quickly followed.

Bros. J. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Harriss, P.M., Sec.; C. Daniel, P.M.; F. J. Ruse, P.M.; and S. Spencer, S.W., responded.

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

Shortly before the close, the W.M. announced that, including the 10 guineas voted by the lodge, the amount collected at the banquet-table would enable them to send 427 shillings to their M.W.G.M.'s Hospital Fund, in the name of the lodge and their visitors.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the singing of some capital solos and quartettes by Madame Alice Lovenez, Miss Florence Venning, Bros. Charles Ellison and Frederic Russell, with Bro. T. F. Noakes very ably presiding at the piano.

There were close on 200 brethren present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. C. Daniel, P.M.; W. Chicken, P.M.; F. J. Ruse, P.M.; J. G. Haller, P.M.; E. C. Talbot, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; C. J. Rich, P.M.; D. Harlow, P.M.; and W. C. Thomas, P.M.

The following visitors were present: Bros. P. B. Aitken, 1597; H. H. Clarke, 1475; W. T. Sanders, 1228; R. Thompson, 1597; W. Russell, 1679; C. Butcher, 902; H. Lawrence, 2348; F. Thornton, 1805; T. Dix, 2521; J. Milroy, 2255; H. Raffle, 2255; James Smith, P.M. 192; C. Garton, W.M. 192; William Baker, S.W. 192; F. Evans, P.M. 1421; H. Meadows, P.M. 1571; C. Featherstone, 1540; E. Milsom, 2484; J. Tolworthy, W.M. 2625; W. Powley, 2332; J. J. L. Linton, 2411; F. A. Lloyd, 2411; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; F. Ranger, 1278; A. W. Smith, 193; R. Robson, 1310; A. Jones, 860; W. McLean, 860; E. G. Denton, 913; E. T. Clarke, 1586; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; R. F. Cuthbertson, P.M. 136; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; D. Niven, W.M. 27; J. Douglas Smith, P.M. 27; W. H. Mardon, 171; J. Holland, 1306; C. M. Holland, 1804; J. T. Kinipple, P.M. 1816; J. R. Johnson, P.M. 2005; H. Battam, 1777; C. Warman, 2398; R. Sandland, 2398; H. J. Timothy, 2580; J. Davidson, W.M. 87; J. Start, P.M. 1743; G. Bird, P.M. 879; W. J. Derby, 174; W. J. Baldwin, 2346; W. Parsons, 2473; C. H. Wilson, 1949; J. J. Franklin, 1602; F. T. Wood, 1672; J. T. Rushton, P.M. 8; H. Cole, 749; W. H. Iles, 1420; J. Bishop, 1056; E. Freeman, W.M. 55; T. Prior, P.M. 765; J. Loftus, P.M. 1306; S. G. Rudd, E. Crump, 1185; J. T. Ball, 157; B. Burton, P.M. 15; A. Schneider, 2318; J. T. W. Goldsmith, 1589; H. Yates, W.M. 2395; D. R. Milch, 1632; W. Wells, 579; J. W. Clifford, 742; and Emdon, P.M.

### Industry Lodge, No. 48.

The annual meeting of this ancient and vigorous lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gateshead, when there was, as usual, a capital muster of members and visitors. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hugh Jackson, presided, and was supported by the following: Bros. A. Dodds, I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; W. Dalrymple, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; W. Stafford, P.M.; Thomas R. Jobson, P.M., Sec.; Alfred Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect; W. C. A. Holzappel, J.W.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; J. T. Pragnell, J.D.; Thomas Douglass, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. H. Pitt, W. E. Peacock, R. Hewett, and R. Atkinson, Stwds. Amongst other members present were Bros. W. Blyth, R. Johnston, P. Smith, J. Cunningham, W. F. Brown, J. Neil, R. Douglas, W. L. Young, J. Carr, G. T. Bootes, J. Lightdown, Jos. Robson, J. Denwood, J. Lawson, Anthony Dodds, T. H. Armstrong, C. E. Elliott, Geo. Reid, P. Cash, H. Coulson, T. W. Wray, R. C. Tate, J. Bovill, W. Sheriff, W. W. Nichols, F. Hastie, and Jas. Gow. The visiting list was a good one and comprised Bros. J. H. Leech, P.M. 97; J. T. Stark, W.M. 1676; H. Spittle, P.M. 1342; Wm. Cooper, P.M. 1342; R. S. Story, S.W. 1863; J. Burrell, W.M. 424; W. J. Heppell, I.P.M. 424; R. Stewart, P.M. 424; J. Shaw, P.M. 424; E. A. Moffitt, P.M. 424; T. Findale, S.W. 424; W. F. Phillips, J.W. 424; J. Howe, Sec. 424; D. MacDonald, P.M. 406; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; J. H. Juman, W.M. 2520; F. Turnbull, P.M. 481; F. E. Jameson, W.M. 24; John Page, P.M. 406; O. B. Richardson, 94; A. Page, Sec. 2520; J. J. Hewett, 424; E. Bone, 424; G. Taylor, 481; F. W. Laidlaw, 2520; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for a joining member and four initiates. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. Simpson, was then presented by Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. Hugh Jackson, and was subsequently installed as W.M. in the usual manner. The officers were then invested—Bros. H. Jackson, I.P.M.; W. C. A. Holzappel, S.W.; J. Armstrong, J.W.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; W. J. Jobson, Treas.; J. T. Pragnell, Sec.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Thos. Douglass, S.D.; H. H. Pitt, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Peacock, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Richard Hewett, R. Atkinson, and R. Laverick, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The ancient charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered in an impressive manner by Bro. W. Brown, P.M. Notice of motions for disposal of funds for some Masonic purposes were made and other business was transacted, after which the new W.M. received the congratulations of the visitors, and the proceedings terminated.

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the banquetting hall, and there was a crowded attendance of brethren, presided over by the W.M.

The night was spent very enjoyably in harmony and the usual Masonic toasts.

### Camden Lodge, No. 704.

A most successful and enjoyable installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 16th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. C. Gammon presided. Among the visitors present were Bros. W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.; John Diprose, P.M. 957; G. F. Edwards, P.M. 765; R. Perkins, P.M. 34; H. Von Joel, P.M. 957; W. J. Styles, J.D. 91; G. F. Vine, J.D. 2271; G. Smith, W.M. 554; M. Powell, W.M. 2206; F. J. Hannen, M.D., P.M. 201; J. Thorn, P.M. 2231; G. White, 975; H. L. Briggs, 1658; T. H. Beach, 1500; A. Pettit, 1732; W. Wright, 1524; C. P. Coles, 1744; H. J. Hirst, 2262; W. Briggs, 1366; and G. Preston, 1585.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. H. W. Coplestone then presented Bro. John Simpson, W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C. (who had been specially invited by the lodge) the ceremony of installation, which was performed in a brilliant manner. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Chas. Gammon, I.P.M.; John Sanders, S.W.; Frederick V. Mackenzie, J.W.; Frederick Trinder, P.M., Treas.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M., Sec.; Dr. N. John Goodchild, P.M., Asst. Sec.; George Cartwright, S.D.; Alfred J. Lane, J.D.; Walter J. Hawtin, I.G.; Frederick A. Birt, D.C.; Geo. E. Smith, Asst. D.C.; Wm. Hudson and Alfred Mills, Stwds.; E. A. Warfield, Organist; and Joseph Henschel, Assistant Organist. Bro. Systimus Fenwick Atkinson, 481, was elected a joining member, and Messrs. José Juan Franco, William Leighton Fraser, and Charles Schindler were duly initiated in a masterly manner by the newly-installed W.M. The W.M. then presented in eulogistic terms Bro. C. Gammon, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which was suitably acknowledged.

After the usual banquet, presided over by the W.M., who proved himself a thorough master of the art—the loyal toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said it was to those distinguished brethren so much of the success of Freemasonry was due, and while such brethren as the present occupants could be found to fill those important offices there could be no doubt that Freemasonry as an institution would flourish to the end of time. They were honoured that evening with the presence of Bro. Beaumont, and he felt sure the lodge, as well as himself, thoroughly appreciated the honour conferred upon them. It was to him one of the greatest pleasures of that evening to propose that toast and associate Bro. Beaumont's name with it. He had the honour of being initiated into that lodge by Bro. Beaumont, and he had that night, by the kindness of the I.P.M. and Past Masters, who were thoroughly competent to have performed the ceremony, been installed in such an impressive and masterly manner by that distinguished brother—a privilege he valued most highly. Bro. Beaumont had followed his career in Masonry and done everything to encourage him (the W.M.) to endeavour to worthily fulfil the proud and humble position he had attained to. He trusted the Grand Officers would be long spared to continue the admirable work they were doing in Freemasonry, and he

felt certain they would add lustre to the already brilliant traditions of the Grand Officer of England.

Bro. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C., on behalf of the Grand Officers, thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and said that the Grand Officers were always anxious to get among the lodges as time and circumstances would permit. It was to him a special pleasure to be in that lodge and to witness the admirable work of its officers. He desired to thank the lodge, the I.P.M., and Past Masters for permitting him to instal Bro. Simpson to his exalted position. He had known their W.M. a great many years, and when he initiated him into that lodge about nine years ago he prophesied that he would prove himself a worthy Mason. He thought that prophecy had been fulfilled to the letter. The manner in which he had gone through his work that evening, when his nerves must necessarily have been somewhat unstringed, must have given the lodge great satisfaction. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, and he might assure them that as in the past so in the future would they continue to endeavour to merit the good will and esteem of the brethren.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. C. Gammon, in a humorous speech and ably responded to.

The remaining toasts were duly honoured and a very pleasant evening brought to a close.

Under the able conductorship of Bro. James Budd, assisted by Miss Gertrude Snow, Miss Florence Venning, Miss José Dubois (violinist), Mr. H. Marriott, and Bro. Herbert Schartau, an excellent programme of music was provided.

### Stuart Lodge, No. 1632.

The installation meeting of this very flourishing and successful South London lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. W. R. Barr, W.M.; J. Morgan, P.M., S.W. and W.M. elect; J. M. Klempner, J.W.; G. H. G. Morgan, P.M., Treas.; A. Bannister, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Vagg, S.D.; J. N. Milch, J.D.; H. Baldwin, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Bowler, I.G.; A. Jewell, A.D.C.; T. Bailey, Tyler; H. Mascal, P.M.; G. Prickett, J. Whiteman, J. Burr, C. E. Brooke, H. Montgomery, J. Hart, J. E. Russell, J. Cook, H. Richardson, P. L. Aldridge, T. E. Wilson, J. Johnson, J. Barker, E. Voigt, J. N. Morgan, R. B. Whiteman, W. Munro, H. Wright, W. A. Pecare, A. G. Gray, A. Vaughan, A. Grimshaw, J. Luckings, J. H. Wolpert, Evan Cook, J. O'Connor, W. Hipgraves, W. E. Challis, N. Yearsley, A. Bailey, J. E. Deus, J. T. Sweet, E. Falkner, T. C. Andrews, E. F. Hancox, R. J. Bennett, C. Brook, and G. W. Allen. The visitors were Bros. J. E. Walker, 1471; T. Side, W.M. 1539; G. Yepsley, 1471; W. G. Reed, 1693; H. Coborn, 1539; A. W. Le Cren, I.P.M. 1320; W. Harper, P.M. 2182; D. S. Davis, 141; G. F. Reinwitz, P.M. 1627; W. Wicken, J.D. 742; A. Kimpner, P.M. 268; R. Peachey, S.W. 1922; T. Carpenter, 1902; F. E. Wrigley, S.W. 73; C. A. Webb, 1539; A. J. Kirk, I.G. 65; A. Cannon, I.G. 1044; J. Whaley, J.W. 1365; Bohen, 2021; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 507.

The minutes of previous regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. C. F. Hancox, W. Munro, H. Wright, and C. J. E. Deus, which proving unanimous, they were initiated by the W.M. in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. H. Baldwin, P.M., next presented Bro. J. Morgan, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of the W.M., Bro. W. R. Barr, the benefit of installation, which ceremony was ably performed in a large Board of Installed Masters. The addresses were very ably given by Bro. W. R. Barr. Bro. J. Morgan, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. R. Barr, I.P.M.; J. M. Klempner, S.W.; J. R. Vagg, J.W.; G. H. G. Morgan, P.M., Treas.; A. Bannister, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Bowler, S.D.; J. Ottway, J.D.; H. Baldwin, P.M., D.C.; F. Knell, I.G.; J. H. Wolpert, A.D.C.; J. O'Connor, and J. R. Morgan, Stwds.; and T. Bailey, Tyler. Four propositions were handed in for initiation, which augurs well for the lodge. The ladies' night which is a special feature in the lodge was deferred till the autumn session, the fourth Monday in November.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by Mrs. Venables in her usual *recherché* style.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarking how she supported every kind of charitable institution, and at the present time all her subjects were drawn towards her and were grateful that she had reached such a unique position as the Diamond Jubilee. She was one of the best sovereigns that had ever occupied a throne.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next presented by the W.M., who said all knew the deep interest he also took in the cause of charity and the strenuous effort he was making to benefit the various London Hospitals, and thereby make during the present year a lasting memento of this auspicious reign. He also spoke of the other Grand Officers, the Pro G.M., and the Dep. G.M., with the rest, who were the pioneers of Freemasonry. For their splendid services a deep debt of gratitude was due.

