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### THE WESTERN DIVISION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

We have been favoured, as usual, with the several reports which were presented at the annual meeting last month, of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa (Western Division), which, though it is exceeded in point of numerical strength by all but one of the other South African District Grand Lodges, is evidently in a prosperous condition. There were last year, according to the G. Lodge Calendar for the current year, and Table of Membership appended to the reports, 12 lodges in this district, but towards the close of 1896, the District Grand Master—Bro. the Very Rev. C. W. BARNETT CLARKE—granted a provisional warrant, which has since been confirmed by his Royal Highness the M.W. the Grand Master, for the constitution of a new lodge for Stellenbosch and its vicinity, which was duly consecrated by the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, on the 9th January. But irrespective of this, the returns show a total membership of 757 on the 1st January, as compared with 692 on the corresponding day of 1896, the only drawback being that there is a slight increase from 57 to 78 in the number of brethren returned as being in arrears. Still, as the foot note to the Table points out, there has been an increase in the members in good standing, the average per lodge, being only a fraction less than 57. From the report of the District Board of General Purposes it appears that for the first time since the District was formed—that is, since 1877—every lodge on the roll has been visited by the District Grand Master, his Deputy, or one or more of his officers, and from the reports of these visitations it is made manifest that the lodges generally are in good working order and fulfil their duties to the satisfaction of the authorities. On one of these occasions the then President of the Board of General Purposes and one of his colleagues, by command of the District Grand Master, visited the Cango Lodge, No. 2088, for the purpose of dedicating a new hall, and the brethren reported that they had met with a most cordial welcome, that in the performance of their allotted task, they had been very ably assisted by the W.M., P.Ms., and officers of the lodge in question, and that they had found it to be in a condition “altogether creditable alike to the Craft generally and particularly to the Cango Lodge.” Other outlying lodges are also described as being “careful in their work and eager to render the various ceremonies in perfect order.” Such testimony as this, relating, as it does, to lodges located in out-of-the-way places, of which we at home have hardly heard the names, must be extremely gratifying, not only to the Very Rev. the District Grand Master, who during the half dozen

years he has presided over this section of the Craft has shown so much zeal and ability in the discharge of his duties, but also to the authorities of Grand Lodge. Among other matters recorded with satisfaction are the adoption of the plan adopted in our Provincial Grand Lodges at home and by sundry District Grand Lodges of holding the periodical meetings of the District Grand Lodge under the banner—to use the familiar phrase—of some private lodge. The plan is reported to have been adopted last year at the annual meeting at Woodstock and at the half-yearly meeting in Cape Town, when the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 2538, had the honour of receiving the District Grand Lodge, and on both occasions to has been found to work admirably. It is also stated that 26 boys and 21 girls are being educated at the cost of the Masonic Educational Fund and that relief had been administered during the year to a number of worthy applicants from all parts, though at the same time regret is expressed that a larger measure of support is not forthcoming to this Fund. Mention is also made of the visit in August last of Bro. R. W. SHEKLETON, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland—a report of which subsequently appeared in these columns—and of Bro. W. E. CHAPMAN, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, in January, and of the hearty welcome he received from the lodges he visited. Unhappily, these pleasant announcements are accompanied by a notification that Bro. C. J. STEPHENS, Past District Grand Warden, and some 13 or more other brethren belonging to different lodges in the District were lost on board the ill-fated Drummond Castle, but by way of perpetuating the memories of these brethren a Memorial Fund, amounting to close on £126, has been raised, and the Committee in charge have decided that the memorial shall take the form of an Eagle Lectern and Volume of the Sacred Law to be placed in St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, with a suitable inscription and Masonic emblems engraved thereon. But the most interesting among the reports furnished to us is that which concerns the establishment of a “District Masonic Pension Fund for Aged Freemasons and Widows.” This Fund the Board of General Purposes recommended should be vested in District G. Lodge and administered by them, and that it should be derived from (1) Half the yearly receipts of the Benevolent Fund of District G. Lodge, and (2) and (3) from the contributions of lodges and brethren and from other sources. It was further recommended that this Fund should be established as a “Memorial in the District of the Diamond Year of the reign of our beloved Queen,” and we are pleased to add that the recommendation was accepted at the Annual Meeting of the District G. Lodge. We congratulate the District G. Master, his officers, and the lodges under his administration, on the success which appears to have attended their proceedings during the past year.

### THE GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

The report of the Proceedings at the sixth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Launceston, on the 28th January, is pleasant reading. The Grand Lodge is the smallest of the four which have been established of late years in Australasia, there being only 23 lodges on its roll, and one of these is returned as “not working.” But, notwithstanding this, we judge from the address delivered by the M.W. Grand Master, the several reports and returns which were submitted and approved at the meeting, and also from the very hearty congratulations of Bro. the Right Hon.

S. WAY, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, who was present as a visitor, that if the Craft in this remote part of the British Empire is small numerically, its members are actuated by zeal for its interests, and endeavour to the utmost of their ability to fulfil their duties in a manner that shall give satisfaction to the Grand Master and his officers. There would appear, from the report of the Board of General Purposes, to be as many as three questions of importance which claim the attention of the brethren, namely, the establishment of a Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, the revision of the Book of Constitutions, and the settlement of a Ritual; but it has been decided—not unwisely we think—that the Benevolent Fund should have priority of attention. At the half-yearly Communication in July, 1896, Grand Lodge affirmed the desirability of establishing such a Fund, and delegated to the Board of General Purposes the preparation of a scheme, the result being that the said Board, after holding sundry meetings, and consulting various lodges, propounded a plan which it was thought would prove acceptable to Grand Lodge, and which, we are glad to hear, was accepted with some slight modification of the rules as originally proposed, at this annual meeting. It is not necessary that we should describe the constitution of the Fund at any length. Suffice it to say that it is proposed that it shall consist of contributions from lodges, which have been fixed at three shillings per annum per member; donations and legacies; fees payable by Masters and Wardens on their installation—10s. each from a Master, and 5s. from each Warden; and such a proportion of the Fees for registering initiates and joining members as Grand Lodge may from time to time determine. As regards its administration, the rules of the Fund follow pretty much on the lines of our own Fund of Benevolence, the President of the Board, the Grand Secretary, and some other member having power to deal with cases of emergency to the extent of £5, and lodges in the country to the extent of £1, to be subsequently reimbursed from the Fund, while the Board itself has power to grant relief to the extent of £20, and the Grand Master, on the Board's recommendation, to that of £40, while to G. Lodge itself is reserved the right of dealing with all cases which appear to call for assistance in excess of the latter sum. As soon as this fund has been established on a working basis, the question of revising the Book of Constitutions will be taken up, but in the meantime the Board of General Purposes state in their Report that "as points upon which improvement or amendment appears desirable are brought under notice, in the working of Grand Lodge and of the private lodges, they have been noted so that they may receive prompt attention at the proper time." Subsequently, Bro. C. E. DAVIES, who on this occasion was re-elected and re-installed in office as M.W.G. Master, stated in the very able address he delivered that having studied the Rituals of the several Australasian G. Lodges, he was in favour of the adoption of that of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, as, in his opinion, "it approaches very nearly to the Emulation Lodge." We note also, with pleasure, that a fund having been raised for the purpose of erecting a memorial to the late Bro. Dr. E. O. GIBLIN, M.W.G.M., who died suddenly about Christmas, 1895, and that it has been decided that the memorial shall take the form of a tablet to be placed in the Masonic Hall at Hobart Town. Nor must we pass over the excellent address which was delivered by the Grand Master of South Australia, who, as we have said, was present as a visitor, and who, having taken a prominent part in the inauguration of the Grand Lodge six years previously, was in a position to judge of the condition of Tasmanian Masonry. His congratulations were of the most cordial nature, and must have afforded immense gratification to those who had the privilege of hearing his remarks. Everything, in short, would seem to have passed off satisfactorily, and we can only hope that future annual meetings will show that the Grand Lodge of Tasmania is as fortunate in its surroundings as it appears to be at the present time. It has at least this advantage over its more powerful neighbours of Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, that it was established with the unanimous consent of all the lodges at the time existing in the Colony. Not one of them exhibited any desire to hold aloof from its sister lodges, when the question of establishing a local independent Grand Lodge was considered, and hence it is impossible that any matter can arise which will in any way affect its relations with the other Grand Lodges with which it has formed amicable relations.

## Knights Templar.

### SPECIAL GREAT PRIORY.

A special Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof was holden at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 7th instant, when there were present:

The Most Eminent and Supreme G. Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T.; V.H. and E.G. Seneschal, the Viscount Dungarvan; V.E. Provincial Priors: E. Knights Capt. N. G. Phillips, G.C.T., East Anglia; Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, G.C.T., Lancashire; Charles Fendelow, G.C.T., Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire; Major J. W. Woodall, K.C.T., N. and E. Yorkshire; the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, Kent and Surrey; the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Cheshire; and Col. Henry Byrde, Ceylon. Great Officers: E. Knights the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, G. Prelate; R. Loveland Loveland, G.C.T., G. Chancellor; Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., as 1st G. Constable; Frank Richardson, K.C.T., as 2nd G. Constable; Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., G. Treas. C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G. Vice-Chancellor; Charles Belton, K.C.T., G. Marshal; the Rev. E. Mitford Weigall, as Almoner; A. W. Orwin, M.D., G. Herald; H. Harvey George, as S.B.; J. W. Howard Thompson and Dr. N. Goodchild, G. Captains of Guards; and F. Bevan, G. Org.

The following P.G. Officers were present:

E. Knights R. Clowes, P.G. Marshal; Maj.-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., K.C.T., P.G. Vice-Chancellor; F. H. Goldney, Fredk. Lawrance, Abraham Clegg, Brigade-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn, and Major H. W. H. Elwes, P.G. Heralds; Baron de Ferrieres and Sir George D. Harris, P.G. Std. Brs. (Beauceant); H. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br. (V.B.); Major J. R. Pearson, Captain R. Gresley Hall, Gordon Miller, and F. N. Molesworth, P.G. Aide-de-Camps; Arthur H. Bowles and Jas. Hillhouse, P.G. Captains of Guards; and S. G. Kirchoffer, E. Letchworth, K.C.T., and Horatio Ward, P.G.S.Bs.

There were also present:

Knights Harold Burke and Herbert Wright, 127; W. Buckler Lethbridge, P. Preceptor, J. W. Howard Thompson, P. Preceptor, John Dimsdale, J. Badger Clark, E. St. Clair, and E. M. Morris, 20; H. Thomson Lyon, 2nd Constable, Thomas Frazer, and the Rev. W. Russell Finlay, 129; F. F. Binney, George Graveley, and John R. Carter, D; A. Conyers Haycraft, E. Preceptor 129; H. W. Kiallmark, P. Preceptor, and J. Brend Batten, P. Preceptor, 131; Ernest H. Cartwright and W. H. Crewdson, 117; J. C. F. Tower, E. Preceptor, B. A. Smith, P. Preceptor, R. A. B. Preston, P. Preceptor, G. B. Preston, R. J. Carthew, and E. Nash, 128; A. F. Church, 1st Constable, Major C. W. Carrell, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, and S. Harold Hargrove, 6; T. P. Dorman, P. Preceptor Shadwell Clerke; Clement Godson, P. Preceptor Studholme; Maj.-General E. C. Sim, Studholme; George A. Pickering, United Kemeys Tynte and Temple Cressing; (in the Province of Burma) E. Garnet Man, P. Preceptor Loyal Burma; (in the Province of Cheshire) John Clayton, P. Preceptor, and Richard Newhouse, both of Royal Edward; Col. C. S. Dean, Grosvenor; (in the Province of Devonshire) F. B. Westlake, Sub-Prior Devon, Royal Veterans; (in the Province of Dorsetshire) M. Charles C. Burke, E. Preceptor Hyde; (in the Province of East Anglia) Maj.-General Astley Terry, P. Preceptor Prudence; R. Haliburton Adie and Wm. Briggs, 2nd Constable, both of Tancred; (in the Province of Hampshire) Colonel Wm. Campbell, Royal Naval; G. H. Macey, E. Preceptor William Stuart; (in the Province of Kent and Surrey) William Briant, P. Preceptor, and Phillip Monson, both of Lullingstone; Ambrose H. Bircham, E. Preceptor, Temple Court; (in the Province of Lancashire) Wm. Tyrer and Chas. S. Brewer, both of Jacques de Molay; Thos. Forrester, Rose of Lancaster; E. Pike, P. Preceptor, and W. Forrest, P. Preceptor, both of Royds; E. G. Harwood, P. Preceptor St. James of Jerusalem; (in the Province of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire) Percy Wallis, P. Preceptor Abbey Chapter; George C. Kent, P. Preceptor Godefroi de Bouillon; G. Walton Walker, P. Preceptor Wulfruna; (in the Province of Sussex) V. P. Freeman, P. Preceptor, and Percy Clowes, P. Preceptor, both of De Warrenne; and George Powell, Preceptor Stuart.

