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THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The spring School Elections were held at the Quarterly General Courts of Governors and Subscribers assembled in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on the 8th and 9th instant respectively, there being, more especially in the case of the Boys' School, for which there were considerably more candidates than vacancies, a very keen competition to be included among the successful children. For admission into

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the ballot was opened as soon as the ordinary business of the Court of the 8th instant was over, there being 29 candidates—reduced to 28 by the withdrawal of a West Yorkshire girl for admission under the "Sir Henry Edwards" presentation—and 20 vacancies. Five of these children derived their claims from London, and there was one other who was able to look for support partly to London and partly to the Province of Surrey. There were 21 Provincial candidates and one from the District of Bengal, and it was a Provincial girl, hailing from Cornwall and ranking as No. 8 on the list, who headed the array of successful candidates with 3702 votes, it being her first, and as it happily proved for her, her only attempt to secure admission to the benefits of the Institution. The next in order was a London child, who obtained 1607 votes at her first attempt in October last, and raised that number to 3549 on this occasion, it being her sole remaining chance of winning a place. No. 3, from London and Surrey, had the enormous advantage of starting with 2716 votes polled at the last election, and, as this was the sole remaining chance, in her case likewise, of being admitted, her friends gave her a further 735 votes, thereby augmenting her total to 3451. There were originally four West Yorkshire candidates, but, as we have seen, one of them was withdrawn for admission under presentation, and, as it was her only chance, we must congratulate her on the good fortune which created this vacancy just in the very nick of time. Of the other three from this Province, two succeeded in winning places, one of them emerging fourth from the ballot with 3448 votes, and the other fifth with 3443 votes. The next four in order were all Provincials, the Staffordshire girl securing sixth place with 3385 votes, one of the two Gloucestershire girls being placed seventh with 3365 votes, the Kentish lassie being eighth with 3307 votes, and that from Warwickshire ninth with 3305 votes. Two London candidates, who polled 3285 and

3258 votes respectively, came next in order, and then followed the Surrey girl, who obtained 67 votes at the election in October last, and raised her total on this occasion to 3252. The West Lancashire girl was placed 13th with 3173 votes, and the girl with claims on Lincolnshire, North and East Yorkshire, Surrey, and Staffordshire 14th with 3111 votes. The North Wales candidate was returned 15th with 3108 votes, and the Berkshire 16th with 3052 votes, the girl from Middlesex being next with 3046 votes, and then in the order named the children from Cambridgeshire, Northants and Hunts, and South Wales (W.D.), with 2961, 2901, and 2747 votes respectively, there being a second girl from South Wales (W.D.), who polled only 79 votes. The unsuccessful, to the number of eight, comprised, in addition to the Welsh girl just mentioned, the second Gloucestershire candidate who will carry forward to the election in October next 2612 votes; the two remaining London candidates who polled 2157 and 1078 votes respectively; the candidate with claims on North Wales and South Wales (W.D.), who raised her total of October last from 115 to 1541 votes; the Bengal and Oxfordshire candidates who polled 806 and 758 respectively; and the remaining West Yorkshire child, who obtained only 30 votes. Thus, of the 29 children originally on the list 21, including the West Yorkshire girl, who has been nominated under presentation, will become inmates of the School in due course, while as all the *last* cases are happily provided for, the eight who failed on Thursday last will, if they remain otherwise eligible, carry forward their votes to the next election. It remains for us to express our satisfaction that our appeal on behalf of the four last cases has not been without its effect, and to add that of the 74,250 votes issued for this election, as many as 6983 were either spoiled or not used.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of

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was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 9th inst., when, from a list originally numbering 60 children, but reduced by withdrawals to 54, 22 were elected, and will be admitted at the usual time into the School. Of the 54 candidates who went to the poll, 18 were wholly of London origin, of whom five were successful, and three partly London and partly Provincial, and of these one obtained a vacancy. The remaining 33 derived their claims from the Provinces or from Districts Abroad, and of these 16, or as nearly as possible one-half, were placed among the winners of vacancies. It will thus be seen that owing to greater energy, or more likely still, to their superior organisation, the Provinces fared proportionately better than the Metropolis. No. 1 on the poll hailed from London, and polled right away 3726 votes, and the next two were Provincial, the lad from Cheshire, who brought forward 25 votes from last October, taking second place, with 3639 votes, and No. 3, from Durham, obtaining 3606 votes. The fourth in order, with claims on London and Berkshire, brought forward 2480 votes from October, and this he augmented to 3580 votes, the five following candidates being Provincials, No. 5 (Suffolk) obtaining 3566 votes, of which 1955 were polled for him in October last; No. 6 (Hertfordshire) having 3545 votes; No. 7 (Berkshire) 3545 votes; No. 8 (Nottinghamshire) 3487 votes, of which 232 were already to his credit from the election in October, 1896; and No. 9 (Northants and Hunts) 3484 votes. No. 10, from London, who started with 2885 votes from six previous elections, obtained further support to the extent of 590 votes, thereby increasing the total of his poll to 3475. The

Gloucestershire boy stood 11th, with 3385 votes, and one of the two from West Yorkshire—the other having been withdrawn—12th, with 3382 votes. Of the three lads from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, one was withdrawn, and one took 13th place, with 3347 votes, while one of the Kent trio, of whom one also was withdrawn, polled 3335 votes. No. 15 hailed from Worcestershire and won his vacancy with 3302 votes, and No. 16 was one of two from the Argentine Republic, who started for his third ballot with 1807 votes in hand and augmented his poll to 3232, while No. 17, one of two Herefordshire candidates—it is a pity that Herefordshire does not seem to understand the principle of “give and take”—was successful with 3213 votes, of which 183 were obtained at the three previous ballots. No. 18, a London boy, who had polled 1936 votes at his three preceding attempts, raised his total to 3163, while the next who had claims on North Wales and South Wales (W.D.), and started with 1116 votes, finished the day with a total of 3017. Surrey scored the next success with 2943 votes, of which 944 were brought forward from the last October election, while the remaining two were London candidates who polled 2857 and 2748 votes respectively, the former having accumulated 2198 votes in the course of his three attempts between October, 1895 and October, 1896, both inclusive. Of the remaining 32 boys, who were unsuccessful, as many as 13 polled upwards of 1000 votes, there being four who will carry forward upwards of 2000 votes to the election in October next, while 18 obtained at this or at previous elections combined less than 500 votes, and of these, half a dozen had under 100 recorded for them. The total number of votes brought forward and added was 24,840, while the number issued for this election was 80,101, of which 74,325 passed the scrutineers. To these must be added 117 polled for candidates that had been withdrawn, so that the number unused or spoilt was 5659. We regret to add that of the four boys who had only this one chance of winning a place, namely, those placed at Nos. 15, 25, 43, and 55, the last named, though he derived his support from London and Essex, only succeeded in obtaining 541 votes, and consequently his name will be removed from the list. There are, therefore, 31 whose names and votes will go forward to the election next October.

THE NEW BUILDINGS COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Having obtained the sanction and approval of the Quarterly General Court for their purchase of a new site at Bushey, Hertfordshire, on which to erect their new premises, the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have lost no time in projecting the necessary steps for the further development of their plans, and at the Quarterly Court, on Friday, the 9th inst., Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past G. Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, took the Governors and Subscribers present into his confidence and fully explained to them all that had been done since October last. In the first place, the contract for the purchase of the new site, which had only been entered into provisionally, was completed. The Board next appointed a “New Buildings Committee,” with Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, as Chairman, to consider the best means of utilising the new site and erecting a building, with all the necessary appurtenances and fittings, for the accommodation of an establishment of 400 boys. Since its appointment, this Committee has held many meetings, and made many excursions into the districts round London and elsewhere with a view to ascertaining as far as possible by personal observation the most suitable arrangements for the erection and fitting of the new premises. But the Committee, at the same time, felt that it would be highly improper for men who had no technical knowledge of the building art to rely upon their own judgment in such matters, and at their instance, therefore, the Board of Management appointed the present Grand Superintendent of Works—Bro. ROWLAND PLUMBE—to be their architect, and advise them generally as to the discharge of this portion of their duty. Accordingly, Bro. PLUMBE had accompanied the members of the Committee on their several excursions, and, as a result of their joint inspection of a number of modern schools, he and

they together had drawn up a schedule of the requirements which it might be necessary or desirable to make provision for in preparing the designs for the new premises. It had been also determined to invite some half-dozen members of the profession to prepare and submit plans and designs for the School, and, as such plans and designs cannot be prepared by the architects who may be invited to compete, it has been decided to offer a certain sum as an honorarium to each competitor, the successful one being paid 2½ per cent. more than his rivals. But the Board does not bind itself to accept any of the plans thus submitted, even the one which may be returned as the best, their object being to have the way prepared for them, so that they might not be plunged into any building operations until they had fully satisfied themselves that the plans and designs “were on the best possible lines for carrying out their views.” Here the matter rests for the present.

But though, pending the time necessary for the invited architects to prepare their plans, Bro. EVE was unable to carry his information further as to what the Board had been doing since October last in reference to the proposed new premises at Bushey, there was one thing else of a most gratifying nature which he was able to communicate to the Court, and having waited until Bro. KEYSER had been re-elected Treasurer and returned thanks for his re-election, Bro. EVE again rose and announced that Bro. KEYSER, “in order, as far as possible, to keep down the expenses entailed in connection with the building of the new School and all its appurtenances,” had informed the Board of Management of his intention at the next Quarterly General Court to place 5000 guineas at the disposal of the Institution “towards the erection of a chapel on the new site at Bushey.” It is needless to say that this announcement was received with loud and prolonged applause—and as Bro. EVE suggested, we hope that Bro. KEYSER’S munificent example may incline others to go and do likewise according to their means.

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The April Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 9th instant in the large hall of Freemasons’ Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron and Trustee of the Institution, was voted to the chair. At the table on the dais Bro. Eve was supported by Bros. George Everett, A. C. Spaul, W. H. Spaul, S. J. Attenborough, Henry Smith, J. J. Thomas, J. W. Burgess, James Willing, R. C. Clowes, W. A. Scurrah, Charles Hudson, C. E. Keyser, and J. E. Le Feuvre. The meeting was largely attended.

After the different minutes had been read by Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec., Bro. EVE called on Bro. C. E. Keyser to move a resolution of which he had given notice.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., then rose to move the following resolution:—“That a respectful vote of congratulation be tendered to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Grand Patron of the Institution, on the occasion of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of her glorious and beneficent reign.” He said he felt some diffidence in proposing this resolution, and it might appear presumptuous in him or any member of the Craft to undertake a duty of that kind. But when he had pointed out to the brethren the very great interest the Queen had always taken in this Institution, he thought they would not consider it out of place for him to do so, or look on him with disfavour. (Hear, hear.) Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen was the oldest subscriber to the Institution at the present time. She first showed her interest in it when her uncle, the late Duke of Sussex, was Grand Master, and she had ever since kept up her interest in it. She was Patron of the Institution in 1852, and since then had become G. Patroness, and had done the Institution the honour of continuing that position up to the present time. She was the largest subscriber until to-day to the Institution, and, therefore, she had shown a consistent interest in them. He thought as she was connected so closely with this Institution, she might feel it a compliment if she had a resolution like the one proposed sent to her, and that such a meeting as the present would be representative of the feelings of the Craft who concurred in offering her congratulations on a reign which had been marked by unexampled progress and prosperity, and the improvement of the welfare of all classes. Bro. Keyser then read his resolution.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried amidst loud cheers.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. TOBIAS, the following resolution of the Council of Friday, 26th March, 1897, was adopted:

“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, discharged at the request of his parent before the expiration of his term.”