Bro. W. R. Barr, I.P.M., in presenting the toast of "The W.M.," said all knew his sterling worth. He and the W.M. had performed the various duties of the lodge side by side, therefore, he was enabled to speak of the assiduity he had always displayed. His acquisitions had been witnessed that evening and from appearances he would eclipse all the Masters who had preceded him in the lodge. Many Masters on leaving the chair often expressed themselves that they could perform the duty better if they had a second year. The W.M. was about to enter his second year as a Master, he having installed his successor in the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge only a few days ago in a most admirable manner. He had the confidence that whatever the W.M. was called upon to do it would be done in a perfect manner and to the benefit of the Stuart Lodge.

Bro. Morgan, W.M. (who received an ovation), replied that he thanked the brethren most heartily, and from the flattering remarks of Bro. Barr, he hoped the brethren would not expect too much. However, he promised them that he would most conscientiously carry out the duties to the benefit of the lodge. One great desire of his was that the proud financial position of the Stuart Lodge should be maintained during the year, and that at the close there should be such a substantial balance at the bankers as there was now. For the honour conferred upon him, he promised to do his utmost to uphold the dignity of the lodge. He was delighted to announce that the sum of £4 4s. had been collected for his Royal Highness's Fund to show their gratitude to him as their Grand Master.

Bro. J. Morgan next proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. W. R. Barr," remarking that it was an exceptional satisfaction to him to give it. They had been associated with each other since boyhood. He was a thorough stickler at work, as the past year's record showed, and that night was no exception, as he had quite eclipsed himself. The lodge had passed through many vicissitudes, but now, through successive Masters, and specially during the past year, it had been raised to an enviable position. The I.P.M. had initiated no less than 22 gentlemen into the lodge, which showed the deep interest he took in it, and for his splendid success the brethren had voted him the handsome jewel he so richly deserved, to mark their esteem and affection. He hoped that prosperity might reign in the lodge so long as the I.P.M. was in it, and long after. Also a slight innovation was made for the first time in the lodge, which was to further show their appreciation by asking his acceptance of a Past Master's collar and jewel (attached), with the earnest desire that he might wear the same for many years.

The toast was received most cordially.

Bro. Barr, I.P.M., in response, thanked the W.M. for his exceptionally kind remarks of him, and he certainly had done his utmost for the advantage of the lodge. When he joined some 15 years ago it was at a very low ebb, to the number of about a dozen subscribing members, it now mustered about 63, and four more proposals raised it to a highly respectable number. During the year he had exerted himself greatly to perform the duties of the chair (as it was the duty of the W.M.) to the best of his ability. He would assure the brethren as long as he lived he would remain a member of the lodge, with the earnest hope that its success would be sustained. He received the Past Master's jewel with pleasure as their mark of deep respect, but he appreciated the Past Master's collar and jewel far more, not for its intrinsic value, but as a further mark of their appreciation. His earnest desire was to wear that in the Stuart Lodge for many years, and he heartily wished it prosperity.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Initiates" in most befitting terms.

Bros. Hancox, Munro, Wright, and Deus acknowledged the honour bestowed on them.

The toast of "The Visitors" received at the hands of the W.M. many kind and complimentary remarks, giving them all—so worthy an array—a most cordial welcome.

Bro. Side, W.M. 1539, replied, stating the great delight it gave him to be present and witness such excellent working in so successful a lodge. The banners of the various Masters were a great attraction, and certainly he had been much struck by their appearance, which, to his mind, gave a splendid tone to the lodge. The W.M. had just vacated the chair in another lodge, and had installed him as his successor, which ceremony was carried out perfectly. He was sure the same excellent work would be performed in the Stuart Lodge. That certainly was a record age, specially as regards the splendid service rendered by the retiring Master, and also the W.M. having begun so admirably, everything tended towards the prosperity and prestige of the lodge being maintained.

Bros. Stone, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; and Coborn also pertinently replied.

Bro. Morgan, W.M., next presented the toast of "The Past Masters," coupling with it the officers of the lodge. The Past Masters had done yeoman service in the lodge, and brought great credit upon it. Bro. Lynn had done excellent duty to the lodge, and Bro. G. H. T. Morgan was an admirable Treasurer, looking after and guarding the funds most faithfully. Of the other officers, the W.M. congratulated himself upon such an array, specially remarking upon the thorough earnestness displayed by them all and to the S.D. for his exceptional working.

The toast was most suitably responded to by Bros. Lynn, Morgan, Treas.; Bowler, S.D.; Harper, P.M., Org.; and O'Connor.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy and eventful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. A. Court, ably assisted by Mrs. G. H. G. Morgan, Bros. Walter Banks, W. R. Barr, I.P.M.; A. Cranch, P.M.; Evan Cook, A. E. Grimshaw, J. Sweet, and Mr. A. Tucker. Bro. W. H. Harper, P.M., ably presided at the piano.

### St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ultimo, in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne. Present: Bros. T. Barber, W.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, acting I.P.M.; A. G. Fenton, S.W.; G. Eland, J.W.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. Hirst, S.D.; E. Simpson, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; W. Hallgarth, P.M.; T. J. Smith, I.G.; R. Brew and T. R. R. Marsden, Stwds.; T. Tomlinson, G. E. Hardcastle, A. L. Peace, P.M.; and F. Pine, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Read, 2078; F. H. Buckland, S.W. 242; J. F. Harrison; J. F. Turner, 242; and C. Cundall, 1487.

Bro. J. Acaster was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Peace, Eland, and Ashlin.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Club Room, where supper was partaken of, followed by the customary Masonic toasts.

### Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345.

The annual festival of this lodge fell on St. Patrick's Day, and the members assembled in goodly number, and with a determination to hail the eighth Master with heartiness and deepest respect. True, the eye was not a jocund one, but the enthusiasm of the brethren made all go merry as a marriage bell. Among those present were Bros. Charlie Woods, W.M.; John Mitchell, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; T. Morris, J.W.; John Langdon, I.P.M.; A. Robertson, S.D.; G. F. Winny, J.D.; Henry Mitchell, I.G.; W. Baldwin, A.D.C.; Hearsey, Shannaw, and Fitch, Stwds.; all the Past Masters of the lodge, viz.: Bros. S. Cochrane, P.G.T.; W. W. Westley, D.C.; J. W. Folkard, Sec.; E. Beaven and A. Harvey; also Bros. Taylor, Kidman, Machin, P.M.; Robert Steele, P.M., Treas., Treasurer elect; Brinkman, Stanley, J. Wyer, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Roberts, Beckwith, Gregory, C. W. Shannaw, F. W. Sinclair, Harrould, and George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas. England. Visitors, Bros. Page, W.M. 1613; Lipscomb, W.M. 507; Gissing, I.G. 1056; G. B. Wood, J.D. 2417; Danby, P.M. 1056; D. Sames, D.C. 2540; H. J. Mitchell, 1056; J. Briggs Dixon, D.C. 2513; S. Sinclair, 1608; Drinlaw, 91; R. Sinclair, 91; Norden, Stwd. 879; Edwards, 186; Butt, J.D. 753; Bathurst, I.G. 410; Bond, P.M. 1314, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Shuttle, 1329; A. Calk, P.M. 1056; Henry Lynn, M.L.S.B., P.M. 2417, S.W. 2611; Brown, 1604; Billing, 2241; Boswell, P.M. 2417; and Crow, 201.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Brinkman was then duly passed. The W.M. having vacated the chair, Bro. Stanley was raised by Bro. Westley, P.M., most impressively. The W.M. then installed Bro. John Mitchell. Bro. Mitchell invested the following officers: Bros. Charlie Woods, I.P.M.; Thomas Morris, S.W.; Andrew Robertson, J.W.; Robert Steele, P.M., Treas.; John Wm. Folkard, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; G. F. Winny, S.D.; Henry Mitchell, J.D.; Charles J. Fitch, Alfred Machin, P.M., and G. Taylor, Stewards; and Charles Patrick, P.M., Tyler. Bros. Baldwin, I.G., and C. W. Shannaw, A.D.C., being delayed in attendance, were not invested. Ballot was taken for Messrs. Mitchell (son of the W.M.) and Harrould, and, proving in their favour, they were impressively initiated, the W.M. being visibly affected at being able to initiate a second son. Bro. Kidman presented the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the financial position of the lodge to be sound. Bro. Westley proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. Charlie Woods, and this was carried unanimously.

Other Masonic business being transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards enjoyed a sumptuous repast under the presidency of the W.M.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. drew attention to the long and illustrious reign of her Majesty. Such a reign never had been known in the history of the world, for everything that goes to "make history" had been met with in the past 60 years.

The W.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.," saying that wherever any good was to be done there would the Grand Master be found.

"The Grand Officers" next claimed attention, and the W.M. alluded to what they did; he also mentioned the Grand Officers of that lodge, especially alluding to his close connection with, and indebtedness to, Bro. S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.

Bro. S. Cochrane replied, referring to his experience as a Grand Officer, and to his connection with the members of the lodge and the visitors who were present.

Bro. C. Woods, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. John Mitchell." He said that at any time it would be a great pleasure to propose the toast of the Master of the lodge, for they delighted to honour the one whom they had elected, but on this occasion it was a much greater pleasure, considering the excellent and highly esteemed craftsman who presided over them. The able and impressive way in which he had done his work that evening would convince those present that their Master was able and willing—in a pre-eminent degree—to perform the duties of his high office.

Bro. John Mitchell, W.M., responded, promising that everything in his power should be done to ensure that this year should be one of success—and that the welfare and happiness of the members should receive due attention.

Bro. John Mitchell, W.M., proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. C. Woods," whose work he eulogised. He took this opportunity of pinning to the I.P.M.'s breast the handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, expressing a hope that he might live long to wear it.

Bro. Woods, in response, said he was reminded of the first time he responded as Secretary in that room. Then he had said that theirs must be made one of the best lodges in the world. All the founders, especially the Past Masters, had laboured with that end in view. Their work had been duly rewarded, for no happier band of brethren could be met with anywhere.

The W.M. in proposing "The Initiates," said that if his son made as good a Mason as he had been a son then they would all be proud of him in years to come. He believed also that Bro. Harrould would equally earn their esteem.

Bros. Mitchell and Harrould suitably replied.

The W.M. proposed in most felicitous terms "The Visitors," many of whom were "friends of many years," all being highly esteemed.

Bro. Lipscomb, W.M. 507, said that they had that evening received a Masonic treat of a very high order in the lodge room, and afterwards an equal treat at the banquet table. Often the pleasure of realisation was less than the expectation. In this instance the realisation far exceeded anything he could have expected. The work was excellent, and only equalled by the hospitality displayed.

Bro. Danby, P.M. 1056, made an able and telling speech, referring to the time when he had installed Bro. John Mitchell in the Victoria Lodge, and to their labours together.

Bro. Bond, P.M. 1314, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, referred to his experience in years gone by in that lodge. He also enjoyed his visits there, and was deeply indebted to Bro. Wyer for the opportunity of attending.

Bro. Billing, 2244, said, as a young Mason, he had received information and pleasure.

Bro. A. Calk, P.M. 1056, had worked with and beside the W.M. for upwards of 30 years. His esteem for him continually increased, and he congratulated the lodge on having such a Master.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," all seven of whom were present, in felicitous terms.

Bro. Westley, P.M., D.C., said that the Past Masters had worked in the past, and would do the same in the future. He looked forward to their meetings always; happiness was ever to be found there.

The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," both highly-esteemed Past Masters; both able and willing to do their work.

Bros. Steele, P.M., Treas., and J. W. Folkard, P.M., Sec., also replied in earnest, interesting, and suitable words.

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers," referred to their past labours and their promise for the future. They guaranteed that many years of prosperity were before the lodge.

Bros. T. Morris, S.W., and A. Robertson, J.W., replied on behalf of the officers, and promised heartiest support to the Master.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. G. F. Winny, Wilson, James, Wilfred Stracey, Robbins, Machin, Calk, Stanley, Gissing, and Brown.

## Royal Arch.

### St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

The last convocation of this civic chapter for the season was held on the 11th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and among those attending were Comps. R. Evans, M.E.Z.; H. Clemow, P.Z., H.; W. Farrington, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; T. Phillips, S.N.; J. W. Gaze, P.Z., Treas.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; and T. Farthing, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following elections took place: Comps. H. Clemow, P.Z., M.E.Z.; W. Farrington, H.; T. Phillips, J.; Major Walls, S.E.; J. W. Gaze, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. R. Evans, M.E.Z., and a vote of thanks passed to him. The name of a joining member was proposed and seconded. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. Farrington, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. (hon. member); and others.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

The M.E.Z. proposed, in fluent terms, "The Health of the First Principal elect." He said that Comp. H. Clemow was the first exalted of No. 1589 and a Past Principal of it for some years. He was sure that they would all hail with pleasure his second occupancy of the chair, and would look forward to a very pleasant year under his rule. He had been very punctual in his attendance, and his interest had never abated. He regretted that other Principals who had left them had not found it convenient to do the like suit and service. He would also couple with the toast the name of the Second Principal elect, Comp. W. Farrington. This pledge was received with acclamation.