The knights formed the Arch of Steel, and the Grand Master, attended by the Great Seneschal and the National Great Officers, entered and took his seat on the throne.

The National Great Priory having been opened in ample form,

The Grand Master was saluted in ancient form.

The GRAND MASTER said: Brethren, I thank you for your offering.

The SUB-MARSHAL announced that the Very Eminent Knight, Sir Chas. Cameron, Great Chancellor Ireland, attended by other Great Officers of the Great Priory of Ireland was without, desiring admission to the Great Priory, whereupon

The GRAND MASTER ordered that they be admitted and received under the arch of steel.

The following delegation from Ireland: Sir Knights Sir Charles A. Cameron, G.C.T., Great Chancellor; A. V. Davoren, G.C.T., Great Constable; J. C. Meredith; Colonel T. C. McCammon, Great Treasurer; and R. H. Walker, Great Vice-Chancellor, were admitted and greeted by the Grand Master, who requested them to take their places in Great Priory.

The Irish brethren were then saluted.

The GREAT MARSHAL then in like manner announced that the following delegates from Scotland: the V.E. Sir Knights the Earl of Kintore, G.C.T.; Sir James Buchanan, K.C.T.; Lindsay Mackersey, G.C.T., Treasurer and Registrar; F. W. Allen, G.C.T., Beaucenifer; Lord Saltoun, G.C.T., G and Prior; and Robert H. Inches, Steward, were without, and they, in turn, were directed to be received under the arch of steel, welcomed by the Grand Master, and took their places on the right of the throne, after which they were saluted.

The brethren all being seated,

The GRAND MASTER rose and said: Sir Knights of the Temple of England,—I ask you to join with me now in giving a cordial vote of thanks to those brethren who have taken the trouble to come from Ireland and Scotland to visit us, and to give them the assurance that they have a most hearty and fraternal welcome from us. We hope as years go on and time progresses that we shall be more closely bound to each other, and that there shall be no difference between one country and the other. I can only say to you, brethren, from Ireland, that you have come a long way to visit us, and that we in turn desire to do our best to show you our working. To you,

brethren, from Scotland, I would say that when I visited you the other day, I had a most hearty welcome, and I now give to you, in the name of the Great Priory of England, the expression of their wish that you may go on and prosper as well as we are doing here. I greet you heartily. I now beg to move that this Great Priory put on its minutes a hearty vote of thanks to those delegates from the Great Priory of Ireland and Scotland, who have done so much in order to visit us to-day, while at the same time we acknowledge the heartiness of their kindness whenever we have gone to visit them.

The GREAT SENESCHAL: I have the greatest pleasure in seconding the vote of our Most Eminent Grand Master. I cannot add anything to what he has said, and I am certain that this vote will be carried with acclamation.

The vote was carried with much heartiness and with acclamation.

The Earl of KINTORE (Great Seneschal of Scotland), Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, speaking for the Templars of Scotland, first let me say how much I regret that your kind words were not personally heard by Lord Breadalbane, our Grand Master. I know how anxious he was to be here and I feel that I am a very inefficient substitute for him. Then I may be permitted to say that he and we all feel keenly the pleasure that you have been so good as to express. We are all now in absolute amity and goodwill. We thank you heartily for the warmth of your welcome, which warmth shows how amicably and warmly we now all pull together. I hope this is only one of the first of many similar meetings and the precursor of one in which the Chapter General of Scotland may be able to return the hospitality now so kindly extended by the Great Priory of England.

SIR CHARLES CAMERON (Great Chancellor of Ireland): Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, I have been asked by the Knights who have come from Ireland to say to this Great Priory that they feel more than compensated this day for having braved the horrors of the Channel passage to come here (laughter), they feel that the benefits they will have derived from you here to-day have more than repaid them for any discomforts they may have sustained on the journey. We thank you heartily for the truly knightly reception, of which we shall ever entertain a grateful recollection, as well as of the many kind expressions which have fallen from your Grand Master. We are a poor country, we come here poorly clad—(laughter)—but on looking around these walls and the magnificence of your appointments, there comes to our minds that question of that three millions per year which you are said in England to have been taking from us, and we wonder how much of it has gone in these magnificent decorations. (Laughter). But, apart from this pleasantness, we know that there is such a warm feeling of friendship unto us, that it is with no envious feelings that we admire all that we have seen in this Great Priory to-day. We congratulate you on your prosperity, and we hope that we have your sympathy with the poorer brethren of the Sister Isle.

V.E. Knight the Hon. A. de Taiton Egerton, M.P., introduced by the Sub-Marshal, did homage on his appointment as Provincial Prior for Cheshire.

Col. Byrde, Provincial Prior of Ceylon, was introduced to the Great Priory by the Sub-Marshal, and did homage on his appointment.

V.E. Knight C. F. MATIER, Vice-Chancellor: Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, you have been pleased to confer upon the V.E. Knight Loveland Loveland the dignity of the Grand Cross of the Temple, and he stands without ready to receive at your hands investiture.

The order for the admission having been given, V.E. Knight Loveland Loveland was conducted to the throne, and he having been invested,

The GRAND MASTER said: I have great pleasure in placing on you these insignia of the Order, so well earned by what you have hitherto done for us. May I hope that you will give us in the future that full service and hearty support which you have hitherto given us!

V.E. Knights the Hon. A. de Taiton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Prior of Cheshire, and the Earl of Onslow, Provincial Prior of Surrey, were then introduced by the Vice-Chancellor, and invested by the Grand Master with the insignia of a K.C.T.

The GRAND MASTER in each case expressed the obligation of the Order to these brethren, and the hope that they might long be spared to serve it in the future.

The GRAND MASTER: Knights of the Temple, particularly those who have done us the honour to attend from Scotland and Ireland, we have thought you might like to see some of our work—not that we can do it better than you—but it has occurred to us that you might like to see our ritual. Accordingly I declare this Great Priory for the time being to be a Preceptory under the Banner of the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, and I will call upon V.E. Knight General Hay, C.B., to instal the candidate, who awaits the ceremony without.

Comp. Ernest Middleton Morris, of the Grand Master's Chapter, was then installed a Knight Templar, the ceremony being most ably performed by General Hay, C.B., assisted by V.E. Knights Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., as 1st Constable; Frank Richardson, K.C.T., G. Rtg, as 2nd Constable; C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G.V.C., as Marshal, the accolade being given by the M.E. and S. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T.

Great Priory was then resumed, and afterwards closed in ample form.

### ORDER OF MALTA.

Special Great Priory was opened in due form. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., occupied the throne.

The Great Officers took their seats as follows: At the East Table: E. Knight's R. Loveland Loveland, G.C.T., E. Prior; Frank Richardson, K.C.T., as Captain-General; Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., as Lieut.-General; General J. C. Hay, C.B., K.C.T., as 1st Lieutenant; and Richard Clowes, as 2nd Lieutenant. At the Octagon Table in the West: E. Knights Chas. Belton, G. Mareschal; Colonel Henry Byrde, as G. Hospitalier; A. H. Bowles, as G. Admiral; Thomas Forrester, as G. Conservator; Horatio Ward, as G. Baillie; Frederick Larrance, as G. Turcopolier; E. St. Clair, as G. Chancellor; John Dimsdale, as G. Treasurer; the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, G. Prelate; and Brigadier-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn, as G. Captain of Outposts.

The following were Guards to the Banners: Knights T. P. Dorman,

Banner B; A. F. Church, Banner I.; R. Percy Clowes, Banner D; J. C. F. Tower, Banner R; and R. A. B. Preston, Banner H.

The following Knights of the Order of the Temple then received the Mediterranean Pass, and were admitted into the Order of Malta, the accolade being given by the M.E. and S. Grand Master:

Knights J. Badger Clark, Faith and Fidelity Preceptory; Rev. W. Russell Finlay, Thomas Fraser, and Alfred Conyers Haycraft, Holy Palestine Preceptory; H. W. Kiallmark, Holy Sanctuary Preceptory; M. C. C. Burke, Hyde Preceptory; W. H. Crewdson, New Temple Preceptory; George Berthon Preston and Ranulphus John Carthew, Oxford and Cambridge Preceptory; John Clayton, Royal Edward Preceptory; Sidney Harold Hargrove, St. George Preceptory; Richard Haliburton Adie, Tancred Preceptory; George Alfred Pickering, United Kemeys Tynte Preceptory; Philip Monson and Wm. Metcalfe, Lullingstone Preceptory; Col. C. S. Dean, Grosvenor Preceptory; Charles Samuel Brewer, Jacques de Molay Preceptory; and Frederick Frederick Bonney, Mount Calvary Preceptory.

### DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Bro. E. H. Shorto presided, and a large attendance included Bros. M. Tracy, E. Roseveare, S. Jew, W. Powell, R. D. Renwick, F. W. Atherton, G. Dunsterville, W. Allsford, W. Trevena, E. H. Littleton, C. Watson, E. G. Dutton, W. A. Gregory, R. H. Penberthy, J. W. Cornish, C. Mutton, H. J. Barter, J. Griffin, C. S. Stebbing, C. Piper, S. J. Page, A. S. Hendry, A. Goodman, N. Radmore, J. T. Foster, F. Mabin, J. H. Blackell, W. Sweet, C. G. Withell, W. T. Hocking, J. Gidley, J. Hammond, J. J. C. Elliott, W. H. Johns, E. Woolcock, S. Foster, J. R. Lord, Hon. Treas.; J. B. Gover, Hon. Sec.; and W. H. Dillon, Hon. Asst. Sec.

The Treasurer's report showed that the total funds at the end of last year amounted to £1716 6s. 9d., as compared with £1586 4s. 7d. in the previous year. Bro. LORD mentioned also that last year's receipts included a sum of £104 6s. 11d., the net proceeds of a concert given under Bro. Willoughby's able conductorship in Plymouth Guildhall in December last. (Applause.) There were 19 children now on the Fund, and by the election, which would take place at that meeting, that number would be increased to 22. That they were able to educate and clothe so large a number of children, and at the same time to maintain their income at such a satisfactory figure showed that the Fund had a strong hold on the sympathy of the brethren throughout the province. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report, said he had lately been going into the question, and it was a disappointment to him to find that the contributions to the Fund represented an average of only about £5 or £6 per lodge throughout the province. The splendid result of the last concert at Plymouth was beyond all praise, and he hoped that the brethren of those lodges that did not yet subscribe to the Fund would at once awaken to a sense of their responsibility and do something that was really worth doing to help so deserving an Institution. (Applause.)

The motion was seconded and carried.

The officers of the Institution were all re-elected and cordially thanked for their past valuable and gratuitous services, and the Management Committee were also re-elected.

There were six candidates for three vacancies on the Fund, and the result of the ballot was that a child nominated from Torquay headed the list with 956 votes, a Devonport case came next with 894 votes, and a case from Exmouth was third with 702 votes. The unsuccessful candidates polled 529, 30, and 26 votes respectively. These will be carried forward to their credit at the next election.

### FIRST ANNUAL BALL OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 167.

On the 1st instant, there was held at the Constitution Hall, Harlesden, N.W., under the auspices of the above lodge, the first Masonic dance. A dispensation was granted by the M.W.G.M. to wear Craft and Royal Arch clothing and jewels, and this, with the variegated and brilliant colours of the ladies' dresses, gave a most pretty *tout ensemble* to the gathering. Special efforts were put forward to make the event a great success and brilliant function. Each lady, during the evening, was presented with a cut-glass bottle, holding two ounces of the finest quality perfume, and considering the lowness in price of the tickets and the other accessories towards enjoyment provided by the Committee, we shall be surprised if the accounts do not show a huge deficit. Nevertheless, the style, goodfellowship, and feel-at-home sensation, are well worth any deficiency which, from what we saw, would be only too gladly met by the members of this flourishing School, which has a roll of over 200 strong.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the Committee for their entertainment, the best it has been our privilege to attend for a long time, and we are requested not to particularise any individual, when all were so worthy of praise.

The following comprises the list of officers: Bros. G. Chapman, 1805, Chairman; Isaac Cohen, 188, Hon. Sec.; W. C. Tebbitt, P.M. 2045, S. Hussey, P.M. 1637, J. Edge, 1608, and H. Culliford, 1563; W. B. Neville, P.M. 1767, and J. Bailey, P.M., P.Z. 1805, M.Cs.; W. Hillier, P.M. 1366, Preceptor of the lodge, E. H. Tompsett, 1503, R. S. Payne, 591, T. J. Mercer, 2427, and M. Moss, 1767, Committee.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Winterbon's band (late Examiner at the Royal College of Music), P.P.G. Org. Kent, and to the strain of their enticing music, one was conducted through a large variety of over 20 dances, and the way some of the M.Cs. set the example to the younger brethren how to get along on the "light fantastic toe" was a sight not soon forgotten.

