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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

It is most desirable that we should call the attention of our readers to the very near approach of this important annual fixture. The 109th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 12th instant, under the auspices of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord LANGATOCK, Prov. Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division). As regards the claims of the Institution upon the generous support of English Freemasons, they are so well known as hardly to need recapitulating. Still, as the prospects for the 12th instant are not of the most hopeful character, it may perhaps be as well if we point out, firstly, that some 270 children, the daughters of deceased or indigent brethren, are maintained, clothed, and educated at the cost of this Charity; secondly, that its affairs are admirably and, at the same time, economically administered by a House Committee of some of the ablest and most influential members of the English Craft; and, lastly, that the Head Governess and her staff acquit themselves so well in the discharge of their duties, that it is only now and then that a girl or girls fail to pass the several public examinations for which they are entered. It is also necessary we should remind our readers that the School is mainly dependent for its means of subsistence on the voluntary contributions of the Craft and their friends. The permanent income, all told, amounts to about £2250, the annual expenditure is between £13,000 and £14,000. There is therefore a deficiency to be made good annually amounting to from £11,000 to £12,000, and the one source from which it can hope to obtain this sum is the annual Festival. During the last three years this source has yielded good fruit abundantly, but nevertheless the totals have exhibited a downward tendency. In 1894, the total of the donations and subscriptions when Bro. Lord SKELMERSDALE presided for his father, Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, was £18,056; in 1895, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE, then Dep. G.M., it dropped to £16,016; and last year, when Bro. the Earl of YARBOROUGH occupied the chair, it reached £15,412. In each of these years the result was eminently satisfactory, the amounts obtained being in each case in excess of the sum required, so that the authorities in charge of the Institution were enabled to increase their limited stock of invested capital and thereby permanently augment the permanent income. But,

as we have said, there was exhibited during this period a downward tendency, and the question which confronts us at the moment is—Will that downward tendency be continued? It looks very much as if it would. Last year, when the smallest of the three totals was obtained, the Board of Stewards, consisting of 404 ladies and brethren, was, numerically, the strongest ever known, except in the year of the School Centenary. But this year's Board, so far as it has been constituted up to the present time, is between 80 and 90 short of that number, and between now and the 12th instant there is not much likelihood of any appreciable addition being made to its present number, while those who do give in their names will for the most part be Unattached and content themselves with making their personal donations. Moreover, the "Chairman's Province," though loyal to the backbone to this and our other Institutions, and a consistent supporter of them all in turn, is by no means strong. It will do what it can both for the sake of the School and out of respect for its chief, but we must not look to it for a contribution such as its stronger and wealthier sister provinces would be in a position to make. We realise that there are difficulties in the way of a very formidable total such as was raised in 1894. Every charitable institution in the country is earnestly appealing to its supporters for a larger amount of help in order that it may be enabled to commemorate in some way or other the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. But it is just this very auspicious event, which the whole country, or rather the whole British Empire, is on the eve of celebrating that should furnish the brethren with an inducement to be more generous still than they have been in other and less eventful years. Let them put their shoulders to the wheel and no matter what the strength of the Board of Stewards may be for the approaching Girls' School Festival, let them swell their donations and subscriptions to Diamond Jubilee point, and we feel sure they will have no reason to regret it. Certain are we that whatever the brethren may give will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

GRAND FESTIVAL OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Tavern. Grand Lodge met previously to the Festival in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, when a very large number of brethren assembled, who were presided over by the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master Northants and Hunts, as Past Grand Master. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., acted as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., as Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B. (Garter), G.D.C., officiated as G.D.C.; and among other Present and Past Grand Officers who attended were Bros. Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, Prov. Grand Master designate South Wales (Western Division); His Honour Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., R. Horton Smith, Q.C., Archdeacon Stevens, G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as G.C.; Richards, Dist. G.M. Transvaal; Magnus Ohren, W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.; Major Woodall, P.G. Treas.; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Dr. Clement Gedson, P.G.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; Henry Lovegrove, G.S.B.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Loveland Loveland, President of the Board of General Purposes; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; J. D. Langton, D.G.D.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; P. A. Nairne, P.G.D.; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.A.G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B.; and W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 3rd, as far as regarded the election of

M.W.G.M and Grand Treasurer, were read and confirmed. Bro. THOMAS FENN then proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as installed Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Earl of LATHOM next announced that the M.W.G.M had been pleased to re-appoint him Pro Grand Master, an announcement which was received with general and sustained applause.

Bro. THOMAS FENN thereupon called the brethren to order and proclaimed the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, and this was followed by the customary salute.

The next announcement by the Earl of LATHOM was that the M.W.G.M. had again been pleased to appoint Earl Amherst Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. THOMAS FENN proclaimed him.

The following is a list of the other Grand Officers :

Bro. Lord Portarlington, ...	...	S.G.W.
" Lord Stanley, M.P. ...	...	J. G.W.
" Dean of Rochester (Rev. S. Reynolds Hole) ...	...	G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. W. Childe (Cheltenham) ...	...	G. Treas.
" Alderman Vaughan Morgan ...	...	G. Reg.
" His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C. ...	...	Dep. G. Reg.
" R. Horton Smith, Q.C. ...	...	Pres. Bd. Gen. Prps.
" R. Lovland Loveland ...	...	G. Sec.
" E. Letchworth, F.S.A. ...	...	Pres. Bd. Benev.
" James Hy. Matthews ...	...
" Sir Augustus Webster, Bart. ...	...	S.G.Ds.
" Sir Francis Boileau, Bart ...	...
" S. B. Bancroft ...	...
" Malcolm Morris ...	...	J.G.Ds.
" Richd. Wilson ...	...
" J. T. Firbank, M.P. ...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
" A. R. Stenning ...	...	G.D. of C.
" Sir A.W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B., Garter, F.S.A. ...	...	Dep. G.D. of C.
" James Stephens ...	...	Asst. G.D. of Cs.
" A. W. Orwin, M.D. ...	...
" W. Russell, Kent ...	...	G.S.B.
" G. C. Kent, Longton ...	...	Dep. G.S.B.
" G. L. Eyles ...	...	G. Std. Brs.
" Dep. Surgeon-Gen. Ringer ...	...	G. Organist.
" W. H. Cowper ...	...	Asst. G. Sec.
" W. Vincent ...	...	A.G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" G. F. Smith ...	...	G. Purst.
" W. Lake ...	...	A.G. Purst.
" Cæsar Kupferschmidt ...	...	G. Tyler.
" E. C. Mulvey ...	...
" Walter Martin ...	...
" Henry Sadler ...	...

The Earl of LATHOM, after he had announced the re-appointment of Sir Albert Woods as G.D.C., informed the brethren that the M.W.G.M. having appointed Monday, June 14th, as the day for holding a special meeting of English Freemasons at the Royal Albert Hall in celebration of her Majesty's completion of 60 years of her reign, and Sir Albert Woods not being in a good state of health, his Royal Highness had, at the express desire of Sir Albert Woods, appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn to wear the clothing of, and act as, Grand Director of Ceremonies for the ensuing year.

This information was received with universal cheering.

GRAND SECRETARY next read the following list of the Grand Stewards for the next year, which had been approved by the M.W.G.M. :

Bros. E. M. Morris, 1; W. H. C. Payne, 2; W. G. Fenn, 4; J. Chandler, 5; W. H. N. Goschen, 6; J. H. Jinks, 8; the Rev. H. H. Lowe, M.A., 14; H. L. Truman, 21; J. B. Verity, 23; W. H. Propert, 26; George Grant, 29; A. M. Hooper, 46; T. W. Noad, 58; A. H. Debenham, 60; L. C. Best, 91; Fred. G. Ivey, 99; C. B. O. Orme Clarke, 197; and Louis Miéville, 259.

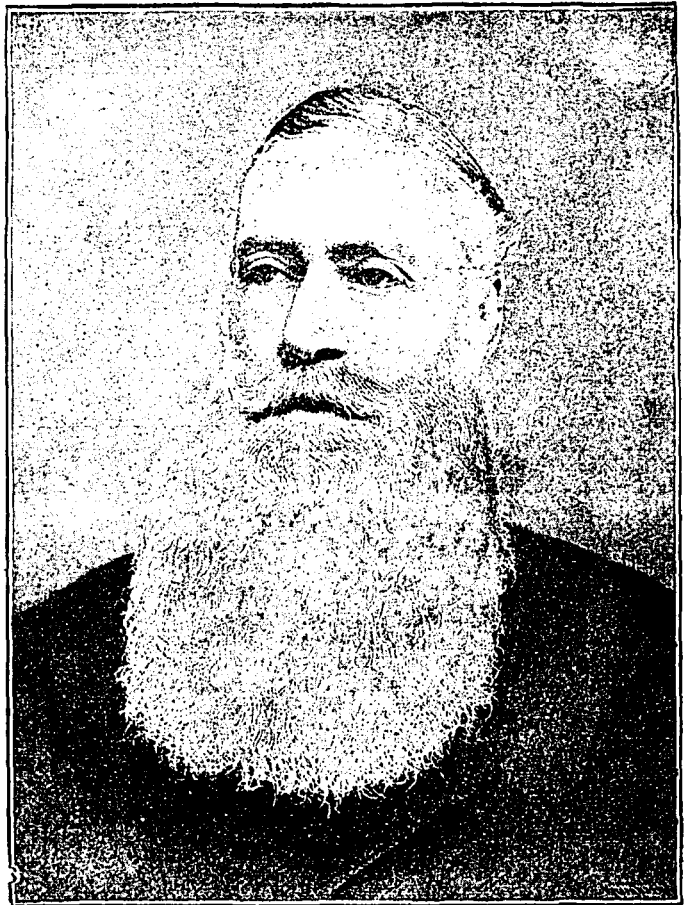
Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where they were entertained at an elegant banquet, provided by the Grand Stewards, 1896-7, of whom the following is a list:—Bros. Alexander Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S., President; Thomas Dinwiddy, Treasurer; Edgar Morris Brandon, Hon. Sec.; Rev. Chas. J. Ridgway, M.A., Edwin T. Hall, Fredk. W. Crookshank, Morris Bilbie Evans, Harold Burke, William Sutton, M.A., C. M. Handfield Jones, John H. Stark, George Pitt Lewis, Q.C., Edwin Fox, John Thomas Cotton, Horace Arthur Lomer, Joseph Harrison, M. H. Mostyn, Turtle Pigott, M.A., B.C.L., and G. Stanhope Hanson.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung, and the toasts were proposed.

The Earl of LATHOM, who presided, in proposing "The Queen," said: Brethren, as no doubt many of you here are aware it has usually been my custom in proposing the first toast of the evening to give it without a single word of preamble, but I feel that in this year it is impossible to do so. We are this year celebrating what has been called perhaps by a misnomer, a Diamond Jubilee; it is not a Diamond Jubilee, but it is the 60th anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the Throne. Brethren, I know how deeply we all were impressed 10 years ago when her Majesty reached her 50th anniversary. How much greater our feelings on this occasion! I have thought myself, and I have thought a great deal, what I could say to you on this occasion, and I was puzzled about it; but reading a book which was put in my hands only two nights ago I came upon the following, and I think it so apposite that with your permission I will read you two quotations from it: "The Queen has ever conspicuously maintained her high moral attitude of benevolence, of personal sympathy in sorrow, of tender gratitude for public service, of tender regard for misfortune, pain, or death, in the meanest of her subjects. To the English-speaking peoples all over the world she has stood in the relation of a mother to her children. Queen Victoria has been, and is, the veritable mother of her people." If you will allow me, brethren, I will quote one more paragraph from the same work. "Queen Victoria's rule has extended over a longer period, day for day, than that of any British Sovereign, and during the whole of that long reign she has exhibited to her people qualities hitherto unassociated with the name of King or Queen—qualities which had endeared her not only to her own people, but to millions to whom her name stands for every womanly virtue, and qualities of mind which would not only have enabled her to guide and sustain a long series of the ablest Englishmen engaged in the task of ruling, but have set such a mark upon the history of her country, that constitutional monarchy must be for ever associated

with her reign." Brethren, it needs no words of mine to supplement what I have read to you. I think those words actually express the feeling we have for the Queen and what she has done for us. I ask you to drink "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen."

The Earl of LATHOM, after the toast had been drunk, and the National Anthem sung, proposed "The M.W. Grand Master." He said he could have wished that his Royal Highness had been present that day to hear the cheers and the way in which the health of his royal mother was greeted. He would have the opportunity very shortly, for, as he (the Earl of Lathom) told the brethren in Grand Lodge, there would be a great Masonic meeting, to be held in the Royal Albert Hall, on June 14th. He hoped all the brethren would understand that it was not to be a Grand Lodge; it was to be simply a meeting of brethren generally to vote an address to the Queen. Why he said that was that he had had some intimations that at Grand Lodge ceremonies some brethren could not get in. That was not so on that occasion; if brethren would apply soon enough and would pay their money, they could go to the meeting. He need not tell the brethren that his Royal Highness the Grand Master took a deep interest in Masonry, and that he did so was shown by the fact that he constantly had communications from him on Masonic subjects, and again and again when he (the Earl of Lathom) had asked his advice, he readily replied. It was not the Prince of Wales's fault that he could not perform all the duties expected from him—he really could not help it. He was sure the brethren would all join with him (the Earl of Lathom) in giving him all congratulations on the birth of his granddaughter. His son, unfortunately, did not belong to the Masonic Order, but that did not in the slightest degree lessen the brethren's pleasure with which they reflected that her Royal Highness the Duchess of York had gone through her time of trouble and difficulty so successfully.



THE CHAIRMAN.

The Earl of EUSTON, in proposing "The Health of the M.W. Pro Grand Master," said the Earl of Lathom was always ready to assist the brethren in any way, and they looked up to him, respected, and loved him.