Comps. Clemow and Farrington responded.

"The Past Principals," coupled with the names of Comps. T. Farthing and W. E. Farrington, terminated the proceedings.

## Mark Masonry.

### Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 332.

The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, Trafalgar-road, East Greenwich, and was honoured by the presence of Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., P.D.P.G.M., P.G. Chap. Eng., who, in his own inimitable manner, performed the ceremony of installation.

The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Burney, sen., W.M., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. C. M. Challenger, P.M. 323, P.P.G.S.W. Isle of Man, and T. Heaps, P.M. 309, and both cases proved unanimous. Bro. Cummings then assumed the chair, and the W.M. elect, Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M. 309, P.P.G.M.O., having been presented, was duly installed, proclaimed, and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. Challenger, P.M., &c., S.W.; W. J. Huntley, J.W.; H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.I. of Wks., acting M.O.; A. E. Kipps, S.O.; G. Burney, jun., acting J.O.; G. P. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.I. of Wks., Sec.; W. H. Burney, P.M., P.G.S., acting R.M.; E. J. Cook, S.D.; J. W. Rozier, J.D.; W. Burney, acting I.G.; and E. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Cummings then gave the addresses, and was complimented and thanked by resolution for the grand manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Officer. Bro. G. Burney, sen., I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge, for which he returned his best thanks. The Audit Committee's report was received and adopted, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome assembly room of the hotel, under the direct supervision of Bro. Burney, and was all the most fastidious feeder could desire, while the wines were as cool and delicious as they were "Burney."

Among other brethren present were Bros. H. W. Partridge, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; S. J. Gore, P.M.; H. F. Greig, P.M., P.G.O.; W. Tyler; F. W. Williams, W.M. 322, P.G.S.; W. Judd, S.W. 322; and C. Jolly, P.M. 226 and 309, P.P.G.D.

The usual loyal and Grand Mark Lodge toasts were drunk most heartily.

In proposing the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they were honoured that night by the presence of a certain Past Grand Officer, who was anxious not to miss his train, and who had a long way to go. He alluded, as they were all aware, to their esteemed P.D.G.M., Bro. Cummings, and those who had attended the recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Kent would know how deeply his retiring from the proud position of P.D.G.M. of that province was regretted by every member of P.G. Lodge present, and he would venture to say that that regret was not confined to P.G. Lodge, but to every member of every lodge in the province. Their distinguished brother was not only P.D.P.G.M., but a P.G.C. of the G. Mark Lodge of England, while in his private capacity he was one of the best men in the world.

The toast was drunk in bumpers and amid much enthusiasm.

Bro. Cummings, on rising to respond, was loudly cheered. He said he certainly did not expect to have to respond to such an important toast, although it was very true that he had the honour of being a P.G. Officer of the G. Mark Lodge of England. It was to him a greater honour, if possible, to have occupied the proud position he had held in the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Kent, and also to know that his efforts for the prosperity of the Degree were appreciated by the Mark Masons of the province. When, in 1887, he was placed in the office of D.G.M. of the Province of Kent, he felt the responsibilities of the position, and determined that, as many others whom he had been associated with in the work had done, no amount of money, time, or energy should be considered wasted that was spent for the interest of the Order, and he could only say that his connection with the work had been a continual feast of Masonic love and unity. He then referred to the consecration of the lodge in 1884, when he did the work, and also installed their first Master, Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, and concluded by saying that at any time that he could do any service for the happiness of the brethren or the success of the lodge, that service was at their disposal.

Bro. Cummings then left amid the "Heartly good wishes" of every brother present.

The W.M. replied at length to the toast of his health, and predicted a long and useful career for the lodge and the progress of the Order in the borough of Greenwich.

Several other toasts were honoured, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening followed the labours of the day.

THE LADY MAYORESS, who has found it necessary to defer her intended visit to the Continent for a few days, will hold a reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday next, the 6th inst. This will be her only reception during the present month.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

### ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Smith, W.M.; Facey, S.W.; Tuckfield, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Farndell, S.D.; Weller, J.D.; Place, I.G.; Beauchamp, Haywood, Markland, Schott, Sellick, Sleep, and Wright.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sleep being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Haywood, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Facey was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

In accordance with ancient custom, the 15 Sections will be worked on Good Friday, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. E. Mullins, W.M.; H. Raphael, S.W.; J. C. Goldstein, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., and T. Smale, P.M., Secs.; C. Pinnell, S.D.; F. A. Zeppenfeld, J.D.; C. Holmes, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler; J. Mason, T. L. Bowden, H. C. Parker, M. Beedle, A. A. Butcher, and J. Leather.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bowden being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Paul, Preceptor. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Mason. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Isaac, of the Barnato Lodge, was elected a joining member, and dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. H. Raphael, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, who appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when the election of officers took place, and resulted in the re-election of Bro. J. Paul as Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., and T. W. Smale, P.M., joint Secretaries; and W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler. A vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. Mullins, for his excellent working as W.M. for the first time in the lodge, closed the proceedings.

### CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, and Sec. R.M.B.I., on Friday, the 19th ult., at the above lodge held at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington (near West Hackney Church). The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. W. Bishop, 1056. Bro. Terry having assumed the chair was ably supported by the officers of the lodge Bros. F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Preceptor; T. I. Bird, P.M. 1567, 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Harry Willsmer, 1567, Sec.; and F. W. Bishop and Worthington, Organists. There were present also Bros. G. Clark, A. Rusby, Calley, Jeanes, Matthews, Lamigeon, G. Kebbell, F. Kebbell, B. Read, Norris, Mason, W. H. Tilley, F. Tilley, Keighley, Wyatt, A. E. Horshead, Friedlander, J. Howard, Peters, Heslop, Cook, Whiteside, Feistel, A. W. Fenner, Thompson, Newman, Jackson, Joe Howard, Dr. Bunker, C. J. Davidson, Platt, Witte, Edmunds, and others whose names we could not ascertain; it must be noted that nearly all the above were P.Ms.

The lodge having been opened, the opening hymn was sung with good effect. Bro. Terry then addressed the brethren in an oration upon the beauties, obligations, and duties developing upon the members of the Craft in a very eloquent manner, which made a deep impression upon the brethren assembled. The ceremony was afterwards carried through in a very impressive manner. After the dedication and constitution Bro. G. Clark was installed by Bro. Terry, who invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Rusby, S.W.; Calley, J.W.; Bird, Treas.; H. Willsmer, Sec.; Jeanes, S.D.; Feistel, J.D.; Matthews, I.G.; and F. W. Bishop, Org. The finishing charges were given by Bro. Terry in his well-known impressive style which left nothing to be desired, and was of great instruction to the brethren assembled. A very hearty vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Terry for his kindness in attending and contributing to the pleasure and instruction of the members, which Bro. Terry acknowledged in a very happy speech, quite in his old style, after which the lodge was closed.

A re-union afterwards took place, at which several brethren contributed to the evening's enjoyment by giving recitations, notable among whom were Bros. Terry, Feistel, Bird, Peters, and other genial members of the Craft.

Taken altogether the evening was a decided success, and reflects great credit upon its managers, the total number present being close upon 50.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 26th ult. Present: Comps. J. Dunn M.E.Z.; Barr, H.; Plant, J.; Thos. Grumman, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Cass, S.N.; Lewis, P.S.; Hardman, Benedetti, Hurdell, Smith, Eckersall, and Addington.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. Hardman personating the candidate. Comp. C. Plant, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

The annual supper will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at 7 p.m., under the presidency of Comp. Wm. Eckersall, M.E.Z. 1275. All Royal Arch Masons interested in the above most successful chapter will be welcomed. If desirous of attending the supper please communicate with Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E., at 17, Soames-street, Peckham, by Monday, the 5th inst.

## Obituary.

### BRO. EDWARD SPOONER, P.M.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Spooner, in his 83rd year. The sad event occurred at his residence, Haldon-road, Wandsworth, on Saturday, the 20th ult., after having been confined to the house for two years. Bro. Spooner was initiated in the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, on the 14th May, 1846. In 1864, he helped to found the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, of which he was subsequently elected W.M., while in 1872 he was a founder of Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, and was one of its Past Masters and Treasurer at the time of his death. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Mount Zion Chapter, No. 169, on the 23rd January, 1854, and was elected an honorary member on the 12th December, 1881. He was also a Life Governor of all our three Institutions.

### BRO. JACOB NORTON.

At the time of going to press we learn with great regret of the death of Bro. Jacob Norton, who died at Boston, U.S.A., on Friday, the 19th ult., aged 83 years.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING has intimated to Mr. Frank Dethridge, the Vestry Clerk of Paddington, that he will unveil the Siddons Memorial at 12 o'clock noon on the 1st June.



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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Sub-  
scribers of this Institution will be held in the Large  
Hall of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN Great Queen-street,  
Lincoln's Inn Fields, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of  
APRIL, 1897, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General  
Business of the Institution, and to elect 20 Girls into the  
School, from a list of 28 approved candidates (IRENE  
ALICE FINCKEN, No. 20 on the List having been nomi-  
nated for admission under the "Sir Henry Edwards"  
Presentation). The election will commence at one o'clock,  
or immediately after the conclusion of the General  
Business.

F. R. W. HEDGES,  
Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall,  
Great Queen-street, W.C.,  
April 1st, 1897.

The 109th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place  
on WEDNESDAY, 12th MAY next, under the Presidency of  
the Right Hon. LORD LLANGATTOCK, R.W. Prov.  
Grand Master South Wales, East Division. Brethren  
willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are  
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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Sub-  
scribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS'  
TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields,  
London, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of APRIL, 1897, for the  
transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notice of Motion, given at the  
Council held 26th March, by the W. Bro. CHARLES E.  
KEYSER, P.G. Deacon, Patron, and Treasurer—

"That a respectful vote of congratulation be ten-  
dered to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen,  
Grand Patron of the Institution, on the occasion  
of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of  
her glorious and beneficent reign."

To consider the following Resolution of the Council of  
Friday, 26th March, 1897:

"That the Quarterly Court be recommended to  
declare a further vacancy at the Election on  
Friday, 9th April, to fill the place of the boy,  
GEORGE ALBERT VALENTINE HOWES, dis-  
charged at the request of his parent before the  
expiration of his term."

To receive a Report from the Board of Management as  
to the progress in the development of the Bushey site for  
the new School.

To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing 12 months.

To elect as Members of the Council, 12 brethren not  
being Life Governors.

To elect 10 Life Governors to fill vacancies on the Board  
of Management, 5 to be members of London Lodges or  
Chapters, and 5 to be members of Provincial Grand  
Lodges or Chapters.

To elect 21, or if the above recommendation be adopted,  
22 boys from an approved list of 60 candidates, reduced to  
55 by the withdrawal of—

(No. 13 on List).—Miners, Arnold Beverly (admitted to  
Institution on extraordinary vacancy).

(No. 32 on List).—Parry, Rey Griffith (withdrawn by  
friends);

(No. 33 on List).—Parsons, George (withdrawn by  
friends);

(No. 48 on List).—Collins, Lloyd removed by order of  
the Council, 29th January, 1897);

(No. 54 on List).—Barlow, Walter Cecil (withdrawn by  
friends).

The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon pre-  
cisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys and for Members of  
the Board of Management will open at One o'clock, or so  
soon as the General Business of the Court shall have  
terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order.

J. M. McLEOD,  
Secretary.

London, March 31st, 1897.

The NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTI-  
VAL will be held on the 30th June, 1897, under the  
distinguished Presidency of Lord Henry Cavendish Ben-  
tinck, R.W. Prov. G.M. for Cumberland and Westmor-  
land. The services of brethren representing Lodges or  
Provinces, and of Ladies as Stewards on this important  
occasion, are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully  
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SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1897.

## Masonic Notes.

We have just learned, on the eve of going to press, that the hopes we expressed in our Note of last week for the recovery of Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, from the very serious illness from which he has been suffering for more than a month past have not been realised, and that his Grace died at the Palace,

St. Stephen's Green, on Thursday, the 1st inst. We shall give such particulars as are possible of his Masonic career in our next issue, but in the meantime we tender our most respectful sympathy to the surviving members of his Grace's family.

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We beg to remind our readers that the Spring School elections will be held at Freemasons' Tavern next week, that for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls being held at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, on Thursday, the 8th instant, when the chair will be taken at the hour of 12 noon, and the ballot for candidates will be opened as soon as the ordinary business has been transacted or, at the latest, at 1 p.m. For this election there is an array of 29 girls, the number of vacancies to be filled being 20, so that under any circumstance there will be rather more than two-thirds of the whole number removed from the list, while, in the event of any of the four last cases failing to receive admission, this small remainder will be still further diminished.

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The Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Friday, the 9th inst., when as soon as the ordinary business is ended, or at 1 p.m., a ballot will be opened for the election of 21 from a list of 60 boys—since reduced by five withdrawals to 55. In this case the chances of securing a vacancy are less favourable, the proportion of vacancies to candidates being as 3 to 8, while for the Girls' School it is, as we have said, about 2 to 3. Thus less favourable prospects will render the contest more keen, and those who are bent on carrying their cases will have to exert all their influence in order to accomplish their purpose.