The programme was a very neatly got up production, and entails great credit on its designer.

We noticed the following brethren and visitors present: Bros. Payne, P.M., P.Z.; Hendy, Capps, Battersby, Soames, Ginger, Herring, Battrum, Haylor, Dr. Crone, Adams, Dell, Harrington, P.M.; Beardon, Jennis, Clayton, Thomas, and others.

## Scotland.

### CONSECRATION OF THE DENNISTOUN CHAPTER, No. 266.

The constituting and dedicating of this new chapter, and installation of office bearers, took place in the Masonic Hall, Dennistoun, Glasgow, on Monday evening last. The ceremony, which was most impressive, was conducted by Comp. Major F. W. Allan, Grand Superintendent Lower Ward of Lanarkshire. The First Principal is Captain A. H. O. Dennistoun, and all promises well for the success of the chapter.

## Craft Masonry.

### Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

The April meeting of this old lodge, held on Monday, the 12th instant, calls for passing notice, as, although it was but an ordinary lodge, the gathering was of quite an exceptional character, resembling, indeed, an installation meeting. Between 60 and 70 brethren were present, including 27 visitors from various parts of the country, and the proceedings throughout were of an interesting character. There were four candidates raised—an unusual number in this lodge—and one other candidate was passed to the Second Degree. The W.M., Bro. W. Sindall, discharged his duties right well in the Third Degree, and the S.W., Bro. J. H. Moyes, presented the working tools in a manner which promised well for his future career in the Craft. Bro. John L. Rutter, P.M., took the candidate through the Second Degree in an efficient manner, and the working tools here were ably presented by the J.W., Bro. H. S. Davison. The satisfaction which the work gave was amply testified to at the banquet which followed, the accessories of the Third Degree affording an agreeable surprise to some of the visitors.

At the festive board the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts.

Bro. Frank Piggoit, P.M., D.C., then submitted "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and, in the course of a thoughtful speech on the teachings of Masonry and their influence on the every-day life of the citizen, mentioned the probability of another lodge being established in the province, as the result of the keen interest shown by Bro. Colonel Townley Caldwell in the progress of Freemasonry within his jurisdiction.

The toast of "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," given by Bro. J. V. Pryor, P.M., was responded to by Bro. T. Watts, 441, Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. A. E. Chaplin, I.P.M., in submitting "The Health of the W.M.," described Bro. Sindall as a right good fellow, who had the interests of his lodge thoroughly at heart, and did his level best to ensure that the work did not suffer or deteriorate in "good old 88."

The W.M. expressed his great delight at seeing such an unusually large gathering at an ordinary lodge, and assured the brethren that if he had been the means of communicating happiness, he was amply repaid for his exertions.

After the services of the Past Masters had been mentioned from the chair, and acknowledged by Bro. A. E. Chaplin,

Special recognition was given to Bro. Col. B. W. Beales for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Steward.

Bro. Major Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.G.S., on behalf of the lodge, gave a hearty welcome to "The Visitors," for whom Bros. F. W. Potts, W.M. 441; John Start, 1743; and F. Griffiths, 340, responded. The former added a filip to the proceedings by mentioning that No. 88 had given Concordia Lodge a W.M. in the person of Bro. T. W. Allsop.

Bro. W. Purchas, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Newly-Raised and Passed."

Vocal harmony was not wanting, and altogether it was a most enjoyable ré-union.

### Galen Lodge, No. 2394.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 12th instant, when there was a record attendance of members and visitors. It was a red-letter day in the history of this young and flourishing lodge, for the new W.M., Bro. Michael Carteighe, was the first initiate of the lodge. Bro. Carteighe is moreover well known to all the brethren of the lodge in his professional capacity, having for 10 years occupied the distinguished position of President of the Pharmaceutical Society, to which all the members belong.

There was a heavy programme of work when lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. T. Morrison, W.M., supported by Bros. W. J. Rogerson, I.P.M.; M. Carteighe, S.W.; W.M. elect; P. C. Maitland, J.W.; J. B. Mackey, Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; F. Bascombe, S.D.; C. Butler, J.D.; J. W. Littleboy, D.C.; A. W. Gerrard, I.G.; E. Eastes, Org.; T. H. W. Idris, Steward; H. W. Roach, P.M.; H. M. Grove, P.M.; C. J. Packe, P.M.; and many others. The following visitors were present: Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; A. C. Vallance, J.D. 1852; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; H. Nuding, P.M. 1924; J. F. Tye, P.M., Sec. 457; J. P. Parkes, P.M. 1538; W. Roper, P.M. 874; W. Cripps, P.P.S.G.W. Kent; W. Glazin, P.M. 24; E. Howis, J.D. 2200; W. Elliott, S.W. 2090; Nathan Robinson, P.M. 55; A. Althorp, 2317; J. C. Hyslop, I.G. 1538; W. E. Robinson, I.P.M. 1395; R. J. Hunt, 2511; J. Holding, I.P.M. 1588; T. G. Doughty, S.W. 1287; A. McCormick, J.W. 2120; J. B. Mackey; W. T. Feldon, 2579; W. C. Sayers, S.W. 1601; J. Cooper, P.M. 1769; E. Wavell, P.M. 2012; T. Hawkins, P.M. 25; H. H. Nuding, P.M. 196; W. Searell, 1952; A. C. Doughty, W.M. 1287; E. F. Passmore, M.D., 2168; S. J. Weston, P.M. 194; Dr. W. Haig Brodie, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. M. Wells, P.M. 34; H. Blinkfield, P.M. 370; B. H. Burge, 1415; G. Nelson Watts, P.M. 194; Havelock Collins, P.M. 34; A. Tanner, 1415; J. R. Green, P.M. 1492; J. Humphrey, 1415; H. B. Osburn, 2475; W. H. G. Morris, J.W. 1673; A. Malvert, S.D. 28; G. H. Fookes, 386; R. F. Young, P.M. 1385; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bro. Dr. B. H. Paul, P.M., P.G.D., was unanimously elected a re-joining member. The Auditors' report was adopted, and a sum of five guineas was voted to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund. This sum was afterwards increased to 10 guineas by donations in the Charity-box. Several brethren were then raised to the Third Degree. Bro. M. Carteighe was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed by Bro. J. W. T. Morrison, the retiring Master. The following officers were invested: Bros. Pelham Christopher Maitland, P.M. 1538, S.W.; Frederick Bascombe, J.W.; John Brunt Mackey, Treas.; John Bulgin Snow Lancaster, P.P.G. St. Br. Surrey, Sec.; Charles Butler, P.M. 1196, S.D.; John Walter Hatherden Littleboy, J.D.; Alfred Wm. Gerrard, P.M. 1415, D.C.; Thos. Howell Williams Idris, I.G.; Ernest John Eastes, Org.; Charles James Strother and Nicholas Male Grose, P.M., Stwds.; and George Harrison, Tyler. The customary addresses were ably rendered by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster, P. Prov. G. St. Br. Surrey. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., by the W.M. and suitably acknowledged. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from the G. Secretary and other distinguished brethren, and several propositions for initiation were received. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by many visitors, and the lodge was closed.

After a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the usual toasts were given. The W.M. advocating short speeches by precept and example in view of the length and excellence of the musical programme.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," expressed their gratification at meeting the members of this lodge and finding them after a few years, so

extended in dimensions. The W.M. had been accustomed to address the members in his professional capacity as "gentlemen," and forgot they were brethren on this occasion, but after one or two tries was looking admirably and would be in perfect order before he had been many hours their Worshipful Master. They were all gratified at seeing such a large number present and to find the lodge had made such rapid progress. They were always gratified to find Masonry improving, and it was the splendid precepts that commended themselves to the hearts of all reasonable men. It made a deep impression upon him 40 years ago and he knew nothing equal to it, for any man who could look upon the ceremony without feeling considerable emotion would fail to be a good Mason in the future. The W.M. had referred to the progress of the Order under the M.W. Grand Master when more money had been subscribed to the Charities than ever was subscribed before. Their numbers might increase, but their responsibilities and calls upon them were greater in consequence. It was not a benefit society and they did not want those to come in for what they could get out of it, but they wished those to join who could show what they could do for those who were brought to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress. When a man had done his duty in affluence they should certainly not forget him when he fell into the sear and yellow leaf.

Bro. J. W. T. Morrison, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said it had been his privilege, as one of the founders, to install into the chair of W.M. the first initiate of the lodge. Bro. Carteighe had already become as distinguished in Masonry as he deservedly was in the outside world. It was impossible to eulogise the W.M., for enough could not be said in his favour, and, therefore, he (the I.P.M.) would simply ask the brethren to be upstanding and heartily drink the toast.

Bro. M. Carteighe, W.M., said he had purposely arranged that they should have a little rest from the music—if he might use the expression—in order to give the needful toasts, and they could then have another interval of music, and thus enjoy a comfortable evening. If there was anything to find fault with in the entertainment they must put it upon the W.M., for he was responsible for the arrangements. He appreciated the honour which the I.P.M. had conferred upon him by proposing the toast, and also appreciated the acclamation with which they had received it. He was not going to make any further remarks that evening, as he preferred reserving his speeches for the following meetings, when there would be ample opportunities for a W.M. to instruct his brethren. That was a festive occasion, when they celebrated a new Masonic year for their lodge, when they had distinguished guests present, and they would therefore reserve the oratory for those meetings when the refreshment was more modest and the wine not so superabundant. The excellent speech they had heard pointed to the fact that the sentiment of Masonry was a grand one. As they had chosen to elect him as their Worshipful Master he hoped that during his year, or rather by the end of the year, he might be of some use and thus justify their departure from the recognised paths of Masonry. He thanked them for the honour done him and for the confidence that had been in their minds some time before they decided to make him their Worshipful Master.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. said there were 50 present, and he heartily welcomed them all and hoped to see them again.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx., in response, said he had a great task in returning thanks for the honour done the visitors. That was not his first visit, for he believed he was present when the W.M. first saw the light of Masonry, when he told them they had initiated a brother who would in future times be a shining light in the Craft. He was glad to find Bro. Carteighe elected as W.M., for in so doing the members had made no mistake, as their W.M. would add further lustre to the Galen Lodge. He always told his brethren in Middlesex that however good a Master might be, it took more than one man to make a lodge, and it required the cordial co-operation of all the brethren to make it a success. He was sure all the members of that lodge would remember that and do all in their power to make it one of the happiest and most prosperous in London.

Bros. Cripps, P.P.S.G.W. Kent, and C. Hunt, P.M., also replied. "The Past Masters" was next given and responded to by Bros. Morrison, I.P.M., and Roach, P.M.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded the toast list.

During the banquet music was provided by Bocchi's Royal Drawing Room Sextett, and the soloists afterwards included Signorina Vittoria Olarti, Signor G. Maggi, Signor A. Bocchi, and Mr. E. Bell.

### Clissold Lodge, No. 2551.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., the members of the above flourishing lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the Great Eastern Hotel, where they have removed from the Cock at Highbury. This being the installation meeting, the brethren assembled in good time, and the number of visitors was rather in excess of the usual meetings. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Lamigeon, opened the lodge, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Harry Townend, officiated as S.W. The retiring W.M. installed his successor, the work being done in an admirable manner, and the grand charge lost nothing at the hands of Bro. Lamigeon. In fact, considering the slight difficulties of language, the performance was a highly creditable one. Bro. Harry Townend, W.M., then invested his officers, giving each recipient a few kindly words of encouragement: Bros. J. J. Lamigeon, I.P.M.; T. H. Carleton, S.W.; A. H. Cooper, J.W.; G. C. Elliott, S.D.; W. R. Iltter, J.D.; E. A. P. Broad, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; J. J. Lamigeon, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Wright, Org.; H. A. Badman, D. of C.; P. C. Cooper, J. S. Keith, and E. Le Bas, Stwds.; and T. C. Edwards, P.M., 1507, Tyler. A handsome jewel was then presented to the W.M., Bro. Lamigeon, in recognition of the admirable way in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year, for which Bro. Lamigeon thanked them in a hearty manner.

After an exceptionally good banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and replied to in short, pithy style, worthy of being followed in many lodges of older growth.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bros. H. Linwood, Oswald Sharpley, Harry Hall, and Wallis Arthur.

The sale of the collecting box for the Charities realised £1 12s.

The programme, which was a work of art in itself, fairly bristled with Masonic quotations, and was illustrated by portraits of the Master and his Wardens.