The Earl of LATHOM, in reply, thanked the brethren and Lord Euston from the bottom of his heart. To Lord Euston he was greatly obliged for his kind words. There was to his mind one very unpleasant part of a public dinner, and that was when one's own health was drunk. Occasionally one was, if he might use the expression, beslavered; on other occasions the gentleman who proposed your health did not know you, and did not know what to say and he put his foot in it. He (the Earl of Lathom) was happy to think he had won the brethren's esteem and that they thought he had done his duty. He again hoped that as long as it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him and it pleased the Grand Master to continue him in the position he now held he might go on doing his duty to the satisfaction of the brethren. The duties of Masonry, he was happy to think, at this moment were not hard. Thank God the tone of Masonry had improved, it was good; that tone which some years ago he had to warn brethren about—the tone degenerating and getting lower in grade had disappeared; they were now on the right way, the right men were initiated, the right men were coming forward (he would not particularise), but whatever he saw in the provinces, wherever he went, there was really a keen sense of the duties of Masonry; a keen sense to go on in the duties of Masonry; and it rejoiced his heart to think that he belonged to such a brotherhood. It went on increasing not only in numbers, but it increased in its working; it worked better and better. He would say this that, looking back as he did now on a long Masonic career, it was to him simply marvellous the way in which their great axiom—their great motto—"Charity" had borne fruit and increased. It was a thing to be noted throughout the world the way the brethren of England came forward, when called upon, with money, no matter what for—Masonic Charity—well that was an annual occurrence—and other Charities, and there was the Indian Famine the other day; what Masons gave amounted to more than that of any other corporate body. It showed that, whatever might happen, as long as Masonry stood as it did now it would continue to flourish and be a great boon to this country.

Major-Gen. J. WIMBURN LAURIE, M.P., proposed "The Provincial and District Grand Masters." and said he represented a character he had never yet heard of being represented in Grand Lodge—Moses the Prophet on the top of Pisgah looking at a country that at present he was not permitted to enter, although he had the advantage of Moses as far as prophecy was concerned, and would enter into that country. The brethren had heard from the Pro Grand Master the good work Masonry was doing, and the great forward step it was taking, and the improvement in its tone; the Charity it exercised both inside and outside its borders. If it were not so—if those outside the Craft did not realise what the Craft was doing—if they only believed that the Craft were working within themselves, they would not come into it; it was because Masons' work was shown outside that they were anxious to join it. Of the Prov. Grand Masters he had little to say, except that they followed the example set by the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master in giving their time to Masonry. The result was that Masonry had prospered in the Metropolis and the provinces. But there were large numbers outside the land, and the brethren were deeply indebted to the District Grand Masters; they worked spiritedly for the mother country, and without them they would be situated disadvantageously. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. George Richards, Dist. G.M. of the Transvaal—(loud applause)—a country which, Masonically, was under the British jurisdiction.

Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS, in reply, said he felt proud that the response to this toast had been placed in his hands, because it gave him the opportunity of standing amid such a large assemblage of the brethren for the first time—face to face with the Pro Grand Master of England, wearing the badge of honour which had been entrusted to him by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The M.W. Pro Grand Master could convey to the M.W.G.M. an assurance from him (Bro. G. Richards) that in no part of the dominions where his Royal Highness owned Masonic sway was the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" and of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." more honoured and more loyally drunk than in the district of the Transvaal. (Loud applause.) Gen. Laurie had spoken in very kindly and feeling terms of the work of the District Grand Masters, and he was right; they worked under disadvantages; lodges were scattered far apart from each other, and the cars that took the members from one lodge to another were not Pulman cars. The brethren, however, tried to maintain the tone of Masonry abroad, and when they admitted a brother they were very careful about him, and saw whether he was a man who would help to make the world better than he found it. (Cheers.) He trusted that as years went on the Most Worshipful Grand Master would be able to echo the sentiments which were uttered by the Pro Grand Master that evening that Masonry year by year was rapidly improving, raising itself in tone, and would year by year rise and be greater in this land and in Greater Britain outside.

Lord PORTARLINGTON, S.G.W., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," which was proposed by Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C.

Bro. Rev. C. W. CHILDE, G.C., proposed "The Charities."

Bro. FRANCIS R. W. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in reply, said he was glad to think at that hour the brethren only required a short speech. They were fairly in the festive season. The Benevolent Institution very recently celebrated a most successful festival, and he ventured to think it would be a red letter day in the calendar of that Institution, and its managers would gratefully remember the past. The Boys' School were in the throes of anxiety—waiting to know the verdict the brethren were going to give at the end of June. In the immediate future—that day fortnight the Girls' would have their festival, and he hoped that Institution would meet with a good result.

Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS WEBSTER proposed "The Stewards," which toast was responded to by the President, Bro. S. BROWN.

Bro. the Rev. H. R. COOPER SMITH, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. BRANDON, Sec. of the Board of Grand Stewards, acknowledged.

The brethren then joined the ladies in the Temple, where a splendid concert was given under Bro. Henry Robert Rose, F.R.A.M., Past Grand Organist, by Madame Clara Samuel, Miss Marian Mackenzie, the Meister Glee Singers (Bros. W. Sexton, W. Forington, Gregory Hast, and Webster Norcross), and Madame Anna Lang.

The portraits of the new Grand Officers will form a Presentation Plate of our Diamond Jubilee Number.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S VISIT TO OXFORD.

The arrangements for the forthcoming visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the opening of the new Municipal Buildings on the 12th inst. are being completed on an elaborate scale. Beside the above function, the Prince will inspect the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars in the morning on Port Meadow, the University Volunteers furnishing a guard of honour at the Great Western Railway Station. After the inspection the Prince will lunch at the Randolph Hotel with Bro. Col. Viscount Valentia, M.P., and the officers of the Hussars, and at half-past three a procession will leave the hotel for the Municipal Buildings, in the carriages of which there will be Lord and Lady Valentia, the High Steward and Lady Jersey, the Mayor (Alderman Buckell) and Mayoress, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the Recorder (the Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, M.P.), and others. The Mayor will present his Royal Highness with a gold key from a casket of beaten silver, on which will be the Royal arms and those of the Prince, the city, and the University in enamel, and a special choir of a hundred voices, under the direction of Sir John Stainer, who will preside at the organ, will sing the National Anthem in the Town Hall. An address from the Corporation will be read by the Recorder, to which the Prince will reply, and the Mayor will, in the name of the citizens, thank his Royal Highness for the honour done to the city by his visit. A guard of honour of the city companies of the 2nd Oxfordshire Volunteer Battalion, with the headquarters band, will be mounted at the new buildings, and the remainder of the men of the companies, the University Volunteers, the Fire Brigade, and police belonging to the city and the county and from London will line the route of the procession. It has also been arranged that the Prince shall open the completed part of the buildings of the new Sarah Acland Home for Nurses on the Banbury-road, so that altogether he will discharge a large amount of public duty during the day. He will be the guest of the Dean of Christ Church and Mrs. Paget, and will stay at the Deanery for the night. In the evening the Mayor will give a grand reception, at which the Prince will be present; receptions will be given on four evenings to the burgesses of the wards of the city, and the festivities will be wound up by a banquet given by the Mayor on the 20th inst.

GRAND OFFICERS.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Earl of PORTARLINGTON, an Irish representative peer, who succeeded to the title in 1892, though he has not been a member of our Order for more than 10 years has exhibited a deep interest in its welfare and taken a more than usually active part in its proceedings. He was initiated in Faith and Unanimity Lodge, No. 417, Dorchester, on the 1st September, 1886, joined All Souls' Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth, in June, 1888, and the Studholme and Pegasus Lodges, Nos. 1591 and 2205 respectively in 1895, and last year became a founder of the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, and of the Military Lodge, No. 2621, as well as W.M. of the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Chapter, No. 417, Dorsetshire, in April, 1894, and not long since became founder of the Military Chapter, No. 2621, and but that illness compelled him to be absent from the consecration and installation ceremonies, would have been installed as its First Principal Z. In the Mark Degree he is a member of the All Souls' Lodge, No. 126, Weymouth, and the Euston Lodge, No. 399, and in 1895 was appointed S.G.W. of Mark Grand Lodge. He is the present G.P.C. of W. in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, an officer of the All Souls Preceptory, Weymouth, and Past Prov. Officer of Dorsetshire in the Order of the Temple, and a member of the Weymouth Chapter, No. 4, of Rose Croix, 18°, under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is likewise a Life Governor of, and last year served, as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund. His lordship was formerly lieutenant in the Scots Guards and High Sheriff of Queen's County.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Lord STANLEY, M.P., son of Bro. the Earl of Derby, P.G.W., Past Dep P.G.M. West Lancashire, and grandson of the 14th Earl of Derby, who was known for his impassioned eloquence as the "Rupert of Debate," and thrice held the office of Prime Minister to her Majesty the Queen, was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, on the 15th June, 1891, is a joining member of Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, and last year was one of the founders of the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614. He is also a Mark Mason, and at the present time occupies the office of Senior Grand Warden of Mark Grand Lodge. His lordship was formerly Lieutenant Grenadier Guards, and served as Aide-de-Camp to his father when Governor-General of Canada. He is a Junior Lord of the Treasury, and one of the Government Whips, and married the Lady Alice, daughter of W. Drogo, seventh Duke of Manchester, who for many years was Prov. G. Master of Northants and Hunts.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Very Rev. S. REYNOLDS HOLE, D.D., Dean of Rochester, is a Mason of very many years' standing, having been initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, on the 22nd February, 1842, in the days when the late Duke of Sussex, grand uncle of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was still on the throne of United Grand Lodge. On the 21st February of the following year, our Very Rev. brother joined the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, having for his contemporaries the late John, seventh Duke of Marlborough, K.G., sometime Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and the late Marquis or Londonderry, Prov. Grand Master of Durham, 1880-4. In December, 1847, he joined the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham. He has also taken other Degrees up to and inclusive of that of Rose Croix, 18°, in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Last year a very pleasing ceremony took place in Rochester Cathedral, on the 16th August, when, by the invitation of Bro. Dean Hole, Bro. the Rev. W. C. Hubbard, of Rochester, in the State of New York, a Past Master of a lodge in that city, and a Past G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York, who was the bearer of a processional cross as a gift from the citizens of Rochester, New York, to the Cathedral Church of Rochester, England, occupied the pulpit and preached a very eloquent sermon in the presence of the officers and members of our Rochester lodges, all wearing their Masonic insignia. At the close of the service, the lodges adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where they were joined by the Mayor, the Dean, and the Rev. Bro. Hubbard, and when the last named had received a cordial welcome from the Mayor, Bro. Dean Hole, who also wore his Masonic clothing, presented Bro. Hubbard, on behalf of the Gundulph and other lodges with an address, in which he referred to the great kindness he himself had received when visiting the United States, and especially from Bro. Hubbard.

Bro. the Rev. C. VENN CHILDE, M.A., LL.D., was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, on the 30th October, 1871, and the following year became a founder of the Lodge SS. Peter and Paul, No. 1410, Newport Pagnell, of which in 1875 he was installed as W.M. and had conferred upon him the office of Prov. Grand Registrar of Berks and Bucks. In 1885 he joined the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, and in 1887, the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, meeting in the same town, in both of which he holds at the present time the office of Chaplain, while on the 27th December, 1892, he was installed in the chair of the former. In 1891 he was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Gloucestershire. Bro. Childe is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 82, on the 8th June, 1893, and is a member of the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, No. 45, London. He has served as Steward for both our Scholastic Institutions, and is a Vice-President of the Boys' School and a Life Governor of the Girls' School, while in addition he is a member of the Provincial Charity Committee of Gloucestershire.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. Alderman W. VAUGHAN MORGAN, who had the honour of being unanimously elected to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, on the 3rd March, was initiated in the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, on the 14th March, 1865, and was installed its W.M. on the 10th February, 1874. In September, 1892, he joined the Cordwainers' Lodge, No. 2241, and a few years later was elected and installed as Master, while on the 25th February of the present year, he became the principal founder and first W.M. of the Christ's Hospital Lodge, No. 2650. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, on the 3rd February, 1871, and installed in its chair of First Principal Z. on the 6th February, 1885. He is thus a Mason of long experience, and in the course of his career has shown his affection for the Craft by generously supporting its scholastic and Benevolent Institutions, being a Vice-Patron of all three, and having served as Festival Steward twice on behalf of the Boys' School, and twice for the Girls' School. In 1895 he was nominated as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, but was defeated. In 1896 he was nominated for a second time for the same post, but in order to spare Grand Lodge the trouble and excitement of a contested election, he withdrew his candidature in favour of Bro. W. H. Bailey, and Grand Lodge has since shown its appreciation of this act by unanimously returning him as the successor of that brother. Bro. Morgan is a man of influence in civic circles, and justly popular. He is the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, in which school he received his early training, and a few years since was elected a member of the Court of Aldermen of London.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. R. HORTON SMITH, Q.C., who was appointed to this office at the Grand Festival of last year, has had the honour of being re-appointed for the ensuing year. It will, doubtless, therefore, suffice if we reproduce on this occasion the leading facts in a career which dates from the 11th November, 1856, when he was initiated in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88—then No. 105—Cambridge, and in which he has won distinction in those branches of Masonry with which he has been connected. In 1861 he assisted in founding Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, and was rewarded for his services in this and other respects with the collar of Prov. Grand Registrar Cambridgeshire. He is a P.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, and P. Prov. Grand Registrar of Middlesex, and in 1895 was installed the second W.M. of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456, of which he was a founder and first S.W. In Royal Arch Masonry, he is a P.Z. of the Watford Chapter, No. 404, and P. Prov. Grand P. Sojourner Hertfordshire, and in the Order of the Temple, a P.E.P. of the Stuart Encampment. He has served on the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS F. W. E. WEBSTER, Bart., lately Captain of the Grenadier Guards, was initiated in United Lodge, No. 1629, in June, 1890, but though he has been a member of our Order for so short a period, he has done a considerable amount of service. He was installed W.M. of his mother lodge in July, 1895, and was re-elected and re-installed in the chair in July of last year. In 1895 he joined St. Hubert Lodge, No. 1373, Andover, and had the honour of being appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight on 11th August last. He was also, in 1896, one of the founders of the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, and was designated in the warrant and invested—after the lodge had been constituted by his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, its permanent Master—as its first Senior Warden. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in United Chapter, No. 1629, and at the present time occupies the chair of Third Principal. Be it added that he is a member of the Studholme Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, No. 67, and a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS G. M. BOILEAU, Bart., J.P. and D.L. of the County of Norfolk and Major of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Norfolk Regiment, is one of the most prominent Masons in Norfolk. He was initiated in Union Lodge, No. 52, Norwich, on the 23rd May, 1871, and installed W.M. in 1880, being appointed the same year Prov. S.G. Warden. He was exalted in the Royal George Chapter, No. 52, Norwich, on the 20th June, 1879, and installed in the chair of M.E.Z. in 1884. In the following year he was appointed to the chair of Second Principal in the Prov. Grand Chapter. He is also a Mark Mason, having filled the chair of A. in the Walpole Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 92, Norwich, in 1892; a Knight Templar and Past E.P. of the Cabbell Preceptory of that Order and a Past M.W.S. of the Albert Edward Chapter, No. 87, King's Lynn, which was founded in 1880, and for the warrant of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was, according to a statement in Bro. Hamon le Strange's "History of Freemasonry in Norfolk," one of the petitioners. He has also taken the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is a Life Subscriber of our three Masonic Institutions.