Bro. RICHARD EVE then said it was his duty now as Chairman of the Board of Management to make a statement with respect to the development of the Bushey site for the new school buildings. The brethren might remember that at the meeting in October, 1896, the matter came before the Quarterly Court, and the Court then approved of the action which had been taken for the removal of the School. They had now entered into a contract of a provisional character, and that contract was before the brethren and they approved of what the Board had done. The contract was completed shortly afterwards, and at the next meeting of the Board of Management they went further into the matter, and appointed a Committee called “The New Buildings Committee” for the purpose, as stated in their resolution as to the best means of utilising the site of such School, and supplying the School with gas, water, class-rooms, lecture-room, reading-room, sleeping accommodation for 400 boys, &c. The step was taken by the Board of Management immediately following the October Quarterly Court, and in pursuance of that, the Committee selected as their Chairman Bro. C. E. Keyser. He could assure the brethren, being on the Committee himself, it was no light work, and was undertaken, and those of the brethren who had acted on that Committee had devoted their time and attention to it in order to carry the work out properly. Many meetings had been held, many journeys had been made by the Committee—sometimes a large majority of the Committee took part in them—viewing the different schools they could find

in the vicinity of London and elsewhere, so that they might get some idea of what was required with reference to the new buildings of this Institution. Those meetings were held from time to time; and in addition to that, the Committee, with the approval of the Board of Management, suggested that they should be pleased to select a distinguished architect who could give them his advice on the details of the new buildings. The Committee recommended that the Board should engage the services of the Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. Rowland Plumbe. The Committee and the Board of Management felt that they had acted wisely in calling in that brother's assistance and his services. Bro. Plumbe had given them such particulars as had lightened the Committee's duties, and he had done that in such a thorough, business way that they had no hesitation in acting on his suggestions. The Board of Management had appointed Bro. Rowland Plumbe as their architect, and assistant, and adviser in that matter. (Hear, hear.) It would be a most improper thing for brethren who had no technical knowledge of building to act without getting the best assistance in carrying out the great work which they were undertaking. Bro. Rowland Plumbe had visited the various modern schools with the Committee, and a great deal of time had been taken up by him and the Committee in forming a schedule of requirements it might be desirable to have in the plans and designs of the new buildings. Those had been drawn up with great care, and the Committee had decided to ask half-a-dozen of the principal men in the profession, selected by the Board of Management, to send in plans and designs. They did not pledge themselves to accept the best, even if recommended; they were not pledged to accept any; the object was to get the best advice; to lay their ground down so that they should not be plunged into any building until they had satisfied themselves that those plans and designs were on the best possible lines for carrying out their views. He thought the brethren would agree that the Board of Management had acted wisely. That was all they had done up to the present—nothing more. (Hear, hear.) It would take some time for these architects when invited to send in their plans and designs, and for the Committee, with the assistance of Bro. Rowland Plumbe, to select the best plan and the best architect to carry out the work. Those were the details up to the present; nothing definite had been done except that half a dozen gentlemen would send in designs. They were advised that they could not expect distinguished men to draw up plans without remuneration, and a certain sum would be paid for each. The successful one would be paid 2½ per cent. more than the others, but if he was the architect chosen that would all fall into the commission, and he would get nothing for it. The Committee had looked into all the requirements that had been set forth in the memorandum of October—they had all been looked into with the greatest care; with the advice of their consulting architect they did this. At all events that was the course they had taken up to the present time. It would probably take three or four months to get the plans in. The Committee had not been idle in giving effect to the resolution of the Quarterly Court of last October. (Bro. EVE's observations were frequently interrupted by loud remarks of approval.)

On the motion of Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., seconded by Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., Bro. Charles Edward Keyser, P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of the brethren's confidence. He could only say that when nominated by the Council the other day he said he had no wish to monopolise the position of Treasurer. If there was any other brother whom they would like to fill it, he did not want to go on. But if he did cease to be the Treasurer, he could assure the brethren he should continue to take the same interest in the Institution as he did now, and had done hitherto. (Cheers.)

Bro. RICHARD EVE then said he was sure all the brethren would be delighted to hear an announcement he was about to make, and would receive it with as much pleasure as he experienced in making it. It was a very gratifying announcement, and he did not make it before Bro. Keyser was elected. The announcement he had to make was that Bro. Keyser, in order, as far as possible, to keep down the expenses entailed in connection with the building of the new School and all its appurtenances, had announced to the Board of Management that he would at the next Quarterly Court place at the disposal of the Institution the sum of 5000 guineas for the purpose of relieving the funds of the Institution of the cost of building the chapel upon the new site at Bushey. (Loud and general applause.) He assured the brethren it was a pleasurable thing to find that Bro. Keyser had not only given his time and attention to this Institution but had come out so munificently with his purse as he had to-day. In making this announcement he (Bro. EVE) did not intend to make any proposition, but merely intimated to the brethren now the fact in order that between now and the next Quarterly Court they might consider what proposition they should lay before the Court with reference to the munificent and kindly behaviour of Bro. Keyser. It might take the form of a vote of thanks to him for helping the fund so generously. Besides which they were desirous to encourage others to the same line of work. The form the recognition would take would be laid before the brethren at the next Quarterly Court. He was sure the brethren all wished to express to Bro. Keyser their thanks for his munificent gift. (Applause.)

The following 12 brethren not being Life Governors, were elected members of the Council representing the Life and Annual Subscribers: Bros. George Adamson, Thos. Evans, A. Flatman, Geo. Glover, E. Hewett, D. Jacobs, N. S. Joseph, F. W. Levander, G. W. Munt, E. Roehrich, W. J. Rowe, and Abraham Woolf.

The following 10 Life Governors were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Management:

For London—Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, George Everett, John Glass, William Alfred Scurrah, and James Willing, jun.

For the Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters—Bros. William Fentiman Smithson, Matthias Barker, John E. Le Feuvre, R. Vassar Vassar-Smith, and James W. Burgess.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD announced that Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland, who had kindly consented to preside at the 99th anniversary festival of the Institution, had fixed June 30th next for holding it. He asked brethren to come forward as Stewards, as the list was still below the number desired.

The election of boys into the School was then proceeded with. Following are the Unsuccessful Candidates.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Peel, Gilbert William	2411	Carroll, Frederick Sheridan	435
Eales, Arthur Douglas	2200	Moulton, Ronald Verlow	423
Brand, Richard Austin	2131	Downes, Gilbert George	337
Morris, Alfred Daniel	2023	Osinond, Frederic William	334
Mansell, Colston Thomas	1944	Wright, Charles Philip	329
Britten, Charles Wells	1922	Call, Reginald Frank	327
Manley, Leonard Oliver	1506	Hatchwell, Leonard Douglas	267
Sanderson, Alfred	1299	Grant, Albert Edward	240
Oldham, George Harold	1217	Delahaye, William Arthur	129
Thompson, Thomas James	1169	Sherman, Harold Mackenzie	55
Johnstone, Walter Latimer	1161	Parsons, Bertram Eugene	32
Lyle, Arthur James	1124	Blake, William Worthy Atkinson	28
Bowman, Harrison	1060	Glover, Geoffrey Ravenhill	8
Spurgeon, Albert Leslie (last)	541	Hartley, Bernard	5
Brinjes, Frederick Edgar	401	Broben, Gerald Grant	3
Burnett, James Murdoch	437	Howson, Thomas Richard	3

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

The Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, held its last regular meeting for the season on Saturday, the 10th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, and during the evening entertained a large party of ladies and guests along with their Masonic friends. Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, W.M., presided, and there were also present in the lodge at its working Bros. Harry Watts, S.W.; Henry G. Park, J.W.; T. Lovell, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Tollett, Sec.; W. B. Cosham, S.D.; T. J. O'Brien, P.M., J.D.; R. Perry, I.G.; J. Handley, D.C.; J. Boyles, A.D.C.; J. H. T. Bridgman and J. Flexman, Stewards; W. J. Wall, P.M.; J. A. Leins, P.M.; F. Kearney, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; John Stait, P.M.; J. Millman, H. Franklin, G. Millard, W. Garbutt, J. W. Terry, F. W. Flexman, H. Hawkins, E. Belhomme, W. Thompson, R. Hartland, 580; J. W. Fitzgerald, 1815; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Walton, 1360; and T. B. Tipton, S.D. 2550.

The W.M. raised Bro. H. G. Franklin, and afterwards the brethren elected Bro. H. Watts, S.W., as W.M., and re-elected Bro. T. Lovell, P.M., as Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lane as Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed, and a five guinea Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, W.M. The usual annual donation of one guinea was voted to the head waiter at Anderton's for his diligence and attention, and the lodge was then closed.

A reception was subsequently held by the W.M., and a banquet followed, which displayed great taste and discrimination on the part of Bro. Clemow, the proprietor of Anderton's, and the Committee of the lodge who had taken the matter in hand. At this banquet about 120 ladies and brethren sat down.

The W.M. presided, having Miss Winney on his right hand and Miss Burns on his left. There were also present Bro. Muller and Mrs. Muller; Bro. J. A. Leins, P.M., and Mrs. Leins, Mr. Winney; Bro. W. J. Wall, P.M.; Bro. F. Kearney, P.M., Mrs. Kearney; Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M.; Bro. John Stait, P.M., and Mrs. Stait; Mr. and Mrs. Thompson; Bro. J. T. Dormer, P.M., and Mrs. Dormer; Bro. H. G. Park, J.W., and Mrs. Park; Bro. Franklin; Bro. and Mrs. Cunningham; Bro. and Mrs. Hawkins; Bro. and Mrs. White; Bro. H. Massey, P.M., and Miss Massey; Mr. Owen; Mr. Turner; Mr. and Miss Lidwell; Bro. J. Flexman; Bro. T. J. O'Brien, P.M.; Mr. Green; Miss Foster; Mr. Woodthorpe; Bro. Belhomme; Bro. H. Watts, S.W., and Mrs. Watts; Bro. Lovell, P.M., Treas., Mrs. and Miss Lovell; Mr. Marcham, jun.; Bro. and Mrs. Marcham; Miss Tucker; Mr. Terry; Bros. Tollett and Millard; Bro. Headley and Mrs. Headley; Bro. T. and Mrs. Terry; Bro. R. and Mrs. Perry, and Mr. Handley; Mr. and Mrs. Swanson; Mr. Huntly, Mrs. Huntly, and Mr. and Mrs. Wareing, besides many others.

The banquet, which was admirably served, was thoroughly enjoyed, and at its conclusion Bro. Lonsdale, W.M., presented to each lady a fine bottle of scent.

The toasts were then proposed, and between the speeches a musical entertainment was performed by Miss May Davy, Mr. J. J. Berry, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Mr. George Pritchard.

The toast list was but short, as were also the speeches in which the toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Craft," of course, took first place; next came "The Worshipful Master;" then "The Worshipful Master elect;" and then "The Ladies and Visitors." The toast of "The Charities," did not appear on the list, as is customary at tyled meetings of this lodge's banquets; but the W.M., nevertheless, has not forgotten the Charities, as he is Steward for the next festival of the Boys' Institution, and has already £100 on his list which he hopes to carry beyond £150 by the time the festival is held.

Bro. H. C. LONSDALE, W.M., in giving "The Queen," said her Majesty had just completed 60 years of her reign, and he thought when the history of it came to be written it would be found to be not only the longest but the most glorious reign of any monarch.

Bro. WALL, P.M., next proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said all the brethren would agree with him that in Bro. Lonsdale they had a brother who had most ably and efficiently carried out the duties of Master of the Lodge of Perseverance. They had an opportunity now of testifying to the fact, for at every meeting they had witnessed the masterly manner in which he had performed his work and done all the ceremonies, and also by his genial and courteous manner worthily upheld the dignity and importance of Freemasonry. When the time came for them to bid farewell to him as W.M., it would be with the greatest regret they would do it. He asked them to drink the health of the W.M. most cordially.

The toast was drunk enthusiastically.

Bro. WALL, P.M., again rose. He said he had omitted to state one thing—to state that to-day was the W.M.'s birthday. He wished it had been the W.M.'s birthday when he started as W.M. of the lodge, but instead of that it was his birthday when he was leaving, or when he was half-leaving the chair.

Ladies and brethren then drank "Many Happy Returns" to the W.M.

Bro. H. C. LONSDALE, W.M., acknowledging the toast, said he returned his sincere thanks for the very kind and hearty reception the company had given to the flattering terms given expression to by Bro. Wall. Shakespeare said: "No true friend would flourish." After the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Wall, he had some doubts as to the sincerity of his (Bro. Wall's) friendship. Still, he (Bro. Lonsdale) was very much obliged to the company for the reception given to the toast, and to Bro. Wall for the kind terms in which he had submitted it.

Bro. H. C. LONSDALE, W.M., next said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose the toast of the evening—"The Worshipful Master Elect." For the information of those ladies and gentlemen who were not so well acquainted with the election of W.M. as Masons were, he might inform them that it had been the custom from the time of the foundation of the lodge to meet on the second Saturday in April to elect a W.M. True to their traditions, they had met that afternoon and had elected a gentleman who, he had said, would do honour to the position, and when the time came round for him to give up the collar which he (Bro. Lonsdale) so unworthily wore—(No, no)—it would be found he had not tarnished it in any one way. He was quite sure from his personal experience of Bro. Watts, whom he introduced into the lodge 10 or 12 years ago, and from having watched his progress since he took a collar, and undertook the responsibilities of office; he would make a good W.M. He was very pleased to say when Bro. Watts wore a collar he was always in attendance. That was a great thing to say in a lodge of such a small number as the Lodge of Perseverance, but Bro. Watts was a conscientious worker, a true and faithful brother, and he was sure that when the ladies met Bro. Watts that day 12 months they would say he was a jolly good fellow.