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At both elections there will be found a certain number of children who have but this solitary chance of obtaining admission. In the case of the Girls' School election, there are four such candidates, namely, those who are placed at Nos. 1, 4, 20, and 27, respectively, while in that of the Boys' School election, there are likewise four, who are numbered 15, 25, 43, and 55, respectively. If these, or any of these, fail, their names will be struck off the lists. Hence, as usual, we appeal most earnestly to all who have votes and influence, which are not already promised to other cases, to do what they can in order to prevent them being deprived of the opportunity of receiving the benefits of which they have been adjudged worthy. Others who may fail next week will have at least one chance more, but if the four girls and four boys we have indicated do not obtain admission this time, they fail altogether.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that it has been decided to hold a Masonic Service at the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, in behalf of the debt of £7000 on the Restoration Fund, on Ascension Day—Thursday, the 27th May. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G. Master, has signified his intention of being present accompanied by a number of Grand Officers, while a committee of brethren has been chosen with power to add to their number, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements. Of this committee Bro. Lord Llangat-tock, Prov. G. Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, has been appointed chairman, and the Chapter Clerk—Bro. Henry Langston—will act as Hon. Secretary. Tickets of admission to Masons will be issued in due course, and Secretaries of lodges, whether in London or the Provinces, who may be desirous of obtaining further information are requested to lose no time in communicating with the Honorary Secretary, at 32, Borough High-street, Southwark. We sincerely trust that the attendance of brethren will be worthy of the occasion and will prove of benefit to the special object for which the service will be held, more particularly as his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master has taken the greatest interest in the project for restoring this, one of the oldest and at the same time one of the finest of our Metropolitan Churches.

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We are sorry to find that the Report of the Committee of the North Wales Charitable Association for 1896 is the reverse of satisfactory, while, at the same time, we commend the action of the Committee in drawing attention so conspicuously to the steady diminution during the last few years of the contributions from the lodges and brethren throughout the Province. Now that this diminution has been made patent to every one by the yearly returns which the Committee have been at the pains of compiling, we trust their appeal for the further support which is necessary will not have been made in vain, and that, the

brethren throughout North Wales will, to quote the words of the Report, "endeavour to so alter things, that Masonic Charity shall become the leading principle of every lodge, chapter, and brother" in the Province.

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It is indeed desirable that no time should be lost in making such an effort. The diminution is the more serious because it has been steadily maintained during the years referred to. Thus in 1892, we are told, the total subscriptions amounted to £551 9s. 6d., of which £495 12s. was raised for the Central Charities, and £55 17s. 6d. for the local or B Fund. In 1893 the total was £529 18s., the Central Charities being benefited to the extent of £474 18s., and the B Fund receiving £55. In 1894 there was a further diminution to £466 7s., the Central Charities receiving £400 17s. 6d., and the B Fund £65 9s. 6d. In 1895 the position was still more lamentable, the Central Charities being successful in raising only £302 8s., while the subscriptions to the B Fund, dropped to £56 9s.; the two Returns amounting together to £358 17s. Last year, there was, we are pleased to say, a recovery, the subscriptions to the Central Charities reaching £328 15s. 6d., and to the B Fund £68 5s. 5d. But even here the total for the two Funds, amounting to £397 0s. 11d., is less by £154 8s. 7d., than that of the year 1892.

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We feel sure that our South Wales brethren, when they realise the full extent of the steady decrease in the totals from 1892 to 1895 and the very modest recovery in 1896, will respond loyally to this earnest appeal of the Committee of their Charitable Association and do what lies in their power to raise their contributions to the level of 1892, and, if possible, to a still higher figure.

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We regret that the name of Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.G. Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, was omitted from the report of the annual meeting of that body, which appeared in our issue of the 20th ult. We have every confidence in the members of our reporting staff, who are not only men of ability in their profession, but are likewise, from long experience, acquainted with the little difficulties, especially in obtaining names, which beset the reporter of a Masonic meeting. Attendance books are not always at hand for inspection, and even the most experienced reporter can hardly be expected to furnish, of his own knowledge, the names of all who attend a meeting. In the case of those reports which are kindly transmitted from outside sources, the utmost we can do is to publish them in the state in which they reach us.

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We have been requested to call attention to the claims of the "Maternity Charity and District Nurses' Home," Plaistow, E., upon the support of a generous public. From the particulars that have been sent to us it is clear that this institution must be doing a vast amount of good in one of the largest and, at the same time, one of the poorest parts of our huge Metropolis, where there are very few well-to-do people and scarcely any general hospitals, the population being composed for the most part of dock labourers, factory operatives, and people without regular employment. Subscriptions and donations are, therefore, earnestly invited, and may be sent either to the Honorary Treasurer of the Charity, Howard's-road, Plaistow, E., or to the Bankers, Messrs. Williams, Deacon, and Co., 20, Birchin-lane, E.C.

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The Grand Lodge of California, though it has not yet been in existence for half a century—its 47th annual communication was held in San Francisco in October last—has already 262 lodges on its roll with an aggregate subscribing membership of 18,208, or nearly 800 more than at the corresponding date in 1895. There are several local Boards of Relief and a Masonic Home Fund, the principal among the former being that of San Francisco, which during the years 1856-1896 has received 352,115 dollars and disbursed 350,924 dollars.

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The sad intelligence that Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, Massachusetts, has recently died will be everywhere received with the utmost regret, more particularly among the literary members of the Fraternity, to most of whom he was known personally, while there were many of them with whom he kept up a frequent and always an interesting correspondence. He was, in all probability, one of the best read Masons of his time, and the many and able criticisms he was in the habit of writing will be sorely missed. Bro. Norton had attained the ripe age of 83 years, and was, we believe, initiated in our Joppa Lodge, No. 188, some 60 years ago. We sincerely sympathise with the family and many friends of our late respected brother.

## Correspondence.

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

## THE NEW ZEALAND QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I regret being compelled to address you on the above subject, but I cannot allow Bro. T. B. Whytehead's sweeping condemnation of the District and Provincial Grand Masters of this Colony to go unchallenged.

I have certainly read in your columns, from time to time, a few somewhat vague and self-sufficient letters from the brother in question, whose self-assurance is so very pronounced on this occasion, and whose identity, as one of the *we's* of Grand Lodge, is now made manifest.

Judging from his remarks, he must be possessed of a fund of information, and no brother should accuse him of a want of modesty in publishing his weighty opinions to the Masonic world at large. At any rate, he should—if he is a brother capable of recognising his solemn obligations—pause ere he slanders the good name and fair fame of brethren whom, presumably, he does not know, holding high and responsible positions in the Craft for many years, and whose ruling has never been questioned in the discharge of their important Masonic duties.

It is all very well for Bro. Whytehead, in his aggressive spirit, to prate about Masonry in New Zealand, and pronounce judgment thousands of miles away on mere hearsay and *ex parte* evidence. In his strong partisanship he has evidently forgotten the first principles of common honesty and fair play, apart from the higher considerations appertaining to Freemasonry, in arriving at conclusions without having heard the other side of the question, or on doubtful and imperfect data.

If he really is desirous of ascertaining the truth, let him table a motion in Grand Lodge for the production of the several reports from the District Grand Masters on the condition of Freemasonry in New Zealand—reports furnished at the request of the Colonial Board—and then have those reports, together with Bro. Letchworth's letters, read in Grand Lodge for the information of the brethren in England.

Bro. Whytehead also seems to be very much exercised in his mind as to the significance of the word "loyal"—as applied to Masons. He is pleased to term the Masonic secession in New Zealand "the miserable squabble." Well, let an analogous case, for the sake of the illustration, arise in England in any of the large Masonic divisions, and let a "miserable squabble" be led by ambitious malcontents and Masonic socialists, claiming a right to establish a Grand Lodge of their own, and accentuating their discontent and rebellious tendencies by hurling defiance at the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the edicts of Grand Lodge.

I now ask Bro. Whytehead (without evasion or equivocation) to define "the relative titles applicable to such a condition of things." I venture to think that nine-tenths of the true Masons of England would conclude that there is but one interpretation, viz., "disloyalty *versus* loyalty"—despite all pharisaical reasonings, and the very awkward acknowledgment of the position. Call it by whatever name you like, methinks that if there is anything sacred in the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry and the solemn engagements entered into, that it will take a higher power than Bro. T. B. Whytehead and the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland to absolve these brethren from violated obligations. If not, then our professions are mere hypocrisy in the light of reason and the judgments of honourable men.

Owing to the lapse of time, it is just as well to reproduce a portion of Bro. Whytehead's letter, for the greater convenience of my review of his charges. He says:

"Those who know anything at all about the real cause of the miserable squabble in New Zealand, now so happily ended I trust and believe, are well aware that the whole trouble originated with Bro. Graham (*i.e.* the *Dist. Grand Master of Otago and Southland*) and his allies, who by their dictatorial and unmasonic course in their provinces prevented an *almost* unanimous movement for a local Grand Lodge. It would seem that these brethren have not altered, and do not intend to alter their tactics, for anything more unmasonic than some of the sentiments and expressions used by them I have never read. So far as the Grand Lodge of England is concerned, however, we have nothing to do with this, and our brethren across the sea must settle their own disputes."

Precisely so! Then why, may I ask, all this virtuous indignation, and meddlesome interference on the part of Bro. T. B. Whytehead?

In conclusion, I now challenge Bro. Whytehead to prove the following:

1. That the whole trouble originated with Bro. Graham and his allies—or in other words, the District and Provincial Grand Masters of New Zealand.
2. That the District and Provincial Grand Masters by their dictatorial and unmasonic course prevented an *almost* unanimous movement for a local Grand Lodge.
3. To publish the unmasonic sentiments and expressions used by me, at any time, in connection with the question, and to state where he has read them.
4. To prove that all that has been done by the District Grand Masters, in upholding the honour of Grand Lodge, has not been done under a strong sense of duty, in a strictly judicial and fraternal spirit, under the direction of, and with the full knowledge and concurrence of, the Colonial Board of the Grand Lodge of England.

Let Bro. Whytehead now substantiate his grave charges, or henceforth stand self-condemned before his brother Masons.—Yours fraternally,

J. BEVAN,

District Grand Master, Westland, N.Z.

February 6th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A letter has appeared in your columns of 5th December, signed by a Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of so extraordinary a nature that I trust you will in all fairness allow me through the same channel the opportunity of reply.

The writer in question takes the liberty of using my name and holds that the whole trouble "originated with me and my allies, who by their dictatorial and unmasonic course in the provinces prevented an almost unanimous movement for a local Grand Lodge." This is such an unwarrantable statement, made utterly without foundation, that I call upon Bro. Whytehead, in support of it, to give his proofs and authorities to your readers so that they may judge of the truthfulness or otherwise of the charge. Like many other Masons at home he shows a lamentable ignorance as to Masonic matters in this colony and only writes to intensify feeling. I can well understand from his style of expression that were he entrusted with authority we might possibly find him dictatorial indeed.

For the information of Bro. Whytehead and of his correspondents, let me clearly state that *only* for the just and firm attitude taken by all the Provincial and

District Grand Masters of New Zealand *true* Freemasonry through the ill-advised and improper action of the seceders would have collapsed and proved a by-word. The brethren who committed the sin of adhering to the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions looked to their chiefs for protection, and at this date, after living for so many years in peace and harmony together, they bear towards their District Grand Masters a respect and esteem which no writing of such brethren as Bro. Whytehead can affect or remove. For the good of Freemasonry in general the taunts and personal insults of the seceders were borne unheeded by those worthy rulers of the Craft, and the soiled linen washed at home. No offence was offered by the brethren of the British Constitutions save that of preserving their own opinions and attending to their own business, and they accordingly now view with some alarm the invasion into their peaceful lodges of men as visitors whom they thought they had got rid of and do not want to sit with again; this I am sorry to say cannot be contradicted. The Grand Lodge of England, the guardian of the rights of her loyal brethren here, seems to consider between 40 and 50 lodges numbering some 1500 members (perhaps more) a minority (!) Be it so. As her Steward I bow to her decisions at all times. It is strange, however, that at such an important meeting as that of 26th July so few took any interest in the debate, and though the Board of General Purposes, in reply to their own inquiries, had fullest information of the feeling—not of the District Grand Masters but of the brethren in New Zealand—upon the subject of recognition, yet the presiding officer never asked what it represented. The Grand Secretary never brought it forward or referred to it. It was was nobody's business to consider or give a thought to it. When all was over the common courtesy of advising the District Grand Masters of what had passed was departed from. They might secure the official intimation any way they liked and impart it in a similar manner to their brethren. Bro. Lord Onslow was misled when he said the warrants surreptitiously removed by the seceders had been returned, and a Bro. Dargaville (since passed to his rest) represented no English Mason whatsoever by any credential, and in the South Island I may fairly say even by name he was unknown!