## Mark Masonry.

### Eastbourne Lodge, No. 484.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 8th inst. The chief business was the installation of Bro. J. H. Wright as W.M., in succession to Bro. Jos. Farncombe, who was appointed on the death of the late Bro. W. E. Morrison, the first Master of the lodge. Several visiting brethren were present and a good muster of members of the lodge. The officers appointed were Bros. Jos. Farncombe, J. A. Skinner (Mayor of Eastbourne), F. B. Sutton, Thos. MacQueen, J. H. Ewart, G. Fowler, Rev. W. Wakeford, A. J. Howard, J. C. Foran, A. H. Thomas, E. W. Stilwell, H. J. Capon, Claude de M. Franklyn, John Easter, H. Colgate, F. Lawson Lewis, A. P. Sherwood, and E. Goldring.

The banquet which followed the business meeting was a very enjoyable gathering. Mr. Steidle catered admirably.

In the course of the evening feeling reference was made to the late Bro. Morrison, whose memory is ever green in the minds of local members of the Craft.

### Eland Lodge, No. 493.

The first anniversary festival of this young, but most prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst. On Saturday, 25th April, 1896, we chronicled its formation and consecration. We ventured then to prophesy that it had a useful and successful future in store, and, so far, we have been fully justified by the event. There were several matters in connection with the origin of Lodge 493 which invested it with interest, not the least of which was its name. Into the history of the Eland family and its far back connection with the manufacturing town of Eland, Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. G.M., went in some detail in the address which he delivered on the occasion referred to. He showed that there was much thoroughness and a determined fixity of purpose in the



minds of the occupiers of the Calder Valley in those early days, and the same energy and spirit appear still to exist in their midst. This is evidenced by the vigour with which the affairs of the Lodge of Eland have been conducted. The first W.M., Bro. W. E. Smithies, who has been most ably and consistently supported by his acting Past Master, Bro. G. H. Parke, has throughout his year spared no pains to make the new institution flourish, and has undoubtedly infused into his brethren much of his own characteristic earnestness. The result has been very gratifying. There has been a regular and full attendance, a never failing supply of work, and a careful attention to reverence, detail, and accuracy in the rendering of the ceremonial ritual. The lodge has held eight meetings since its formation, and during that time has added nine new members to the roll of Mark Masons in West Yorkshire. Its funds are in a flourishing condition, and all its furniture, regalia, and the thousand and one little items, the want of which becomes rapidly felt, are supplied and paid for. The brethren of Eland Lodge may, therefore, look back upon the past with satisfaction and forward to the future with hope.

Amongst those present on the occasion were Bros. W. E. Smithies, W.M.; G. H. Parke, I.P.M.; T. G. Howell, S.W.; A. Rowe, J.W.; John Brook, M.O.; A. Maude, S.O.; H. Beaumont, Treas.; J. Naylor, Sec.; R. E. Heaton, S.D.; A. E. Mitchell, J.D.; A. W. Law, I.G.; and B. Naylor, D.C. In addition were Bros. J. W. H. Fox, H. Littlewood, J. Broadhead, A. Fielding, S. A. Radcliffe, and J. Rhodes. Amongst the visitors then or later were Bros. John Barker, D.P.G.M.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B.; Joseph Matthewman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. J. Morris, Prov. G.O.; J. J. Martin, P.P.G.D.; G. Martin, W.M., and J. T. Last, P.M., of Old York Lodge (T.I.); W. S. Milligan, W.M. 58; and others.

The Prov. G.M., Bro. C. Letch Mason, was unfortunately unable to be present, and apologies for unavoidable absence were received from many other distinguished brethren.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Gaukroger Howell, was presented to the Installing Master by the Deputy. Bro. Howell, it may here be noted, is a most enthusiastic Mason; one who devotes largely of his time and his ability to the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and the practice of Masonic virtue. He is a Past Master of the Mark Degree, having served with distinction in the chair of the Truth Lodge, No. 137, Huddersfield, last year. He is a founder of the Lodge of Eland, and has always shown the liveliest interest in its prosperity. Under his rule the brethren of Lodge 493 need fear no falling off, for if time, labour, and attention can command success, that success is as good as assured. The first portion of the installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. Smithies. Bro. G. H. Parke took the latter part, 11 P.M.s. forming the Board. Both acquitted themselves admirably. Bro. Howell, in graceful terms, and with appropriate remarks, invested his officers in the following order: Bros. W. E. Smithies, I.P.M.; A. Rowe, S.W.; J. Brook, J.W.; A. Maude, M.O.; J. F. Milner, S.O.; G. Hoyle, J.O.; J. Naylor, Chap.; H. Beaumont, P.M., Treas.; R. E. Heaton, Sec.; A. E. Mitchell, S.D.; A. W. Law, J.D.; B. Naylor, D. of C.; J. W. Fox, Org.; J. W. Broadhead, I.G.; J. R. Kershaw, O.G.; and H. Littlewood and A. Fielding, Stwds. Bro. W. E. Smithies, on the motion of Bro. G. H. Parke, seconded by Bro. T. G. Howell, W.M., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Still further honour awaited Bro. Smithies, for at this stage Bro. John Barker, Deputy Prov. G.M., in the name of the lodge, presented to the retiring Master a very handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Barker spoke in strong terms of the Masonic work with which the name of Bro. Smithies had become associated, declared that this recognition from his brethren was well deserved, and wished him a long and continued life of usefulness during which to wear it. Bro. Smithies having suitably acknowledged the gift, the Worshipful Master made the usual inquiries previous to closing the lodge. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master at once rose and explained that as that might be the only opportunity that he would have during the evening, as he must leave early, he could not let it pass without offering his congratulations to Bro. Howell upon obtaining the position of W.M. of the Eland Lodge. Bro. Howell had worked for and worthily won Masonic position, and if the brethren would loyally support him as they had done his predecessor, he had not the slightest hesitation in expressing his conviction that in its second year the Eland Lodge would equal, if it did not exceed, the reputation which it had so rapidly acquired. Bro. Howell's zeal they all knew; his earnest desire to spend and be spent for the benefit of Freemasonry and its noble Institutions was also well-known to them, and his conscientious effort, to the best of his ability, to discharge his duty fully, they were bound to recognise and support. Let them do this and then the lodge would continue to prosper, they would be a happy and harmonious community, for which most desired consummation they had his heartiest good wishes. Before closing, the W.M. declared how proud and grateful he was, as a founder of the lodge, to find himself placed in the chair as its second Master. It should be his earnest endeavour—in which they would all help him—to promote its interests, to increase its members, and generally to contribute to its prosperity. That he was prepared to do at all times, but more especially should that be so whilst it was his privilege to preside over its concerns.

This concluded the proceedings; the lodge was closed, and, as the accommodation in the Savile Lodge rooms is somewhat limited, the brethren adjourned to the Eland Town Hall for dinner. An excellent repast was served, at which all were the guests of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Howell is an enthusiast in floriculture, and the lavish display of cut flowers on the tables and the charming button-holes provided for all added no little to the bright and picturesque appearance which the scene presented.

Full justice was done to the bountiful fare provided, after which the toast list was entered upon. This was interspersed with songs and duets by Bros. Rickard and Buckland, who, with conspicuous ability, contributed to the pleasure and enjoyment of the brethren.

The W.M. briefly proposed "The Queen." Having reached the age of 78 years, and this being the 60th year of her reign, her Gracious Majesty was, he was delighted to say, still spared to us. He called upon them to drink to her continued health, still further length of years, and God bless her!

In proposing "The M.W. the Grand Master," the Worshipful Master said that the Mark Masons owed much to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He looked after the organisation and interests of the Order with zeal and energy; he was ever ready to do what he could—and he could do much—to advance the cause. He (Bro. Howell) had had the privilege of being present in Grand Lodge on the 2nd March last when the Prince, for the 13th time, was elected Grand Master of Mark Masonry. He called upon them to drink heartily to the health, happiness, and long life of their Grand Master.

The next on the list was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Viscount Dungarvan, R.W. Dep. Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In submitting this, Bro. Howell said: Brethren,—In proposing this toast, which I do most heartily, let me say that in the Earl of Euston we have an excellent pro, or substitute, for our M.W.G. Master. We know him; we have seen him amongst us. He visited us at Leeds in 1895, and he has promised to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 4th May. We know what deep interest he shows in Mark Masonry; what time and care he devotes to it. We also know how strong an advocate he is of the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund. It behoves us, therefore, as good Yorkshiremen to attend in numbers at Sheffield and give him loyal support and hearty welcome. Of Viscount Dungarvan there was nothing but good could be said, and we shall, I trust, some day have the privilege of seeing him also in our midst. Of the Grand Officers we in West Yorkshire have our share, and some I am delighted to see present to-night. There is our excellent friend and good Deputy, Bro. John Barker, who is, I am pleased to say, an officer of Grand Lodge. There is also Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, who in his time has done great things for Mark Masonry, and there is Bro. Geo. H. Parke. Bro. Parke, as you all know, brethren, has been unanimously elected Grand Treasurer of England, and I have much pleasure in coupling his name with the toast.

Bro. Parke was received with much acclamation on rising to respond. He was proud, he said, to think that the office of Grand Treasurer of England should, for the first time, come to West Yorkshire in the Mark Degree and that it should be associated with his name. It was a great honour and he could assure them he esteemed it highly. He would do his utmost to maintain the dignity as well as discharge the duty which so responsible an office entailed, and he thanked the brethren most heartily for the many expressions of their good will, which he was continually receiving.

"The Worshipful Master of the Eland Lodge" was, in the absence of the Prov. Gr and Master, proposed in able and eloquent terms by Bro. A. Maude, M.O. Knowing Bro. Howell so well Bro. Maude was able to do justice to the excellent qualities of the Worshipful Master. He paid graceful tribute to his merits and showed by his skillful and feeling treatment of his subject that his heart was in his work.

On Bro. Howell rising he met with the warmest possible reception. So protracted

and so hearty was it that it was some moments before silence could be obtained. A last Bro. Howell's voice could be heard. He said: Brethren, This, I assure you, is another proud moment in my Masonic life. No man who enters Freemasonry, who is worth his salt, fails to aspire to fill the chair of his lodge. I have aspired and through your kindness succeed Bro. Smithies, and become second W.M. of the Eland Lodge. You will, I am sure, take it from me, that in your interest I will do my uttermost, that I will give time, labour, and attention, during my year, and that Masonically speaking the Lodge of Eland shall be my first and chief concern. As W.M. of the Truth Lodge, No. 137, I endeavoured to do my duty both to the brethren individually and to the lodge as a community. During that year we did not fail to respond to the appeal which was made by our Provincial Grand Master, when he took the chair at the Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund. This year I have no doubt I shall also be able to count upon the generous assistance of my brethren of Lodge 493. A W.M. if he has gained the confidence of his brethren—as I believe I have—has immense power for good, and I want us all to work together and to strive our utmost to make the Lodge of Eland sustain the position it has already taken, so that we may be able honestly to say that it stands second to none in the Province. This, with your help we can achieve, and this is what we must set ourselves to do. I thank you all, brethren, for the kindness shown me in the reception of this toast. I especially thank Bro. Maude for the many expressions of his goodwill, and I also tender my gratitude to the distinguished visitors and warm-hearted friends who have honoured me by joining in our proceedings to-day.

"The Installing Officers, Bros. Parke and Smithies," was proposed by Bro. S. Dyson, and duly acknowledged.

The other toasts were "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which was taken in hand by Bro. Smithies; "The Visiting Brethren," submitted by Bro. A. Rowe; and "The Officers of the Eland Lodge." All were well received and heartily drunk.

The whole proceedings were a success from beginning to end, and we do most sincerely congratulate Bro. Howell upon his undoubted popularity, and upon the excellent arrangements which he made to secure the comfort and enjoyment of his guests. We trust the Lodge of Eland, which has commenced its second year so auspiciously, may continue its prosperity and may never lack the guidance and support of so excellent a Mason as its present Worshipful Master.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Shadwell Clerke Chapter, No. 107.

The last meeting of the season was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, the 13th inst. In consequence of the absence, through illness, of the M.W.S., Bro. W. M. Stiles, the chair was taken by Bro. R. C. Leversedge. The only business before the chapter was the election of M.W.S. and Treasurer, the result being unanimous in favour of Bro. Arthur H. Scurrah, 18°, as M.W.S., and Bro. Henry Lovegrove, 31°, as Treas. Many members expressed their great regret at the illness during his year of office of the M.W.S.

At the close of the proceedings the brethren dined at the Criterion.