Bro. WATTS, S.W. and W.M. elect, in replying, said he felt proud of having had delegated to him the duties of W.M. He was pleased he had joined the lodge. His father was a Mason before him. He thanked the brethren many times for bringing him into it. He found he had gained a number of friends; he hoped he had made many friends. He should endeavour to do his best for the welfare of the lodge and for Masonry in general.

Bro. H. C. LONSDALE, W.M., gave "The Ladies and Visitors." It was difficult, he said, for a W.M. to give that toast, surrounded as he was by so much youth and

beauty. He tendered thanks to the ladies on behalf of the Lodge of Perseverance for the honour they had done it by being present. There were many things he would like to say of the ladies, but his modesty prevented him. He felt naturally modest in the presence of ladies, but he was quite sure the ladies had been very wise in their selection of their champion, a gentleman who knew nothing about them, to respond, who had promised to say only what they told him, and surely they had put the right words in his mouth. He added in that toast the gentlemen visitors. The Lodge of Perseverance could be nothing unless it was hospitable, and no one could say they did not extend the right hand of fellowship to their friends. They were always pleased to see them, and nothing gave them greater pleasure than to be surrounded by their lady friends. The ladies always said when the evening was out "You might invite us next year." They did, and the ladies always came.

Mr. GARDNER responded and thanked the lodge for the moiety then. They would certainly come next year if invited.

Mr. MILLER also replied for the gentlemen visitors, who he said had all enjoyed themselves. They wished the Masonic Craft every prosperity.

Dancing followed after a short interval, and was kept up with spirit until nearly midnight.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The ninth annual supper of this well-known and flourishing chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., under the able presidency of Comp. Wm. Eckersall, the M.E.Z. of the mother chapter, supported by Comps. Thos. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z. 1329, Treas.; Chas. Henry Stone, P.Z. 1275 and 1901, S.E.; W. R. Barr, H. 1275; Hy. Hardman, J. 1275; James Addington, P.Z. 1275; G. H. Lewis, P.S. 1622; J. H. Cureton, P.Z. 2182; S. J. Derham, H. 1622; Dr. Makeham, P.Z. 1275; Walter Kirby, 1622; J. Sobel, 1622; Robert Elgar, 1329; J. Longhurst, 2157; and J. Lightfoot, P.Z. 1901.

The companions having done justice to a capital supper supplied by the indefatigable proprietress, Mrs. Venables,

The M.E.Z. presented the loyal and Masonic toasts in the most commendable terms, which were right royally received.

Comp. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas., very ably proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z., and President of the Meeting, Comp. Wm. Eckersall," one whom he was delighted to honour, having known him and his works for many years. He was holding the highest honour in the Star Chapter, as its First Principal in this memorable year of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, to commemorate her auspicious reign, and he trusted that he might long live and reign in the hearts and affections of all the companions for many years to come. The Principals in the Star Chapter of Instruction changed weekly, but the Principals in R.A. Masonry continued, and it was their earnest desire that the M.E.Z. would also continue to support the Star Chapter of Instruction.

Comp. Wm. ECKERSALL in reply, thanked the companions for so kind a reception and for the honourable position he held, for which he was exceedingly obliged. He felt himself somewhat unworthy to hold such a high position, but, nevertheless, having been elected he would worthily fulfil the duties. There were several companions present known to him for many years, and some more than 20, and he was glad to state the longer time known to him the friendship between them became stronger. Old friends pass away, and those left were always appreciated the more, hence his extreme pleasure in presiding. There was not a large gathering of companions, through various causes, but they were all one in heart, and it was none the less enjoyable on account of numbers. He promised his most ardent support to the chapter of instruction and thanked the companions for so cordially receiving the toast of his health.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Star Chapter of Instruction," coupling with it the name of Comp. Thomas Grummant, P.Z., the highly esteemed and competent Preceptor. The President stated to him it was a pleasurable duty, for there was no other chapter of instruction in London which had done more good for Royal Arch Masonry and in so short a time. Before it was inaugurated the times were vastly different, for any in search of Royal Arch Masonry knowledge had to travel to Greenwich in South London, to the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, and, when there, would find that most of the companions present hailed from Camberwell. Hence the founding of the Star Chapter, of which the President said he was one of the founders, and proud indeed was he that he lent his name, for it had been from its commencement one continued success. For such excellent results one had only to look to the principal agent, Comp. T. Grummant, of whom the chapter was proud, and heartily thanked him for his universal kindness in imparting the splendid ritual. The long array of Principals and Past Principals showed their appreciation, and to him the chapter was very much indebted.

The toast was received with acclamation.

In reply, Comp. T. GRUMMANT said he was indeed very thankful for so hearty a response to the almost too flattering remarks of the President, who had bestowed on him such eulogiums. He would, however, congratulate the chapter upon its successful career. He rather regretted the smallness of the meeting, but it was fully representative and influential, there being four Past Principals of the Star Chapter and three of others. That in itself marked their appreciation of the services rendered by the chapter. His position as Preceptor was one utterly unlooked for, but upon the unanimous choice of the companions he gladly accepted, so that he should be enabled to disseminate the splendid ritual (which was his delight and pleasure) as propounded by the late revered Comp. Bumstead, of Greenwich, in the Pythagorean Chapter, out of whose ashes the Star Chapter of Instruction rose. While he visited the various chapters in South London and elsewhere, and witnessed the admirable working, and even the installations, he should be encouraged, and continue to impart that knowledge with the greatest of pleasure.

The M.E.Z. next presented the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E.," stating that each was worthy of a separate toast. Of Comp. Voisey, P.Z., Treas., who was a most ardent exponent of Freemasonry, one of the founders, and Treasurer since its commencement, the companions were glad to welcome him restored to better health, and earnestly hoped he would remain for many years as their Treasurer. He had worked incessantly, and had accomplished great things, and the companions were greatly indebted to him for the part he displayed in the formation of the chapter. Of Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E., it could be said that the success of the Star Chapter was mainly due to his indefatigable exertions.

Comp. VOISEY, in reply, thanked the companions for the trust reposed in him, which was a very responsible position. He had always been concerned for the welfare of the Star Chapter of Instruction, which had supplied a much needed want. The success to his mind was much due to the Past Principals and the Preceptor (who was a perfect master of the art) for their able assistance, which they all so readily and cheerfully gave. While remaining the Treasurer he should always most faithfully guard the funds committed to him.

Comp. C. H. STONE, S.E., most gratefully acknowledged the kind expressions presented by the President. What he did was a labour of love and would continue to be given so long as he was able. He could never forget their mark of appreciation to himself and Mrs. Stone at the corresponding supper last year, so unexpectedly and generously given. So long as so worthy a body of companions and Past Principals met under so able a Preceptor so long would the Star Chapter of Instruction be second to none in London or elsewhere. He should like to give a brief summary of the chapter's doings since its inception. During the past year there had been 36 convocations, with an average of nearly 13, which was excellent, he thought, for a chapter of instruction, and now it numbered 227 members. To show its usefulness it had been placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the neighbouring Chapters, the Sphinx, Rose, Selwyn, and Sterndale Bennett, for the rehearsal of the ceremonies by their respective officers. The chapter had been founded nine years and never had a blank meeting. But the crowning point of all was the splendid part it had played in the cause of Charity for it had paid from its funds the sum of 20 guineas to the Masonic Charities; £5 5s. to the late Bro. Francis Memorial Fund; £2 2s. to the Peckham Pension Fund, at which festival Comp. Dr. Cock was Chairman; and also £1 1s. to the late Bro. Poore Testimonial Fund; so with such a record, of which he was proud, the chapter of instruction might highly congratulate itself, and the companions continuing their hearty support and co-operation, it must go on and prosper. He hoped he should live many years to assist in maintaining the reputation of the chapter and also of continuing its usefulness.

Some very pleasant harmony was afforded by Comps. Derham (flautist), Voisey, Stone, Hardman, and Sobel (reciter). Comp. H. Hardman presided at the pianoforte.

BETHNAL GREEN FREE LIBRARY.

The 21st anniversary meeting of this Institution was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor presiding. The report for last year gave evidence of continued prosperity. By the generous aid of friends the Committee had been able to form a lending department, which will, no doubt, be greatly valued. Free lectures and concerts had been given and evening classes had been held. Since the establishment of the Library it was calculated that its privileges had been enjoyed by upwards of 711,000 persons. The work had been carried on hitherto under great disadvantages, and the Committee were anxious to erect a new building in a main thoroughfare, for which £20,000 would be required.

The LORD MAYOR, in opening the proceedings, said they were all agreed as to the advantages attending the reading of useful literature, and that Library offered to those who stood most in need of it a privilege which was a national necessity as well as a pleasure without a parallel. It was offering humanity a pleasant future instead of a demoralising one, and there could be no better object than the endeavour to brighten the lives of the poor.

The ARCHDEACON OF LONDON, in moving the adoption of the report, said the Committee had been doing a good work for 21 years. This Library stood on a different footing from other free libraries, inasmuch as it had no support from the rates. The Library was greatly in need of new books and of more annual subscribers. It should be remembered that besides being a library it was an educational institute, and was eminently worthy of support.

Mr. PICKERSGILL, M.P., seconded the motion.

Dr. GARNETT, in support, said the British Museum some years ago adopted a plan which he found in use at the Bethnal Green Library, and by so doing had saved the nation a large sum of money.

The report was adopted unanimously.

Mr. BROWNAGGREE, M.P., moved a resolution expressing satisfaction at the continued and increased usefulness of the Library, and hoping that before the next annual meeting a site would have been obtained for a new building.

This was seconded by the Rev. WINNINGTON INGRAM, Rector of Bethnal Green, and carried.

On the motion of Prebendary WHITTINGTON, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Craft Masonry.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Chas. Garton, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; Rev. T. Selby Henry, J.W., Chap.; Thos. Cohn, P.M., Treas.; Hy. Legge, P.M., Sec.; John T. Robeson, S.D.; Thos. Stokes, J.D.; Jas. Smith, P.M., D.C.; C. C. Welch, I.G.; C. Couchman, Tyler; F. Hughes, P.M.; J. Collins, Lloyd, S. Rippin, A. J. Rippin, Hipwell, Lockett, Williams, Rawkins, Bassett, and Pitt.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Williams, Hipwell, Bassett, and Rawkins were passed. The lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 8th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Clement H. Berry, W.M. A very long list of work was before the brethren, consisting of raisings, passings, and initiation, and the brethren, therefore, met at an early hour. Besides the W.M., there were present several lay members of the lodge, Bros. T. P. Dobson, P.M.; M. Christian, P.M.; and E. T. Bond, P.M. Visitors: Bros. T. Ekin, 1625; A. S. Chapman, 1184; W. Spearing, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; T. Clark, P.M. 1178; A. S. Lewis, 1585; W. Hunt, P.M. 172 and 2512; W. Smith, S.W. 1624; J. Cartal, 1563; J. Collins, 192; D. Weller, 2426; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923; E. Elton Hawkins, S.D. 1507; W. E. Garstin, 2488; W. M. Sherring, 1681; H. T. Stow, 1524; A. Fonseca, 1593; H. Tadjie, 1593; W. S. Clark, I.G. 28; J. G. Emery, S.W. 1950; and D. Wetherill, P.M. 1681.