Bro. Squire B. BANCROFT, one of the ablest and most popular members of the dramatic profession, was initiated in the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, on the 6th April, 1886, and having held various minor offices, was installed W.M. in 1892. He is also a member and P.M. of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, having joined it in the year 1890, and been installed in the chair three years later. He is a Life Governor of both our Scholastic Institutions, and, as we have noticed that Bro. Bancroft has latterly devoted sundry of his admirable readings to Charitable purposes, it is by no means unlikely that he may some day render a like service to one of our Masonic Institutions. Other members of the same profession have held office in Grand Lodge, notably, the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, to whom we are chiefly indebted for the establishment of Drury Lane Lodge, and Bro. E. Terry, who were elected Grand Treasurer in 1889 and 1890 respectively, but the last appointed Grand Officer was the late Bro. Benjamin Webster, upon whom was conferred in 1851 the collar of J.G.D.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. MALCOLM MORRIS, F.R.C.S. Edin., a distinguished member of the medical profession, on whom the mantle of our late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson may be said to have fallen, was initiated in the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, in the Province of West Yorkshire, in April, 1872, and in three short years had the honour of being installed its W.M. He joined the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, on the 23rd January, 1882, was installed W.M. in 1890, and represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards during the year 1890-1. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in one of the Wakefield Chapters, in July, 1873, and having subsequently joined the Castle Chapter of Harmony, No. 26, was installed in the chair of First Principal Z. in 1890. He is a Life Governor of all three Masonic Institutions and has served once as Festival Steward in behalf of each of them.

Bro. RICHARD WILSON, of an important banking firm in Leeds, was initiated in the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, on 6th November, 1873, and has been twice installed as its W.M.—for the first time on the 4th December, 1879, and again on the 3rd December, 1891—thus having the honour of presiding over his mother lodge during the year in which it celebrated the centenary of its constitution. He has twice held office in the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, firstly in 1883, when the brethren elected him Prov. Grand Treasurer, and, secondly, in 1893, when he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on the 13th April, 1875, in the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds, and in February, 1883, was installed its M.E.Z., while the year following he was elected Prov. G. Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter. He is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having taken the 30°, and being a P.M.W.S. of *Leodiensis* Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°, No. 77, Leeds. As regards our Institutions, he has rendered valuable service to all three, being a Life Governor of each, and having served three Stewardships for the Boys' School, two for the Girls' School, and two for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. T. FIRBANK, M.P., J.P., D.L. High Sheriff of Monmouthshire, was initiated in the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Monmouthshire, on the 30th July, 1872, and since then has at different times been elected a joining member of the Lodge of Light, No. 468, Birmingham, the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony, No. 1616, Weybridge, Surrey. In 1891, he was installed W. Master of the last named lodge, and the year following was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden, Surrey. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the St. Woolo's Chapter, No. 613, Newport, and has rendered service to the Benevolent Institution as a Life Governor and Steward, besides being a member of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

Bro. ALEXANDER ROSE STENNING, who succeeds Bro. Rowland Plumbe as Grand Superintendent of Works, was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, on the 27th June, 1884, and installed W.M. on the 24th November, 1890. He is also a joining member of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, and a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, on the 21st May, 1887. He is a Life Subscriber, and has twice served as Steward for the Girls' School.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, who has been honoured with the appointment of Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, has rendered so many and such varied and important services to Freemasonry and its Institutions, that we are confident there is none who will grudge him the distinction. He has been a member of the Craft for nearly 20 years, having been initiated in the Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425, on the 10th January, 1878, and, having filled the minor offices, was installed W.M. in May, 1885. In 1886 he began to look about him for new worlds to conquer, and joined the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, and the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, which celebrated its centenary in that year, had a hand in founding the Tivoli Lodge, No. 2120, of which he became Master in 1889, and was elected a member of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753, of which he was Master in 1891. He joined the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, in 1888, and was installed in the chair on the 26th January, 1893, and in 1889 became a founder, and in July, 1894, the W.M. of the Viator Lodge, No. 2308. In 1890 he was one of the founders, and in October, 1895, was installed as W.M. of the Cricklewood Lodge, No. 2361, while in 1892 he took a leading part in establishing a couple of lodges in the Province of Buckinghamshire, namely, the Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge, No. 2420, Waddleson, of which he was installed the first Master, and the Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, Amersham. But perhaps his most successful achievement has been the founding, in concert with his friend, Bro. W. H. Bailey, who has just vacated the office of Grand Treasurer, of the Lodge of Fellowship, No. 2535, in 1894, of which Bro. Bailey was installed Worshipful Master, while Bro. Stephens has rendered it invaluable services in the very onerous and responsible office of Secretary. For his services to Masonry in Buckinghamshire he has been thrice appointed to office in its Prov. Grand Lodge, firstly in 1892 as Prov. G. Steward; then the year following as Prov. S.G. Deacon; and lastly in 1896 as Prov. S.G. Warden. Add to this that he has been several times elected to serve as a member of the Board of General Purposes and we have before us a career in Craft Masonry, which has doubtless been equalled, but cannot easily be surpassed. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Prince Frederick William Chapter, No. 753, on the 28th October, 1885, he has laboured with equal diligence and success. He was installed M.E.Z. of the Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, in June, 1891; of the Hornsey Chapter, No. 890, in April, 1892; and of his mother chapter (No. 753) in April, 1893; while last year he took a leading part in founding two chapters—the Fellowship, No. 2535, and the Studholme Brownrigg, No. 2421—in both of which he holds the office of Treasurer. He was a member of the Grand Chapter Committee in 1895-6, and was last year appointed Prov. Grand Registrar of Buckinghamshire, and a Past Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter. He is also a P.M. of the Prince Frederick William Mark Lodge, No. 458, and has doubtless had, or in the future will have, distinctions awaiting him in other Degrees. But his other important work has had relation to our Charitable Institutions, of all of which he has constituted himself a Vice-Patron and Mrs. Stephens a Patron, in addition to which he has served seven Stewardships for the Girls' School, eight for the Boys' School, of whose Board of Management he is one of the London members, and eight for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Mrs. Stephens at some 10 or a dozen festivals in a like capacity. Lastly both he and his wife are Life Governors and past Festival Stewards of the Mark Benevolent Fund, while as regards energetic action in respect of any movement which is calculated to strengthen or promote the interests of the Craft, it may be said of Bro. Stephens without flattery that he has but few equals and no superiors. In short, as we suggested at the outset of this record, there is none to grudge him an honour which has been so well and so worthily earned.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. ARTHUR W. ORWIN, M.D., was initiated in April, 1881, in the Athenaeum Lodge, No. 1491, and ten years later was installed as W. Master. He has also at different times been elected a joining member of the St. Albans Lodge, No. 29, the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, Bushey, near Watford, Herts, and the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454. He was exalted in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, in which he is the present occupant of the chair of H., and is also a member of the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, and the Studholme, No. 1591. He is a Mark Mason, being P.M. of Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44, Woolwich, and Past Prov. J.G.D. Kent, and has been perfected Rose Croix, being a member of the Studholme Chapter, No. 67, of that Degree under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Lastly, he has shown himself a generous supporter of both our Scholastic and the Benevolent Institutions, as well as of the Mark Benevolent Fund, being a Vice-Patron and once Steward of the Girls' School, and Vice-President of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, having served three Stewardships for the former and two for the latter, besides being a Vice-Patron and twice Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. WILLIAM RUSSELL, J.P., is a very tower of strength in Kentish Freemasonry, with whose fortunes he has been closely associated for the last 30 years. He was initiated in a London lodge—the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206—on the 8th November, 1866, but the year following he joined the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend, of which he is still a member, and over which he presided as W.M. in the year 1877. He was for two years a member of the Union Lodge, No. 767, Karachi, and of the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, Sutton, in the Province of Surrey, having joined the former in 1867 and the latter in 1871. In 1875 he joined the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend, and the same year became founder and was the first W.M. of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, meeting in the same town. On the 23rd May, 1895, he was, for the second time, placed in the Master's chair, and had the pleasure of appointing and investing as S.W. the son of a brother Past Master rejoicing in the surname of Russell. In 1877—the year of his Mastership of Lodge No. 1877—he was honoured with the appointment of Prov. S.G.D. of Kent, while in the year of the Queen's Jubilee the Prov. Grand Master conferred upon him the brevet rank of Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden. Since 1889 he has held the responsible post of Prov. Grand Treasurer. He was exalted in the High Cross Chapter, No. 829, Dartford—formerly No. 754—on the 4th March, 1868, and was installed in the chair of First Principal Z. on the 16th October, 1877. In 1882 he was appointed Prov. G. Registrar and in 1886 Prov. Grand J. Last year he became founder and was installed first M.E.Z. of the Chapter of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend, in addition to which he has held concurrently with the same office in Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prov. Grand Treasuryship of the Provincial Grand Chapter since 1889. As for the Charities he is personally a Life Governor of all three, and has served two Stewardships for the Girls' School and one for each of the other two, while in 1888 his elder son served as Steward and became Patron of the Girls' School, and in 1892 his younger son and daughter served as Stewards at the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and became Vice-Patrons.

Bro. GEORGE CHARLES KENT, who has been appointed to Grand Office, doubtless, as a compliment to the Longton brethren in memorial of the visit paid last year to that town by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, when he laid the foundation stone of the Sutherland Institute, was initiated in the Etruscan Lodge, No. 546, Longton, on the 13th September, 1877, and installed in the chair of W.M. on the 15th January, 1885, while two years later he was appointed Prov. Assist. G. Secretary. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the chapter attached to his mother lodge, on the 16th January, 1879, and was installed M.E.Z. on the 19th April, 1884, having in the interim been appointed firstly, Assist. G. Director of Ceremonies, in 1881, and in 1886, G. Prin. Sojourner, in the Prov. G. Chapter of Staffordshire. He is a Templar Mason, holding office in the Godfroi de Bouillon Preceptory, Stoke-upon-Trent, and is a Life Subscriber of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. GEORGE LANCELOT EYLES has been a member of the Craft for over 20 years, having been initiated in the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, on the 1st December, 1876. Some years later—on the 23rd February, 1883—he was elected a joining member of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, and was in due course installed its Worshipful Master in 1888, in which year also he represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. Bro. Eyles is also a member and Past M.W.S. of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 44, of Rose Croix, 18°, and has qualified as a Life Governor of each of our Charities, besides having served two Stewardships for the Benevolent Institution and once in like manner for the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Dep.-Surgeon-General THEOBALD RINGER, a retired medical Officer of the Bengal army and the new Deputy Grand Sword Bearer of England, was initiated in Lodge Morning Star, No. 552, Lucknow, on the 31st January, 1874, and in 1878 joined Lodge Light of the North, No. 1308, Dalhousie, in the District of the Punjab, the year following being installed its W.M. Having become a joining member of the lodge of Honour, No. 379, Bath, he was elected and installed its W.M. in 1887. He joined the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, Marlborough, in 1882, and in 1887—the year of the Queen's Jubilee—had the brevet rank of Past Prov. J.G.W. of Wiltshire conferred upon him, while in the course of the same year he joined the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, of which, as well as of the Lodge of Loyalty in Bath, he is still a subscribing member. He was exalted in the Ramsay Chapter, No. 552, Lucknow, on the 25th January, 1875, and in 1883 became a founder and was installed as first M.E.Z. of the Methuen Chapter, No. 1533, Marlborough. In 1891 he was appointed Prov. G. Scribe N. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire. In 1885 he was elected a joining member of the Tynte Chapter, No. 379, Bath. He is a Mark Master and has qualified as a Life Governor of the three central Masonic Institutions, as well as of the Mark Benevolent Fund, having, in addition, served one Stewardship for the Girls' School, two for the Boys' School, one for the Benevolent Institution, and two for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. WILLIAM VINCENT has distinguished himself in all the different branches of Freemasonry, with which he has been associated during a career which commenced some 23 years ago. He was initiated in the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court, on the 2nd May, 1874, and at the present time is Past Master and Treasurer. In 1876 he assisted in founding the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, and in 1880 had the honour of being installed its fourth W.M. Two years ago he was the founder of Justicia Lodge, No. 2563, and has held the office of Secretary during the whole of its existence. He is a Past Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, and has served on the Board of Benevolence since 1892. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, on the 5th March, 1878, he has won still higher distinction. He served as M.E.Z. during the years 1882 and 1883, and is the present Scribe E. of his mother chapter; was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624, in 1882, and having joined the Wanderers Chapter, No. 1604, was installed in the First Principal's chair in 1884, and is its present Scribe E. Last year he was appointed Past A. G.D.C. in Supreme Grand Chapter, being one of the 21 companions on whom brevet rank as Past Grand Officers was conferred in commemoration of the 21st year of service of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., as G.Z. He is also a Royal Arch ritualist, having been Preceptor of the Eccleston and Stockwell Chapters of Instruction. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Panmure Lodge, No. 139, of which at the present time he is Past Master and Treasurer, and is Secretary of the Justicia Lodge, No. 486, which he had a hand in founding. He has been twice honoured with office in Grand Lodge, namely in 1886, when the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, and Bro. Vincent received the appointment of Grand Inner Guard; and again in 1891, when he was made Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies. In this Degree also he is an eminent ritualist, being Preceptor of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction. He is a P.C.N. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 139, of Royal Ark Mariners, and in 1888, was appointed a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council; a Past T.I.M. and Recorder of the Constantine Council, No. 2, and Past G.D.C. of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; a P.M. of the Metropolitan (T.I.), and Rose and Lily Councils, and A.G.D.C. of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees; and was perfected Rose Croix in the Adoniram Chapter, No. 101, of that Degree and is one of its Past M.W. Sovereigns. It should be added that at different times he has been made honorary member in as many as 54 lodges, chapters, and councils in England, America, and India. As for our Charities he has shown a great interest in them all and has done his utmost to support them both as contributor and Steward. He is a Vice-President of the Girls' School, a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, in addition to which he has done good service as member of Finance and other Committees in connection with one or other of our Charities.