### Earl of Lathom Chapter, No. 137.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Major G. H. N. Bridges, M.W.S.; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, 30°, Prelate; R. J. Voisey, 1st General; Dr. W. Cock, 2nd General; Frank Williams, Treas.; Capt. George Hearn, 30°, Recorder; W. Briant, Raphael; Earl of Portarlington, D.C.; J. A. Fletcher, Captain of the Guard; H. F. Greig, Stwd.; Rev. W. Russell Finlay, G. J. Allen, S. G. Bonner, S. F. Mackway, Major J. A. Thornhill, and Earl of Lathom, 33°, M.P. Sov., G.C. (Hon. Treas.) The visitors included Bros. E. Letchworth, 33°; Thompson Lyon, Victory Chapter; and others.

The chapter having been opened, a ballot was taken for five candidates for perfection, which proved favourable, of these Bros. R. A. Marshall, P.M. 1216 and 2621; Colonel Ernest Villiers, P.M. 1216; and W. A. Perry, 101, being in attendance, received the preliminary Degrees from Ill. Bro. Rev. C. E. L. Wright, and were then duly perfected as Princes Rose Croix, the accolade being given by Bro. the Earl of Lathom. With this exception the whole of the beautiful ceremonial was most impressively rendered by the M.W.S. and his officers, Bro. Voisey, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Capt. Richard-Parry, acting as Marshal. The election of M.W.S. then took place, resulting in the choice of Bro. Voisey, Bro. Frank Williams being again selected for the responsible position of Treasurer. The alms having been collected and candidates proposed, the M.W.S. called the attention of the brethren to the fact that their senior honorary member, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, was present and had taken part in the ceremonial. It was, he felt sure, the wish of the brethren of the chapter that there should appear upon the minutes their cordial thanks to Lord Lathom for the many kindnesses they had received at his hands, first in allowing them the use of his name and arms, again in accepting honorary membership and the founder's jewel, but more than all, that he had, in the midst of the manifold engagements which his duties as Lord Chamberlain must entail, in this great year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, found time to come amongst them and take an active part in the work. This, upon being seconded by the illustrious Prelate and put to the brethren, was carried by acclamation. Bro. Lord Lathom said that he had been disappointed at being unable to be present at the consecration of the chapter in November last, but it had given him the greatest pleasure to be there that evening and to witness the admirable working, he sincerely wished every success to the chapter. Bro. Lord Portarlington then gave notice of motion that a Past Sovereign's jewel be presented to Bro. Major Bridges upon his retirement from the chair. The third point having been given the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

After which the toast of "The Queen" having been duly honoured, That of "The Supreme Council" was proposed by the M.W.S., who remarked that at the consecration they were honoured by the presence of six out of the nine members of that august body, to-day they welcomed another and the most influential of all. Throughout the world the name of Lord Lathom was honoured, and never a day passed without his health being proposed and heartily drunk as the beloved second in command in English Freemasonry, but only to a few Masonic lodges and chapters outside his own Province of West Lancashire was his lordship able to accord the honour of his presence, and this was one of those rare cases and every member of the chapter felt highly gratified and most heartily welcomed one, whose courtly presence, genial manner, and interest in the ceremonial had been alike conspicuous.

Lord Lathom, in reply, said he had been happy to snatch a few hours' relaxation amidst the very considerable amount of hard work that fell to his lot in his official capacity as Lord Chamberlain, and assured the brethren that it had given him sincere pleasure to come amongst them and to note the excellent progress that the chapter was making, which, however, was not surprising when he found everyone so expert in the various duties that devolved upon them. He took that opportunity to propose "The Health of their M.W.S.," whose work that evening had been such as to deserve their highest approbation. The toast having been duly honoured,

The M.W.S. thanked Lord Lathom for his kindly words, and the brethren for their cordial endorsement. He assured them all that he had the welfare of the chapter at heart, and hoped to see it take a place among the Rose Croix chapters of London, worthy of the exalted name it bore. With regard to the work upon which such praise had been bestowed, the M.W.S. said that he had the happiness of being associated with some of the best workers in South London, and hoped in the future to do so even better as it had to be borne in mind that this was the first occasion upon which they had had an opportunity of working together.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Ill. Bro. Letchworth, 33°, in a most genial and encouraging speech.

The newly-perfected brethren severally replied to their toast, all expressing great admiration of the beautiful ceremony, and delight at receiving the accolade at the hands of the S.G.C.

Bro. Voisey, M.W.S. elect, responded for "The Officers," and thanked the brethren for electing him to the chair.

The various toasts were interspersed with songs by Bros. Finlay, Voisey, Mackway, Marshall, and Lord Portarlington.

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**Masonic Notes.**

On Wednesday next Grand Festival will be held, and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested. We have already been able to furnish the names of several of the brethren upon whom his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, has been pleased to confer Grand honours. As regards the

M.W. Grand Master himself, it is worthy of note that it is exactly 22 years to the very day since his Royal Highness was installed in office, the memorable meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, at which his installation took place, having been held on the 28th April, 1875.

We regret to hear that the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival, on Wednesday, the 12th prox., in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls compares still less favourably than it did last week with the Board as constituted at the corresponding period of the year for the Festival of 1896. Seeing that the Easter Holidays have occupied most of the interval since we last wrote, this, perhaps, is not altogether surprising, but it is very much to be regretted, and we trust that in the brief time that remains a supreme effort will be made in order to ensure that the approaching Girls' Festival may be attended with results not unworthy of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. We shall offer some remarks on the subject next week.

The report we publish in another column of the recent annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund shows that that Fund is very capably fulfilling the purpose for which it was established, and that it is growing in favour with the lodges and brethren in the Province. We do not for one moment question the correctness of the remarks made by the Chairman (Bro. E. H. Shorto), when he moved the adoption of the report, to the effect "that the contributions to the Fund represented an average of only about £5 or £6 per lodge throughout the Province." This is certainly not a very great achievement for a body of 53 lodges, but there was an increase in the funds last year from £1586 to £1716, while the receipts included between £104 and £105, being the net proceeds of a concert in Plymouth Guildhall last December, under the conductorship of Bro. Willoughby. Moreover, there are at the present time 22 children who are being educated and clothed at the cost of the Fund. There is, therefore, no doubt that the Devon Educational Fund is, as we have said, doing its work admirably, though it is conceivable and, in Bro. Shorto's opinion, desirable that it should receive a larger measure of support from the lodges and chapters. We congratulate Devonshire on the healthy condition in which this Fund is placed.

A circumstance of rare occurrence is recorded in the report which the Grand Secretary of Tasmania presented at the Annual Communication on the 28th January last. It is mentioned as "an illustration of the universality" of Freemasonry, that in July last, a Captain Patrick J. Greenless—a recent arrival in the Colony—"died suddenly at the hotel in Hobart, where he was lodging." The report proceeds as follows: "As soon as it was found from an examination of his effects that he was a Mason and a P.M., the M.W.G. Master, R.W. Bro. Susman, and the G. Secretary, interested themselves in his affairs. It was found he had not a friend or relation in the Colony, but his funeral was attended by representatives both of Grand Lodge and private lodges, and the service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. C. H. Talbot, P.G. Chaplain. Subsequently the Secretary discovered the address in England of a sister of our deceased brother, and was therefore able to forward her particulars of his sudden end, which were feelingly acknowledged.

The above circumstance not only exhibits "the universality of Masonry," but redounds infinitely to the credit of our Tasmanian brethren, who acted thus nobly towards a brother who died while on a visit to a strange land, and to whom they offered precisely the same tribute of respect that they would have offered to one of their own relatives or friends. We can well understand that the sister of our deceased Bro. Capt. Greenless, on learning that he had died suddenly, and been buried by his Tasmanian brethren in Masonry, must have been struck by this illustration of their sympathy and have "feelingly" acknowledged her gratitude for their kindness.

According to one of our exchanges, there is a law in Colorado by which a Mason, who has been suspended from membership for the non-payment of dues, and is desirous of being reinstated, must, in the first place, pay up his arrears. Having done this, he must petition in due form to be reinstated, and, after an interval of one month, the question is decided by ballot, a two-thirds majority of the members present being required to ensure his reinstatement. There is also this further

law in the same jurisdiction, to the effect that in lodges in which there happens to be no work in the Degrees, one of the principal officers shall deliver one of the lectures in turn, and report to the Grand Master or Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Chapter of New York held its 100th annual convocation in the City of Albany on the 2nd February last, when there was a large attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past, and of the representatives of private chapters. M.E. Comp. Ten Eyck delivered an address of welcome, which was full of interest and in which he referred to the past career of the Grand Chapter in appropriate terms of eulogy. The Grand Secretary reported the aggregate membership in the jurisdiction as amounting to 19,886. New Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected, the principal being Comps. John Webb, jun., G.H.P.; John W. Palmer, Dep. G.H.P.; Joseph Crane, G. King; J. Harris Balston, G. Scribe; Herman H. Russ, G. Treas.; and Christopher, G. Fox, G. Sec.; the last named having been annually re-elected to his office during a period of 30 years.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana held its 85th annual communication on the 8th February, when Bro. Albert G. Brice, M.W. Grand Master, delivered the customary address, in the course of which he reviewed the principal events of the past year, and estimated the condition of the Craft in the jurisdiction. His opinion is that though the past year was not one of general prosperity throughout the State, owing in one part of it to partial failure of the crops through drought, and in other portions to failures in the financial world, Masonry has held its own, and would have made considerably greater increase in membership than it has done had it not been for the misfortunes caused by these failures. And to judge from the address of Comp. Robert H. Gaze, G.H.P., at the 50th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State on the following day, a very similar estimate appears to have been passed as to the position of Royal Arch Masonry, that is to say, it has fared tolerably well, notwithstanding the commercial and other depressions.

The *Freemason's Repository* reproduces in its March number, the "Declaration of the Freemasons of Boston and vicinity," which at a critical time in the Anti-Masonic Crusade in the United States in the first half of the present century, was drafted by the late Bro. Charles W. Moore, adopted firstly by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and afterwards by those of Rhode Island and Connecticut, and subsequently circulated with the signatures appended of upwards of 6000 New England Masons. The writer of the Preface or Introduction to the Declaration describes its issue as the "Turning point in the Anti-Masonic Crusade." Though it was dated the 31st December, 1831, and it was not till a few years later that the Crusade died out, there appears to be no reason to doubt that it had the effect he claims for it of causing a change in public sentiment towards Freemasonry. The Declaration is made in simple but earnest language, and when a favourable opportunity presents itself, we purpose publishing it in full.

According to a pronouncement in the *Voice of Masonry*, the laws of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut do not recognise a person as a Mason, who, after having been rejected by a lodge in its own jurisdiction, receives the Degrees in a foreign country in a lodge working under the authority of a regular Grand Lodge, but without the consent of the lodge which had rejected him.

The foregoing pronouncement is taken from a "Digest of Masonic Law" which forms quite one half of the March issue of that excellent periodical, and is by itself almost a complete work on American Masonic Jurisprudence, the subjects it deals with being of the most varied character, while the cases cited in illustration of any particular law are taken from the laws of nearly all the Grand Lodges in the United States. We commend this "Digest" to our readers, who, if they study it carefully, will find much that is quite new to them and will doubtless cause them no little surprise.

A PORTION of the library of the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris will be sold at Sotheby's Rooms, on Tuesday next. The most important lot comprises a collection of several hundred MS. dramas, farces, burlesques, pantomimes, interludes, operas, &c., many of which were produced at different times, under the management of the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris and J. M. Maddox, at Drury Lane, Covent Garden, and Princess's Theatres.



## Correspondence.

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

## THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is to be hoped that there will be some great meeting of Masons in June, and, in case the M.W.G.M. is pleased to confer honours, I cannot think that the selection of provincial Masons, as suggested by your correspondent, would be satisfactory.

He suggests Wardens of the provinces, and if they are chosen as they are near London, anything but truly representative Masons would be selected, as Wardens are generally half-pay officers for Senior, and doctors for Junior, many of them having the slightest knowledge of the Craft.

I think that names should be submitted by the respective Provincial Grand Masters.

If many receive past rank it will be difficult to find room on the dais at Grand Lodge, but probably the Colonies and provinces would be chiefly noticed.—Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

## THE NEW BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If the report in your last issue is correct the proposed competition for designs will cost the Craft about £3000 for the six competitions and 2½ per cent., say £2500 for the successful one, assuming that the school is not built.

Instead of selecting six architects of large practice used to expensive buildings would it not have been more satisfactory to have advertised in the *Freemason*, and from the names sent in, have selected about a dozen members of the Fraternity who have designed schools successfully. Why allow about £5000 to go to those who have never taken any interest in the Masonic Charities.

Then again is not the proposed school too large? How will the Craft maintain so many boys, especially when all the invested funds are spent in the new building and pockets are emptied at the centenary festival?