Bro. Whytehead attempts a sneer at some correspondent in your paper over the question of loyalty, and pretends not to comprehend what the term means. Honourable Masons understand it to be a faithful discharge of their solemn obligations to their Grand Lodges, and firm support of her Laws and Constitutions. The seceders in New Zealand have failed in both these respects, and been regarded by their respective Grand Lodges (according to written instructions) as thoroughly disloyal. No quibbling over a word alters the position, and I much fear the cap fits uncomfortably. Should Bro. Whytehead make the *amende honorable*, I may then consider the propriety of submitting for his perusal copies of correspondence from Grand Lodge, suggesting at different times my taking very stringent steps indeed; had they been adopted, an excuse might have been raised for his remarks; but seeing I acted all through, so as to avoid scandal and publicity, the remarks of Bro. Whytehead affect me and my District Grand Lodge in no wise, but are yet manifestly uncalled for and untrue.

In conclusion I would respectfully inform Bro. Whytehead that my only allies are my District Grand Lodge and my brethren to whom I can at any time refer with confidence; my only desire, to see the honour and dignity of my Grand Lodge maintained, and I very much regret to find a brother at such a distance go out of his way to insult his superiors in Freemasonry. It speaks as little for the credit of our Craft teaching at home as it does for the truthfulness of the reports supplied by the seceders in New Zealand.

T. SHERLOCK GRAHAM,

D.G. Master Otago and Southland.

Dunedin, New Zealand,  
30th January.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As one who, perhaps, has had greater opportunities than any other person of knowing what has taken place with regard to the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand in the Otago District, will you allow me to take up what, I am afraid, will be a large space in your paper?

1. In the year 1890, my District Grand Master was informed that there was a general wish of the brethren of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions that they should be formed into one Constitution, to be thereafter known as the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

2. In furtherance of this object, a meeting of all Freemasons was summoned by various Past Masters, to be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Dunedin, and I, as the oldest P.M. of the District, was asked to preside, which my D.G.M. approved of.

3. After long and serious consideration, I agreed to take the chair at this meeting, and then expressed the opinion, from which I have never seceded, that it would be a happy thing if all Freemasons here could be brought together "in one fold, under one shepherd," and this could have been effected had they, in response, been unanimous.

4. The fact of my District Grand Master having approved of my presiding at such a meeting, was to me, considering that I was his acting Deputy and District Grand Secretary, proof, that if the feeling was unanimous, he would have cheerfully accepted the position.

5. I have acted in the position mentioned in Paragraph 4 from that time to the present, and can truly say that, so far as my District Grand Master is concerned, he has never altered his opinion.

6. At the meeting, above referred to, of members of the three Constitutions, a resolution was passed agreeing with the purpose for which it was called, and I was appointed Chairman to carry out the ends of such resolution.

7. In furtherance of my duty, I called several meetings, but found that so far as Dunedin was concerned, instead of producing peace, goodwill, and happiness, the subject caused very considerable illwill, probably from the injudicious action on the part of a few over-zealous brethren, and that the three Constitutions could not be brought together. In consequence, I retired from my position, after which, at a meeting of members that seceded from one of the lodges, highly indiscreet language was used, this language was afterwards known by Bro. Lord Onslow, it having been publicly reported and published (see *Dunedin Star*, October 15th, 1890), and it was the cause of still further widening the breach.

8. The movement for the formation of a New Zealand Grand Lodge has gone on, but there is still, according to the statement in Grand Lodge reported in the proceedings to have been made by the Grand Secretary, what has been termed a minority of 40 lodges under England in New Zealand loyal to their mother Constitution, not allowing for Scotch and Irish lodges.

9. In Dunedin, the head-quarters of English, Irish, and Scotch Freemasonry for the Otago District, the brethren, notwithstanding the secession of lodges, have hitherto met together and worked harmoniously, not recognising the seceders in any way; are we (the E., I., and S.) now to be at enmity with each other, for the only information that has yet reached the head-quarters of Scottish and Irish Freemasonry is not to recognise the members of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand in any way. H.R.H., the Most Worshipful the Grand Master seems to me to have been advised prematurely, for to save illwill there should have been simultaneous action on the part of the three Grand Lodges; if not I cannot see that any good end has been served.

Finally, I may mention that it is the first time I have written to the Press on this matter, but believing that I have the goodwill of the members of the Craft, both pro and con, I ask you to publish this letter, not only for the good of Freemasonry in general, but in vindication of the good name of my District Grand Master in particular.—I am, yours truly and fraternally,

SYDNEY JAMES,

P.D.D.G.M., D.G. Sec. Otago and Southland.

Dunedin, February 12th.

#### CONCORD LODGE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Surely the hour has come for some energetic Liverpool brethren to make an effort to save this ancient and time-immemorial lodge from flickering out of existence!

There are only six of these T.I. lodges on the roll, and unless something is done without delay the number will become reduced by the loss of "The Concord."

Are our Liverpool friends in a difficulty with their finances or working? If so, they should lose no time in communicating with some of the Past Masters of other St. Lawrence Lodges in Manchester, Wigan, Preston, &c., where every assistance in their power would be forthcoming. In all probability this Degree contains the only part of Operative Masonry which have survived our times.

P.M.,  
Council B.T.I.

#### ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having heard different opinions as to the proper use of complementary titles in this Degree, I should be glad if some companion could give us some authority on the subject. I allude to the titles M.E. and E. Is any companion below a chair entitled to E.? Some say M.E.Z. is very improper, although it is commonly used. Thanking some companion in anticipation, yours fraternally,

S.E.

## Reviews.

"THE DORSET MASONIC CALENDAR."—Compiled by Bro. J. A. Sherren, F.R. Hist. S., &c., under the authority of the Prov. G.M. *Weymouth*: Sherren and Son, St. Mary-street.—This is one of the most complete Masonic annuals published, and is a credit to all concerned, editorially as well as typographically. Statistically, the work is ably arranged, and thereby the condition of each lodge is seen at a glance. There are 14 lodges in the province, the senior being the famous "Amity," No. 137, dating from 1765. The membership considerably exceeds 700, and between them they hold nearly 3000 votes in the *Central Masonic Charities*. A most excellent record. Full particulars are afforded of all these votes, as also a most interesting account of the "Dorset Masonic Charity," well known through the advocacy of Bro. S. R. Baskett, the Hon. Secretary. There are seven Royal Arch chapters, with some 200 members; also five Mark lodges, two K.T. preceptories, and a Rose Croix chapter. The members of most of these bodies are given in chronological order, besides the lists of officers and Past Masters, &c. There is also a mass of information respecting the Provincial Grand organisations, all of which appear to be in a fairly prosperous condition.

## Craft Masonry.

### Highbury Lodge, No. 2192.

The installation meeting of this well-known and most successful lodge was held at the Highbury Railway Station Hotel on Thursday, the 25th ult., when there was a good attendance. Among the members present were Bros. Edward S. Crick, W.M.; Cornelius Cope, J.W., W.M. elect; H. Sprake, P.M., Treas.; George W. Bowyer, Sec.; H. J. Collier, G. S. Collins, C. M. Collings, W. Aldridge, J. G. Knight, James Bailey, Lambert Perry, J. Johnson, L. C. B. Goodacre, W. Maple, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Harvey, and R. J. Morley, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. H. Boyton, 1839; Thos. Oakley, 1870; G. P. Pointer, P.M. 1613; J. Latey, 2470; Fred. Humphreys, Org. 1298; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G.R.; Alf. Humphreys, S.D. 1677; W. N. Haydon, J.D. 2128; J. Moysey, 2128; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177 and 2063; C. J. Weller, 2128; Wm. Hunt, P.M. 172; H. M. Cleland, 862; H. Bond, P.M. 1656; G. W. Paul, P.M. 1851; C. Towley, S.D. 2190; H. Trounce, 917; J. Bartlett, 2030; W. Truman, S.W. 957; J. H. Jennings, 862; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 749; R. Nettlefield, P.M. 66; A. Osman, 2466; G. E. Evans, 1927; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. Steinem; C. H. Denny, W.M. 1671; H. J. Treadwell, P.M. 91; W. J. Styles, S.D. 91; D. Lindsay, I.G. 957; F. Jackson, W.M. 2191; H. E. Sanders, P.M. 917; A. Moore, 91; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Cornelius Cope, was then presented and installed into the chair by the outgoing Master, Bro. E. S. Crick, in a most impressive and praiseworthy manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bros. Edward S. Crick, I.P.M.; H. J. Collier, S.W.; G. S. Collins, J.W.; Herbert Sprake, P.M., Treas.; George Wm. Bowyer, Sec.; C. M. Collings, S.D.; W. Aldridge, J.D.; J. G. Knight, D.C.; James Bailey, I.G.; Lambert Perry, Org.; James Johnson and L. C. B. Goodacre, Stewards; and R. J. Morley, Tyler. The installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. E. S. Crick, who gave the customary addresses in a manner that made it impossible to have been better rendered, and he closed his year of office with *éclat*. It was unanimously resolved that a donation of 10 guineas be given from the Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Auditors' report, showing a substantial amount in hand, was received and adopted.

Letters regretting their inability to attend were read from Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; and F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.

After other business was transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet which was well served.

After the banquet the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and referred to the special arrangements that were being made for celebrating her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

In giving the "M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said that it was the earnest wish of all Masons that he might have long life to reign over the Craft.

The W.M. proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M., R.W. Dep. G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking that they were honoured with the presence of two Grand Officers, Bros. J. Terry and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., who had both done good service for the Craft, and he associated their names with the toast.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., said he hardly knew how to respond to such a comprehensive toast, and he would have preferred Bro. Terry to have acknowledged it, as he was better able to do it justice. In eulogistic terms he referred to the great services rendered by Bros. the Earl of Lathom and Earl Amherst to the Craft, and he added that many others of the Grand Officers were good and active workers.

Bro. E. S. Crick, I.P.M., said that it was his honour and pleasure to propose "The Worshipful Master." (Great applause.) He was very glad to hear by their prolonged applause that no words he could utter would add to his lustre or respect in their estimation. Bro. Cope was initiated in the Highbury Lodge, and had followed him (the I.P.M.) step by step. There were, he thought, two proud moments of one's Masonic career, viz., to be initiated and years after to have the privilege of submitting the toast of the W.M. The W.M. had been installed in the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty's reign which added to the honour of presiding over their important lodge, and what would they do without him? He would fill the post with credit to himself and honour to the lodge and they were all proud of him. They had had that evening a good sample of what he could do, which was a good omen of what he would do in the future. In conclusion he said the W.M. had reached the goal of the ambition of his Masonic life and he wished him with all sincerity every prosperity and happiness during his year of office.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. C. Cope, W.M., on rising to reply, was enthusiastically received. He remarked that there were times in one's life when words failed and he was in that position that night. For the very kind words of the I.P.M., Bro. Crick, and the great reception he had met with, he was more than proud. He was honoured to be the Master of the Highbury Lodge and would do his utmost to carry out his duties in a truly Masonic spirit, and when his time came to go he hoped to be able to instal his successor and to deliver up what he had received as pure and unsullied. He was recommended by his old friend, Bro. Sprake, P.M., to join the lodge, which he had never regretted, and could never thank him too much for introducing him to the lodge.

In submitting the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Crick, and the other Past Masters," the W.M. stated that ever since he was initiated he had had every help and kindness from Bro. Crick, and he felt sure that would be extended to him during his year of office. Then, as to Bro. Sprake, P.M., they would all agree with him that he was the actual backbone of the lodge, and in referring to Bro. W. Maple, P.M., he said his great services to the lodge would never be forgotten. The W.M. then addressed Bro. E. S. Crick, and presented him with a Past Master's jewel, observing that never was a jewel better deserved. His year of office had been a most pleasant and successful one in every way, and might the Great Architect spare him for many years to wear that token of their great esteem, and to give the lodge his valuable assistance, and, in conclusion, he coupled his name and that of Bro. Sprake, P.M., with the toast.

In response, Bro. E. S. Crick, I.P.M., stated that it was always pleasant to hear nice things about one's self, and the Past Masters fully appreciated the kind words of the W.M. That was his first and only lodge, and the jewel, for which he tendered them his heartfelt thanks, was the first he had ever worn, and he should look upon it as his first born, and so regard it. He had worked hard, and thus attained the summit of his ambition in the Craft to be a Past Master of that (his mother) lodge.

Bro. Herbert Sprake, P.M., also responded, thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, and he congratulated the W.M. He was not present at the consecration of the lodge through some mistake, but he was elected a joining member at the meeting immediately following the consecration. At one time they had a great number of Past Masters, members of the lodge, but some had gone to the Grand Lodge above and others had resigned. The remaining Past Masters and the brethren had done their utmost for the lodge, with the result that it would then vie with any lodge in London. They certainly preferred quality to quantity, and in conclusion he referred to Bro. Bowyer, the first W.M. of the lodge and father of the Secretary, who did great things for the lodge and the Craft in general.