Bro. WILLIAM H. COWPER, a very able and highly esteemed member of the Fraternity in the Province of North and East Yorkshire, was initiated in Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, on the 14th June, 1871. The following year he joined the North York Lodge, No. 602, Middlesborough, in the Province with which he has been ever since so prominently identified, and in the year 1879 was elected and installed its W. Master. In 1888 he assisted in founding the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848, Middlesborough, and is an honorary member of the Orde Powlett and Humber Installed Masters' Lodge, Nos. 239, and 2499, respectively, as well as a member of the Outer or Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, to which he was elected in 1888. He has been twice honoured with the Provincial "Purple" in North and East Yorkshire, viz.: in the first instance, as Prov. G. Registrar in 1881, and as Prov. S.G.W. in 1894. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Marwood Chapter, No. 602, Middlesborough, he is a P.Z. of No. 602, having been elected and re-elected to the First Principal's chair in 1883 and 1884. In 1880 he was appointed Prov. G. Asst. Sojourner, and in 1890 to the more exalted position of Prov. G. Third

Principal J. He is a member of the Hilda Chapter, No. 23, York, of the Rose Croix, 18°; in the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and besides having served two Stewardships for the Boys' School, one for the Girls' School, and two for the Benevolent Institution, is a Life Governor of each of these three Institutions.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. GEORGE F. SMITH, who succeeds Bro. Rose as Grand Organist, has highly distinguished himself during the 20 years he has been a member of our Society. His record, indeed, shows a far greater activity in lodge and chapter work than is usually exhibited by members of the musical profession. He was initiated in the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, on the 24th October, 1876, and has at different times been elected a joining member of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454, and the Kent Lodge, No. 15, and, in addition, he was in 1879 one of the founders of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839. He has been elected and installed as W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, in 1882, of the Orpheus in 1885, of the Sterndale Bennett in 1888, and of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454, in 1893. In Royal Arch Masonry, he was exalted in the Chapter of Industry, No. 186, on the 18th October, 1878, and was installed in the chair of First Principal Z. of the Duke of Cornwall Chapter, No. 1839, in 1884, of the Brooke Chapter, No. 2095, Chingford, in 1892, and of the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, No. 2182, in 1893. He is also Past Prov. Grand Organist of both the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex, a member of the Mark Degree, and a Vice-President of the Boys' School, for which he has served three Stewardships, and a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, having, in addition, served as Steward twice for the former and seven times for the latter.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. E. C. MULVEY, the new Grand Pursuivant, was initiated in the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, Hampton Court, on the 24th June, 1884, and later in the course of the same year joined the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, of which in 1889 he was installed W.M. He was a founder of the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, in 1888; founder and first Worshipful Master of the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, Croydon, and founder and first W.M. of the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353, formerly located at Broxbourne, but now at New Barnet. He has been elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the last nine years and has sat on the Board of Benevolence likewise. He is a P. Grand Officer in two Provinces, being a Past Prov. G.S.B. Surrey, and a Past Prov. A.G.D.C. of Hertfordshire. He was exalted in the Camden Chapter, No. 704, on the 31st March, 1887, and is a founder and P.Z. of the Cyclist Chapter, No. 2246, Croydon, a P.Z. of the Regent's Park and Manchester Chapters, and was founder and first M.E.Z. last year of the Broxbourne Chapter, No. 2353, and is in addition Past Prov. G.D.C. Surrey. He is a Mark Mason, founder and first W.M. of the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 428, and P.P.J.G.W. of Hertfordshire, and has been perfected Rose Croix, 18°. He is a Life Governor of the three Central Institutions and a Life Subscriber of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and has served as Festival Steward twice for the Girls' School, three times for the Boys' School, three times for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and once for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. WALTER MARTIN was initiated in the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, on the 14th March, 1878, and on the 8th October, 1885, had the honour of being installed Worshipful Master. On the 13th March, 1894, he was one of the founders and acting P.M. of the Old Boys' Lodge, No. 2500. He has also served on the Board of Benevolence. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Wellington Chapter, No. 548, on the 28th November, 1882, and was installed M.E.Z. on the 22nd September, 1891, while in 1891 he became founder and first M.E.Z. of the Southwark Chapter, No. 879. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has rendered them many services by acting as Steward, having served in that capacity once for the Girls' School, twice (including the present year) for the Boys' School, and twice for the Benevolent Institution.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 5th instant:

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

Installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

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

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1304	7	3	By Disbursements and Invest-			
" " Unappropriated				ment of £1000 during			
Account	196	3	2	the Quarter	£1499	8	5
" Subsequent Receipts	630	10	4	" Balance	435	14	8
				" " Unappropriated			
				Account	195	17	8
	£2131	0	9				
					£2131	0	9

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

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

1st. From Comps. his Excellency the Right Hon. William, Baron Sandhurst, G.C.I.E., as Z.; Dr. John Pollen, as H.; William Frederick Rhodes, as J.; and 13 others for a chapter to be attached to the Emulation Lodge, No. 1100, Bombay, to be called the Emulation Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Bombay.

2nd. From Comps. Walter Dyson, as Z.; Godfrey Woodhead, as H.; Edwin Dean, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Colne Valley Lodge, No. 1645, Slaithwaite, to be called the Colne Valley Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Britannia-road, Slaithwaite, in the County of Yorkshire (Western Division).

3rd. From Comps. Walter Bonwick, as Z.; John Robert Cleave, as H.; Edward Newland, as J.; and 23 others for a chapter to be attached to the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, London, to be called the Abbey Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Westminster, London.

4th. From Comps. George J. Austin, as Z.; William Lewis, as H.; Emil Apelt, as J.; and 20 others for a chapter to be attached to the Plucknett Lodge, No. 1708, to be called the Plucknett Chapter, and to meet at Woodside Hall, North Finchley, in the county of Middlesex.

5th. From Comps. Enoch Wood, as Z.; George Bosomworth Buttery, as H.; Herbert Manley, as J.; and 19 others for a chapter to be attached to the Godson Lodge, No. 2385, Oldbury, to be called the Godson Chapter, and to meet at the Talbot Hotel, Oldbury, in the county of Worcestershire.

6th. From Comps. Harry Clerk, as Z.; Charles P. Perry, as H.; Samuel George Mason, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Masefield Lodge, No. 2034, Moseley, to be called the Masefield Chapter, and to meet at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, in the county of Worcestershire.

The Committee also recommend that, in view of a communication received from the Grand Superintendent of Essex, and the further information furnished by the petitioners, the prayer of the petition for a chapter to be attached to the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, London, to be called the Philbrick Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Walthamstow, be now unconditionally granted.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial, with extracts from minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Duke of Cornwall Chapter, No. 1839, from the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above request, recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned.

The Committee having received a communication from the Philanthropic Chapter, No. 405, Port of Spain, recommend that further time be allowed to reply to the summons sent to it.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
April 21st, 1897.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Sir George D. Harris, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) THOMAS CHARLES WALLS.

APPEAL.

By Comp. G. C. Coates, Past District Grand Registrar, Punjab, against a decision of the Grand Superintendent of the Punjab revoking his appointment as District Grand Registrar.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Working Mens' Institute, Ormskirk, on the 21st ult., the large hall being divided so as to form a chapter and ante-rooms. Comp. the Earl of Lathom, Grand Superintendent, Prov. First Grand Principal, presided, supported by most of the outgoing Prov. Grand Officers, namely: Comps. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G.H.; W. H. Arnott, Prov. G.J.; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Scribe E.; Rev. J. S. Gardner, Prov. G. Scribe N.; Geo. Oakey, Prov. G. Reg.; Chas. E. Hindley, Prov. D.G. Reg.; Edwd. Sherwood, Prov. P.G. Soj.; Thomas Vernon, Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.; J. Armstrong, Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.; Chas. Arden, Prov. G.S.B.; Max Boyd, Prov. D.G.S.B.; T. Eastham, A. Pedersen, and D. Gabrielsen, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; Roger White, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. B. Sweetman, J. F. Willan, and Thomas Mason, Prov. A.G.D. of Cs.; Geo. H. Whitaker, Prov. G. Org.; and J. Orritt, Prov. A.G. Scribe E. Only a few of the above were absent, and they sent apologies, which were accepted.

After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened in due form, the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and chapters was called, all the latter being represented, and the total attendance exceeded 150. The accounts, showing a balance in hand of £97, were presented, audited by Comps. Jas. Platt, P.P.G.S.; James T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; and Jas. J. Lambert, P. Prov. G.R., and adopted. For the elective office of Prov. G.T., the only nomination was that of Comp. Philip Armstrong, who was supported by companions of Liverpool chapters and by companions of chapters outside Liverpool, and unanimously elected. The retiring Auditors were re-elected, the retiring Treasurer being appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. H. W. Johnston. The Grand Superintendent then nominated the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers and invested them in the following order:

Comp. A. Franceys	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. Layland	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Goodacre	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" H. F. Burrows	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Philip Armstrong	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Murray	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Brown	...	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" J. W. Leathley	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" W. H. Bucknell	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.
" James Eastham	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Bailey	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" C. Birchall	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" David Johnson	...	...	...
" Curwen Watson	...	...	...
" Edwin Broadbent	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Edward Rose	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" John Heald	...	...	...
" J. J. Boyle	...	...	...
" R. H. Pearson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. E. Billingsley	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.

The sum of 25 guineas was voted to the West Lancashire Alpess Institution, and 20 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, while notice of motion was given to vote 40 guineas to the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been closed in due form, the customary banquet followed at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel.

Among the companions present not already mentioned were—

Comps. E. Taylor Arthur, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Hocker, P.P.A.G. Soj.; G. Godfrey, P.P.G.S.B.; J. S. Patten, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas J. Jarman, P.P. G. Std. Br.; Jos. Brindle, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.J.; Hy. P.

Jones, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.T.; W. Dwerryhouse, P.P.S.G.D.; Thomas Ball, P.P.G.P.; E. R. Latham, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. H. Webster, P.P. G.S.B.; Wm. H. Baynes, P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Worrall, P.P.G.D.C.; A. J. Sinclair, P.P.G.J.; Geo. Duxfield, Prov. G. Reg.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; J. M. Smythe, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Nelson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John C. R. Johnson, P.P.A.G.S.E.; John Fletcher, P.P.G.T.; N. Simpson, P.P.G.H.; E. C. Caton, M.E.Z.; C. Watson, P.P.G.T.; and W. Platt, P.P.G.T.

SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1743.

The members and friends of this lodge of instruction held their annual festival at their regular place of meeting, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., on Monday, the 12th ult. The W.M., Bro. J. Gemmell, opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. A. Collins, S.W.; J. W. Rozier, J.W.; F. Collins, I.G.; J. H. Bridgman, acting Secretary; R. Poore, P.M., Preceptor; and about 20 other brethren.

Six new members were proposed and seconded for membership, and were duly elected. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent dinner was waiting to be served to the brethren, of whom 32 sat down. Bro. G. S. Daunton, P.M. 2355, Sec. 1949, presided, assisted by Bros. R. Poore, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; A. Collins, Treas.; and J. Gemmell.

Among the brethren present were Bros. T. J. Bolton, W.M. 1687; Louie Verdier, P.G.S. Jersey; H. Rattle, jun., 65; H. Rattle, 2255; A. C. Roe, 1216; J. T. Wood, 548; J. Ruddock, 1949; A. Morgan, 1949; J. Eberstein, 2562; C. M. Nisser, 2562; C. Courtney, 2255; J. Milroy, 2255; H. Saunion; A. J. Cove, P.M.; G. Hagborg; A. Eades; J. J. Newland, 1949; L. Gwynne Jones, 1351; Chas. Farris; R. Davis, P.M. 1288; J. Elam; G. W. Lander, 1348; Rushton Odell; J. Wynman; and F. Collins, 1949.

Dinner over, the CHAIRMAN rose to propose the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen." This year being her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, he considered the toast should be received with, if possible, more than the usual enthusiasm—and it undoubtedly was, and with musical honours.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he was sure they were all assured as to the great benefit his Royal Highness had conferred on Freemasonry by presiding over its affairs, and, as Masons, they were always ready to show their appreciation for the honour he had conferred.

The toast was vigorously responded to.

The welcome permission to smoke was given from the chair, and the attention of the brethren was called to Bro. L. Gwynn Jones for a song—"Tommy Atkins."

Bro. J. GEMMELL gave the toast of "The Perseverance Lodge of Instruction," and said the lodge was formed to help Masons to fit themselves for the discharge of the duties of all the offices of a regular lodge, so that should they be appointed or elected to any office, even that of W.M., they would be enabled to acquit themselves in a manner satisfactory to all. He also said that lodge of instruction was not only useful to young Masons, but also to many Worshipful Masters and even Past Masters, who often wanted their memories freshened up, more particularly in the ceremony of installation. He himself owed his thanks to Bro. Poore, the Preceptor, for the knowledge he had gained. He, therefore, gave them the toast "Prosperity to the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction."

The toast was very warmly received.

The CHAIRMAN called on Bro. H. Bridgman to respond for the lodge, who said it was a great pleasure for him, he having joined the lodge together with their Chairman of to-night, in the first year of their existence. Bro. Poore was a most excellent Preceptor and as long as his valued services could be obtained in that capacity, together with Bro. Daunton's as Secretary, the lodge was sure to prosper. He thanked Bro. Gemmell for the able manner in which he proposed the toast.