Bros. W. King and R. M. East were raised, Bros. T. McGuire and H. M. Lonergan were passed, and Mr. Richard Whitehead was initiated. The Auditors' report was received, and then Bro. Clement H. Berry, W.M., installed as his successor Bro. John Wade, S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Berry was invested as I.P.M., and the other officers were as follows: Bros. H. J. Sexton, S.W.; F. S. Newell, J.W.; R. Burleton, P.M., Treas.; H. Jenkins, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Winter, S.D.; J. Nares, J.D.; W. Fisher, I.G.; E. Bond, P.M., D.C.; A. Holman, A.D.C.; T. B. Dodson and W. Loveridge, Stewards; Hubert Delma, Org.; and T. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. Bro. C. H. Berry then delivered the addresses, and completed his work, as he had conducted it all through, in the most perfect style.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a charming banquet under the chairmanship of the W.M. The usual toasts followed.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro and Deputy G.Ms.," &c., having been Masonically honoured, on the proposition of the W.M.,

Bro. Clement H. Berry, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said he had not yet retired into oblivion, so to speak, himself, as he was privileged still to propose one toast to the brethren, and that toast would be received with a great amount of pleasure. It was the toast of the W.M., and he felt quite relieved to be sitting as I.P.M., instead of in the chair of W.M. The lodge had a very genial W.M. in Bro. Wade. He felt sorry when he brought up in the lodge the question of the summer outing so few brethren took the matter up, but that, no doubt, was owing to their modesty, and when the W.M. issued a summons to them about it, they would rally round and support him. This lodge had always been noted for the way in which it supported the Master in the chair during his year of office, and when the brethren had such a Master as Bro. Wade, in the Diamond Jubilee year of the Queen, he knew they would be only too glad and willing to aid him in anything he undertook.

Bro. J. Wade, W.M., in reply, said he could not but feel it was extremely gratifying to him to obtain such an enthusiastic reception of the toast which the I.P.M. had so kindly given; but at the same time, as he was only a newly-born Master of the lodge, it could not be expected that he should make any speech. Therefore he should content himself with telling the brethren how exceedingly obliged he was for the reception they had given his name.

Bro. John Wade, W.M., next proposed "The Initiate." When the old brethren got up to the Master's end of the table they knew that the time must come to an end for brethren to attain that position unless new blood was infused into the ranks of Masonry. They had got that evening a brother who, having come among them, would make it his ambition and pleasure to persevere through all the stages of Masonic work until he arrived at the top of it. He knew that from the conversation he had had with Bro. Whitehead he would become a worthy Mason, he was satisfied that the man who introduced him would not have done so if he had not been certain that such would be the case. He hoped Bro. Whitehead would ultimately become Master of the lodge.

Bro. Whitehead replying, said he had very few remarks to make, but he must thank the brethren one and all for the very kind and hearty reception they had given him. Especially he wished to thank the two friends, Bro. D. White for proposing him and Bro. T. J. White for seconding his introduction to the lodge. He could assure the brethren he should make it his chief study to act up to the true principles of Masonry, so that those two brethren might never regret having introduced him there.

Bro. John Wade, W.M., proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Clement H. Berry." He could not possibly pass the toast over without some words, and of those words he was sure every brother would approve. All who had attended the lodge for many years had seen Bro. Berry advance; he had fulfilled the duties of his office in such a manner that very few could surpass. Although, they had had Masters before who had performed their duties in a most superior style, not one had eclipsed Bro. Berry, who entered the chair with the modesty which became him as a scholar; he had worked though as a perfect Master of his work, and had given the brethren instructions in the work, which instruction, he (Bro. Wade) hoped they would profit by. It was a great pleasure to him to propose the health of Bro. Berry; he had never had a better opportunity in his life in that lodge of expressing his gratification at seeing Bro. Berry's work. He had a still greater gratification in now placing on Bro. Berry's breast a jewel, which had been voted by the lodge as a mark of appreciation of his distinguished services. It was the wish of all the members of the lodge that Bro. Berry might wear it for many years, and always have a feeling of happy recollection of the day when he went through the chair.

Bro. Clement H. Berry, I.P.M., responding, said: If he were to talk for an hour, he could only say he thanked the brethren over and over again. He thanked the W.M. for the very flattering remarks he had made, and the brethren for the very cordial way they had responded. He valued the Past Master's jewel very highly indeed. It would be a souvenir of his year of office in the lodge he was initiated in, and in which he had served every office but one—the J.W. That arose from the fact that the brother who was initiated with him, who went on office after office until he got to the J.W.'s chair, retired before he went to S.W., and he (Bro. Berry), who was following him, became S.W. He could assure the brethren that as long as he had health and strength he should be always with them, and should do his best for the harmony and prosperity of that, his mother, lodge.

Bro. John Wade, W.M., next gave the toast of "The Visitors," of whom 22 were present.

Bros. Clark, Hunt, Reynolds, Chapman, Sherring, and Wright replied; and the toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Press," followed by the Tyler's toast, completed the list, and the brethren then separated.

Under the direction of Bro. Delma, Org., Bro. Pownall, Miss Vena Rosenbaum, Miss Annie Norton, the Grosvenor Quartette (W. and S. Price and W. A. Harvey) performed vocal and instrumental music during the evening.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, High-bury, the brethren present being Bros. J. A. Blount, W.M.; D. C. Ritchie, I.P.M.; E. J. Harrison, S.W.; C. Isler, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., W.M., 2278, Sec.; C. Horst, S.D.; W. Taylor, J.D.; F. W. White, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; E. H. Bury, Org.; G. Walker and J. Amand, Stewards; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts.; A. Cox, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; W. F. Roberts, E. A. Wagstaff, G. Yexley, E. H. Yexley, F. Simmonds, R. Blunden, J. Johnson, D. C. Attwater, G. Fullbrook, G. A. Hopkins, A. Kische, T. E. Newman, J. H. Thurman, J. R. White, W. A. Goring, L. Danielsson, and T. Spotswood. Visitors: Bros. F. Page, W.M. 1613; R. W. Nicole, P.M. 2278; C. Nicole, 2278; A. W. Beney, 749; J. Johnson, 1316; and H. S. Trego.

The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M., by request, vacated the chair that the ceremony of raising Bro. E. H. Yexley might be performed by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., who expressed his thanks to the W.M. for consenting to the wish of the candidate. The full ceremony having been rendered, Bro. Blount again resumed his position as W.M. When it was announced that Bro. Blinkhorn, P.M., was a Steward for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the usual sum of 10 guineas was voted for his list, and that amount was very liberally supplemented by the donations of the brethren during the evening. A candidate was proposed for initiation.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual toasts followed,

That of "The Visitors," was very ably replied to by Bros. F. Page, W.M. 1613; R. W. Nicole, I.P.M. 2278; and C. Nicole of the same lodge.

A lengthy programme had been arranged, consisting of songs by Bro. Isler, Goring, R. W. Nicole, C. Nicole, and A. Kische, and a pianoforte solo and songs by Mr. E. Bury, with "Auld Lang Syne" as a finale.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.

The meeting of this lodge was held at the London Tavern, on Saturday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. James Lawson, W.M., and Bro. Walter L. Barker, the S.W. of the lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the 12 months ensuing from the next regular meeting of the lodge in October. Bro. R. S. Cushing, P.M., was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer of the lodge. Amongst other business was the receiving of the report of a committee of R.A. Masons within the lodge, which had been appointed at the last meeting to take into consideration the desirability of the formation of a R.A. chapter under the auspices of the Lodge of Loyalty. The committee reported that in view of the fact that the Lewis Chapter, No. 1185, was already so strongly representative of the brethren of the Loyalty Lodge, it was not at present desirable to take steps to obtain a warrant for a new chapter to be held under the authority of the Lodge of Loyalty. The report was unanimously received and adopted. Before the close of the lodge, the brethren, on the motion of the Treasurer, unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Lawson, as a tribute to the value of the services which he had rendered as W.M. of the lodge, and in token of the affection and esteem in which he is held by the members of the lodge. Bro. Jenkinson, formerly a member of the William Shumway Lodge, was unanimously admitted as a joining member.

The brethren subsequently dined together, and after the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

The toast of "The Visitors" was heartily given and received, and Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, P.M. and Sec. 1571, responded. He said he was present in a dual capacity, first to pay honour to his old friends the members of the Loyalty Lodge, and secondly, to discharge an obligation which had been imposed upon by Mrs. Crook, to return to the

brethren of the lodge, and especially to Bros. Cushing, P.M., and H. T. Thompson, P.M., the earnest and heartfelt thanks of that lady for all the kindness which they had shown to her in securing the election of her child, Ralph Crook, the preceding day, placing him at the head of the poll with no less than 3726 votes.

In responding subsequently to another toast, Bro. Cushing made pointed allusions to the kindly remarks which had fallen from Bro. Morgan. It was, he said, a proud position for them to have occupied. It was well known that with the magnificent organisations which provincial lodges had at their command it was rarely that London cases approached the figures which were polled for the country cases, but although the provinces had, by their excellent machinery, secured, as usual, about four-fifths of the vacancies, it had fallen to the lot of the case in which their lodge was most interested to occupy the proud position of head of the poll. In warmly acknowledging the efforts which the brethren had put forward to attain so desirable a result, Bro. Cushing paid a high tribute to the extraordinary exertions of Mrs. Crook. This little lady had worked with a zeal and assiduity which had astonished all who had interested themselves in her child's case. It was not always the case that those who had the most to gain were the most zealous workers, but the marvellous energy shown by Mrs. Crook had but received its due reward. Bro. Cushing eloquently urged upon the brethren the claims which the Masonic Institutions had upon all the members of the Craft.

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

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS R. ARTER, J.P., P.M., P.Z., PROV. S.G.W. WORCESTERSHIRE.

Our readers will learn with sincere regret that Bro. Thomas R. Arter, one of the most prominent members of the Fraternity in the Midlands and a most generous supporter of our Institutions, succumbed last week, as we are informed, to an operation while under the influence of chloroform. Bro. Arter during the years he had been a Freemason had greatly distinguished himself in the several branches with which he was connected. He occupied the chair of the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, Birmingham, in 1891, and, we believe, was a P.M. of the Lodge of Light, No. 468, Birmingham, as well as a P. Prov. S.G.W. Warwickshire, while in Worcestershire he was P.M. of the Lechmere Volunteers Lodge, No. 1874, Balsall Heath, and at the time of his death was Prov. S.G.W., having previously held the offices of Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Pursuivant. It was only on the 19th March that he was present at the consecration, at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, of the Lodge No. 2654, bearing his name, and assisted Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Worcestershire, in the ceremony as S.W., while, when the lodge had been constituted, he took the chair, and installed Bro. Perry as the first W.M. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having filled the chair of M.E.Z. in the Howe Chapter, No. 587, Birmingham, in 1893; a P.M. and Past Grand Steward in the Mark Degree; and a Past M.W.S. of the Vernon Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 5, Birmingham. As a supporter of our Institutions, he had done great things, having qualified as a Patron of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and Vice-Patron, if not as Patron, of the Boys' School. He had served no less than 28 Stewardships, namely, nine for the Girls' School, nine for the Boys' School, and 10 for the Benevolent Institution, the last occasion having been on the 24th February, when he figured among the Worcestershire Stewards, who supported the Duke of Connaught. He had also rendered similar service to the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which he was a Vice-Patron, and for which he had served eight Stewardships. The loss of such a brother will be greatly felt by the Provinces of Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

BRO. S. M. PEACE.