In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. stated that all Masons were very proud of the three Institutions, which were second to none in the world, and that, he thought, was a complete answer to all opponents against Masonry, and it was the duty of all Freemasons to assist the Charities. In May next he would go up as Steward for the Girls, and he urged the members to rally round him to make his list a substantial one in amount. They were graced that evening with the genial presence of Bro. James Terry, the dear friend of the Old People, and he had very much pleasure in associating his name with the toast of the Charities.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., on rising to respond, had a hearty reception. He said he thanked them very kindly and sincerely for proposing the Masonic Institutions, which were always cordially received, especially in North London. He referred to the North London ball under the direction of Bros. Sprake and Humphreys, and said that through their indefatigable exertions the ball, which took place each year, was such a success that much was accomplished for the Charities, and he thanked them for their hard work in connection with the balls which had been held for many years past. After going into the claims of the three Institutions and giving statistics and other valuable information with regard to income and other matters, he made a strong and eloquent appeal to the brethren for assistance for the Old People to enable them to end the few short years they had to live in happiness, peace, and comfort, and concluding his excellent speech (which was deservedly listened to with marked attention), he said, love the girls, honour the boys, but revere the father and mother.

The Worshipful Master stated that the Charity box would then go round, and he would exercise his right to send the contents (which it was subsequently announced amounted to three guineas) to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed. The lodge was a small one in number, but they had always had the good fortune of having a good number of visitors, and that evening they were honoured with a large array. He hoped they had had a pleasant evening, and that he should see them again during his term of office. He joined the names of Bros. C. H. Denny, W.M. 1671; H. J. Treadwell, P.M. 91; and Wm. Hunt, P.M. 172, with the toast.

Bro. C. H. Denny responded, thanking them for the truly Masonic reception the visitors had had. The Highbury Lodge should, he thought, be proud of the working of the I.P.M., Bro. Crick, which was splendid. He had known the W.M. for 20 years, and he was, indeed, proud and honoured to have had the privilege of seeing him installed, and he felt certain the members would never have occasion to regret their choice of W.M.

Bro. H. J. Treadwell, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, bearing testimony to the excellent manner the visitors had been received and entertained.

Bro. Wm. Hunt, P.M., also responded, remarking that everything there was of the very best, and the visitors would only be too glad to come again if given the opportunity.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said they were both so well-known and respected that no words of his were necessary to extol the toast. The Treasurer, Bro. Sprake, had always been the helping hand, and the Secretary, Bro. G. W. Bowyer, was endeared to them all, there was nothing too much for him to do, and what he undertook he always did with real pleasure.

Bro. Herbert Sprake, P.M., Treas., responded, stating that he was honoured to be again elected Treasurer. He trusted the lodge would go on prospering, it was then in a good condition, and there was, he thought, a splendid future in store for it. It was well-named, and he had spent many happy evenings and met many friends there. He had the honour of introducing the W.M. to the lodge, who was the son of a very old friend of his, and there could be no better Mason, and in the W.M. they had a worthy son of a very worthy father. As the Treasurer he was very much indebted to the Secretary for his great assistance, of which he (Bro. Sprake) was very much in need of.

Bro. Geo. W. Bowyer, Sec., who was received with much warmth, also responded. He said that if they had ever suffered from nervousness they must know how he then felt. He hardly knew what to say, but if they were satisfied with his small services he was more than pleased.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," was next given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. H. J. Collier, S.W., and G. S. Collins, J.W., in some well-chosen remarks.

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

The musical entertainment, which was of superior quality, was under the able direction of Bro. Alfred Moore, assisted by the following artistes: Miss Stanley Lucas, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bros. John Bartlett and James Kift. Miss Foxcroft gave Bro. Trotter's beautiful song, "Manuelita," most artistically, for which she had a well-deserved encore, and when, later in the evening, she appeared again, she was received with acclamation. Bro. James Kift presided with his well-known ability at the pianoforte.

A portrait of the W.M. appears in another column.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT of Ireland has concluded his visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby at Knowsley, and returned to Chelsea House.



## Royal Arch.

### Rose Chapter, No. 1622.

The sixth installation meeting of this highly reputed South London chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. J. Loader, M.E.Z.; Isaac Dunn, H., M.E.Z. elect; S. J. Derham, J., H. elect; Wm. Dawson, S.E., J. elect; T. Cass, S.N.; G. H. Lewis, P.S.; Geo. Thompson, 1st A.S.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; Jas. Barr, Stwd.; Frank W. Williams, P.Z.; J. H. Pullen, P.Z.; W. G. Kirby, Hy. Potter, W. E. Jeffery, W. J. Frampton, R. J. Sobel, and J. Whiteman, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Thos. Grummant, P.Z. and S.E. 1275; R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1329; J. E. Cureton, P.Z. 2182; Jas. Addington, P.Z. 1275; J. H. Witty, P.Z. 1275; H. T. Telling, M.E.Z. 2182; Robt. Elgar, 1329; G. Benedetti, P.Z. 1329; C. T. Hills, 1329; W. J. Towers, M.E.Z. 2191; and C. H. Stone, P.Z. 1275 and 1901.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read, confirmed, and signed. A conclave of Installed First Principals was formed and Comp. Isaac Dunn was installed into the first chair by Comp. Thos. Grummant, P.Z. A conclave of Installed Second Principals was formed, and Comp. S. J. Derham was installed into the second chair by Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z. A conclave of Installed Third Principals was formed, and Comp. Wm. Dawson was installed into the third chair by Comp. Thos. Grummant, P.Z., in a large conclave of 14 Installed Principals. The companions were re-admitted and the M.E.Z. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. J. T. Loader, I.P.Z.; John Hooper, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Thompson, S.E.; T. R. Cass, P.M., S.N.; Geo. H. Lewis, P.M., P.S.; W. E. Jeffery, 1st A.S.; W. G. Frampton, 2nd A.S.; F. W. Williams, P.Z., D.C.; F. Choveaux, Org.; Jas. Parr, Stwd.; W. G. Kirby, Stwd.; and J. Whiteman, Janitor. Comps. J. T. Loader and C. H. Stone acted as D.Cs. A ballot was taken for Bros. Rudolf Joseph Geo. Sobel, and Jas. Fred. Wal. Morris which, proving unanimous, and Bro. Sobel being in attendance, he was exalted in an exemplary manner by the M.E.Z., the lectures being rehearsed in such a manner as not to be excelled. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, which proved the chapter funds to be in a sound financial position. A notice of motion, presented by Comp. Frank Williams, P.Z., was "That the M.E.Z. be presented with a P.Z.'s jewel on his retirement from the chair." A proposition for exaltation was handed in from the M.E.Z. for exaltation at the next convocation, the candidate being a local worthy brother clergyman.

The business of the convocation ended, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied and supervised by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. presented the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" in words of loyal affection, with the earnest hope that she may be spared and maintain her health and strength to discharge the most important duties of such a beneficent reign.



THE M.E.Z.

The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z., Comp. Dunn stated was indeed an honour to present, and specially of one so worthy. He had witnessed his Royal Highness's work in Craft Masonry, and was always struck with the earnestness shown in all his actions. He was making a good appeal during the present year to signalise it, and he had no doubt there would be a splendid response. His Royal Highness was, he believed, proud in being the Grand Master and the Grand Z.; and, at least, the brethren were indeed proud and highly honoured in having him in those positions.

The toasts were responded to most loyally.

The M.E.Z. next presented the toast of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., and G.J.," stating they were excellent companions and splendid officers, as the P.Zs. in the chapter could testify.

Comp. J. T. Loader, I.P.Z., next rose, and announced that he had a most pleasing duty to perform; in fact, there was none greater in the chapter—that of proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z." In him were summed up all the qualities of an excellent Mason, and he was a man of sterling worth. All agreed that the duties of M.E.Z. had been carried out in a most exemplary manner, and it was only characteristic of the M.E.Z., for, from the time that he had been invested with the first collar, the duties appertaining thereto had been discharged most faithfully and well. He (the I.P.Z.) was very proud in giving the first office to the M.E.Z. when in the lodge, and he could say that from that time all had watched his assiduity, and now he had arrived at the exalted position, the climax of R.A. Masonry, all wished him a most successful and happy year of office.

The toast was most rapturously received.

The M.E.Z. in reply, tendered his hearty thanks to the proposer, the I.P.Z., and expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be in so exalted a position, it was a great honour. He had thought that such a position as M.E.Z. was far above his capacity and too great for him ever to try to attain, but he found having advanced step by step that it was not too difficult. He hoped that the year would prove to be happy and prosperous and that good men and true, men of stability, would be introduced so that the Rose Chapter would maintain its high excellence of membership and working. He most cordially thanked the companions for such a reception.

The toast of "The Co-Principals H. and J.," was next presented, the M.E.Z. remarked that he was most fortunate in having such excellent workers. They had spent much time and labour to enable them to acquit themselves so admirably, and he would say that Comp. J., although so young a brother, much less a R.A. Mason, was able to prompt the M.E.Z. It augured well for the Rose Chapter to see such worthy companions in the respective chairs.

The toast was responded to most heartily.

Comp. S. J. Derham, H., in reply, said he hardly deserved such kind remarks from the M.E.Z. He had certainly done his best, but felt rather nervous, it being the first time he had rehearsed the duties in a regular chapter. He apologised for any shortcomings, but he would do his very utmost to emulate such a worthy M.E.Z., and if he succeeded in accomplishing his work, he hoped it would be said of him when he should have left the chair, that he had faithfully done his duty.

Comp. Wm. Dawson, J., most sincerely thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions towards him. He thoroughly reciprocated every word of Comp. H., and if able to perform the duties as well should be deeply gratified. He should like to take the opportunity of thanking the companions for so unanimously electing him to the proud position of J., when he was some 6000 miles distant from them on business, but it showed their great kindness, and in return he would endeavour to do his utmost for the benefit and prestige of the Rose Chapter.

In proposing the toast of "The Exalte," the M.E.Z. stated it was one always most welcome to the chapter, specially when it was admitting a brother whom one was proud to introduce. He had paid rapt attention to the beautiful ceremony, and was in every way deserving of a hearty greeting. Certainly he was a long way from office, but it was the desire of him (the M.E.Z.) that he should one day see him holding the position of First Principal of the Rose Chapter.

Comp. Sobel, in response, said he was pleased indeed to hear such flattering remarks of himself. He had been much struck with the beautiful ritual. He had been looking forward to his exaltation for six years, since his initiation in New York City. It had been the pleasure of anticipation, but now it was an accomplished fact that pleasure was greatly enhanced, considering the splendid ceremony he had witnessed, with its sublime teaching. His endeavour would be to learn and practise its precepts and prove himself worthy. For such a kind reception he most cordially thanked the companions.

The M.E.Z. gave the toast of "The Visitors," of whom there was a goodly array, in terms of hearty greeting, remarking they were all most worthy. He took the opportunity of thanking Comps. Grummant and Stone for their continued able assistance to the chapter in the installation ceremonies.

In reply, Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, said he felt himself as a pioneer, being placed in the forefront to break the way for the very able companions who were to respond to the toast. One very great feature in the chapter was that nearly all the officers were exaltees in the Rose Chapter, and from the manner they had discharged their respective duties it spoke volumes. They were all most regular attendants at the Star Chapter of Improvement, and in performing their duties so excellently they were only carrying out the traditions of the Rose Lodge, so well renowned for its excellent working. Considering the young and able officers, the Rose Chapter had a splendid future and one that any chapter might be proud of. He was confident the M.E.Z., who had presided in a most exemplary manner, would have the hearty support of the Past Principals and officers of the chapter. On behalf of the visitors, who had had an intellectual feast, and he most heartily thanked the companions, with the desire to again visit the chapter at no distant date.

Comp. Towers, M.E.Z. 2191, also expressed his great pleasure at visiting and seeing such excellent working, and meeting many dear old friends. The ceremonies had been performed most perfectly, and he congratulated the chapter upon such excellent workers.

Comp. R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1329, also paid a very high compliment to the M.E.Z., whom he had witnessed in Craft Masonry, but never before in the chapter. He had been very much struck with the excellent working, specially that of the P.S., the rehearsing of which he had never heard more perfectly rendered. In fact the whole of the ceremonies reflected very great credit upon the officers.

Comp. Telling, M.E.Z. 2182, likewise congratulated the M.E.Z. on his exalted position in such a chapter, and said on behalf of the rest of the visitors, one and all were very proud to be present.

Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z., also very suitably replied.

The M.E.Z., in presenting the toast of "The Past Principals," dilated upon their many virtues and the manner they had conducted the affairs of the chapter, and had brought it to such a state of excellence—Comp. Frank Williams, whose geniality and kindness had endeared him to every member of the chapter; Comp. Pullen, who had had an exceptional year of office; and the Immediate Past Principal, Comp. J. Loader, who had worked exceedingly hard for the chapter since its inception. He (the M.E.Z.) had worked side by side with the I.P.Z. for many years, and could testify to his integrity and straightforwardness, in fact it was a pleasure to work with him, and to mark the appreciation of the companions on his retiring from the First Principal's chair, he would, on behalf of the Rose Chapter, present a handsome Past Principal's jewel as a mark of their love and esteem.

The inscription upon the jewel was as follows: "Presented to Companion John Thomas Loader by the Companions of the Rose Chapter for services rendered as M.E.Z. 1896-7."

Comp. J. I. Loader most heartily thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, and the companions for so cordially receiving them. His career in Freemasonry had been one of duty and pleasure. He was gratified to feel that what he had done in lodge and chapter had met with their approval. It only proved if one set his heart and soul upon a certain object it would almost invariably meet with success. He paid a very high compliment to Comp. Kirby, the late Treasurer, who was a founder, and had to retire on account of ill-health. They had been associated for many years, and were the best of friends. Likewise the M.E.Z. had the same excellent qualities, and no one could but be struck at his amiability and general bearing. He was deeply grateful to the companions for such a testimony of appreciation, and he trusted he should wear the splendid jewel so heartily accorded him, and his earnest desire was that he should retain that same estimation for years to come.