Bro. POORE rose to propose "The Health of the Chairman," and, having said he was happy and proud to be entrusted with this proposal, as well as with the pleasing function which was to be connected with it on this occasion, proceeded: I may observe that Bro. Daunton and Bro. Bridgman are the oldest members of this lodge of instruction now present. The Chairman being our Secretary, we are fully aware that he does a considerable amount of work for us and does it thoroughly. I know well enough the responsibility of a Secretary, having been Secretary of the United Pilgrims Lodge, and being at the present time Secretary of the Brixton Lodge, so I can speak with authority on this point; our Secretary, Bro. Daunton, is always ready to cheerfully carry out the wishes of the members of the Lodge and sometimes our instructions entail a good deal of time and labour; our Secretary has also done other very good work for the Masonic Charities. Last year he served a Stewardship for the Boys' Institution and this year for the Old People, on which occasion he went up with a list of £138 10s., a large portion of which was contributed through the Benevolent Association affiliated to this lodge.

Bro. DAUNTON: I have now, on behalf of this lodge, to ask you to accept this present—a microscope—subscribed for by the members, and I trust it will be of use to you and afford you a fascinating and instructive pastime, and may you live long to enjoy it.

At the request of the CHAIRMAN Bro. Verdier gave a ledgerdeman performance, which was much appreciated.

The CHAIRMAN rose to respond amidst prolonged cheers. He said he had had the honour to be their Secretary for several years and had certainly attended very regularly to the meetings. Meeting the brethren there on Mondays was a pleasure to him and the work he did was a labour of love, for which he felt amply rewarded by seeing the lodge grow and prosper. He always received the recorded vote of thanks annually with gratification and never expected such a handsome present; he had done all he could to further the interests of the lodge and hoped to continue to do so. It was his privilege to be initiated into Freemasonry 11 years ago by Bro. Poore, and he well remembered the admonition that he was now expected to make the liberal arts and sciences his future study, and extend his researches into the more hidden mysteries of Nature by the aid of that splendid instrument, which had been so kindly presented to him. He should be enabled to carry out that admonition in the full literal sense, and he should always prize it as one of his most valued possessions.

Bro. J. J. NEWLAND next proposed "The Preceptor," and said the brethren all knew what a painstaking instructor their Bro. Poore was, and how willing he was to devote time and attention to coach up any brother who was anxious to

properly qualify himself in the working of the ceremonies. He was a most excellent worker, and paying attention to him there on Mondays was one of the best compliments they could pay him, and they would reap the reward of becoming competent workers themselves like Bro. Daunton. He also was initiated by Bro. Poore, and it was, therefore, a special pleasure to him to be in that position to propose health and success to their Preceptor.

Bro. POORE, responded, thanking Bro. Newland for his kind remarks. It was perfectly true he did initiate him into Freemasonry, as well as Bro. Daunton, and he thought he was justified in being proud of his work. He had been rewarded for any assistance he had bestowed on them by seeing them discharge the duties of the W.M.'s chair in their lodge in a most perfect manner, including the installation of their successors in a way which left nothing to be desired. There were also several other brethren who had done great credit to him as their Preceptor. In concluding, he thanked the brethren for the generous applause with which they received his toast.

Bro. NEWLAND was requested to propose the next toast—"The Treasurer, Bro. A. Collins, and the Secretary." In doing so, he expressed his pleasure in being able to pay some tribute to the permanent officers of the lodge, for on them largely depended the success of the Institutions. This is, therefore, a most important toast, and one which I hope will be received by you in an appreciative manner. Our Treasurer is an astute man of business, and we have every confidence in him for the proper disbursement of our liabilities and the safe custody of our funds. Brethren, I give you the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, which was cordially received.

Bro. COLLINS replied to the toast of "The Officers." He said he was rather a new officer, and was pleased to hear the expressions of Bro. Newland as regards the confidence reposed in him, and the ready manner in which the brethren displayed their approval; he only hoped the lodge would continue to prosper; he was willing to do all he could towards that object.

The SECRETARY said he was much impressed by the way in which the brethren received the toast, and would not attempt a long speech at the risk of repeating himself and thanked them heartily.

"The Visitors" toast was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and

Was responded to, first, by Bro. T. J. BOLTON, W.M., saying, I can endorse every word which has fallen from the lips of Bro. Poore; brethren ought to fit themselves for every office even the humble one of W. Stwd.; he scarcely thought it was in order for him to respond as a visitor, for he had since his invitation by Bro. Milroy become a member, and he intended to avail himself of Bro. Poore's tuition, more particularly for the purpose of installing his successor in his lodge—the Rothsay.

Bros. VERDIER, L. WYNNE JONES, and others suitably responded.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Perseverance Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association."

After a song by Bro. Gemmell, Bro. POORE, in the absence of its Secretary, responded, calling the brethren to rally round it and make it one of the most successful of its kind.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Dinner Committee and the Musical Entertainers," which was duly honoured.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 45.

The centenary festival of the above lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 7th ult., at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C. The chair was taken by Bro. P. Sharpe, P.M. 869, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor, who was ably supported by Bros. W. G. Mills, W.M. 45, and J. T. Burgess, Sec. 45. About 30 members and visitors were present.

Supper being ended, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with fervour.

The toast of "The Strong Man Lodge of Instruction" was proposed by Bro. A. D. LANGDON, P.M. 45. He pointed out that in most Bodies a period of vigorous growth was followed by one of decay. Though they were now over 100 years old, there were no signs of decay, and he looked forward to a long and prosperous career in the future.

Bro. P. SHARPE, P.M. 869, replied. He was extremely gratified with the manner the toast, with which his name was coupled, had been received. A hundred years afforded good scope for retrospection. What was the Preceptor like then? Did he (the speaker) fulfil his duties as well as his Masonic forefather? He certainly strove to do so, and the kind feeling evinced by the members led him to believe his labour was not wholly in vain. His Wednesday evenings to the external world were *dies non*, his place was at his lodge of instruction, his pleasure was in his work there, and he trusted he might be there for many years to come.

The next toast was that of "The Strong Man Lodge, No. 45," proposed by Bro. P. SHARPE, P.M. 869. It was impossible to regard the lodge of instruction and the mother lodge independently. They were bound together by the strongest ties, and the former was mainly supported by the latter. He need not comment on the excellent working of the W.M., W.M. elect, and officers of the mother lodge, it was well known to all present.

Bro. W. G. MILLS, W.M. 45, replied. He keenly felt the benefit derived from the lodge of instruction, and was deeply sensible of the excellent work done by the Preceptor, Bro. Sharpe. He had the good fortune to be assisted by officers who had attended the lodge of instruction, and who worked well in consequence.

Bro. J. CUER, S.W. 45, also replied. In his transitory state of W.M. elect he knew full well how truly the foregoing words were spoken. He would discharge his duties to the best of his ability, and he could not over-estimate the assistance of the lodge of instruction, where he had frequently taken the chair. No praise he could bestow would over-estimate the excellent qualities of their Preceptor.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge of Instruction" was proposed by Bro. W. BRIGGS. The lodge of instruction was indeed fortunate to have such a Preceptor and Secretary. The Preceptor, though a keen cricketer and political enthusiast, never allowed those to interfere with his Masonic duties, and the Secretary was the very essence of kindness, always ready to give up his time for the good of Masonry.

Bros. P. SHARPE, P.M. 869, and T. J. BURGESS replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. J. BRIGGS. He was glad to see them present that evening, and hoped shortly to call them members.

Bros. TOYER, P.M.; DRIVER, P.M.; and WOOLFORD replied.

In the course of the evening the jewels, which bear the date, 7th April, 1797, were inspected by the visitors.

A musical programme was given by Bros. Tom Taylor, J. Briggs, T. J. Burgess, and Berry.

The tasteful *menu* cards, which bore an excellent portrait of Bro. P. Sharpe, were the gift of Bro. W. Briggs. The meeting was extremely enjoyable and a success from all points of view.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on Friday, the 23rd ultimo. The minutes of the last general meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.M., P.G.W. E.L., was elected Chairman, and Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T. E.L., Vice-Chairman. The election of the Relief and Educational Board was next proceeded with, the result being that 18 brethren were re-elected, with addition of two others to fill the places of the late Bros. J. H. Sillitoe and J. T. Hine.

Three petitions for education of children and four for relief of old Freemasons and widows of Freemasons were dealt with and amounts granted accordingly.

THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

A large number of the members of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, with ladies, paid a most enjoyable visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, on Saturday afternoon last. At the installation of the W.M., Bro. George Tarran, in December last, the Ven. the Archdeacon of London (Bro. Sinclair, Past Grand Chaplain), was one of the guests, and he intimated that he should be glad to show the members of the Gallery Lodge over St. Paul's on any day that might be convenient to them. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge cordially thanked the Archdeacon for his kind invitation, and suggested that it would be regarded as a great favour if the Archdeacon could extend the invitation to ladies. Bro. Sinclair at once graciously complied with the request, with the result that a large number of ladies attended on Saturday.

The party met on the steps at the West entrance to St. Paul's Cathedral, at 2.30 p.m. The W.M. and Bro. Perkins, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge, proceeded to the Chapter House, and conducted the Archdeacon to the party. The Archdeacon having pointed out the position that would be taken up by the Queen's carriages on the 22nd June, and given other interesting particulars, the party entered the cathedral, and, at the west end of the nave, the Archdeacon, in a brief introductory address, gave an interesting sketch of old St. Paul's; also an outline of the general architectural features of the present building, (and an account of the erection of this grand building, which year by year is becoming more beautiful in its internal decoration. The Archdeacon next pointed out the principal monuments in the nave and on the southern side of the dome, and then conducted the party along the south choir aisle to the magnificent reredos, stopping and giving explanations at all the principal monuments, and pointing out some of the choice stones in the cathedral. The design of the beautiful reredos was lucidly explained, and the Archdeacon gave an interesting description of Mr. Richard's exquisite mosaics. The party was next taken to the crypt, and here again the Archdeacon's descriptions were most entertaining and instructive, especially his references to the tombs of Sir Christopher Wren, the Duke of Wellington, and Lord Nelson. Afterwards the party proceeded to the whispering gallery and the outside passage round the dome, commanding a good view of the metropolis. By the time a descent was made the four o'clock evensong had begun, and the party took their seats under the dome and listened to a beautifully-rendered service. At its conclusion the Archdeacon then met the brethren and ladies at the west end of the cathedral. He had previously explained that owing to the Canon-in-residence (Canon Newbolt) having another party in attendance, refreshments, to which he had invited the visitors, would not be served at the Chapter House, as originally intended, but at Evans's Restaurant, in St. Paul's Churchyard. The Archdeacon accordingly conducted the party thither, where a most hospitable and welcome repast awaited them. It is needless to say that the form which the Archdeacon's hospitality took—a well-furnished tea-table—was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

Bro. SINCLAIR afterwards gave another brief, but most interesting address, pointing out that the funds of the cathedral came from neither rates nor taxes, but from money which had been left to it. He explained that there never was a time when St. Paul's was more used by the public than it was now, and spoke of the reforms which had been carried out during the last 30 years, chiefly the work of the present Dean, Dr. Gregory.

The W.M., Bro. GEORGE TARRAN, on behalf of the company, expressed their most heartfelt thanks to the Archdeacon (whom it was their pride and privilege to be able to address as Bro. Sinclair), for his great kindness in giving up a whole afternoon to conduct the party over the cathedral, and also for his liberal hospitality. They had experienced that afternoon the great pleasure of being conducted over a grand and historic building, not by the ordinary attendants, who necessarily gave the description in a more or less perfunctory manner, but by an eminent dignitary of the cathedral, who was well-known for his scholarly attainments, and for his Christian courtesy. Anyone who knew anything of public life must know that one occupying the position of Archdeacon of London must have many calls upon his time, and he (the W.M.) knew he was expressing the feelings of all present when he said that they most cordially thanked the Archdeacon for his kindness, in the midst of many engagements, in devoting an afternoon to them, as also for his courtesy, his interesting addresses, and for his hospitality.

The ARCHDEACON briefly replied and then retired.

The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and was considered a very happy new departure in the outings of the Gallery Lodge. Bro. Tarran had a very successful banquet and ladies' night, and he is also to be congratulated on the success of Saturday's gathering.

The company present included Bro. George Tarran, W.M., Mrs., and Miss Tarran; Mrs. John Jones and Miss Jones (wife and daughter of Bro. John Jones, S.W. and W.M. elect, 2096); Bro. P. W. Husk, I.P.M.; Bro. S. and Mrs. James; Mrs. W. M. Duckworth and Miss Duckworth; Bro. W. T. and Mr. Sydney Perkins; Bro. F. Brodie and Miss Saxby; Bro. G. H. and Mrs. Ribbons; Bro. H. L. and Mrs. Bell; Mrs. Kirby and Miss Ashenden; Bro. T. and Miss Minstrell and Miss Davis; Bro. J. C. and Mrs. Duckworth; Bro. C. and Mrs. Lock; Bro. E. E. Peacock, Miss F. Peacock, and Miss A. Ross; Bro. and Mrs. G. E. Saunders; Bro. T. G. and Miss Scott; Bro. and Mrs. Alfred F. Robbins; Bro. R. R. and Mrs. Dodds, and Mrs. Lightfoot; Bro. J. E. C. Lane and Miss Lindley; Bro. Cornwallis H. Smith; Bro. W. G. and Mrs. Proudfoot; Bro. Gordon Hunter; Bro. and Mrs. G. A. Jones; Bro. Ernest and Mrs. Hobson; Bro. Ernest and Mrs. Ward; and Bro. A. and Mrs. Bettany.

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of 129, Glengall-road, Kilburn, N.W. (late of 45, Walm-lane, Willesden Green, London, N.W.), who was initiated in the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham; a Founder and Member of Gunduloh Lodge, No. 1050, Rochester, of which lodge he is a P.M.; and P.P.G. Org. of Kent; a Subscribing Member 8 years to Lodge 20, and 19 years to Lodge 1050, or 27 years in all. He was a companion in the R.A., and also a Mark M.M. He is 68 years of age and incapacitated from earning his living through chronic illness, and is entirely dependent upon a son and daughter with but very limited means.

Bro. RANSOM gratefully thanks those Subscribers who have kindly favoured him with their 568 votes, and sincerely hopes for a continuance of their interest and support.

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Masonic Notes.