During the past week there has been called to the Grand Lodge above a noted brother of North Lincolnshire, at the early age of 36. He was only seized on the Monday with pneumonia, and was a corpse in less than 48 hours. He leaves a wife and four little children to mourn his sad and premature end. He was cashier to the Redbury Hill Iron Smelting Company at Frodingham (North Lincs), and resided in the adjacent village of Scunthorpe, where he was most highly respected and esteemed. He was initiated in the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2078, at Scunthorpe, in 1887, and after serving in the several offices to the great satisfaction of the brethren, he was unanimously elected W.M. in 1893. After fulfilling the duties of that office he acted as Secretary until last February, when he was again appointed J.W., and, had he lived, would doubtless have been appointed W.M. for a second time. He was J.W. in St. Oswald's Mark Lodge, No. 387, Crowle, and P.S. in St. Matthew's Chapter, No. 1417, Barton-on-Humber, and also a member of the Ancholme Lodge, No. 1282. In all these lodges and in all these offices he was most regular and punctual in attendance and faithful and energetic in the discharge of his duties. He was the son of a very worthy Mason, Bro. A. L. Peace, P.M. St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259, at Thorne (where deceased was born) and his grandfather was the late Bro. Peace, of Huddersfield, whose Masonic career is well remembered in West Yorks. He was educated at Archbishop Holgate's School and Thorne Grammar School, under the present head master (Bro. J. Constable). He was an officer in the North Lincolnshire Volunteer Corps, and a member of St. Oswald's Church Choir, Scunthorpe. He was interred at Scunthorpe Cemetery on Friday last, and his funeral was one of the most remarkable ceremonies which has ever taken place in this extensive district. The procession must have been half-a-mile in length. Leading were the Volunteers in full uniform, headed by Bros. Capt. F. Chatterton, 2078, and Maj. G. Dove, 2078, the mourners following, and then came the Freemasons, viz., mostly in clothing, but all wearing white gloves and carrying acacia: Bros. G. Dove, P.M., P.P.G.D., W. Langbridge, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., M. R. J. Behrendt, P.J.G.W., I.P.M., J. Wilkins, P.M., P.P.G.O., W. Campbell, P.M., Sec., T. Morrison, S.D., T. A. Robinson, J.D., L. Marshall, I.G., J. W. B. Hanby and T. B. Smith, Stewards, S. Hadley, Tyler, J. Graham, G. W. Alcock, S. Charlesworth, J. Cheesman, J. Mason, and R. T. Swaby, Almoner, of 2078; H. Cooper, P.M., J. H. Cross, P.M., C. A. Cheesman, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and T. A. Smith, J.W., of 1282; T. Staniforth, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., M. R. J. Behrendt, P.M., J. Constable, P.M., P.P.G.O., C. Fox, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., R. H. Brunyce, P.M., P.P.G.P., G. S. Tyack, P.G.C., S.D., J. W. Lee, Org., A. W. Cundall, I.G., and J. Turner, Stwd., of 1482; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec., W. P. Robotham, Org., T. Tomlinson, and W. Hallgarth, Almoner, of 2259; and J. F. Hanson, 242. Then followed the clergy—six in number, in full canonicals—including Bros. Rev. E. M. Weigall, W.M. 2078, P.P.G.C., and J. J. Littlewood, Chap. 2259, bringing up members of the choir. The coffin was under escort on a military waggon. Amongst the mourners (besides the father, Bro. A. L. Peace) there were Bros. T. Barber, W.M. 2259, and T. R. R. Marsdin, Steward 2259 (brothers-in-law of deceased), and Bro. J. Acaster (cousin). Following the relatives were the workmen of Redburn Hill. The mournful procession was met at the church door by Bro. the Rev. J. J. Littlewood (Vicar of Thorne), and Bro. the Rev. E. M. Weigall most impressively conducted the service at the grave. Amidst a vast and sorrowing concourse of people and at the singing of the hymn "Lead kindly light," many a tear was shed and many a prayer was offered up. At the close, the brethren deposited sprigs of acacia, and Bro. Behrendt gave part of the Third Degree charge, "Let the emblems of mortality," in a very feeling manner. It may truly be said the brethren have lost a good and worthy Mason, workmen have lost a good official, friends have lost a dear relative, and the neighbours have lost a generous and genial kind-hearted townsman. *Requiescat in pace.*

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No. on Poll.		Votes.
1	Crook, R. ...	3726
2	Travis, T. G. ...	3639
3	Thompson, H. ...	3606
4	Griffiths, K. ...	3580
5	Armstrong, T. B. ...	3566
6	Aikman, W. J. ...	3545
7	Hawkes, H. L. ...	3545
8	Booth, J. R. ...	3487
9	Sherwood, W. M. F. ...	3484
10	Baker, A. ...	3475
11	Lindsey, H. ...	3385
12	Hirst, R. ...	3382
13	Smith, A. B. ...	3347
14	Newman, W. E. ...	3335
15	Sarjant, R. J. ...	3302
16	Dover, A. E. ...	3239
17	Smith, S. G. ...	3213
18	Vnables, G. V. ...	3163
19	Stephenson, H. W. ...	3017
20	Illingworth, E. ...	2943
21	Linnett, B. W. ...	2857
22	Martin, G. H. ...	2748

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Masonic Notes.

At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 8th inst., the only matters of interest that occurred outside the election of candidates were the announcement, which was made to the great regret of all present, that Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Past Dep. P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron of the Institution, had expressed a desire to vacate the office of Treasurer, which he had held since the retirement of the late Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past G. Treas., and the election of Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Past G.W., and Vice-Patron, as his successor. The announcement was, as we have said, received with the utmost regret by the brethren present, and that regret is felt as keenly by the general body of Governors and

Subscribers, but more especially by the members of the House Committee with whom Bro. Smith had been so intimately associated during his tenure of the office.

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Bro. Smith has taken a great and active interest in all our Masonic Charitable Institutions. His connection with the Girls' School dates, as he said, from the year 1857; that is to say, some four years before the present prosperous era was inaugurated under Miss Davis, and it was a fitting tribute of respect that was paid by the Court to one who had known the Institution so long, had served it so faithfully, and had so endeared himself to all connected with its administration, when it adopted unanimously the resolution of thanks, proposed and seconded by Bros. A. C. Spaul and Frank Richardson, respectively, "for his fraternal, kindly, and sympathetic services as Treasurer for the last seven years, during which period of office he has neither grudged nor spared any effort to do all in his power for the welfare of the School and the happiness of those within its walls." This is praise indeed, of which even Bro. Smith, with all his great services to Freemasonry and its Institutions during a period of 40 years, must feel especially proud, and we trust he may be spared for many years to enjoy that love and respect of which this justly eulogistic resolution is the expression.

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We may also take upon ourselves to congratulate the Institution on the choice which the Governors have made of a successor to Bro. Smith. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., holds high rank in the Craft, and has always shown himself a staunch supporter of our Charities. As a public man, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson has many calls upon his time, but though he may not be able to spare the same close attention to the administration of the School as his predecessor, his sympathy and the influence he will be in a position to command will tell immensely in its favour.

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At the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, there was a good deal of business to transact, and besides the election of candidates for admission into the School there was a contested election to fill the five vacancies on the Board of Management by the retirement of five Provincial brethren, the retiring members being, as provided by the laws of the Institution, re-eligible, in the event of their being desirous of serving again, and the Governors and Subscribers prepared to return them. However, only four out of the five offered themselves for re-election and they were returned together with Bro. Matthias Barker (nominated by the Province of Staffordshire), vice Bro. W. H. Bailey, G. Treas., who declined to offer himself for further service on the Board.

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The five thus elected are Bros. W. F. Smithson, M. Barker, John E. Le Feuvre, R. V. Vassar-Smith, and James W. Burgess, this being the order in which their names were placed on the poll when it closed. There are not a few who will regard this re-election of Bro. Smithson at the head of the poll as something of a rebuff to the Provinces of West Yorkshire and North and East Yorkshire, by which he was nominated. Bro. Smithson, when the question of purchasing a new site for the School was brought forward, staunchly supported it, while the Provinces of which he was the nominee as strenuously opposed it.

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We notice also, and the fact is by no means without its significance, that, at the recent meeting at Bradford of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, the proceedings of which we reported last week, an amendment to the resolution brought forward by Bro. W. C. Lupton for the adoption of the rules and regulations of the new West Yorkshire Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund was moved by Bro. R. I. Critchley, P.P.G.W., to the effect that it was not desirable to proceed further with the formation of such a fund until the lodges had had an opportunity of considering the question. The amendment was ruled to be out of order by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who presided at the meeting, but a straw serves to show which way the wind blows, and Bro. Critchley's amendment looks very much like a substantial bundle of straws.

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We regret to say that our somewhat sanguine anticipations of steady progress in organising a strong Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the R.M. Institution for Girls are somewhat less encouraging than they were two or three weeks ago. Then there was a slight excess over the number at the correspond-

ing period of last year, now there is a slight falling off. There is, of course, time between now and the 12th May for this to be made good. Unfortunately, as the day for the celebration approaches, there are those who withdraw their names and in the event of their being representatives of lodges and chapters there is no time to find new men to fill the vacancies thus caused. We therefore desire to impress upon lodges and chapters which as yet have not appointed Stewards to represent them at this important gathering, to lose no time in doing so. The Institution has succeeded in obtaining the services of a distinguished and very popular brother as Chairman, and as a compliment to him as well as from the very natural wish that the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee may prove exceptionally beneficial to all our Institutions, we hope that a strong Board will be constituted and a strong array of donations and subscriptions compiled.

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Our readers will no doubt share with us in the deep regret we feel at the news that Bro. Thomas R. Arter, a very prominent Mason in Worcestershire and Warwickshire and a most generous and enthusiastic supporter of our Charitable Institutions, succumbed a short while since to an operation undergone while he was under the influence of chloroform. For many years past Bro. Arter's name has figured in the list of Stewards for the Festivals of the three Charities. He had, we believe, just contributed such further sums as were necessary to constitute him a Patron of each, and doubtless, had his life been prolonged, he would have continued his generous support. It was, indeed, but the other day that some brethren in Worcestershire, by way of showing their respect for Bro. Arter, combined together and formed a new lodge named in his honour. But he has gone, and the love and the respect with which his memory is cherished are all that are left in Masonry to remind us of his admirable services to Freemasonry and its Institutions. We tender to his son and other relatives and his friends our most respectful sympathy.

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We gather from the opening remarks of the Toronto *Freemason* for last month that our worthy contemporary has just completed a career of 16 years. We heartily congratulate it upon its success so far, and trust that in the future it may meet with the same good fortune as in the past.

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The Province of Surrey, under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. Grand Master, would appear to be making considerable headway. Last week we reported the consecration of a new Lodge—the Albany, No. 2652—at Kingston-on-Thames, and there were previously 41 lodges on the roll. Kingston, too, must be attracting to itself popularity as a meeting place for lodges, the Albany being the fifth which has its quarters at this well-known riverside resort. The consecration took place on Friday, the 2nd inst., and before lodge was closed as many as 10 candidates were proposed, two for joining and eight for initiation, and coupling this with the fact that the lodge has been established in connection with the Albany Club at Kingston, there seems to be good reason for anticipating for it a long and prosperous career. It certainly has our best wishes for its success.

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The instances are few in which a brother has taken part in the foundation of a lodge and survived long enough to be present in spirit, if not in the flesh, at the celebration of its Jubilee, or 50th Anniversary. One such case, however, was recently brought to our notice in connection with the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 539, Walsall, which was founded in 1847, and a report of whose jubilee celebration was published in our columns last week. In this report it was stated that a brother who had assisted at the birth of the lodge was still living, and that an attempt had been made to induce him to be present at the jubilee, but that, owing to his great age and declining health, he had been compelled to decline the invitation. The absence of this brother on so auspicious an occasion is to be regretted, but the lodge had some compensation for his absence in the fact that a brother who had become a Mason shortly after the lodge was founded, and occupied its chair as W.M. 42 years ago, had been unanimously chosen to preside during the present year, and was installed in office at this meeting.

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Two other cases of a similar character occur to us. In 1879 the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, which was founded in 1829, celebrated its Jubilee, and the W.M. in the chair on the occasion was Bro. Stephen Austin, who had been initiated in the lodge six weeks after its constitution, and had remained a subscribing member from that day forward; and matters were so arranged that Bro. Austin was able to celebrate the jubilee of his initiation at the same time that he presided at the Lodge Jubilee. The other case was that of Bro. the Rev. S. Lea Wilson, who was installed first W.M. of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, in January, 1845, and was invited to be present at the jubilee meeting in January, 1895, age and feeble health being the reasons which prevented him accepting the invitation.

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—discussion.

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should be glad if you will kindly allow me to make a suggestion in the *Freemason*, anent the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

I have seen it announced that special united prayer is to be read in all churches at a specified hour on Sunday, June 20th, to be followed by the singing of the National Anthem, and I would suggest that the members of all Masonic lodges in the country should take part in this service at the church of the parish where their Lodge premises are situate, and join in the religious thanksgiving for the prolongation of the life and reign of their Queen. The Vicars of all such churches would, doubtless, gladly make provision for the Masons to be seated together, on an intimation being given that such a visit was contemplated. This method of joining in the national thanksgiving for the long and beneficent reign of the Patroness of our Order would, in my opinion, be far preferable to having larger processions in the more important towns which, I learn, in some cases, it is proposed to organise, these processions to be swollen by Masons from surrounding smaller towns. That would disturb the regular attenders at these central churches, who would naturally desire to be in their places at Divine Service on so important a day as that of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession.

No, let every Freemason in the land who is able to go to his own parish church (the parish church where his Lodge is situate), and there offer up to the Great Jehovah his reverent prayer for our Queen and country. This method would also rejoice the hearts of many of our clerical brethren who would be ministering in various churches, and the knowledge that we were taking part in thanksgiving simultaneously with thousands upon thousands of our brethren in almost innumerable churches throughout the land could not fail to arouse in us feelings of the greatest satisfaction. I feel sure, also, that such a manifestation of our loyalty would be gratifying to our Grand Master.