I think the proposal to have a new building in many ways desirable, but the scheme has been pushed forward very quickly before any money is in hand, as after the publication of the condition of the existing school and its surroundings it may not be easy to sell the building at all, even at about a quarter its cost.

The members of the Building Committee deserve the best thanks of the Craft; the expenditure of time will be very considerable and we must all wish for a successful completion of their labours.—Yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

## Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1897-98."—This large and widely-known Masonic annual is now in its 16th year of publication, and continues to be edited by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, who spares no pains to make it worthy of his province. The portrait for this year will be very welcome to the brethren in Somersetshire, as it is a capital likeness of the esteemed Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. E. F. Wade. A table exhibiting "The Year's Work in the Province" is a good idea, and a most useful compilation. The 26 lodges return 1221 members to December 31st, 1896, being slightly less than in January of the same year. There were 63 initiations, but 83 resignations and 12 deaths. The particulars as to the votes for the Central Masonic Charities are most ample, and are of a gratifying character, the total votes being 4829. There are 11 R.A. chapters, with over 300 members, and nine Mark lodges, with some 250 members. There are also three K.T. preceptories and three Rose Croix chapters in the county, the Antiquity Preceptory, held in the city of Bath, being one of the oldest in England. The Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Craft and Mark, and the R.A. chapter of the same name, all held in Bath, are also to be ranked as amongst the oldest and most notable in the country. There is a complete Calendar for 1897-8 term, and no lack of interesting information besides.

AN INTERESTING RELIC or reminder of the former days has recently been placed in the hands of the editor of the *Repository*, viz., a well preserved and perfect book, printed in the year 1765, containing a list of regular lodges allegiant to the Grand Lodge of England at that date, with the arms or other insignia of such lodges, time and places of meetings, &c. It has inscribed upon its cover the name of Henry Rishton, Esq., and the date, presumably of purchase, May 21, 1765. We note its announcement of Solomon's Lodge, S. C., as having been chartered in 1735; Boston Lodge in New Zealand, 1733; No. 75, "In the Province of Georgia," 1735; No. 173, "In the Borough of Norfolk, Va.," against which is put the date "1733," evidently a misprint, as it should be 1753. There have been many editions of the English list of lodges, and the one we have in hand is by no means among the earliest issues; nevertheless it has value and interest, showing as it does the 336 lodges listed in 1765.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

BRO. FREDERICK G. STILES, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, placed in our hands, a few days ago, for examination, an interesting reminder of Masonic doings under the administration of Jeremy Gridley, Provincial Grand Master of North America, about the middle of the eighteenth century. The reminder consists of a well preserved commission issued by Grand Master Gridley under date of January 20th, 1760, appointing Robert Jenkins Deputy Grand Master. It is attested by the signature of John Leverett, Grand Secretary, and bears the seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.—A novel offer is made by the Educational Supply Association, Limited, Holborn Viaduct, London, in connection with the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, which is well worth the attention of the managers, masters and mistresses of schools, the superintendents of Sunday schools, and others interested in supplying young people with a useful, instructive, and lasting souvenir of the occasion. The firm is prepared to supply a special edition of the new illustrated volume of 256 pp., entitled "Queen Victoria and Her People" (published at 1s. 6d.) at sixpence net, on condition that the books are either given to the children or sold to them without a profit. The volume is well got up and handsomely bound, and the idea of thus providing children with what is at once a handsome memento of the Diamond Jubilee and a graphic history of the Queen's reign is one that we heartily commend to the attention of those interested in the education of the young. Specimen books and circulars with full particulars may be had from the publishers.

## Craft Masonry.

## Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the 8th instant, when there were present Bros. E. J. Wickenden, W.M.; F. W. Horn, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Peirce, J.W.; G. Laker, P.M., Sec.; F. Dewsbury, P.M.; C. E. Cove, S.D.; W. Callingham, J.D.; C. W. Hall, I.G.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M.; F. A. Lewis, P.M.; W. Howes, P.M.; S. Birkin, Fredk. Cundall, J. Cundall, T. Hall, W. E. J. Adams, H. S. Easty, W. Mokler, E. A. Cade, A. W. Diamond, A. Feavious, P. Callingham, T. Ogden, G. A. Keen, F. F. Smith, W. J. Keen, and J. Rawles, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Northcroft, 33; F. E. Wrigley, S.W. 73; G. Evans, 172; J. Simpson, 177; N. Salmon, P.M. 177; R. Raymond, 1305; J. T. Davies, I.P.M. 1348; W. A. Laker, P.M. 1362, P.P.G.P. Surrey; J. S. Kingston, P.M. 1420; G. Trapp, 1324; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; J. S. Dickson, P.M. 1572; H. Leming, P.M. 1815; T. S. Henson, P.M. 1996; Geo. Callingham, 2012; T. W. Chant, I.G. 2128; G. Elliott, 2206; C. E. Vaughan, 2455; R. A. Thompson, S.W. 2502; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report adopted, the W.M., Bro. Wickenden, initiated Mr. W. J. Keen in a manner that should leave a lasting impression upon the initiate, so well was it done. Bro. Wickenden then installed Bro. Frederick W. Horn, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master of the lodge, in a most impressive and commendable manner. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. J. Wickenden, I.P.M.; H. Peirce, S.W.; C. E. Cove, J.W.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Laker, P.M., Sec.; Walter Callingham, S.D.; C. W. Hall, J.D.; H. W. Mellor, I.G.; R. F. Tyler, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was most ably rendered by Bro. E. J. Wickenden, who completed his brilliant year of office not only with satisfaction to himself, but to the members, and his efficient services will long be remembered. The W.M., on behalf of the members, presented a handsome gold watch to Bro. J. Rawles in recognition of 21 years' valued services as Tyler to the lodge, which Bro. Rawles acknowledged, thanking the members for the great honour they had conferred upon him.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the Manager, Bro. E. Ashby.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the Worshipful Master stated that she was a Queen in every respect, a mother and a woman.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured.

The I.P.M., Bro. E. J. Wickenden, in giving "The Worshipful Master, Bro. F. W. Horn," said the toast was undoubtedly the one of the evening and he was sure it would be received with great enthusiasm. They had seen the working of the W.M. in the various offices he had so ably filled in the lodge during the last five years; they had a bright future to look forward to and Bro. Horn's doings would redound to the credit of the Craft and the lodge. They all loved him and he did not think any one had ever had a wry word with him. He could speak at length as to his many qualifications but it was not necessary, except to add that he would make one of the best of Masters in the annals of the Skelmersdale Lodge.

Bro. F. W. Horn, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with acclamation. He stated that the toast had been submitted to them in words that were too complimentary to himself, but he thanked them for their great reception. He had had only a little work to do that evening, and if it had given satisfaction to them he was gratified. It behoved all when installed Master to do their utmost, none could do more. He would certainly do his very best to carry out his duties, and he earnestly hoped that at the end of his year of office they would not regret having elected him to his high office of which he was proud.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Wickenden," and said that his working of the ritual could not have been better performed, and his year of office had been one of pleasure to them. He (the W.M.) had attended many lodges, but he had never seen better working than that of Bro. Wickenden's, and they were all proud of the excellent manner he had carried out the whole of the installation, for which he tendered him their hearty thanks. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, observing that never was a jewel better deserved. (Great applause.) And he sincerely hoped that he would live for many years to wear it, not only as a token of their great regard and esteem, but as a small appreciation of his services to the lodge, which it would be impossible for the members ever to forget. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, to Bro. Edward James Wickenden, P.M., as a token of respect for the efficient manner in which he presided as W.M. 1896-7."

Bro. E. J. Wickenden, I.P.M., on rising to reply, was enthusiastically received. He remarked that words failed him to express what he then thought. It was a proud moment when he was installed Master 12 months ago, but it was a prouder one to know that he left the chair with their great regard. He thanked the W.M. for his very kind remarks and the members for their reception of the toast, which induced him to think that they were satisfied with his small efforts. It was the proudest moment of his life to receive the jewel, which he honoured, and it would ever remind him of the many happy evenings he had spent in the lodge and the friendships he had made and cemented. He hoped the day was long distant when he would have to leave the lodge, and if he could at any time render any assistance to the lodge, he was only to be commanded and it would be an honour to render any service.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiate," the Worshipful Master stated that as Masons they all welcomed initiates, as without them Masonry could not exist. He hoped to live to see his first initiate installed into the chair, so that he would feel as proud as he did, but he trusted he would not be as nervous as he (the W.M.) was.

Bro. W. J. Keen, on rising to respond, had a hearty reception. He said he thanked the W.M. very kindly and sincerely for proposing the toast, and the great reception he had met with. He esteemed the honour of having been made a Mason, and hoped always to be able to retain their good will.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed. They were always well received in the lodge and they frequently saw them again which he thought was evidence that they liked visiting the lodge. They were honoured that evening with the presence of 21 visitors, which was a happy coincidence as the lodge was 21 years old that day. He made special reference to Bros. W. A. Laker, W. S. Whittaker, P.M.; J. T. Davis, P.M.; T. W. Chant, T. S. Henson, Northcroft, and R. T. West, remarking that they were all well-known and good Masons.

Bro. E. J. Wickenden, I.P.M., stated that it was his intention to go up as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' Institution. He had only five names on his list, but it amounted to 35 guineas. He would take it round and he hoped the members would greatly augment that amount. He referred at length to the proposed removal of the Institution for Boys, which he was fully convinced would be to the advantage of that Institution. In conclusion, he made an eloquent appeal for the Boys, observing that it was some years since they sent up a Steward for that Institution, and he trusted that the members would make his list a record one in amount, in the annals of the lodge.

Bro. W. A. Laker responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and said that it was not his first visit, but it was years since he was there. The visitors had had a Masonic treat in the lodge which they appreciated, and also the lavish hospitality of the members.

Bro. W. S. Whittaker, P.M., said that, from what he saw of the installation ceremony, it could leave no doubt that all the visitors thought that the working of the I.P.M., Bro. Wickenden, was splendid, and, as to their good W.M., he felt that the members would never regret their choice.

Bro. J. T. Davis, P.M., stated he had had the privilege of attending the installation meetings of the lodge for the last few years, and the installation ceremony had been carried out that evening in a manner that it would be difficult to excel.

Bro. T. W. Chant also acknowledged the toast, and said that he had known the W.M. for 21 years, and he would be a credit to the lodge; his only fault being his excessive modesty.

Bros. T. S. Henson, Northcroft, and R. T. West also responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the W.M., who stated that the Treasurer was most jovial and very irrepressible. The Secretary was a worthy brother, and did everything that was possible in his office and for Masonry in general; they were both good fellows and excellent officers.



Bro. C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treasurer, responded. He said he was the father of the W.M. in Masonry, and he was proud of his child to see him installed. Bro. Peirce, the S.W., was also a child of his. He highly valued the position in which they had placed him, and he would do his utmost to promote the interests of their good lodge. As Treasurer, he had a substantial amount in hand, which he hoped would be increased by the end of the year.

Bro. Geo. Laker, P.M., Sec., also replied. He said he was honoured by again being appointed to his office. He had been associated with the lodge, of which he was one of the founders, for 21 years. He was appointed Secretary in 1880, and had held that post ever since. They had always received him with every kindness, which he much appreciated.

"The Past Masters" was duly honoured, and responded to by Bro. Enos Howes, P.M., in very eloquent terms.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was given by the W.M., who observed that if a Master had bad officers everything was a failure. Those he had invested were all good men, and he was confident they would render him every assistance during his year of office.

Bro. H. Peirce, S.W., responded in happy terms.

The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable evening.

The proceedings were pleasantly varied by a concert, in which Madame Fannie Atkinson, Madame Tester-Jones, Bros. Charles Butler, W. H. Webb, and Mr. Walter Hengler took part, under the direction of Bro. R. Frederic Tyler, P.P.G. Org. Middx.

#### Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

A very successful meeting of this lodge was held at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. Lamb, W.M.; C. Sims, I.P.M.; J. Cote, S.W.; J. A. Shelton, J.W.; Rev. W. J. Salt, Chap.; H. Visger, Treas.; E. Hall, Sec.; H. Lewis, S.D.; W. C. Tyler, J.D.; J. W. Drysdale, D.C.; H. Cole, I.G.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; W. T. Price-Taylor and F. W. Quandt, Stwds.; J. S. Gregory, Tyler; H. T. Bridges, H. Kortlandt, J. H. Minson, H. B. Brooman, J. T. Wise, W. H. Howells, E. C. Cook, R. R. Cook, S. R. Cook, W. N. Pennington, T. Till, J. McLanachan, A. Reichenheim, T. G. Rose, G. W. Perry, H. Ponter, D. Bartlett, J. A. Laing, A. Yockelson, W. Bennett, F. W. Thomas, H. A. Phillips, T. H. Morland, J. Hinds, W. Clark, A. P. Lindsay, and A. Austin. Visitors: Bros. James Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex; W. Robin, W.M. 890; J. B. Taylor, W.M. 1997; H. W. Wybourn, W.M. 548; P. G. Hartley, W.M. 862; A. Norris, P.M. 1997; F. P. Baxter, P.M. 1216; W. Bennett, P.M. 700; W. J. Huntley, P.M., Sec. 2332; F. Lever, J.D. 1558; H. A. Turnbull, I.G. 749; H. Visger, jun., I.G. 1601; R. E. Barnes, 781; Capt. J. McKenna, 679; and H. McLelland, 862.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings were duly confirmed. The following seven brethren were raised to the Third Degree: Bros. T. Till, J. McLanachan, W. N. Pennington, W. E. T. Bennett, T. H. Warland, W. H. Howells, and F. W. Thomas. Bro. H. A. Phillips was then passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, after which Mr. Alfred Austin was initiated. All the ceremonies were performed by the W.M., Bro. C. Lamb, in his usual efficient and impressive manner. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. C. Sims, I.P.M., for the case to hold the banner, and to Bro. Walter Tyler, J.D., for the handsome polished oak box to contain the lodge album, to which they suitably responded. Bro. H. Visger, Treas., gave notice of motion—"In consequence of the rapid growth in number, to increase the initiation and joining fees." Two new members having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

An excellent programme of music, &c., was rendered under the direction of Bro. C. W. Wilkes, Organist.

During the evening a collection was made on behalf of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, which amounted to £2 13s. 6d.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

##### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. M. Beedle, W.M.; H. C. Parker, S.W.; A. A. Butcher, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., and J. Thom, P.M., Preceptors; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., and T. Smale, P.M., Secs.; H. E. Mullins, S.D.; C. Pinnell, J.D.; T. L. Bowden, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler; G. A. Sturgess, J. Leather, and H. Raphael.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Raphael, candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Raphael being the candidate. Bro. Raphael then answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Raphael being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and at the first rising, the dues were collected. Bro. Parker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ballot of the Benevolent Association was won by Bro. J. Leather, who handed it over to Bro. Paul, and, after the third rising, the lodge was closed.

##### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. C. T. Rayner, W.M.; J. Birks, S.W.; C. Smith, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; F. H. Johnson, S.D.; C. C. Renaud, J.D.; L. Danielsson, I.G.; A. F. Hardymont, A. L. Langton, S. Cload, H. R. Bower, R. Philip Upton, P.M.; V. J. R. Longman, A. Hone Goldney, P.M.; and J. T. Hoare.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate, followed by the ceremony of raising, Bro. Cload again acting as candidate. Bro. Birks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed the officers in rotation.

On the previous Tuesday, the 6th inst., about 15 members of the lodge paid a return visit to the Richmond Lodge of Instruction, at the Station Hotel, Richmond. A most successful meeting was held, the various offices being filled by the visitors. Bro. J. W. Clarke, P.M., worked the ceremony of initiation. Bro. R. P. Upton, P.M., that of passing, and Bro. W. Hancock, P.M., the ceremony of raising. The other offices were filled as follows: Bros. C. M. Coxon, P.M., S.W.; J. Duncan, P.M., J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, S.D.; W. Rapley, J.D.; and W. F. Roberts, I.G. The candidates for the respective Degrees were Bros. S. Cload, C. Isler, and G. Yexley. On the present occasion the following resolution was proposed by Bro. Hancock, Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Coxon, and carried unanimously: "That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the members of the Richmond Lodge of Instruction for their very cordial and hospitable welcome on the occasion of our visit on the 5th inst. And that this vote be recorded on our minutes, and the Secretary be requested to send a copy to the Secretary of the Richmond Lodge of Instruction."

The lodge was then closed.

A meeting was also held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Birks, W.M.; C. T. Rayner, S.W.; F. H. Johnson, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; L. Danielsson, S.D.; H. R. Bower, J.D.; A. L. Langton, I.G.; A. F. Hardymont, C. Bone, S. Cload, and R. P. Upton, P.M.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hardymont, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cload again being the candidate. Bro. Birks resumed the chair, and Bro. Rayner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation. The customary vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Birks on his occupying the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

## Knights Templar.

### Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, No. 154.

The installation meeting of the above preceptory was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on Holy Thursday. Several members were absent from London in consequence of the Easter vacation. After the reading of the minutes, and some preliminary business, Sir Knight J. J. Pakes was presented by Sir Knight H. P. Hay, the retiring E.P., and he was installed E.P. by Sir Knight Henry Lovegrove, P.E.P., P.G.C. of Guards, and the following were appointed to office: Sir Knights Alex. Stuart Brown, M.D., R. C. Leversedge, O. Heinemann, H. Lovegrove, Registrar; G. W. Capel, F. S. Guy, T. P. Staley, C. B. Barnes, A. S. Reed, and Major Muckleston-Allen. It was decided to acknowledge the great services to the preceptory of Sir Knight Hay at the November meeting. The resignation of Sir Knight McDowall, who is leaving London, was received with great regret.

## Royal Arch.

### Harmony Chapter, No. 244.

At the last convocation of this flourishing chapter, held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, Jersey, a goodly number of members were in attendance. The chapter was opened by Comps. Dr. M. Le Cronier, M.E.Z.; J. T. Bael, P.Z., H.; A. C. Godfray, J.; P. G. Hamilton, P.G.S.E., S.E.; Peter Bois, Treas.; J. C. Barrette, P.Z.; J. N. Hamling, P.Z.; Amy, P.S.; Dr. J. Le Cronier, P.P.G. 1st P.S.; F. Vincent, P.Z.; A. C. Walker, L. P. Hespriodoux, P.P.S.; J. Caton, Major F. J. Godfray, P.Z.; J. T. Baker, P.Z.; W. H. Hambly, Janitor; and others.

A notice of motion was brought forward by Comp. Dr. A. C. Godfray, J.—"That the chapter vote the sum of 10 guineas towards the Stewardship of the M.E.Z., Comp. Dr. M. Le Cronier, at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." Comp. F. Vincent was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously accepted. Bros. W. W. Alton and O. Belk were exalted in a very impressive manner, all officers doing their best. Comp. Dr. John Le Cronier, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st P.S., then re-installed Comp. Dr. M. Cronier as M.E.Z., and installed Comp. Dr. A. C. Godfray as H. Comp. C. E. Malet de Carteret, being absent, his installation as J. was held over. The following were also invested: Comps. P. G. Hamilton, S.E.; P. Bois, Treas.; J. Amy, S.N.; A. W. Godfray, P.S.; and W. H. Hambly, Janitor. Comp. A. C. Walker made the most generous gift of 52 guineas towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which subscription exceeds in amount any ever before given to this chapter. The chapter decided that votes should be obtained for the amount, and we hear that Comp. A. C. Walker has already been appointed Vice-President, with 10 votes. We congratulate the chapter in having amongst its members so liberal and kind-hearted a companion.

After closing the convocation, the companions adjourned to the refectory, where an excellent banquet awaited them.

The post-prandial proceedings were of the usual character.

A very sociable evening, enhanced by the musical companions, was spent, which the closing toast of the Janitor brought to an end at an early hour.

## Obituary.

### BRO. THE REV. AMBROSE W. HALL, P.G. CHAP.

Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.G. Chap., whose death occurred on the 2nd instant, was initiated in the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate, on the 20th June, 1834, and has therefore been a member of our Order for close on 63 years. He rose in time to be W.M. of this lodge, and in addition was Chaplain of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259; a founder and Chaplain of the Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge, No. 1724; and a member or honorary member of many other lodges, but especially of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, of which in 1880 he was founder and first Worshipful Master. He had served as Prov. Grand Officer in Surrey, firstly for some seven years, and subsequently as Prov. S.G. Warden, and in 1881 his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, was pleased to confer upon him the collar of Grand Chaplain, his senior colleague in the office being the present Very Rev. Bro. the Dean of York. Bro. Hall was a Royal Arch Mason, having been a member of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259; a P.Z. of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778; and a Past Grand 1st Asst. Soj. in Supreme Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree he was Past Prov. G. Chaplain Middlesex and Surrey and Past Grand Chaplain of Mark Grand Lodge. In the Order of the Temple a Past E. Preceptor, and Past High Prelate in Great Priory, and in the Ancient and Accepted Rite a Past M.W.S. of the Great Metropolitan Chapter of Rose Croix and 32°. Our deceased brother had, indeed, won distinction in the several branches and Degrees in Masonry with which he was connected, and though during the latter part of his life he had taken no active part in Masonic work, he was highly respected, and the memory of his many services will be cherished for many years to come.

### DEATH.

HALL.—On the 2nd instant, at 36, Penywern-road, Earl's Court, Bro. the Rev. Ambrose William Hall, M.A., P.G.C. Eng., some time vicar of Long Cross, Surrey, and rector of Debden, Essex, and son of the late Humphrey Hall, Esq., of the Hermitage, Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey; aged 83. Interred at Sutton, Surrey.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

DOWN TO Thursday night the Lord Mayor's Indian Famine Fund amounted to £499,400, including a donation of £203 17s. 6d. from the brethren of Devonshire, per Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, Prov. G.M.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS of the Mortlake Football Club, were held on the Castelnau Field, on Monday, among the spectators being the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Prince Adolphus of Teck.

THE MARINA THEATRE, Lowestoft, which has recently been acquired by sundry gentlemen of the town, has been entirely renovated and will be opened to the public on Monday next, the 26th inst.

THE TREASURER of Guy's Hospital has received a donation of £1000 from Baroness de Hirsch towards the cost of building a Nursing Home in connection with the Hospital, as a memorial of her husband.

IT IS STATED that the Government have resolved on purchasing the freehold of Hertford House, so that there will be no necessity for removing the magnificent Wallace collection which has just been bequeathed to the nation.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, as President of the German Hospital, has arranged to act as chairman at the 52nd annual festival of that institution, which will be held at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole, on Friday next, the 30th instant.

AMONG THE PRINCE OF WALES's guests at Sandringham during the early part of the week were Bros. Viscount Valentia and Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, Sir A. Blomfield, and Bro. Christopher Sykes. Bro. Sir Francis Knollys was one of the suite in attendance.

THE CRICKET SEASON commenced with the usual match on the Nottinghamshire County Grounds at Trent Bridge between 22 colts and the county eleven, the former being dismissed for 80. The eleven had made 113 for the loss of three wickets when play ceased. The following day play was resumed, the eleven winning in a single innings.

THE VICEROY has directed that the 21st and 22nd June shall be observed as public holidays throughout India in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, but suggests that public ceremonies and great assemblies of people are undesirable, having regard to the prevalence of plague and famine.

BRO. MAJOR LORD SKELMERSDALE, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, has resigned his commission in the Army, and is said to contemplate entering political life. His lordship joined the Royal Horse Guards as lieutenant in 1884, became captain in 1890, and obtained his majority in 1896.

THE DUCHESS of Somerset, Grafton, Marlborough, and Montrose, and the Dowager Duchess and Duchess of Newcastle have become patronesses of the grand afternoon concert which is to be given in the Queen's Hall on the 1st June in aid of the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney-road.

THE CHANNEL FLEET has been ordered to return to England in time for the vessels composing it to be at their respective posts by the 18th May. The whole of the ships will take part in the naval review, which will be held at Spithead at the end of June, so that only defects of an urgent character will be taken in hand when the two divisions reach home.

AT THE recent Festival of the Building Clerks' Benevolent Institution, the Craft was well represented by Bros. T. E. Colclutt, A. Ritchie, J.P., H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; W. T. Farthing, W. Woodward, and others, the three latter being selected by the Chairman (Mr. Hall) to propose and respond to toasts. The King's Hall was well filled and a good sum collected.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY arrived at Gibraltar on board the Prince George on Monday, and was received on landing by General Sir R. Biddulph, the Governor, and the Divisional Brigade Staff. His lordship proceeded to the north front, and witnessed a parade of the troops in garrison, expressing himself well satisfied with the smartness displayed by the men.

THERE HAS BEEN quite an exodus of fashionable people from the Metropolis, Bro. Earl Carrington having gone to Gwydyr Castle, Llanrwst, North Wales; Bro. the Earl of Dunraven to Adare Manor; Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery to Marston Biggot, Frome; Bro. Earl and Countess Percy to Albury Park, Guildford; and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lonsborough to Lonsborough Park.

THE FUNERAL of Mary Rogers, who recently died in her 105th year in Biggleswade Workhouse, of which she had been an inmate for some time past, took place on Good Friday in Biggleswade Cemetery. As recently as last Christmas she took part in an entertainment, contributing a song and a speech. Her intellect remained unimpaired to the very last, and like many other centenarians, she was a devoted lover of a short clay pipe.