Nothing could have been better than the manner in which the Grand Festival passed off on Wednesday. There was a very full and thoroughly representative attendance, the newly-appointed Grand Officers, on advancing to the dais to be invested, were heartily cheered, while the banquet and the concert gave every satisfaction. The Pro Grand Master's speeches, in submitting the toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W. Grand Master," were cheered to the echo, while the remaining speakers were discreetly brief in their remarks. Nor must we omit to single out for special commendation the admirable manner in which Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., who acted for Bro. Sir Albert

Woods, as G.D.C., proclaimed the Grand, Pro Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters. It was a treat to listen to such outspoken proclamations, and as, unfortunately, Bro. Sir A. Wood's health will prevent him from fulfilling his accustomed duties for some time to come, it is gratifying to find that so able a *locum tenens* has been found as Bro. Fenn.

It has been announced that a meeting in commemoration of her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, pretty much on the same lines as the meeting held in the same hall in the month of June, 1887, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The arrangements have not yet been definitively settled, but it is known that the meeting will take place on the 14th June, and it is believed that brevet rank will be conferred upon a limited number of distinguished brethren chosen from the lodges in London, the Provinces, and Abroad.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when the Principals will be installed and the newly-appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be invested. The Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months will also be elected. The report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted prior to the election. From this we gather that petitions for six new chapters and the further information desired respecting a seventh have been received and the Committee recommend that the necessary warrants, as prayed for, be granted. Of these new chapters three will be located in London, two in Worcestershire, one in West Yorkshire, and one in the District of Bombay.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the 13th annual festival of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons, of which Bro. W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., is Preceptor, and Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., is Treasurer, will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday, the 20th inst., when the ceremony of advancement will be rehearsed with musical accompaniment, with Bro. Vincent in the chair as W.M., and Bro. H. R. Rose, P.G. Org., at the organ, the lecture on the Tracing Board being afterwards given by Bro. John Smith, P.M., P.G. Stwd. At the close of the ceremony, a banquet will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, D.G.M., tickets for which, price 21s. each, must be obtained not later than the 18th inst., of Bro. John Smith, 4, The Crescent, Bedford, or at Mark Masons' Hall.

The next regular meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 7th instant. The business will include a ballot for Bro. G. L. Shackles, Nos. 57, 1511 (P.M.) and 2494 (W.M.), Masonic Numismatist, and owner of the "Shackles" Collection of Masonic Medals, &c., &c., as a joining member, and the election of members of the Correspondence Circle. There will also be read a paper on "The Great Symbol," by Bro. Sydney T. Klein. The brethren will afterwards dine together, as usual, at the Holborn Restaurant.

The annual summer excursion will this year be to Peterborough and its vicinity, and will extend from Thursday, the 17th June, when the main body will leave King's Cross Station, G.N.R., by the 5 p.m. train, to Saturday, the 19th, the excursionists leaving Peterborough on the return journey by the 9.12 p.m. train, which is timed to reach King's Cross at 10.45 p.m. Friday will be devoted to a drive to Stamford, with a halt en route at Burghley House, the seat of the Marquis of Exeter, erected by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer of England, 1575. After lunch at the George Hotel, Stamford, the party will inspect the antiquities of the town under the guidance of Bro. G. H. Burton, returning to Peterborough in time for dinner at 8 p.m. The morning of Saturday will be occupied in visiting the Cathedral and viewing the city of Peterborough, while in the afternoon the party will drive to Croyland, inspecting the remains of the Abbey, returning *via* Thorney Abbey, to Peterborough, where dinner will be served and the party return to town by the train already mentioned.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a "History of the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth, from 1770 to 1897, and of the Royal Arch Chapter attached," will be ready for issue in the month of June. It has been compiled under the authority of

the Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and of Lodge Hengist, by Bro. C. J. Whiting, W.M., and J. of the chapter, and copies may be ordered of the local publishers, Messrs. W. Mate and Sons, Bournemouth, or of Bro. George Kenning, 10, Great Queen-street, W.C. Price, handsomely bound in cloth, about 250 pp., to subscribers 8s. 6J., to others 10s. nett.

The demands upon our space are so heavy this week that, to our regret, we find ourselves under the necessity of holding over our usual article on the Approaching Elections into the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We are able, however, to state that the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1896, shows that the Institution was last year in a highly prosperous condition. The Income of the Male Fund, including the balance of £1337 17s. 7d. from the previous account, amounted to £17,802 18s., of which £2008 15s. was in respect of Dividends; £10,552 1s. 4d. Donations and Subscriptions; and the Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter £900. The Expenditure reached £14,475 12s. 11d., including £2000 deposited at call and £3203 9s. 3d. expended in purchase of stock; the amount disbursed for Annuities being £7748 and the Balance remaining in hand at the close of the Account £3327 5s. 1d.

As regard the Widows' Fund, the income, including a balance of £1226 6s. 1d. from previous year, reached £16,466 4s. 1d., of which £1920 7s. 8d. was in respect of Dividends, £8207 12s. 9d. for Donations and Subscriptions, and £850 Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The expenditure reached £16,132 19s. 6d., including £2000 deposited at call and £4463 9s. 3d. expended in the purchase of Stock, the sum disbursed in annuities being £8123, and the balance remaining in hand £333 4s. 7d. The Sustainment of Building Fund is a small account; but the balance was on the right side, and augmented the Total Balance on the three Funds to £3707 1s. 11d.

We say again, the Benevolent Institution has fared prosperously in the past. Not only has it disbursed close on £16,000 in annuities, and defrayed all its working expenses, but it has expended over £7600 in increasing its invested capital, placed £4000 at call, and still had on the 31st December last upwards of £3700 available for current expenses. Well administered, Committee of Management!

We do not know where our worthy correspondent, who signed himself "Life Governor," obtained the figures he introduced into the first paragraph of the letter we published of his, *re* "the New Boys' School," in our issue of last week. His words were—"If the report in your last issue" (17th April) "is correct, the proposed competition for designs will cost the Craft about £3000 for the six competitors, and 2½ per cent., say, £2500, for the successful one, assuming that the School is not built"—we presume he means not built according to his plans. In our report of the proceedings at the Boys' School Quarterly Court on the 9th ult., Bro. Eve, Chairman of the Board of Management, in explaining what had been done, *re* the proposed new School premises at Bushey, neither mentioned any figures nor did he say anything from which it would be possible for even the most ingenious person to form any estimate of the cost of the competition. He said—"They were advised that they could not expect distinguished men to draw up plans without remuneration, and a certain sum would be paid for each. The successful one would be paid 2½ per cent. more than the others, but if he was the architect chosen, that would all fall into the commission, and he would get nothing for it." In our leading article on the subject we said—"It has been decided to offer a certain sum as an honorarium to each competitor, the successful one being paid 2½ per cent. more than his rivals." But not a single word was said, either in the report or the article, which could possibly justify "Life Governor" in placing the cost of the proposed competition at "about £5000." Our own opinion—based not on what Bro. Eve did not say, but on what we know of the honoraria paid in previous competitions of a similar character—is that the whole amount to be thus paid will be substantially less than a fifth of the sum (£5000) stated by "Life Governor."

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Sheffield, on Tuesday next, the 4th inst., at 4 p.m., the entertaining lodge being the Britannia. The business will include the appointment and investiture of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and the customary banquet will follow at 6 p.m. On this occasion Bro. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro G. Master, and sundry of the Grand Officers will honour Provincial Grand Lodge with a visit.

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.

R.M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

The list of candidates on the polling papers of the *Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution* for the election on the 21st proximo, disclose a position which deserves the earliest attention of the Fraternity. Of brethren 65 and of widows 52 have been placed on the lists by the Committee, and thereby declared in need of the benefits of the Charity.

The funds only allow of 13 and 18 respectively being admitted to its benefits. Of brethren nine and of widows 16 verge upon three score years and ten. I have carefully calculated the probable duration of life of these 25 aged petitioners, and find that to give them the full benefit of the annuity they seek the amount required would be £6500. To enlarge the scope of this proposal, and admit all those, embracing 17 brethren and 19 widows who are on the lists for the *third time and upwards*, which will include one 15th, three 14th, one 13th, three 12th, two 11th, and one 10th, not to go beyond this would require £11,250, or about two-thirds of our usual contributions to a Festival. I believe that with a general over-hauling of the lists, it would be found that the circumstances of some of the candidates had materially improved, and the amount required consequently reduced; a deduction would also take place for those widows who are now in receipt of one-half of their late husband's annuity.

In this *commemoration year* could Freemasons desire any plan more pleasing to her Majesty and to H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master than the relief of these aged people, who have so long been expectant of Masonic Charity? With a roll of over 3000 lodges and chapters, we should make no difficulty in wiping away what appears as a slur on our boasted Charity, and, at the same time, make a truly Masonic thankoffering for the long and kindly rule of our Queen. I consider the Committee of the Institution to be the fittest body to move in this matter, and shall be only too pleased if it is taken up with full Masonic vigour.—Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. SMITHETT,
S.G.D. and a Vice-Patron.

41, Mincing-lane, E.C., April 26th.

AN INTERESTING RELIC.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 24th inst., you published an extract from the *Freemasons' Repository*, as to "AN INTERESTING RELIC," which concludes thus: "it has its value and interest, showing as it does the 336 lodges listed in 1765." As an American I am interested in the list of lodges mentioned therein, in my country, as then existing under the Grand Lodge of England. My mother lodge is that of Amity, 137, Poole, Dorset, which was warranted under date 1st April, 1765, its number then being 335. It would appear, therefore, that the "list of regular lodges allegiant to the Grand Lodge of England at that date" did not include those opened in that year, as there were at least two more than 336. I am compiling a history of Lodge Amity and hope soon to send you a copy. The paragraph which immediately follows the extract above mentioned refers to Rhode Island, at about the same period and I find in my notes for publication that Bro. Eldred, of Rhode Island, visited Lodge Amity on January 20th, 1773, this was the last in my list of "Foreign visitors," which commences with the year 1766, May 7th.—Yours fraternally,

ALEXANDER CLARKE CHAPIN,
I.P.M.

Elmcroft, Poole,
April 25th.

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will "J. G. S., Past Prov. G.J. of Devon, P.Z. of several chapters, and at the present moment Z. of two, as well as H. elect of a third, and Scribe E. of a fourth, but never uses the erroneous expression M.E.Z. himself, nor allows it to be used in his presence without correction," kindly inform me what Regulation in Royal Arch or Craft Masonry authorises a M.E.Z. to threaten (in language of a most objectionable nature) companions with County Court proceedings for recovery of chapter fees due 25 years since. Many such threats have been made in a western province, to the great annoyance and expense of companions who have been compelled to employ solicitors to defend their cases in the County Court. "The error has been steadily growing lately, and it ought to be sternly suppressed by Grand Chapter."—Yours fraternally,

K. N.

Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX, 1897."—This much consulted Annual is in the 13th year of publication, the originator and Editor throughout being the respected Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, who has faithfully served his Province for 20 years. Every year the bulk of this handy volume is increased, and for 1897 there is a special attraction of a quartette of Portraits representing zealous brethren who have so ably looked after the interests of Essex in respect to the Central Masonic Charities, viz.: Brothers Richard Clowes, H. E. Dehane, Dr. Ebenezer Shedd, and Frederick Wood. There are full biographical sketches concerning three of these worthies. The Votes are all duly chronicled in a lengthy table, the summary exhibiting the handsome total of 9843, being the largest registered, and most creditable to the Province, of 38 Lodges, with 1912 members. It will be seen that the average membership is large, being fully 50. There are only 13 R.A. Chapters, with 316 companions, and seven Mark Lodges, with 180 members. The particulars of all these Bodies are well arranged, and a capital plan is introduced of sub-titles for each division being printed on coloured paper, which makes it especially easy to turn to any part for examination. In fact, this Annual is exceptionally well printed and edited, the only addition needed to render it well nigh perfect being a table to show the membership of each Lodge and the total membership of the Province, which might easily be inserted in one of the pages.

"BELL'S CATHEDRAL SERIES" (George Bell and Sons, Publishers, London).—These handy and artistic volumes are sure to command a large sale, as their accuracy, completeness, and readable character become known. Those for CANTERBURY, SALISBURY, CHESTER, and ROCHESTER are now ready, and may be ordered through any bookseller, or be had direct from the publishers for the insignificant sum of eighteen pence each. They are a marvel, typographically and artistically, the authors have done

their part most conscientiously, and the editors (Messrs. Gleeson White and E. F. Strange) are to be heartily congratulated on the great success achieved, the spirited publishers also being gratefully remembered. These handbooks have nothing about them of the ordinary guide style, but are veritable works of art, and written in a most fascinating manner by gentlemen evidently in love with their work. The numerous illustrations are special attractions, many being exceedingly choice, and not a few are full page plates, so beautifully finished as to make one wish they were to be had separately for framing. They have neither equals nor rivals, as they are practically condensed histories of these grand buildings, based upon accepted authorities, with a mass of valuable information dovetailed, of great interest to students of archaeology and architecture. This series is intended to supply visitors to the great English Cathedrals with reliable and amply-illustrated monographs at a popular price, the aim of each author being to produce a work that will be welcomed by scholars, without being so technical as to be fit only for experts. In fact, the quartette now issued for *six shillings complete* cannot fail to be most acceptable to the ordinary reader, as well as to advanced students, and there should not be a *Masonic Library* in this country or America without copies of these handsome manuals on the Cathedrals and Cathedral cities of England. We anxiously await the publication of others of the series, and hope to report more particularly as to each single volume as it comes from the press.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 186.

The annual ball of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. The whole of the Crown Suite of Rooms was at the disposal of the Committee who were enabled to make every possible arrangement for the comfort of the ladies, visitors, and brethren present. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock. The music was provided by Mr. R. Farban's Orchestral Band, which gave the greatest satisfaction. A most *recherché* supper was served at midnight under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. A. J. Newton, supported by Bros. W. S. Page, P.M., Sec., and F. J. Sparke.

The toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and "The Health of the Worshipful Master" proposed by Bro. T. M. Wood, P.M., was received with acclamation.

Bro. W. S. PAGE, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which was responded to in a very happy manner by Bro. JAMES FYFE.

A very pleasant interlude here took place in the presentation to each lady of a charming fan, suitably engraved with the date and occasion of the presentation.

After supper dancing was continued until 4 a.m., when the proceedings terminated and one of the most successful dances given by this lodge was brought to a close, the whole of the arrangements giving the liveliest satisfaction to the large number of ladies and visitors present.

The music was of the brightest and the supper and other arrangements were a credit to the able management of the Freemasons' Tavern. The tickets and programmes which had been prepared from the design of Bro. W. Stewart, S.D., were much admired.