Personally, I should prefer going to church without the badges of our Order, and thus to walk humbly and without ostentation into the more immediate presence of the Great Architect of the Universe, there to praise Him for the manifold blessings we have enjoyed during her Majesty's reign. It, however, it were thought advisable to wear them, provincial authorities might be empowered to grant a general dispensation for the wearing of Masonic clothing in the morning only of the day indicated.

If any lodge wishes to adopt the course I have suggested, I trust its Master will leave no effort untried to get every one of his brethren to join him in this unique service.

Trusting this suggestion may meet with approval, I am, yours fraternally,
WM. ACKROYD, P.M.

Sowerby Bridge, April 12th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

During the last few weeks I have attended several Masonic meetings in the northern counties and find there is considerable eagerness on the part of the brethren to know how the above is to be celebrated. It is generally anticipated that there will be a monster meeting in the "Albert Hall," when Past Grand rank will be conferred on numerous brethren. I find that it would be most popular if the Senior and Junior Wardens in the larger Provinces and the Senior Wardens in the smaller Provinces were the brethren selected for the honours to be conferred and thus mark the auspicious year and event, in connection with those in office on the 20th June. If they are thought worthy of the office of honour in their province for the great year, they should be equally entitled to the especial mark of honour (to be conferred in respect of the great historical event of the year) in connection with Grand Lodge.

As a great number of ladies will doubtless accompany brethren to London for the celebration would it not be possible to organise a soirée or fête, at which they might be present, and which, if properly organised, might possibly be graced by the presence of our M.W. Grand Master and his family?—Yours fraternally,
P.P.G.D.C.

Liverpool, April 11th.

HISTORY OF STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last issue—No. 1465, p. 172—at the end of a notice by Bro. Hughan of a History of Stability Lodge, it is stated that copies may be obtained of the printers, Messrs. Lawrence and Symcox. This is a mistake, and has caused that firm to be troubled with some applications for the book.

The History can only be obtained from myself at the address below. Might I claim your kind indulgence to add a corrective note to that effect in your next issue?

We do not want to make any profit on a little book prepared for the members of No. 217 at their centenary. Copies can be sent, as far as supply goes, at 2s. 2d., post free, from W. R. Smith, Esq., 31, Octavia-street, Battersea, S.W.

I am very sorry to give even this trouble to you.—I am, yours fraternally,
W. R. SMITH, P.M. 217.

31, Octavia-street, Battersea, S.W.,
April 7th.

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

Bro. J. G. S. does not know it all, although from his letter one would think he was supreme.

I hold a letter from the late G.S.E., Col. Shadwell Clerke, in which he informs my chapter that the Z. is to be styled M.E. and the other Principals and Past Principals E. I suppose Col. Clerke is as good an authority as J. G. S.—Yours truly,

SCRIBE.

April 9th.

THE JAPANESE war vessel, *Fuji*, now lying at Tilbury Docks, fully equipped and manned, will, by the kind permission of the Japanese legation, be thrown open to the public, on Easter Monday, on payment of 1s each, the proceeds to be handed over to the Seamen's Hospital Society (the Dreadnought).

Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1897."—This handsomely got-up, thick volume for the pocket is full of valuable and much hitherto unknown information about the Province of Northumberland. It is the first of the kind ever published, and its issue now is entirely due to the generosity of Bro. Arthur Connor Richardson, the W.M. of the "Hotspur" Lodge, No. 1626, Newcastle-on-Tyne (of "Granville House," Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne), who has had the whole edition printed, published, and circulated at his own cost as Editor and Proprietor. Our zealous brother has been helped by many willing friends to make the work as complete and perfect as possible, who are duly thanked for their assistance, that of Bro. F. F. Schnitzer, P.M. 541, &c. (who has done so much good work for his province), and Bro. Seymour Bell, P.M., &c., being particularly and warmly acknowledged. We are glad to note that it is to be continued, not only to make a few necessary corrections in the next year, but also, that now it has once been started, the province should step in, and not only heartily thank Bro. Richardson for his spirited and truly Masonic enterprise, but resolve to have one published annually on the same lines, and, if possible, with the same Editor. Every province should have such an one. There are 28 lodges in Northumberland with 2599 to December, 1895, being the very large average of fully 90 members to each lodge, possibly the largest proportion in England. There are 10 Royal Arch chapters with 417 members, which is a good average. About all these very full particulars are given, as well as the Mark Provincial lodge and all other Masonic Bodies either directly or indirectly connected with the province. The grand total of votes for the Central Masonic Charities exhibits 2705, which is not much of an aggregate for so many members, and those for the Mark Benevolent run to 494. One of the most interesting features of the calendar is a compilation entitled "Memorable Dates in Northumberland History," and Bro. Hughan's valuable sketch of the "Book of Constitutions 1723-1896" has been condensed, by his consent, and also published in this *vide-mecum* for the province. We congratulate Bro. Richardson most sincerely on his *debut* as editor, and thank him for his most generous gift of such a useful and much needed publication.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR SHROPSHIRE, 1897-8."—This compact Directory for a small but united and energetic Province is edited by Bro. Rowland G. Venables, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and is published by the Provincial Grand Lodge. There is an excellent portrait of the Prov. G.M., Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., P.M. 478, Oxford, and 262, Shrewsbury. An interesting sketch of the worthy Baronet is appended. The Calendar contains very full information as to the Prov. G. Lodge, the 12 lodges, with 359 members, and the other Masonic Bodies, as well as particulars as to the Central Masonic Charities. There are 2154 votes held in the Province, which is a good record considering the number of members. There is a most readable account of "Freemasonry in 1896," by Bro. H. R. Giles, Prov. S.G.W.; a full report of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at the Town Hall, Ellesmere, in July last, "Masonic Notes" on the Duties of Secretaries of Lodges, by Bro. A. S. Townsend, P. Prov. G. Reg. (a model compilation), as also several useful tables and an Index.

"OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF CORNWALL, No. 3, VOL. 6, 1897."—This old favourite was started in 1870 by Bro. Hughan, when Prov. G. Sec., but is now edited by Bro. J. C. R. Crewes, P. Prov. S.G.D., who has made an admirable successor. The method of editing this Directory, the pioneer of several others of the kind, is well known to the Craft, so need not be again noted now. The 30 lodges have returned 1868 members, the largest yet. The 13 chapters have 340 companions, and the 11 Mark lodges, 338 members, the latter being a remarkable total. The senior P.M. in the Province, Bro. Hughan was W.M. in 1865, of No. 78. The list of votes for the Charities in London exhibits a total of 4477, being in advance of 1896. The "Annals of the Cornish Craft, 1751-1896," will be perused with great interest by Cornish brethren, the compilation being very complete. Copies may be had post free, from the obliging editor, Bro. J. C. R. Crewes, Truro, Cornwall, for 7d.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1897."—The Editor of this ably-compiled and artistically-printed Annual is Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., &c., the Calendar being in its 25th year of publication—its silver Anniversary. There is not a more carefully edited work of the kind, and it concerns one of the most united, compact, and truly Masonic provinces in England. The plan of this most useful Annual has been often referred to in the *Freemason*, and the present issue being similar in arrangement to late issues, there need not be any explanation of its varied and interesting contents. The 14 lodges exhibit a total membership of 753, and the five chapters have 212 companions. There are also five Mark lodges in the Province with 211 members, the Mark Masons thus equalling the Royal Arch companions. Full particulars of these and all other Masonic Bodies in the Province are duly recorded, and also as to the Provincial Organisations of all kinds. The Central Masonic Charities have been nobly supported in Leicestershire and Rutland, the grand total of votes being now raised to 2391, with some 300 for the Mark Benevolent Fund, which is an excellent showing. Bro. Smith deserves, and no doubt will receive, the hearty and most appreciative thanks of his Province for his able services as Editor. The Frontispiece this year is devoted to the lamented Bro. George Oliver, J.P., so long Prov. G. Treas. The printer is Bro. E. Shardlow, of Leicester.

"THE CRAFTSMAN"—Bro. F. J. Harries, 283, Cowbridge-road, Cardiff.—The April or Spring number of this excellent periodical contains a series of articles and a supply of local Masonic news which make it particularly readable. Perhaps the most attractive item is the report of the consecration of Lodge No. 2651, at Warrington, to which is added a sketch of the Masonic career of Bro. John Armstrong, author of "The Descent of Symbolic Masonry," an admirable portrait of whom serves as a frontispiece to the number. There are likewise sundry well-written editorial notes, reports of local lodge installation meetings, with several of which is presented a portrait of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, together with reports of meetings in other parts of the country. It is one of the best numbers we have seen of a journal which is always well-written and contains plenty of information.

Craft Masonry.

Fulham Lodge, No. 2512.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Town Hall, Walham Green, Fulham, on Thursday, the 1st inst., at which there was a good muster of the members and a large number of visitors, to do honour to the installation of Bro. William Hunt, a highly-esteemed member of the lodge. There were present Bros. Dr. J. Charles Jackson, W.M.; Tom Green, I.P.M.; William Hunt, S.W., and W.M. elect; S. J. Parker, J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.M., Treas.; Frank Adams, P.M., S.D.; George May, J.D.; E. G. Easton, I.G.; W. G. Lacy, Org.; W. A. Wild, Stwd.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; C. Botterill, Chas. Tijou, P.A.G.P.; B. T. Wright, B. G. Battson, E. C. Ashford, H. Hudson, A. H. Dabbs, D. Shopland, R. J. Laidlow, G. F. Abery, W. H. Brand, F. W. Gibbs, J. P. Flew, jun., C. S. Hanson, S. Jones, A. Jones, E. Parry, F. Boyton, C. J. Pegram, F. H. Barber, J. S. Bradford, Thos. C. Beales, H. J. Figg, H. Tucker, H. H. Owen, F. Louis Schneider, and G. R. Haines. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Radford, 777; C. W. Chandler, 1259; A. Southam, 1420; F. Baines, 1694; W. Rees, 1694; R. Burleton, P.M. 800; J. W. Westmoreland, 1259; S. H. Bradford, 862; George Parrett, 1259; G. Bird, 879; H. P. Squire, 155; F. Todman, 2030; A. Saunders, P.M. 144; P. P. Perry, P.M. 1891; F. W. Smyth, 1238; A. Robinson, 198; H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; Cooper, 144; A. Lichtwitz, 1891; F. A. Jewson, 1818; John Bartlett, 2030; W. J. Harris, 1321; E. A. Cornwall, 2603; W. A. G. Woods, 2456; J. Lusty, P. Dodd, 1420; G. T. Miles, 1929; T. McCutcheon, 1891; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the formal opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Jackson, then passed Bros. A. Jones and E. R. Parry, and raised Bro. J. P. Flew, and afterwards initiated Mr. Frank Louis Schneider. The working of the Three Degrees by the W.M. was carried out in a most commendable manner, and his rendering of the ancient charge was excellent. Bro. Tom Green, I.P.M., presented Bro. Wm. Hunt, the W.M. elect, and he was installed into the chair by Bro. Dr. Jackson. In an excellent way the new W.M. invested his officers, giving a kind and appropriate word for each officer. The following brethren are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. S. J. Parker, S.W.; F. Adams, P.M.; J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Singleton, P.M., Sec.; G. May, S.D.; E. G. Easton, J.D.; Frank Boyton, I.G.; T. Blanco White, P.M., D.C.; P. Vincent, A.D.C.; and J. S. Bradford and W. A. Wild, Stewards. The delivery of the customary addresses was ably given by Bro. Dr. Jackson, the outgoing Master, and he deserves the highest praise for the efficient way he carried out the whole of the installation ceremony. Ten guineas were voted from the lodge funds to the Boys' Institution, and the like sum for the Institution for Girls. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and afterwards the lodge was closed.

A *recherché* banquet followed, which was supplied by Messrs. Bertram and Co. in their well-known style, and it was everything that could be desired, and was admirably served, for which Bro. Frank Todman was responsible.

At the close of the repast and as a preface to the toasts, the W.M. stated that his speeches would be brief, and he hoped that those who had to follow him would adopt the same course, as they had a lengthy musical programme to get through.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. observed that her Majesty was about to celebrate one of the most glorious reigns ever known.

"The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been duly honoured.