Comps. Williams, P.Z., and Pullen, P.Z., also ably responded.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E.," in terms of high eulogium. The worthy Treasurer, Comp. J. Hooper, was unavoidably absent through illness, and he had the sympathy of all the companions, but he was happy to say the funds were perfectly safe. The S.E., Comp. G. Thompson, had taken a deep interest in the chapter, being one of the founders, and now had accepted the office of S.E. None could perform that duty better, for he had conducted the various offices he had filled most ably.

In reply, Comp. Thompson said he was proud of the position, and he had always striven to perform his duties well. In that office it would be no exception, but he knew he had to follow two excellent companions who had filled the position before him. However, he would do his utmost to emulate them, and he hoped to obtain their approbation.

In the toast of "The Officers," all received at the hands of the M.E.Z. individual praise for their efficient work, which had been acquired through their regular attendance at the Star Chapter of Improvement, under the able Preceptorship of Comp. T. Grummant, who was always most willing to assist any companion who presented himself. He would take the opportunity of announcing the annual supper at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Wednesday, April 7th, at 7 p.m., Comp. Wm. Eckersall, M.E.Z. 1275, presiding. He hoped that the companions would support so worthy a Chairman, and mark their appreciation of the able instruction that had been imparted to them.

Comps. T. R. Cass, S.N., and G. H. Lewis most ably responded.

The Janitor's toast closed a happy and eventful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Comp. F. E. Choveaux, ably assisted by Bro. T. W. Turner, Comp. S. J. Derham (flautist), and Messrs. Sebastian King and Joseph Percival. Comp. Choveaux ably presided at the piano.

## THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following sums have been received since our report of last week:—  
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140 Bro. Dr. W. C. S. Burney, new list	...	25	1	0

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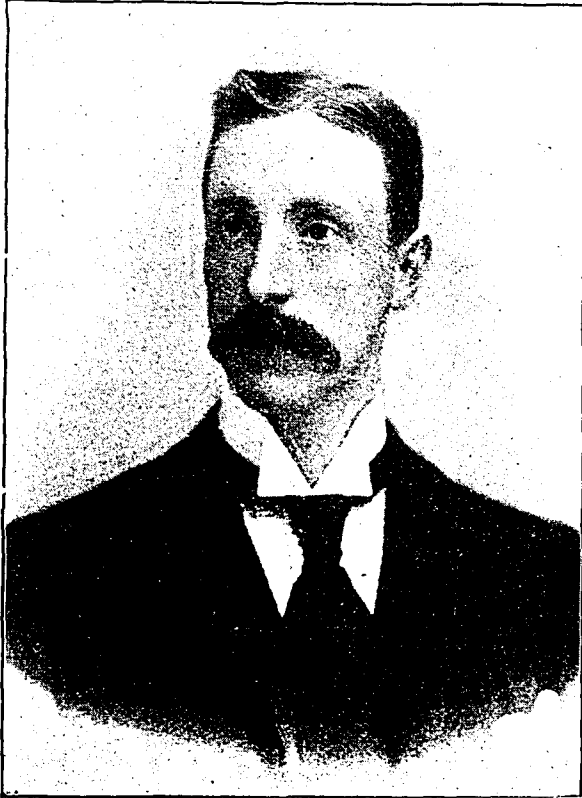
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
2203 Bro. Ernest Letchfield, additional	...	26	5	0
(raising his list to £57 15s.)				



## Our Portrait Gallery.

**BRO. CORNELIUS COPE, W.M. 2192.**

Bro. Cornelius Cope, W.M., comes of a good Masonic stock, his father, the late Bro. Cornelius Horsey Cope, of Canonbury, having been a very old Mason, who was a member of the Temple Lodge, a founder of the Finsbury Lodge, and a Mark Mason. He has also two brothers in the Craft, one a foreign member of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, and the other is a District Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Northern China. Our brother (the W.M.) was initiated in the Highbury Lodge, in March, 1888, being the third initiate, and has served



every office in the lodge; he is also a member of the Henniker Mark Lodge, in which he is the M.O.; he is a life subscriber to each of the three Institutions, and is going up as Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Institution for Girls, in May. As a Mason, he possesses a sound knowledge of his duties, and is reputed to be perfect in the ritual. We beg to tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. C. Cope on the high position he holds, and to the members of the Highbury Lodge upon their good fortune in securing the services of so eloquent, so conscientious, and so industrious a Worshipful Master.

**BRO. JOHN ARMSTRONG,**

W.M. of the Lodge of Charity, No. 2651.

Bro. John Armstrong was born in Cumberland, within a very short distance of the border, where his family have resided for many generations, in the year 1849. He was initiated in the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, in 1873, and, seeing little prospect of promotion in his mother lodge, of which he is still a member, he joined the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, about the end of the same year,



and became its W.M. in 1877. Removing to Liverpool in 1880, he joined the Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, and in 1893 was installed its W.M. He took a leading part in founding the Minerva Lodge, No. 2433—an offshoot of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and of which Bro. Armstrong has also long been a corresponding member—and became its first Treasurer and second W.M.; and, as

will be seen elsewhere, he was installed on Monday, the 22nd ult., as first W.M. of No. 2651. He is also a founder of the Liscard Lodge, No. 2657, to be consecrated by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton on the 10th instant, and will be invested as its D.C. He is a P.P.G.S. of W. of Cheshire, and a member of the Charity Council of that province. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Armstrong has had a specially distinguished career, and by his good working has done much to popularise this \*grand Degree in and around Liverpool and Birkenhead. Exalted in the Sefton Chapter, No. 680, by the late P.G. Scribe E. of West Lancs., Comp. Alpass, in 1874, he soon after joined the Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, and served nearly every office in the chapter, and is at present its P. Haggai; in 1880 he joined the De Tabley Chapter, No. 605, and has served the office of Z. on two occasions, namely, in 1884 and 1892; he was largely instrumental in resuscitating the Fermor Hesketh Chapter, No. 1350, being elected its Z. He has also taken a leading part in founding the Richard Newhouse Chapter, No. 2433, called after the popular P.G. Secretary of Cheshire, and to be consecrated on the 17th inst. Many years ago, he was invested P.G.S.B. of Cheshire, and is at the present time P.G.H. of that province; he is also a P.A.G. Soj of West Lancashire. He was advanced in the Cumberland Mark Lodge, No. 60, in 1874, and takes a great interest in the Degree. He is a P.M. of the Joppa Lodge, No. 11; a P.P.G.D., and P.S.G. Warden of Cheshire; a P.C.N. in the Joppa Lodge Ark Mariners; and a member of all the Allied Degrees, having taken the Degree of High Priest so long ago as 1875. As a Christian Mason, he joined the Walton Conclave, No. 97, or Knights of the Red Cross, and in 1875 and in 1878 served the office of Eusebius; is a Past Sovereign of the Cestrian Conclave, No. 154; he was this year nominated by the M.I.G.S., the Earl of Euston, to the office of Vice-Grand Chancellor. An author of no mean repute, he is always welcomed as a lecturer on matters Masonic in the lodges of both Cheshire and West Lancashire.

## THE LATE BRO. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G. Std. Br.

We omitted last week to mention that among those who attended the funeral at Southport, on Saturday, the 20th ult., of our late respected Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England, P. Prov. G.W. East Lancashire, there were present, besides the members and friends, the following, namely: Bros. Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Sec. (representing Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G.M., absent owing to recent illness); A. H. Duffin, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Cliffe, P.P.G.D.C.; C. D. Cheetham, P.J.G.W. (Chairman of the Charity Committee); T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T. (Vice-Chairman); Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Beardmore, Prov. G.D.C.; John Wrigley, Prov. G.T.; Eli Winterbottom, Prov. G.D.C.; J. E. Lees, P.P.G.T.; Wm. Jaffrey, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Brookes, P.M. 1170 (Chairman of the Freemasons' Club, Manchester); Hy. Walmsley, P.A.G.D.C.; Samuel Moore, P.M. 992; W. Kelley, 815; J. H. Calvert, P.P.G.D.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W.; N. Nicholson, P.P.G.D.; R. L. McMillan, P.M. 678; W. H. Peak, P.P.G.D.C.; Abraham Clegg, P.P.G.W.; C. E. Schuster, P.P.G.D.; C. E. Godby, P.G.S.; E. H. Flower, P.G.T.; J. B. Goulburn, P.P.G.D.; T. D. Foreman, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Thornley, P.P.G.S.; J. T. Hulce; James Bromley, P.P. G. Std. Br.; A. C. Morris, W.M.; J. T. Newbold, P.P.G.D.; John Booth, P.P.G.D.; J. Grimshaw, P.M. 2464; James Robinson, P.M. 1219; A. H. Jefferies, P.P.G.W.; John Partington, P.P.S.G.D.; G. W. Belshaw, W.M. 1219; J. Franklin-Hindle, C.C., W.M. 2360, Org. 283; James Kershaw, P.P. J.G.W.; Thomas L. Buckley, P.J.G.D.; J. H. Calver, P.P.J.G.D.; and A. M. Briggs, P.M. 381. These brethren had been joined by a number of Southport Masons, including Bros. T. Adams, P.P.G.D.; R. Sharrock, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. E. Williams, P.M. 2325; John Hatch, P.P.G.W.; C. Watson, P.P.G.D.; W. E. Bland, W.M. 2295; John Stewart, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Councillor, E. Bradshaw, P.M. 613. Bro. J. F. Roberts, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancs, was absent unavoidably.

The service was conducted both in St. Luke's Church and in Southport Cemetery by Bro. the Rev. W. H. Marsden, P.P.G.C., assisted by the curate. The wreaths with which the coffin was covered exceeded 30 in number, and were very beautiful, among the donors being the widow and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Seares, Mr. and Mrs. H. Seares, Dr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Bengier, Mr. and Mrs. R. Broadhurst, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baines, Mr. and Mrs. L. Inledon, employes of Messrs. Sillitoe and Seares (Manchester), Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor, Bro. C. D. Cheetham, the Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter of East Lancashire, the East Lancashire Charities, the Freemasons' Club, Manchester; Messrs. Broadhurst, Sons and Co., Manchester; the Humphrey Cheetham Lodge, the Humphrey Cheetham Chapter, the Prince of Wales Lodge, Bury; Bro. J. H. Calvert, the Prov. Grand Charity Committee of East Lancashire, Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.J.G.W. (Deputy Chairman Charity Committee), Mr. and Miss Blake, Mr. and Miss Skelton, Mr. T. G. Butterworth, and employes of Messrs. Sillitoe and Seares (waste department).

The coffin, which was of polished oak, with handsome brass mountings, bore this inscription—"James Hill Sillitoe, born 13th October, 1834, died March 16th, 1897."

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

DOWN TO Thursday night, the Lord Mayor's Indian Famine Fund amounted to £471,000, including a donation of £5 5s. from the Friars Lodge, No. 1349.

THE LAST performance of the Drury Lane pantomime, "Aladdin," took place on Saturday last in the presence of a crowded and most enthusiastic audience.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, attended by Col. FitzGeorge, arrived at Gloucester House from Cannes on Tuesday, having exchanged visits by the way with the President of the French Republic.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, President of the Royal School of Art Needlework, has appointed the 12th May and three following days for the annual summer sale, at which her Royal Highness, assisted by the ladies of the committee, will preside in person.

BRO. THE DUKE OF FIFE presented the prizes to the successful pupils of the Exeter Hall Classes of the Young Men's Christian Association at Exeter Hall on Monday, and congratulated those present that athletics formed so considerable a part of the Association's curriculum.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE, No. 1539, will hold a ladies' banquet, concert, and ball, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. Side.

A MASS MEETING of the members of the dramatic profession will be held, by the kind permission of Bro. Charles Wyndham, at the Criterion Theatre at 3 p.m. on Thursday, the 29th inst., to decide as to the advisability of adopting Bro. J. Passmore Edwards's proposal to build an Actor's Orphanage.

THE 73RD ANNUAL MEETING of the Royal National Life Boat Institution was held in St. Martin's Town Hall, on Saturday last. The First Lord of the Admiralty presided, and among those present were the Earl of Galloway, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Bro. Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell, V.C., Sir E. Birkbeck, Chairman of the Institution, and Captain Sir J. Sydney Webb.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT at the St. James's Theatre on Monday evening on the occasion of the production of Mr. A. W. Pinero's new play, "The Princess and the Butterfly; or the Fantastics," were the Princess Christian, Bro. Lord Glenesk, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffolk, Bro. Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, Bros. Sir F. Milner and Sir Douglas Straight, and Bro. S. B. Bancroft.

THE QUEEN has expressed her willingness to witness a demonstration of school-children on the occasion of her visit to Sheffield on the 21st of May, and the Duke of Norfolk has most generously undertaken to entertain all the elementary school-children and their teachers in the city, to the number of 50,000, at Norfolk Hall, where they will be massed and sing on her Majesty's arrival.