The Committee present consisted of Bros. A. J. Newton, W.M.; T. M. Wood, P.M.; W. Stewart, S.D.; W. S. Page, jun., I.G.; F. J. Sparke, James Fyfe, and T. C. Cullen, with Bro. W. S. Page, Secretary. Bros. T. C. Cullen, W. S. Page, jun., F. J. Sparke, and W. Stewart acted most efficiently as M.C.'s.

Among those present were Bro. A. J. Newton, W.M., Mrs. Newton and the Misses Newton; Bro. T. M. Wood, P.M., and Mrs. Wood; Bro. F. J. Sparke and Mrs. Sparke; Bro. W. Stewart and the Misses Stewart; Bro. James Fyfe and Mrs. Fyfe; Bro. Enness and Mrs. Enness; Bro. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards; Bro. Menhnick; Bro. Cullen; Bro. McDowall and Mrs. McDowall; Bro. W. S. Page, P.M., Mrs. Page, Miss Page, Bro. W. S. Page, jun.; and a large party of friends of the above.

THE MUNIFICENT MASONIC GIFT OF BRO. CHARLES E. KEYSER.

The announcement that Bro. Charles E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, the Treasurer of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, has signified his intention of giving the sum of 5000 guineas towards the cost of erecting a chapel in connection with the new Masonic Boys' School has been received with immense satisfaction by the brethren of Berkshire and Hertfordshire and the Craft generally. The two provinces representing the counties mentioned have special cause to congratulate themselves in reference to Bro. Keyser's generous gift, inasmuch as they will have perpetual scholarships at the School. It would be difficult to find a more devoted or hard-working Mason than Bro. Keyser, who on most days and on several evenings in each week is engaged in some function for the advancement of Masonry. Indeed, he performs quite a record work for the good of the Craft. Nevertheless, he finds time to pursue archaeological studies, and is a recognised authority on antiquarian subjects, and, further, to discharge the obligations resting upon him as a country squire and landowner. It may not be generally known that, whatever his engagements, or whether he is staying in town or the country, he contrives to spend his Sundays at Aldermaston, and reads the lessons in the parish church, the fabric of which is now being beautifully restored at his entire cost.

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Wellington Lodge, No. 548.

The last regular meeting of this lodge for the session was held on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. H. W. Wybourn, W.M. There were also present Bros. W. Riminton, I.P.M.; E. W. Hathersich, P.M.; J. J. West, P.M.; J. Macgregor, P.M.; C. Atkins, P.M.; N. R. Livett, P.M. 857; J. H. Bird, P.M. 97 (S.C.); F. Jones, S.W.; D. Jackson, J.W.; W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; A. Holmes, P.M., Sec.; H. Groves, S.D.; G. J. Freame, J.D.; B. Church, I.G.; F. W. Hancock, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Jeanes, A.D.C.; C. Childs and A. J. Lawrence, Stwds.; J. Hall, Org.; D. S. Ross, J. Collins, J. Humm, W. F. Corp, W. Scott, C. Vonberger, E. A. Brandon, J. A. Homes, W. Dedman, F. T. Adams, E. J. Chambers, F. C. Hillier, H. Browne, W. F. Ottaway, J. T. Wood, W. J. Harris, Alfred Martin, J. L. James, T. C. Hyslop, W. Keay, W. Mattocks, H. Plant, J. W. Stoner, and Walter Winning. The ceremonies of the three Degrees were duly performed. Several candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge voted five guineas to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

At the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.

The above lodge had a successful installation meeting on the 10th ult. at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present: Bros. C. H. Wheatley, W.M.; H. Saunton, I.P.M.; J. Wheatley, S.W.; J. H. Anderson, J.W.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; T. J. Peckham, S.D.; W. Beaton, J.D.; D. Hart-Davies, I.G.; F. W.

Tallack, P.M.; H. T. Tallack, P.M.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.; J. W. Brett, D.C.; E. C. St. Aubyn, and Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Oppenheim, V. L. Rousset, S. Barlet, Henri Buc, P.G.S., Ball, P.M., and G. Metzger, W.M., of 2060; V. Lamare, 1922; Louis Verdier Jersey, P.P.G.S.; E. Janan, P.M. 1641; and Hakli, P.M. 1507.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. H. Wheatley, owing to the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Wingate, P.M., from severe illness, read the balance-sheet and the report of the Audit Committee. It was resolved that the same be received and adopted and entered on the minutes. The visiting brethren were then introduced by Bro. J. Beresford Ryley to the W.M., and saluted according to their rank. Bro. Edmond Charles St. Aubyn was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by his friend, Bro. D. Hart-Davies, who had assumed the chair for that purpose. A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, Bro. Saunion, P.M., assumed the chair, and Bro. J. Wheatley, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. Beresford Ryley, and installed in the chair of K.S., and was afterwards proclaimed and saluted. The following officers were then appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. H. Anderson, S.W.; T. J. Peckham, J.W.; W. Beaton, S.D.; D. Hart-Davies, P.M., J.W.; E. C. St. Aubyn, I.G.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; J. W. Brett, Stvd.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The retiring Master, Bro. C. H. Wheatley, was presented in felicitous terms with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his useful services to the lodge. On motion it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Saunion for the excellent manner in which he had installed the W.M., which was acknowledged with thanks. On the application of the Secretary, and on motion, it was resolved that a sum of £5 5s. be awarded from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to the widow of a brother who was for many years a member of this lodge. The resignation of Bro. F. Tallack, P.M., caused by severe illness, was accepted with deep regret. After some formal business had been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and visitors then dined together at the Albany Hotel, the table being decorated with choice flowers and supplied with an original artistic dinner card and toast list showing a portrait of her Majesty the Queen emblazoned on the front, with the appropriate emblem of the Queen and the Craft as a motto.

The loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and honoured, the large company separated, having enjoyed an excellent ceremony and entertainment.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.

The installation meeting of this very successful and flourishing South London lodge took place at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, and marks an epoch in its history. There were present Bros. A. H. Fraser, W.M.; F. E. Pow, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. A. Stevenson, J.W.; W. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimple, P.M., Sec.; F. H. Ford, J.D.; R. Weddall Thomas, I.G.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Pointon, Jos. A. May, and C. H. Morrison, Stwds.; Thomas Bowler, Tyler; R. E. Anderson, P.M.; T. W. Gay, P.M.; Walter Davies, P.M.; J. Lightfoot, P.M.; F. H. Rogers, G. F. Cutts, Hy. Sercombe, C. A. Adams, W. Hunnax, F. Percival, W. H. Hunnax, Seymour Jonn, A. Coward, J. E. Poole, H. Sweeting, Josiah Merralls, G. R. Langley, P.P.G.D. Middx. (Hon.); W. H. Lee, H. J. Andrews, A. Stroschneider, H. Tredray, W. A. Abel, A. G. Elliott, L. Maybaum, W. Allen, J. Hart, W. Bradshaw, E. Aggleton, J. Frampton, H. Hayward, Ernest Pow, A. Cartwright, and A. C. David. The visitors were Bros. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; Stuart Lane, 1614; W. Rowan, 1901; H. T. Telling, P.M. 2182; J. R. Omer, P.M. 1259; F. Flood, P.M. 1929, P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; Walter Hardy, 2472; J. A. Braik, W.M. 2310; H. Traill, 2136; Thos. Piper, P.M. 1897; J. Ellinger, P.M. 2222; A. E. Woolston, 87; Edwin Pownall, 1963; H. Brook, P.M. 975; G. C. May, I.G. 2272; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, and S.D. 1614.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., in a very impressive and perfect manner, raised Bro. F. H. Rogers and passed Bros. A. C. David, W. H. Hunnax, F. H. Percival, and S. Jonn. The Auditors presented their report, which showed the finances of the lodge to be in a thoroughly sound condition, more especially the Benevolent Fund, which has over £80 to its credit. This speaks volumes in favour of the lodge which has contributed to the Masonic Charities in a most liberal manner. A dispensation was read from the Most Worshipful Grand Master authorising the installation of Bro. F. E. Pow, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the Montpelier Hotel, of which he was the proprietor. Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C., the father and one of the founders of the lodge, next presented Bro. F. E. Pow to receive the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. A. H. Fraser, W.M., who performed the ceremony admirably in a board of 16 Past Masters. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. J. H. Stevenson, S.W.; F. H. Ford, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Wimple, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; J. A. Dickason, S.D.; R. Weddall Thomas, J.D.; J. S. Pointon, I.G.; J. A. May, A.D.C.; C. H. Morrison, C. A. Adams, and H. Sercombe, Stwds.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler. The addresses were most impressively rehearsed by the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. A. H. Fraser. A ballot was taken for Messrs. William Allen and Ernest Alf Pow, and proving unanimous they were initiated in a masterly manner by Bro. F. E. Pow, W.M. It was decided that a summer outing should take place, and a committee was formed to carry out the necessary arrangements. A candidate was proposed by the W.M. for the next meeting. To mark his appreciation of the kindness and courtesy always shown him by the brethren and a memento of his happy year of office, Bro. A. H. Fraser, I.P.M., presented the lodge with two massive and elegantly chased brass columns for the Wardens, the pedestals bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Selwyn Lodge, 1901, by Bro. A. H. Fraser, W.M., 1896-97." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Fraser for his handsome gift, to which he most suitably replied. The W.M. announced that he and the I.P.M. hoped to stand conjointly as Stewards at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' Institution, and he trusted that this being a record year in many ways, that the brethren would support the list in the same truly Benevolent spirit as they had hitherto done to the various Masonic Charities, and thus mark their appreciation of that grand Institution.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by the worthy host and Mrs. Pow in their *recherché* style, to which the brethren did ample justice.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarking upon her most beneficent reign—the longest on record—one of the best of Queens, a most queenly woman, and Patron of all their Masonic Charities.

The W.M. next gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said the Craft was honoured by having so illustrious a head for over 21 years, and it was the earnest desire of the brethren that he would long live to hold that honourable position.

Bro. Pow, W.M., next honoured the toast of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said it was one worthy to be received with gratitude, for the splendid services which they always rendered to the Craft, which those who were privileged to attend Grand Lodge could testify. The lodge was graced with the presence of a Grand Officer—Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.—whom the brethren were delighted to see; also Bro. Walter Martin, whom the brethren congratulated upon being A.G. Pursuivant designate, and he should like to couple with the toast two other worthy brethren and well distinguished—Bros. G. R. Langley, representing Middlesex, and F. Flood, representing Surrey.

The toast was most cordially received.

In reply, Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., said he felt it a very great honour to be associated with the Grand Officers, a toast which was great and comprehensive. The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, was a high and distinguished Mason, and had rendered very great services to the Craft, as also was he truly devoted to his high office in the State. The Deputy G.M., Earl Amherst, was another most worthy brother, and one devoted to the interests of the Craft. Of other Past Grand Officers he was delighted to see the M.W.G.M. had conferred the high honour of P.G. Wardens upon two such worthy brethren as Bros. Thos. Fenn and Robt. Grey as a reward for their unremitting labours. He was very proud indeed to welcome Bro. Walter Martin as the A.G. Pursuivant designate, and hoped many present would see him invested on the 28th instant. It had given him great pleasure in being present and witnessing the installation of his very old friend, the W.M., and he wished him a happy year of office and great success to the Selwyn Lodge.

Bro. Walter Martin replied. He could not yet respond as Grand Officer, but still, he was proud of the honour conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., which he took as a

compliment to the brethren around him, and also of many others in South London with whom he had been associated in Masonry for more than 30 years. He sincerely trusted he should be enabled to fulfil the duties in the same perfect manner that he had always aimed at.

Bro. G. R. Langley felt it indeed a great kindness in coupling his name as a Prov. Grand Officer. He would like to mention the fact of one Grand Officer who had given the munificent sum of £5000 towards the erection of a chapel attached to the new home of the Boys' Institution at Bushey (Herts) as a thankoffering in her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and to state that the Craft was indeed honoured in having such worthy brethren among its rulers.

Bro. F. Flood also replied that he was proud to respond for the County of Surrey as one of its Grand Officers. Bro. Mercer had stated the admirable working of the Grand Officers, he, too, would like to state, that the Prov. Grand Officers perform their respective duties most loyally.

Bro. A. H. Fraser, I.P.M., next proposed the most important toast of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. F. E. Pow," which he did with the greatest possible pleasure. The W.M. had shown by his admirable working of what metal he was composed, the initiation ceremony had been most impressively rendered, and the investiture of officers perfectly performed. He had been most regular and punctual in his attendance since his initiation, had performed the various offices to which he had been appointed, by stepwise progression, most faithfully and well, and now, by the unanimous suffrages of the brethren, was holding the proud position of their W.M., at which the brethren most heartily congratulated him. The W.M. was a most enthusiastic Mason, was a founder of the Selwyn Chapter, and holding a responsible position rapidly advancing towards the chair, and, above all, was a firm supporter of the Masonic and other local Charities, and the announcement that he was standing as Steward at the coming Festival of the Boys in conjunction with himself was hailed with great pleasure. The brethren of the lodge had the greatest confidence in their W.M. and were confident that the prestige and prosperity of the lodge under his able guidance would be fully maintained. He would ask that the toast be received in bumpers.

Bro. F. E. Pow, W.M., who on rising received quite an ovation, replied that he was most thankful for the great kindness shown him in drinking so cordially to the toast. He felt that the present was the weakest moment in his life, in fact from his election the responsibility seemed to lie heavy upon him. But having been unanimously elected to the proud position he would state that no brother was ever elected to fulfil the duties of W.M. with a greater desire to carry out the important duties faithfully than he, and he hoped in future to merit their choice by performing the ceremonies in a manner that redounded to the credit of the Selwyn Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given by the W.M. stating it was the most important one received by the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge. He had had the honour of initiating two worthy gentlemen, one of whom was his own brother. It was indeed a proud moment in his life and one never to be forgotten, a time looked forward to for years, and now an accomplished fact, that the bond of brotherhood would be the more



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deeply cemented, now that he had been admitted into Freemasonry, and he was confident that bond would strengthen with years. The initiation ceremony had made a lasting impression upon the candidates, and now their eyes were opened to Masonic light they would prove themselves worthy of the Selwyn Lodge.