The W.M. gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said they were honoured that evening with the attendance of three Grand Officers; they were more than welcome, and he hoped they had enjoyed themselves. It was well known that the Grand Officers gave great attention to Freemasonry and to the Charities, and their services were appreciated. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., on rising to respond, received an ovation. He said that it was a particular pleasure to him to be present that evening, as he was present three years ago when the lodge was consecrated by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth, in grand form. It was pleasing to see the class of members they had, as it showed what Masons could do in that part of the town. It was a great honour to respond for the Grand Officers of England, and to have one's name associated with those who did honour to their vocations in life. Bros. Lord Lathom and Lord Amherst were so well-known to them that he need not dwell upon their excellent qualities. The Grand Officers, as a body, did everything to uphold the prestige of the Craft, and the two Grand Officers on his right would be brilliant anywhere in Masonry. Their first W.M., Bro. Blanco White, who was placed in office three years was, he was sorry to find not there that evening. He knew him well, and his father before him, and he hoped he would soon recover from his illness. From what he had seen of their new W.M., Bro. Hunt, he thought he would be able to do everything asked of him. He was glad the lodge had voted good sums that night for Charity; it was a splendid example for other lodges in London and the provinces. Not a tenth part of Masons subscribed to the Institutions, but he hoped the day would come when all Masons would support the Charities; and concluding an excellent speech, he wished the lodge Godspeed.

Bro. Dr. Charles Jackson, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said that it was undoubtedly the toast of the evening, and it fell to his pleasure and honour to submit it. In Bro. Hunt they had a splendid Mason and one who would make an excellent Master. He had known him for five years, and had always received kindness at his hands, which he extended to everyone he came in contact with, and in wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office, he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of all the members.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked Bro. Dr. Jackson for the compliment paid him, and the members for the hearty way they had received the toast. They knew he was a modest man and however much he would like to say his feelings would not permit him, except to add that he had been a Fulham man, and many who had honoured him with their presence were old and dear friends of his. He appreciated the honour of being the Master of the Fulham Lodge and he would do his utmost to further its interests.

The toast of "The Initiate" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that the members were delighted to have Bro. Schneider as a member, who he thought would be a sterling Mason and would prove all they could desire, and some day he was sure he would be W.M. of that, his mother, lodge.

Bro. F. L. Schneider responded. He said that he had passed through one ordeal in the lodge and to have to acknowledge the toast was yet another. It would be his earnest wish to endeavour to carry out all that he had heard in the beautiful ceremony of his initiation, and he thanked them all from his heart for having made him a Mason and the way they had received him, which he should never forget.

In submitting the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. stated that as Masons they were proud of the three Institutions. He had recently gone up as Steward for the Old Corcord, his mother lodge, for the Old People, with a good list, and he hoped the Stewards for the lodge for the Boys and Girls would be able to get together a good amount, which would show that the members were in earnest in the cause of Charity. They were honoured that evening with the presence of his dear friend, Bro. H. Lovegrove, G.S.B., and he had great pleasure in associating his name with the toast.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, G.S.B., responded, and said he was unable to get there to witness all the ceremonies, and his heart failed him when he thought he would have to respond for the Grand Officers, but when Bro. Eve, P.G.T., arrived, he was considerably relieved. The W.M. was a very old friend of his, and it was an honour to be present at his installation, and to be called upon to acknowledge the toast of the Charities. Masonry was not a benefit society, as some thought it was; but they had funds, and when Masons were in distress they were assisted. After giving full and interesting details of the Institutions, he stated that they were looking forward to the centenary of the Boys' School, and he hoped the amount that would then be subscribed would surprise the world. The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, might perhaps be able to preside, and he urged them all to commence to save to give liberally, and, in conclusion, made a very eloquent appeal for the other Institutions.

The W.M. gave "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Dr. Jackson." He said it was a very pleasant duty to submit the toast. Bro. Dr. Jackson had done the several Degrees that evening which he had never before seen at any one time during his Masonic career. They had enjoyed his splendid working of the ritual, and they knew and appreciated what he had done during his happy year of office, and they all as one said "well done, good and faithful Master." The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Dr. Jackson as a small token in recognition of the ability with which he had discharged his duties, remarking that his term of office would be remembered by the members for years to come, and they all wished him long life and every happiness.

The inscription on the jewel was "Presented to Bro. Dr. J. Charles Jackson, P.M., by the Fulham Lodge, No. 2512, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during his year of office, 1896-7."

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and Bro. Dr. Jackson, I.P.M., on rising to respond, had a hearty reception. He said that he appreciated their kindness to him, and was grateful to the W.M. for his good words, but he wished they were deserved. His predecessors were Bros. Blanco White, P.M., and Tom Green, P.M., and it was a very difficult task to follow such well known and good men, but if the little he had done had given satisfaction to the members, it was an ample return for his services. He honoured the jewel which they had presented to him, and it would ever remind him of his happy year of office as Master of the Fulham Lodge. They had a great many visitors and he thought they would all agree that the lodge had been very successful, and it had been the means of cementing friendship amongst Fulham men.

In presenting the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master remarked that they were always welcome, and so had honoured them with their presence. More than double that number of invitations had been sent out. The hour being then late, would not permit him to call upon more than one to respond, and in giving the name of Bro. A. Saunders, P.M., with the toast, he said he was a kind and considerate friend and an earnest Mason.

Bro. A. Saunders, P.M. 144, replied. He said that it was with some trepidation

that he rose to respond to the toast and he wished it had fallen to someone more worthy and more able to acknowledge the most cordial way the visitors had been received and entertained by the members of their good lodge. The W.M. possessed sterling virtues and he had been associated with him for many years. They had climbed the Masonic ladder together and had had many long walks when they rehearsed the ritual. Bro. Hunt would be able to do everything in the ritual, and when the members saw his work he thought they would be pleased. He (Bro. Saunders) was a Fulham man of 20 years' standing, and he was delighted to have the privilege to see Bro. Hunt, who was well-known in Fulham, installed W.M. That was the first time he had been invited, and he hoped, certainly, that it would not be the last.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," was next given by the W.M., who stated that he regretted that illness was the cause of the absence of Bro. Blanco White, who was the first W.M. of the lodge; Bro. Tom Green, P.M., came next, and he was very popular, as was the Treasurer, Bro. C. A. Walters, P.M. He was sorry the Secretary, Bro. C. J. Singleton, P.M., was not able to be present, but Bro. Tom Green had been an able substitute. They were all good fellows and the best of Masons, and if time permitted he could speak at length of the great things they had done for the lodge.

Bro. Tom Green, P.M., who was accorded a very hearty welcome, responded. He said he was obliged to the W.M. for his kind words, and for the cordial reception of the toast by the brethren, which was a great incentive for one to work hard. That night he had acted as D.C., which was a post he had never before held. He thought it was a very easy office, but he had been undeceived, and it was a surprise to him.

Bro. C. A. Walters, P.M., Treas., also replied, observing that his duties were easy and pleasant. They had voted that evening 20 guineas for the Charities and a little time back they had given 15 guineas to the Institution for the Old People, and he hoped the lodge would ever be able to help support the three deserving Institutions.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers" and said they were all good, and he looked to them for every assistance, which he felt sure they would give him, to enable him to carry out the business of the lodge, to which suitable responses were made by Bros. Stephen J. Parker, S.W., and Frank Adams, P.M., J.W.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most happy and enjoyable gathering, on which the W.M. is to be congratulated, and there is no doubt that the Fulham Lodge will continue to prosper during his reign.

An excellent musical entertainment was provided under the able direction of the initiate, Bro. Frank L. Schneider, in which the following well-known artistes also took part: Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Ethel Stuart Barker, and Bros. John Bartlett and G. T. Miles.

Royal Arch.

Moir Chapter, No. 92.

The stated meeting of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldergate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., M.E.Z.; Gotthelf Greiner, H.; E. D. Oppert, J.; R. F. Gould, P.Z., as Scribe E.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., Treas.; W. H. Hooker, I.P.Z.; W. Bohm, P.Z.; J. M. Mitchell, P.S.; and George Couchman, Janitor. Comp. T. H. Gardiner, P.Z. S., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, after which, there being no further business, the chapter was closed and the companions dined together.

Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Present: Comps. C. F. Passmore, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Major G. Collins, P.Z., as H.; J. H. Askham, H., as J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. H. Littleboy, J. elect; J. W. T. Morrison, S.N.; J. B. Wood, Steward; and G. J. Mason, Janitor. Comp. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Littleboy, J. elect, who had been unavoidably absent at the previous meeting, was installed in the chair of Third Principal by Comp. Askham in an exceptionally able and impressive manner.

All business being concluded, the chapter was closed, and a very pleasant evening was passed by the companions at the social board.

Chapter of Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 9th inst. Present: Comps. Wm. Dawson, M.E.Z.; Smith, H.; Hardman, J.; Cureton, P.Z., acting Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. Dunn, S.N.; J. Longhurst, P.S.; and Sobel.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Sobel personating the candidate. Comp. Isaac Dunn, M.E.Z. 1622, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

ACCORDING to a telegram received from Bombay, the plague in that city is being rapidly stamped out. Only 45 deaths and 41 fresh cases were reported yesterday. The mortality from all causes was 118. The natives who fled from the city on the outbreak of the epidemic are daily returning in increased numbers.

THE REV. THOMAS GREAR, Minister of Bishopsgate Chapel, was on Tuesday elected to represent the Parish of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on the Board of Guardians. This is believed to be the first instance in which a Nonconformist minister has served on the board of the City of London Union.

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BRO. THE MARQUIS and Marchioness of Tweeddale arrived at 6, Hill-street on Monday from Scotland, and the following day left for Paris.

BRO. SIR FRANK LOCKWOOD, Q.C., M.P., intends spending the Easter holidays at Barritz, and left town on Wednesday for that purpose.

BRO. LORD BLYTHSWOOD left town on Monday for Blythwood, Renfrewshire, and will be joined before the end of the present week by Lady Blythwood.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE, MARCHIONESS OF LORNE, visited the Lyceum Theatre on Monday evening and witnessed the performance of "Madame Sans Gêne."

THE DUKE and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Frederick Charles of Prussia have left Buckingham Palace, and taken up their residence for the present at Bagshot.

THE COUNTESS OF LATHOM, who has been taking a course of the waters at Bath, has gone to Lathom, where her ladyship and Bro. Lord Lathom, with the members of the family, will spend the Easter holidays.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK, accompanied by Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, left Warwick Castle, on Monday, for Paris, where she will remain for some weeks in order to give sittings for her portrait to Carolus Duran.

BRO. THE DUKE OF ST. ALBANS has taken Queenswood, Staveley-road, Eastbourne, for a short term, and on Wednesday proceeded thither in company with the Duchess and family and Bro. and Lady Myra Cavendish.

COL. JOHN HAY, the newly-appointed United States Ambassador to the Court of London, sailed on Wednesday from New York on board the s.s. St. Paul, and is expected to arrive at Southampton on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON last, at Edmonton, Mrs. Humphrey Ward laid the first stone of a new public library, which is about to be erected at the cost of Bro. J. Passmore Edwards, in memory of Charles Lamb and John Keats.

THE EARL OF RONALDSHAY, eldest son of Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland, will come of age on the 11th June, and on the occasion the tenants on the Cleveland Estate intend presenting his lordship with a life-size portrait of himself.

BRO. THE DUKE and DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE have been entertaining a small party of guests at Compton Place, Eastbourne, among them being Lord and Lady Emily Lurgan, Sir Charles and Lady Hartopp, Mr. Haldane, and Lord Charles Montagu.

THE NEW ORDER for muzzling dogs came into force on Tuesday, the 6th instant, and between that date and Sunday, the 11th instant, inclusive, the number of unmuzzled dogs seized by the police and conveyed to the Dog's Home, Battersea, was 1192.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Victoria of Schleswig Holstein, drove to Cap Ferrat on Monday, and later in the day, Princess Henry of Battenberg went over to Cannes to pay a visit of condolence to the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY (the Commander-in-Chief), with a party of military officials from the War Office, left Paddington by special train on Monday for Pewsey, Wilts, for the purpose of inspecting the northern portion of the land on Salisbury Plain recently acquired for military and manœuvring purposes.

MR. BEERBOHM TREE presided at the 40th anniversary dinner of the Savage Club, which was held in the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening last, among those present being the Earl of Desart, Sir J. N. Dick, Bro. Sir Norman Fringle, Sir A. Cameron, and Bro. Gen. Sir F. W. Grenfell.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE visited the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, on Saturday last, for the purpose of unveiling the tablet to the memory of the late Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant. Among those present were Field Marshals Sir Donald Stewart, Sir F. Haines, and Sir J. Lintorn Simmons, and Sir Dighton Probyn represented the Prince of Wales.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES arrived at Charing Cross Station from Paris at five minutes past seven on Wednesday evening, having travelled by special South-Eastern train from Dover. The Prince, who looked extremely well, proceeded to Marlborough House, accompanied by Commander Fortescue, and was loudly cheered as he drove away from the station.