THE CHRIST'S HOSPITAL boys visited the Mansion House on Tuesday, and were presented with the customary gifts by Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans, who presided as the *locum tenens* of Lord Mayor Phillips, absent on the Continent, and who was accompanied by Lady Evans, and assisted by many civic dignitaries. After the ceremony, the civic authorities and the school attended Divine service in Christ Church, Newgate-street, and the Spital sermon was preached by the Bishop of Ely, Lord High Almoner to the Queen.

THE SECOND MATCH for £1000 between Roberts and Peall, in which the former conceded his opponent 12,000 in 24,000 points was brought to a conclusion on Easter Monday, when Peall again proved victorious by 627 points. In the course of the match Roberts made 73 breaks of over 100, and Peall 36. Roberts's highest amounted to 478 and 405 respectively, and he also scored over 300 eight times, and 22 times over 200. Peall made two breaks of over 300, and five others of upwards of 200. Among those present at the concluding stage was Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough.

SIR WILLIAM LAWRENCE, who died at his residence in Brighton on Sunday morning last, was born in 1818, and on the death of his father in 1855 was elected his successor as Alderman of the Ward of Bread-street. Having retained this position for 40 years, he was in 1895 transferred to the Bridge Without Ward. The deceased served the office of Sheriff in 1857 and that of Lord Mayor in 1863. From 1865 to 1874 and again from 1880 to 1885 he represented the City of London in the House of Commons, and in the year of the Queen's Jubilee (1887) had conferred upon him the honour of knighthood.

THE FINAL MATCH for the Army Association Cup between the Royal Artillery, of Portsmouth, and the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers, was played on the Athletic Ground, Aldershot, on Monday, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their daughters, the Princesses Margaret and Victoria Patricia, and over 20,000 spectators. The play was very even, and it was not till a quarter of an hour before time would be up that the Royal Artillery succeeded in scoring the first and only goal that was made in the match. At the close the Duchess of Connaught presented the cup and silver medals to the winners and bronze medals to the defeated team.

THE QUEEN and the members of her family at Cimiez witnessed a display of fireworks on Monday evening, among the set pieces being portraits of her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. A special anthem was sung by the choral society of Nice, and the gardens were illuminated. On Tuesday, during breakfast in the garden, her Majesty was entertained by a troupe of Neapolitans, who sang a selection of songs of their country. In the afternoon the Queen and Princess drove to Cap St. Martin and visited the Empress Eugénie at the Villa Cyrenos, and on the return journey stopped at La Turbie, where her Majesty paid a visit to Bro. Sir E. Malet.

AMONG the pleasure resorts to which the public are accustomed to give their patronage on Bank and other public holidays the Crystal Palace would appear to have proved about the chief centre of attraction during the recent Eastertide, the number of people who visited it on Easter Monday having been close on 80,000, and these behaved in so orderly a manner that not a single charge arising out of the festivities was brought to the notice of the Penge magistrates. The Zoological Gardens, the South Kensington and British Museums, Madame Tussaud's, and other places were also well supported; Greenwich Park, Hampstead Heath, &c., &c., were visited by crowds of holiday folk, and there were the usual hosts of excursionists to Brighton, Margate, Gravesend, and other familiar seaside or river resorts. The weather was somewhat overcast, but it was not till evening that rain came to damp the ardour of the vast army of holiday-makers.

AMONG THE CONTRIBUTIONS received at the office of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London, this week, may be mentioned: Percy Lodge, No. 198, £2 2s. (annually); and the Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, £2 13s. 6d.

THE FOURTH International Shoe and Leather Fair opens at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve the use of the Royal Arms by the Irish Industries Association.

TO-DAY (FRIDAY), being the anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare, a selection from his works will be given at the Theatre Metropole, Camberwell, by several well-known artists.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY was received by the Queen at the Hotel Regina, Cimiez, on Monday afternoon, and remained in conversation with her Majesty for the best part of an hour.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has sent valuable gifts to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for its bazaar, which is to be opened at Streatham Town Hall on the 12th prox. by the Duchess of Fife.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has fixed Saturday, the 29th prox., for his visit to Canterbury in connection with the Cathedral restoration scheme, commemorative of the 13th centenary of the coming of St. Augustine.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED in Tuesday's *Gazette* that Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, will, by command of the Queen, hold a Drawing Room on her Majesty's behalf, at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, the 4th prox., at 3 p.m.

THE "DISGUISED MINSTRELS," a troupe composed of Guy's students, have, as the result of a series of performances, just completed the endowment of a cot, and have also arranged to support two beds for a year in the wards of the hospital.

LEOPOLD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1571.—On Thursday, the 29th instant, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.B.I., will rehearse the consecration and installation ceremonies at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Time, 6.30 for 7 sharp.

BRO. MAJOR-GENERAL LORD METHUEN, C.B., resumed command of the Home District on Wednesday on his return from leave of absence, and in the morning inspected the 2nd Life Guards under Colonel the Earl of Dundonald at Knightsbridge Barracks.

THE QUEEN will return to Windsor Castle from the Continent on Friday next, the 30th instant. On Friday, the 21st prox., her Majesty will leave the Castle for the North, taking Sheffield, to which she will pay her promised visit, by the way, and spending her 78th birthday at Balmoral.

AT DEVONPORT, on Thursday morning, an accident occurred on board her Majesty's cruiser *Magicienne*. Whilst a stoker named Joyce was engaged in tending the fires there was a large escape of steam. Joyce, making for the wrong stairway, was severely scalded. Another stoker was severely injured. Joyce's condition is serious.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, who is President of the British Empire League, has accepted the invitation of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce to deliver a lecture before that body on Saturday, the 12th June, and at his Grace's request the several Colonial Premiers who happen to be in England on that day will be invited to attend.

THE MASONIC GLEE CLUB OF IRELAND.—His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., M.W. Grand Master (Patron), has been pleased to intimate to the Committee his intention of being present at the next dinner meeting of this club, which is announced to take place on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

THE DUKE OF YORK has placed at the disposal of the Committee of the London Philatelic Exhibition one gold and one silver medal, to be awarded to the two best collections of stamps in Class 4, formed and owned by ladies. The exhibition will be held at the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, 191, Piccadilly, and will open on the 22nd July.

ABOUT £15,000—including £1000 from the Freemasons of Kent—has already been subscribed towards Dean Farrar's Thirteenth Centenary Fund for the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral, but a further sum of £5000 is urgently needed. Bro. Sir Henry Irving has promised a reading at Canterbury from Lord Tennyson's "Becket" some time during the month of May.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK visited Ramsgate on Wednesday for the purpose of opening a bazaar held in a tent in the park at Southwood, the residence of Lady Rose Weigall, on behalf of the East Kent Industrial Home. Her Royal Highness was presented with an illuminated address of welcome, and afterwards presented the certificates and medallions in connection with local competitions organised by the St. John Ambulance Society. In the evening the Duchess returned to White Lodge.

THE QUEEN, with the Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, attended divine service on Easter Sunday, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Herbert Moxon, while Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan presided at the organ. On Saturday evening last Princess Victoria and suite were present at a dinner at Beaulieu in honour of the betrothal of Princess Dorothea of Saxe-Coburg to Duke Günther of Schleswig-Holstein.

MR. EDWARD RIDLEY, Q.C., Official Referee of the High Court of Judicature, and brother of Bro. Sir M. White-Ridley, Bart., M.P., the Home Secretary, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Justice Charles, who has resigned his seat on the judicial bench in consequence of ill-health. The new judge was born in 1843, called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1868, and having gained a high reputation as lawyer and pleader on the North-Eastern Circuit, took silk in 1892.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, with the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Duke of Cambridge, attended divine service in the parish church of Sandringham, on Easter Sunday. The Princess of Wales, with the Princess Victoria of Wales and the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, who have been on a visit to the King and Queen of Denmark, are expected at Sandringham towards the end of the present week, and will remain there till the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Duke of Westminster at Eaton Hall, and Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and the Duke of Cambridge, accompanied by Major-General Ellis, Captain Walsh, Sir John Willoughby, Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, General Sir D. Probyn, and Mr. H. Chaplin, M.P., drove over from Sandringham, on Monday, to East Weymouth, for the purpose of attending the West Norfolk Hunt Steeplechases, Bro. Lord Suffield, Lord and Lady Hastings, Colonel Rough and the officers of the 7th Dragoon Guards being also present. The Royal party drove back to Sandringham in the evening.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE is certain to prove a centre of attraction to-morrow (Saturday), when Mr. Auguste Manns will take his annual benefit, and an excellent programme will be provided for his patrons. The services of Madame Albani and Mr. Andrew Black have been secured as vocalists, while the instrumental music will include selections from Schumann, Beethoven, Brahms, the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, with solo part by Miss Maud MacCarthy, Liszt's Fantasia on Hungarian Melodies, with Madame Burmeister-Petersen as pianist, and a new dramatic overture—"Mistral"—composed by Mr. Herbert Bunning.

THE HON. JOHN HAY, the newly-appointed Ambassador from the United States of North America to the Court of St. James's, arrived at Southampton on board the American liner *St. Paul*, shortly after 12 noon or some half-dozen hours earlier than had been expected. The American residents in London who had intended to journey to Southampton in order to join in welcoming the representative of their country, were disappointed, but the *Chargé d'affaires* (Mr. White), the second Secretary of the Embassy (Mr. J. N. Coates), and other official personages were present, and so were the American Consul at Southampton (Mr. Kinkead), and the Mayor, Sheriff, Town Clerk, and sundry Aldermen of that town, together with the President of the Southampton Chamber of Commerce, and others. The Corporation of the borough having bearded *St. Paul* was received by Mr. J. Hay in the drawing room of the steamship, and at once the Mayor read an address of welcome, which was followed by a second address from the President of the Chamber of Commerce. The Ambassador having gratefully acknowledged them, a move was made for the train. Mr. and Mrs. Hay and Miss Hay, some two hours later reached Waterloo Station, where a second and equal cordial welcome awaited them.

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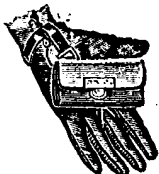
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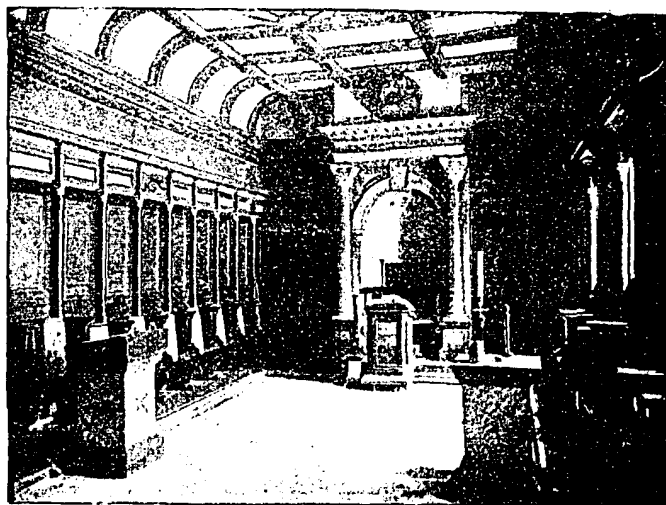


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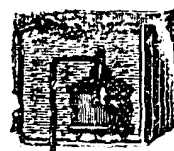
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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, May 1st, 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 26.****CRAFT LODGES.**

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.  
28, Old Kings Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.  
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.  
2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.  
2614, Household Brigade, Princes Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.  
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
1694, Imperial, Clout's Restaurant.  
1745, Farrington (Without), Anderton's Hotel.

**MARK LODGE.**

226, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

**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, Midway 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, Ridler'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 27.****CRAFT LODGES.**

99, Moira, Albion Tavern.  
141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.  
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
259, Prince of Wales's, Hotel Metropole.  
1348, Ebury, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.  
548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel.  
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
1275, Star, Guildhall Tavern.  
1365, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.  
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

**MARK LODGE.**

3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

**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 Lraro, 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, and 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, Walham 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 28.****FESTIVAL OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.****CRAFT LODGES.**

201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.  
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.  
2626, Leyton, Three Blackbirds' Inn.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

13, Union Waterloo Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.

**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., at 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
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 29.**

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

**CRAFT LODGE.**

2625, Guardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

**MARK LODGE.**

363, Ruspini, Mark Masons' Hall.

**ROSE CROIX.**

97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
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, Aew 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.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30.**

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

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
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, and and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pikes," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, MAY 1.****CRAFT LODGES.**

142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.  
2182, Sternale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.

Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.  
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.  
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

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