JEWISH CELEBRATION OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.—The Jewish community in London propose to celebrate the 60th year of the Queen's reign by erecting and endowing a home and hospital for Jewish Incurables at Tottenham. A site of close upon four acres has been acquired, and accommodation will be provided for 50 patients. The scheme is expected to involve an outlay of £20,000.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Devonians in London was held at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday evening last, there being present some 600 ladies and gentlemen, while 200 others were unable to be present for want of the needful accommodation. Bro. C. Seale Hayne, M.P., was in the chair, and among the other prominent guests were Bro. Sir Redvers Buller and the High Sheriff of the County.

BRO. LORD HERSCHELL will preside at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women, Shadwell, E., on the 11th prox., at the Hotel Cecil. The dinner is promoted with the view to obtaining a sum of £1500, the balance of the estimated cost of the proposed Convalescent Home at Bognor, and also £2000 for current maintenance expenses.

THE COUNTESS STANHOPE gave her last evening party at her house in Grosvenor-place on Saturday evening last, among those present being the Russian Ambassador, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), and the Hon. Evelyn Giffard, Bro. the Earl of Arran, the Earl and Countess of St. Germans, Bro. Lord Glenesk, Bro. W. C. Gully, Q.C., M.P. (the Speaker of the House of Commons), and Mrs. Gully.

"MY FRIEND THE PRINCE," at the Garrick Theatre having now settled down into a permanent success, Mr. Brickwell, the lessee, will take this opportunity of paying a long promised visit to America, during which time he will combine business with pleasure by negotiating on the other side for two or three plays he has already secured and copyrighted in this country. Mr. Brickwell hopes to sail the third week in April.

THE DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER, who was accompanied by the Duke, Honorary Colonel of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, distributed the prizes at the headquarters of the corps, on Saturday last, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her kindness in attending. Among those present were Viscount Belgrave, who has just joined the regiment, and Captain Boisragon, one of the survivors of the Benin massacre.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN (Bro. the Earl of Lathom) has made it known that the da'es of the three Drawing Rooms, which will be held at Buckingham Palace, after Easter, have not yet been definitely settled, but that in all probability they will be held between the 3rd and 21st May. Ladies who desire to be presented must send in their names by Monday, the 5th inst., and at the same time must specify whether it is the first, second, or third Drawing Room they are desirous of attending.

A FAREWELL DINNER was given at the Café Monico, on Saturday evening last, to Sir Alfred Milner, the newly-appointed Governor of Cape Colony and High Commissioner for British South Africa. The chair was taken by Mr. Asquith, M.P., and among those present were the Colonial Secretary (the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, M.P.), and his son, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., the First Lord of the Treasury (the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.), Bro. Gerald Balfour, M.P., Mr. Morley, M.P., the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earl of Portsmouth, and others.

A LECTURE was given by Mrs. Johnson, by permission of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, at Grosvenor House, on Monday, on "The Children's Story of the Queen's Reign," the object of the lecture being to enlist the co-operation of young people in the National Commemoration Fund on behalf of the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. The Duchess of Teck, who had arranged to attend, was unfortunately prevented from fulfilling her promise, but the Duke and Duchess of Westminster were present.

SUNDAY, the 28th ult., was the 13th anniversary of the death of the Queen's youngest son, the late lamented Duke of Albany, P.G.W. of England, Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire. In the morning his widow, the Duchess of Albany, drove from Esher to Windsor Castle, and placed two wreaths on the sarcophagus containing the Duke's remains in the Memorial Chapel. After attending Divine service, her Royal Highness lunched with the Dean and Mrs. Eliot, and then drove back to Esher. At Cannes, where the Duke died, a memorial service was held, which was attended by the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Princess Henry of Battenberg, his sisters, and his niece, the Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein.

A MASONIC CHARITY'S DANCE.—The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will benefit by no small sum if one is to judge by the numbers assembled at a dance held at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, the 25th ultimo. Bro. H. Kemp, who was mainly responsible for the arrangements, had spent a great deal of time and trouble in the promotion of the dance. A company numbering some 600 guests, many of whom were attired in fancy dress, was present. So large was the assembly that the King's Hall, the Throne Room, and the Crown Room were all utilised for the occasion. Many brethren appeared in full Craft and Royal Arch clothing, by dispensation granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., and the effect was considerably heightened thereby. The programme included 22 dances, music being supplied by Bro. F. R. Pritchard's band, and Bro. H. Kemp undertaking the responsibility of acting as M.C. The following brethren acted in the capacity of Stewards by seeing to the comfort of the ladies: Bros. Maj. Woolmer Williams, S. H. C. Rumball, H. Banks, Hughes, Dibley, Pauncefort, F. Berry, Ward, W. C. Tyler, Hartley, R. Palmer, P. Day, P. Vacani, Gustav Müller, Leclair, Hill, Cumine, and Kobalt, also Messrs. H. H. Kemp, C. Lees, Curtres, R. Rapkin, Bridger, and Sanders.

BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, M.A., J.P., presided on Tuesday evening at the annual festival of the Orphan Working School at the Hôtel Métropole. Subscriptions were announced amounting to nearly £3000.

WE HAVE the pleasure of announcing that Bro. D. Harlow, P.M. 65, Preceptor, will occupy the chair on Wednesday evening next, the 7th inst., at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, 17, London Wall, instead of the W.M. elected for the evening.

AMONGST THE CONTRIBUTIONS received at the office of the *Daily Telegraph* in aid of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London are the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, £21; Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, £5 5s.; Friars Lodge, No. 1349, £5 5s.; St. John's Lodge, No. 1343, £2 2s.; and the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, £1 1s.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK will hold a reception at the United Service Institution on the 5th May, while on the 28th May the Duchess of Albany will receive purses at the Hôtel Métropole on behalf of the memorial to raise £10,000 as a Queen's Commemoration Fund to extend the 28 Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes, which have been founded in various parts of the empire by Wesleyan Methodists.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY IN LONDON will give a farewell banquet to the Hon. Thomas F. and Mrs. Bayard in the Grand Hall, Hotel Cecil, on Friday evening, the 7th prox., at seven o'clock for 7.30. On this occasion the gold loving cup, subscribed for by members of the American Society in London and other Americans in the United Kingdom, will be presented to the retiring Ambassador.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE will take the lead in the commemorative rejoicings of the Jubilee year. It will open proceedings on Easter Monday with the National Anthem and a patriotic concert, and the most signal event on the programme is a "Diamond Jubilee Costume Ball." It is to be given on the 28th inst. for the benefit of the Nursing Department of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association. This is under the immediate patronage of the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

THE GUILDHALL ART GALLERY.—The formal opening by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of the Exhibition of the Loan Collection of Pictures by Painters of the British School who have flourished during her Majesty's reign will take place at the Guildhall on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at half-past 12 o'clock, and the exhibition will be thrown open for the free admission of the public at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, the 7th instant, and remain open daily for three months on week-days from 10 to 7, and on Sundays from 3 to 7.

THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.—It has been arranged to hold a Masonic Service (on behalf of the debt of £7000 on the Restoration Fund) at the above church at four o'clock on the afternoon of Ascension Day, Thursday, the 27th prox., which will be of an exceptionally important character. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M., has signified his intention to be present, accompanied by a number of Grand Officers. Tickets of admission to Masons will be issued in due course.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN honoured the Right Hon. Sir A. and Lady Hayter with their presence at dinner at 9, Grosvenor-square, on Tuesday evening, among the guests being Earl and Countess Spencer, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Cork, Lord and Lady Reay, the Right Hon. John Morley, M.P., the President of the Royal Academy and Lady Poynter. Lady Hayter afterwards held a reception, which was numerously attended by the Corps Diplomatique, members of Parliament, and others.

THE 52ND ANNUAL MEETING of the Ragged School Union was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, under the presidency of Lord Mayor Phillips, among the speakers being the Lady Mayoress, who was heartily applauded, Bro. Alderman Treloar, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, Miss Coles, and Lord Fitzroy. According to the report, there were in 1891 160 cripples on list, and in 1895 some 6000. It was announced that a friend of the Union had given a site at Bournemouth for a Home for cripples, which Bro. J. Passmore Edwards had promised to erect.

BY COMMAND of the Queen, his Royal Highness the Duke of York, who was attended by Sir Francis de Winton and the Hon. Derek Keppel, held a *Levee* at St. James's Palace on Tuesday. The Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty under the command of Captain Lord Belper, and the Yeoman of the Guard under Captain the Earl of Waldegrave. In the evening the Duke dined with Lord Belper and the Gentlemen-at-Arms at their mess in St. James's Palace, among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness being Viscount Cobham, Bro. the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, Admiral of the Fleet, Bro. Col. the Hon. H. Byng, Admiral Sir W. Culme-Seymour, Vice-Admiral Sir F. Bedford, and Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller.

THE FANMAKERS' COMPANY'S EXHIBITION.—The Chairman of the Exhibition Committee (Bro. Homewood Crawford) has received an official communication from Cimicz, informing him that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to consent to lend one or two fans from her collection for the forthcoming exhibition of the Fanmakers' Company at Drapers' Hall, which will be opened by the Princess Louise on May 25th. Interest continues to grow in this exhibition, more especially from the number of valuable prizes offered, including one of £50 for the best fan-leaf, with a design for sticks, suitable for being executed in mother-of-pearl, designed and painted most appropriately to commemorate the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

MISS BLANCHE GRAY'S 10th annual dramatic performance will be given in the Opera Theatre of the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Monday, the 26th inst., in aid of the funds of the Norwood Cottage Hospital. Among those who have promised their patronage are the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, Lord and Lady Lurgan, M. C. E. Tritton, M.P., President of the Hospital, Bro. Sir J. B. and Lady Maple, the Right Hon. T. C. Ritchie, M.P., Bro. Sir F. Edridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fry, and Bro. Alderman Treloar. The late Charles Young's "Jim the Penman" has been selected for the occasion, and the Crystal Palace military band, under the direction of Mr. C. Gidrey, jun., will perform a selection of music during the evening. Tickets, 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., and 1s., including admission to Palace after 6.30 p.m. The performance will commence at 8 p.m.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—Easter holiday arrangements. Cheap excursions trains from London. On Thursday, the 15th inst., cheap excursions trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Monday or Tuesday; and to Douglas (Isle of Man) available for returning any week-day within 10 days; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Forres, Ballater, &c., &c., returning Monday, the 19th inst., or Friday, the 23rd inst. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch excursion at a single ordinary third class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from date of issue. On Easter Monday, the 19th inst., cheap day excursions trains will be run to St. Albans, Harpenden, and Luton.

### EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

This Society has issued its monumental returns for the year 1896, which again proclaim the vastness of its ramifications and the inpregnability of its resources. Each successive report of the executives on either side of the Atlantic is a document eagerly looked forward to as one of imperial importance by those of the community whose god is finance, and especially by those who are interested adherents to the Society and its well-proven system. The following summary of the new returns eloquently speak for themselves, and may be commended to the careful perusal of those who have hitherto but cast a cursory glance over such important details. During 1896, the income from premiums was £7,551,003, being an increase of £67,424 over the previous year. The consideration for annuities was £2,463,21, an increase of £136,085. Receipts from interest, dividends, and rents were £1,860,318, being an increase of £193,491. The whole income for the year was £9,657,643, which shows an advance of £397,001. The assets now stand at a trifle off £45,161,239, having increased by £3,284,284. This result has been ascertained after writing off £122,438, as difference in valuation of securities. The surplus stands at £8,995,245, having increased during 1896 by £552,743. The ample disbursements for the year were as follows: For death claims and matured endowments there was paid £2,803,113, being an increase over 1895 of £270,747. The cash bonuses reached the sum of £505,402, an increase of £88,120. Annuities absorbed £90,621, against £83,939 of the previous year. The surrender values of the year amounted to £746,312, and the matured tontine values to £425,410. The liabilities of the Society, on a 4 per cent. standard, amount to £39,165,994, leaving a net surplus of £8,925,245. The expense ratio for the year shows a further decline. Head Office for United Kingdom, 6, Princes-street, E.C.

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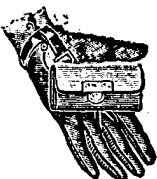
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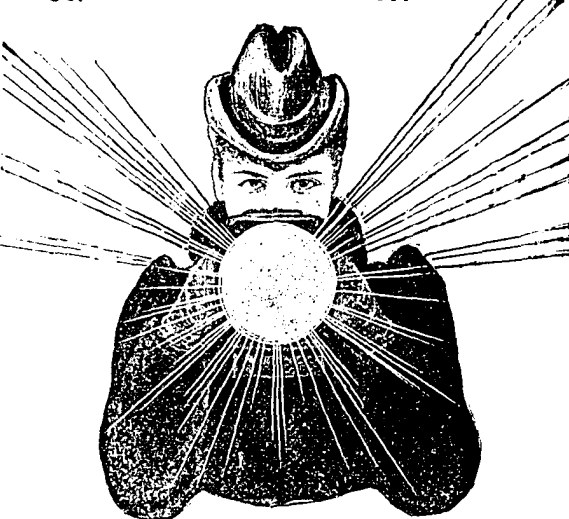
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