AMONG THOSE present at the first performance of "Madame Sans-Gêne," which was produced by Bro. Sir Henry Irving, at the Lyceum Theatre, on Saturday evening last, were the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Duke of Cambridge, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Granby, Bro. Sir F. and Lady Grenfell, Bro. Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK laid the foundation-stone of the new church of St. Michael's, Southwark, Wandsworth, on Saturday last in the presence of a large and influential gathering, among whom were the Bishop of Southwark, the Rev. W. Reed, Vicar of Wandsworth, Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Bro. H. Kimber, M.P. It is estimated that the cost of the church will be about £6000, towards which a considerable sum has already been contributed.

SIR ALFRED MILNER, who is proceeding shortly to South Africa as High Commissioner, was entertained at dinner at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last by the members of the Inland Revenue, over whom he has presided as Chairman of the Board for the last five years. The chair was occupied by Bro. F. L. Robinson, and among those present were the First Lord of the Admiralty, Bro. Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, and Sir Algernon West. Previous to the dinner Sir A. Milner was presented with a handsome service of plate by the officers of the Excise.

MR. RITCHIE (President) promises at the Aquarium for Easter a programme that should draw all London, it literally teems with grand shows, commencing with a variety show as early as 10 a.m. running up to 1 p.m., drawing room entertainments from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock, followed by a three hours "World's Greatest Show," on the great central stage, commencing 2 p.m., and terminating about 5 p.m., which is again followed by conjuring and drawing room entertainments, and a concert occupying the interval from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and up to the second representation of the "World's Great Show," which will commence at 7 o'clock and terminate at 11.40 p.m. Upwards of 400 artistes take part in upwards of 150 varieties extending from 10 a.m. to 11.40 p.m.

BRO. WILSON BARRETT concluded a very successful season at the Lyric Theatre on last Saturday evening. In accordance with a good old custom, Bro. Barrett closes his theatre during Holy week, and will not re-open until next Saturday afternoon. "The Daughters of Babylon" is withdrawn for the present, and next Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., the season will be opened by a matinée of "The Manxman." For some time this admirably constructed play will occupy the boards, with Bro. Barrett in his old part of Pete Quillam. There will be four matinées of "The Manxman" during Easter week—on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday—besides a performance every evening, so the members of the company have their work cut out for them. Later on in the season Bro. Barrett intends reviving some of his old successes, such as "Virginius" and "Othello," at which his friends will rejoice.

HOME OF ST. BARNABAS, for aged, disabled, and convalescent clergy. Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper sends us some particulars of this unique Home for not only poor and old clergy, but also for those who have broken down in their work and require rest and change and some weeks' or months' care and nursing. The Home at present consists of a chapel, which was built some years ago for the inhabitants of the estate on which the Home is situated; two houses, very pretty, very comfortable, and very convenient to London and the flourishing town of East Grinstead. In one of these houses the permanent cases are received; in the other those who do not require any medical treatment, only rest and care. What should interest Masons is the fact that two of the inmates of the Home are brother Masons; both were Chaplains of their respective lodges, and were it not for this newly-founded charity they would be probably now inmates of the workhouse. Bro. Cooper, who has had a world-wide experience in Masonry, is about to bring before the Craft a proposal for the relief of such brethren as the Home of St. Barnabas is at present sheltering. His efforts for poor and distressed brethren will no doubt meet with a hearty response from the Craft.

THE FOLLOWING lodges have sent contributions to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund since our last issue: The Lodge of Israel, No. 205, £10 10s.; the Lodge of Unity, No. 69, £5 5s.; and the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, £3 3s.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND MRS. TRELOAR have gone to Dresden for a change.

BRO. A. T. LAYTON, J.P., C.C., has offered to present to the Corporation of Croydon a handsome clock to be fixed in their council chamber.

BRO. COL. GEORGE LAMBERT, F.S.A., has given £200 as a jubilee gift to the Silver Trade Pension Society, in addition to a recent donation of 50 guineas to that Institution.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. W. HUME LONG, M.P., President of the Board of Agriculture, will spend his Easter holidays at his Wiltshire seat, Rood Ashton, and was to leave town to-day (Thursday).

THE QUEEN will not come back to England through Germany. She is now to leave Nice on the 21st instant, and will be home again at Windsor, if all goes well, in 54 hours. She stays at Windsor three weeks, then goes to Balmoral, and comes back just in time for the Jubilee.

AT A Quarterly Court of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, which was held on Monday, the 12th inst., a sum of 210 shillings was unanimously voted to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London.

BRO. THOMAS MURRAY JAMES, Master of the Joiners' Company and Renter Warden of the Paper Stainers' Company, has been re-elected on the East and West Molesey Urban District Council at the head of the poll.

WE HAVE much pleasure in announcing, in compliance with a request that has reached us from the Secretary, that the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, Long Eaton, has contributed £25 to the Lord Mayor's Indian Famine Relief Fund.

THE FIRM OF Arthur Guinness and Co., Dublin, has given £2000 in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Of this £500 is assigned to the Diamond Jubilee Fund for Nurses, and £1500 distributed among sundry hospitals in Dublin.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES left Cannes on Saturday last for Paris, where he arrived the following afternoon and took up his quarters at the Hotel Bristol. After a few days in the French Capital, his Royal Highness arrived in England on Wednesday.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, M.P., has decided to entertain between 4000 and 5000 children from St. Albans, Harpenden, Redbourne, and Sandridge in Clarence Park on Wednesday, the 23rd June, in celebration of the Queen's long reign of 60 years.

AT A MEETING of the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday, at which Bro. Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., presided in the absence of the Lord Mayor, Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., was admitted to the freedom of the City through the Drapers' Company.

BRO. THE Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane are on their way home from India, and will pay a visit to Taymouth Castle, Perthshire, before taking up their residence in town for the season. His lordship has been having excellent sport tiger-shooting with the Nizam in the Deccan.

THE LONDON and North-Western Railway Company have announced their intention of granting to all their servants a holiday without deduction of pay on Jubilee Day (the 22nd June), except to those who must be on duty to see to the traffic, and these will be given the option of an extra day's pay or a holiday with pay at some future time.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, having been advised that an International Yachting and Fisheries Exhibition is to be opened on May 17th at the Imperial Institute, has requested the various port and maritime authorities to call the attention of the coastwise population of France to the interest which they would have in being represented at the exhibition.

LADY CROMER has met with a severe accident while on her way home from Egypt on board the *Semeramis*. Her ladyship slipped on the companion ladder, and besides injuring both her wrists and hands, received a deep cut over the eyebrow, so that she is detained at Brindisi for a few days. It is not a little singular that Lady Cromer met with a very similar accident, also while on board ship, some few years ago.

BEFORE THE special session of the New Zealand Parliament came to a close on Saturday last, the two houses unanimously adopted addresses congratulating the Queen on her long reign, and approving of the Premier's acceptance of the invitation to attend the Jubilee celebrations. A military contingent and a team of marksmen will also be sent over, and the necessary appropriations for all these purposes have been voted.

TWO OF THE 12 ladies who attended the Queen as bridesmaids at her marriage on the 10th February, 1840, are still living, and are doubtless looking forward with pleasure to the celebration of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee on the 22nd June. The two are the Duchess of Cleveland, who was then the Lady Wilhelmine Stanhope, and Elizabeth, Duchess of Bedford, who became a widow in 1891, and who in 1840 was Lady Elizabeth West, daughter of the fifth Earl De la Warr.

A JOINT committee, representing the Commons Preservation Society, the Kyrle Society, the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, and the Society for the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest, has been formed with Lord Hobhouse as Chairman, the intention being to raise a fund of £100,000 in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee, for the acquisition of some 300 acres of land at Wandsworth, Highgate, Wood Green, Edmonton, and South Tottenham.

THE ARRANGEMENTS for her Majesty's visit to Sheffield next month, were settled at a meeting of the Reception Committee on Tuesday. It has been decided that the Town Hall shall be decorated, triumphal arches erected, and the military line the streets *en route*. The Duke of Norfolk has been conferring with the school teachers of the city in reference to the monster gathering of school children in Norfolk Park, and the Queen has expressed her intention of driving through the grounds and hearing the children sing.

AT THE RECENT election of the Boys' School Mrs. Crook secured first place with her son Ralph, polling 3726 votes on the first application. This must be very gratifying to Bro. R. S. Cushing, P.M., and Treasurer 1607, who had the case in hand, ably assisted by Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., and Sec. 1571, and a strong committee. Mrs. Crook returns thanks in the present issue to the Governors and Subscribers who brought the case to so successful an issue. Mrs. Crook has another son, a candidate at the forthcoming election of the London Orphan Asylum, and we wish her a like success on that occasion.

Wednesday being the anniversary of the birthday of her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, youngest daughter of her Majesty, who was born on April 14th, 1857, the event was celebrated in London in the customary manner, the complimentary honours accorded to members of the Royal Family being duly carried out. The bells of several City and West-end churches, including the Royal churches of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret, Westminster, were rung, and flags hoisted on the various public buildings, while the band of the Grenadier Guards played a selection at St. James's Palace in the morning, and the usual salutes were fired.

BRO. THE HON. SIR E. MONSON, her Majesty's Ambassador in Paris, has been specially deputed by the Queen to visit Ushant and present the medals struck by order of her Majesty, to the fisherfolk who rendered such essential services at the time of the loss of the Drummond Castle. The municipal authorities of Ushant and Molène have decided to entertain the British Ambassador at lunch on the occasion of his visit, while in the Island of Molène his Excellency will be offered a *vin d'honneur*. The town and shipping will be decorated with bunting in honour of the visit. There are in all 248 medals to be distributed.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Devon Masonic Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., when Bro. E. H. Shorto, P.M. 39, Vice-President of the Fund, occupied the chair. In the election of three children on the Fund, there were six applications, with the result that the son of a late brother of St. John's Lodge, No. 328, Torquay, received 956 votes; the daughter of a late brother of Fidelity Lodge, No. 230, Devonport, 894 votes; and the daughter of a late brother of the Sun Lodge, No. 347, Exmouth, received 702 votes, and were declared elected. The unsuccessful candidates were the son of a late brother of Concord Lodge, No. 1135, Ilfracombe, 529 votes; a son of a late brother of Fortescue Lodge, No. 847, Honiton, 30 votes; and a daughter of a late brother of Devon Lodge, No. 605, Newton Abbot, 26 votes.

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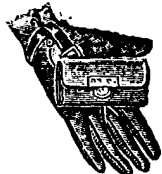
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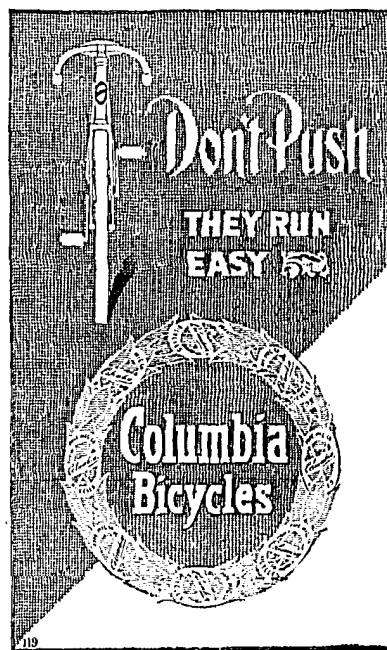
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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, April 24th, 1897.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 19.**CRRAFT LODGES.**

- 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, The Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1694, Imperial, Clout's Restaurant.
2545, Iris, Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1366, Highgate, Gate House Tavern.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

- 173, Temple, London Tavern.
234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.
2022, Haven, Public Buildings, Ealing.
2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel.
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 284, High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
Board of Benevolence, at 4.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall.
7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1044, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1352, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

- 1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal.
2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
2603, London County Council, Grafton Rooms.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
2190, Savage Club, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
99, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Fulham.
861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal.
1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge.
1974, St. Mary Abbott's, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
2319, Scots, Corporation Hall, Crane Court.
2621, Military, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
538, Vane, Holborn Restaurant.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 248, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 107, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
509, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
975, Rose of Denmark, The Horns, Kennington.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.

- Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24.**CRRAFT LODGES.**

- 1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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