Bro. Allen thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and assured the brethren that he had been deeply impressed and it was his intention to prove himself an honourable member of the Craft.

Bro. Pow also said the W.M. had truly expressed his feeling when he remarked upon the impression made by the solemn ceremony he had gone through, and his earnest endeavour for years to come would be to prove a worthy brother of the lodge, and he heartily thanked them for the welcome given him.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., and Installing Master," the W.M. said that the work of the I.P.M. and the number of good men and true introduced into the lodge during the past year would never be forgotten. No brother in the lodge had worked harder than Bro. Fraser to carry out the duties efficiently. He had a very pleasing duty to perform to present him with the handsome jewel unanimously voted him by the members, not only for the able services rendered to the lodge, but also to mark their appreciation. He hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to wear the same in the Selwyn Lodge.

Bro. Fraser, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for such flattering remarks, and the brethren for so cordially receiving the same. He had performed his duty during the past year to the best of his ability, as it was every W.M.'s when accepting that position. It was indeed to him a very proud moment to be the recipient of so handsome a jewel, and he re-echoed their desire that he might be spared long to wear the same. While he remained a Past Master he should to the uttermost endeavour to uphold the dignity and prestige of the Selwyn Lodge.

"The Visitors" toast received at the hands of the W.M., and the brethren a most cordial welcome, thanking them for their kind attendance. There were many distinguished and well-known brethren present, some for the first time, and he hoped they would grace the lodge again at no very future date.

The toast was heartily greeted.

Bros. Stone, P.M.; Telling, P.M.; Braik, W.M.; Piper, P.M.; Ellinger, P.M.; and Pownall ably replied, one and all congratulating the lodge upon having so excellent a W.M. and the able officers under him. They had witnessed most exceptional working, from the installation to the initiation. They also dilated upon the principles which guided the rulers in the lodge—that of true benevolence. The feast of the mind had been supplemented with a real feast of the body in so sumptuous a banquet, and they longed for the next occasion when they should be privileged to attend the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Past Masters, Secretary and Treasurer," which was always received with great affection. They had carried out the work in the lodge for years past with the greatest care and ability. The father of the lodge, Bro. Hook, P.M., whose place was now vacated temporarily, all knew the great affliction he had just suffered in the loss of his dear wife, with whom he had so recently enjoyed his golden wedding. All fully sympathised with him, and they congratulated Bro. Walter Davies upon his recovery from a serious illness. Bro. T. Gay, who also had been greatly afflicted, they were glad to welcome him, likewise Bro. Anderson, the guide, counsellor, and friend to so many, being the esteemed Preceptor of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, which had a few days ago marked their appreciation of his eminent services in presenting him with a splendid jewel and illuminated address. Then as to the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Wills and Wimple, respectively, they were officers of great ability and devotion, and loved by all the brethren. Bro. Wills was a most faithful custodian of the funds. Bro. John Lightfoot was a name always received with respect by the brethren, and who might be called "the Charity Past Master of the lodge," and last, but not least, the I.P.M., Bro. Fraser, whose services would be long remembered.

Bros. Fraser, Wills, Wimple, Lightfoot, and Anderson most ably responded, the last remarking upon the high compliment paid him by the members of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, and such a tribute of respect would never be forgotten by him.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Officers" in terms of high eulogium, and which was duly responded to by Bros. Stevenson, S.W., and F. H. Ford, J.W.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the most memorable and happy meetings of the lodge.

A capital menu was arranged in booklet form by the W.M., the toasts being interspersed with appropriate extracts from most popular authors, and also an excellent programme of music arranged by Bros. E. Pownall and H. D. Treagar, ably assisted by Miss Matthews and Miss Venning (both receiving well-deserved encores) and Bros. J. Bartlett, and Chas. Conyers. Bro. Stuart Lane ably presided at the piano.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Peace Hall, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. Theo. Barber, W.M.; J. H. Bletcher, acting I.P.M.; H. A. Fenton, S.W.; G. Eland, J.W.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; E. Hirst, S.D.; T. W. Turner, acting J.D.; W. Payne Robotham, Org.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; T. J. Smith, I.G.; T. R. R. Marsdin, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; J. Dugdale, T. Tomlinson, and J. Acaster. Bros. F. H. Buckland, S.W. 242, and T. W. Turner, J.D. 242, were visitors.

Bro. Acaster was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M., Bro. Constable giving the working tools and the charge. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. A. L. Peace on the sudden death of his son, Bro. S. M. Peace, 2078.

The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshment in the Club Room.

Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396.

The installation meeting of this lodge, a lodge which was established for members of the Ward of Bishopsgate, was held on Monday at the Great Eastern Hotel, E.C., when Bro. D. A. Romain presided as W.M. The attendance of members of the lodge as well as of visitors was good, and the assembly was of the most harmonious and pleasant description. The list of the brethren who formed the party contained the names of Bros. Milton Smith, Sec.; A. J. Hollington, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Samuel Jacobs, I.P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; Arthur P. Little, P.M., Stwd.; Wm. Newman, J.W.; Woolf Jacobs, S.D.; Edgar H. Mead, J.D.; Gilbert E. Mead, I.G.; Dr. James F. Haskins, Org.; Thomas Robinson, Stwd.; Charles Jarratt, Robert Stamp, Edward W. Roach, Thomas J. Sturgeon, Albert Edward Pridmore, C.C., Asst. Sec.; John David Simmons, Francis Augustus Dod, Jos. Howard, Charles Roots Alexander, William Johnson Davenport, Robert Larchin, Charles, Daubeny Tudball, Lionel Henry Lemon, Henry Samuels-Solomon, Albert Henry Sheddou-King, W. H. Bone, and H. L. Davids. Visitors: Bros. W. D. Church, P.M. 1365; W. Finch, P.M. 1365; E. P. Woodham, 1328; R. L. Franks, J.W. 96; R. Philip Upton, P.M. 1328; W. Gerrish, P.M. 9; T. Woodbridge Carnell, W.M. 1216; Charles John Free, P.M. 1227; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Bishop of Marlborough, 340; E. Bernard Harris, 160; T. E. Walker, P.M. 1558, P.Z. 1269; W. A. Finch, P.M. 2256; J. Henry Richardson, S.D. 1827; Alfred Love, P.M. 1791; H. M. Newlyn, 180; and J. Wagstaff, S.W. 569.

In order to give effect to the resolution, passed at the last meeting, to present the retiring Secretary, Bro. Milton Smith, with a testimonial in recognition of his valued services during the first six years of the existence of the lodge, Bro. Thomas Robinson, Steward, proposed, and Bro. W. Newman, W.M. elect, seconded, "That a testimonial be presented to Bro. Milton Smith by the brethren, and that the lodge do contribute the sum of 10 guineas to the fund to be raised." The motion, which was supported by some highly commendatory remarks as to Bro. Milton Smith by the mover and seconder, was carried unanimously; and afterwards, at the request of Bro. D. A. Romain, W.M., Bro. Larchin took the chair and installed Bro. W. Newman as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Romain acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the installation and the investitures, and received the collar of I.P.M., besides a handsome Past Master's jewel. The brethren invested as the W.M.'s officers were Bros. Woolf Jacobs, S.W.; Edgar H. Mead, J.W.; the Rev. J. L. Davids, Chaplain; A. J. Hollington, Treas.; A. E. Pridmore, C.C., Sec.; Gilbert Mead, S.D.; T. Robinson, J.D.; C. Jarratt, I.G.; W. R. Caldwell Moore, D.C.; F. J. Haskins, Prov. G. Org. Herts, P. Prov. G. Org. Essex, Org.; A. P. Little, P.M., Stwd.; and R. H. Goddard, P.M., Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses and the transaction of some other lodge business, the Bishop of Marlborough was proposed as a joining member, and the brethren closed the lodge, and adjourned to a banquet, which for style, quality, and admirable serving reflected the highest credit on Bro. Paul Becker, of the hotel and refreshment department of the Great Eastern.

The usual toasts followed, and the speeches were interspersed with some beautiful singing under the direction of Bro. Haskins, the Organist, by Madame Eugenia Morgan, Misses Florence Croft, and Cecilia Haskins, and Bros. W. H. Webb, Kelson Trueman, and Walter M. George.

Bro. C. F. Hogard responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. A. D. Romain, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said the privileges of the W.M. were many; those of the I.P.M. few; but one of the few privileges that remained to the I.P.M. was that of handling the gavel at any rate once during the proceedings at the banquet table. That privilege fell to him for the first time now as I.P.M. of the Bishopsgate Lodge, and the object he had in handling it was to call the brethren's attention to the toast of the evening—"The W.M." He need not introduce Bro. Newman to them as a man or a brother. To every Bishopsgate man he was as well known as the perennial yesterday; he came regularly, and as regularly as that day came they saw Bro. Newman. But it did not need that only to make him known to the brethren; he was known to all throughout Bishopsgate Ward to every member of the Ward, not only in his public, but in his private capacity, he was known, beloved, and respected. He (Bro. Romain) had known Bro. Newman as many years as he had been in the Ward, and he had known him only one way—as a thoroughly upright man, a man whose word could be taken, a man whose word was to be trusted. It was such a man they required to fill the position of W.M. of the Bishopsgate Lodge, because the Bishopsgate boys were proud of their Ward and of everything associated with it; and last, but not least, they were proud of their Bishopsgate Lodge, and they sought always to choose brethren among them who would support the pleasure and the pride they took in their lodge. The choice that had fallen on their Bro. Newman he was sure they would not regret. Bro. Newman would use every effort in his power to make the Bishopsgate Lodge a success. Bro. Newman had been a member from the very first day the lodge worked after its consecration. He was one of its first initiates; he was initiated on the same night as he (Bro. Romain), and on that occasion he (Bro. Romain) felt sure Bro. Newman was impressed beyond all measure by the ceremonies rehearsed before him. Since that time Bro. Newman had been a regular attendant at all the meetings of the lodge, and had taken a keen interest in everything appertaining to it. In his year of office he would do everything to promote the welfare of the lodge. The brethren had had an opportunity that evening of witnessing what the W.M. could do in the working of the lodge by his investiture of his officers. It did not fall to the lot of every member of the lodge to be able readily to perform the duties allotted to him. Bro. Newman was naturally a nervous man, but, all credit to him, he had endeavoured to overcome it by indomitable energy, pluck, and determination, and he had come out triumphant. There

was no peculiar credit to a man who could easily get up and do the work of a lodge; there was credit to a man who overcame his nervousness. That was only the thin edge of the wedge. He prophesied for Bro. Newman a very brilliant year of office, and he trusted he would be spared for the year in health and strength.

Bro. William Newman, W.M., acknowledging the toast, said Bro. Romain spoke of the many privileges of the Master and the few privileges of the I.P.M. He (the W.M.) considered the hardest task he had was to be always standing on his feet proposing toasts. Bro. Romain said he (the W.M.) was very bashful. He was, but whatever he undertook to do he did with earnestness, and that carried him through. The honour which the brethren had conferred upon him, as they were to-day told in the lodge, was the highest they could confer on any brother. He felt it as such. He felt the responsibilities they had cast upon him, and during his year of office he should do his very best, weak and feeble although that might be, to further the interests of the lodge. He relied on every brother to assist him, because it was only by co-operation they could get on. He would ask every brother who should see a fault he might deem to interfere with the interests of the lodge with all possible kindness to remind him of it that he might reform it. He was himself a Bishopsgate boy, an infant born almost on the spot on which he was then standing. He was a Bishopsgate boy and a Bishopsgate Freemason. He did not suppose he should have been a Freemason if the Bishopsgate Lodge had not been started. He was very glad he was a Bishopsgate Freemason. Since he had been a Mason in the Bishopsgate Lodge he had received the greatest kindness from every member; every member had tried to help him. He remembered the first year he was in office the brother in the chair praised him for doing what he (Bro. Newman) thought he was doing badly, and he felt determined to give it up. But Bro. Milton Smith said "Go on." He had gone on, and as a result he had arrived at the position which he was now very proud to hold.

Bro. Larchin responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," and said he considered he did nothing more than his duty to the lodge when he complied with the request of Bro. Romain that he should perform the ceremony of installation. So long as there was the indissoluble bond of Fraternity in Masonry, a brother should be induced to come forward and assist a W.M.; that would conduce to the prosperity and well-being of the lodge.

Bros. Church and Gerrish having responded to the toast of "The Visitors,"

The Bishop of Marlborough also replied. He said he was initiated in 1851 in the Alfred Lodge (now 340) at Oxford, but he had not taken much part in Masonic work. But, from what he had seen in the Bishopsgate Lodge, his fervour was stirred up, and if the brethren honoured him by electing him, he hoped he should not be found wanting, and he should attend as often as possible. He wished especially to thank Bro. Robinson for introducing him. He would say that if all Bishopsgate Masons were as true, straight, level, and thoroughly on the square as his churchwarden, Bro. Robinson, he would always find himself in excellent company. From his first introduction to the parish he had had from Bro. Robinson just that which a brother ought to have from a brother—good advice, and plain speech, when he was about to make a blunder on any occasion. He would conclude with a story which was true, and it illustrated the usefulness of the Craft. In 1863 he was attending, at Bath, the Congress of the British Association for the Advancement of Science—it was a remarkable congress; they had Lyle for the Chairman, and there were also there, Murchison, Burton, Livingstone, Speke, and men of that sort. In the Geographical section a paper was read by a brother Mason, who made this statement: He was with a party of explorers (his name was Graham); they would find all this in the Transactions of the British Association, and they tried to pass from the extreme south of Australia to the north. At that time it was a very difficult problem whether they would ever be able to pass; it had been tried twice and failed. A third time he found himself in about the centre of Australia, and they were about to return; their carriers were nearly dying for want of water; there was no forage, no food; and just as they were about to return, they came upon a small band of Aborigines, perfectly naked, perfectly savage, no word known to them to convey the notion that the party wanted bread. This tribe passed Masonic signs and words, and became the faithful servants of Graham's party. It was owing to the assistance of that tribe they obtained roots and water, and got to the northern shores of Australia. These Aboriginal tribes, who knew nothing of civilisation, through Freemasonry rendered this great service to Graham. He thought this should open out to Masons a few reflections they might usefully dwell upon. Conceive the mystery, the antiquity, the usefulness of an institution of this sort. It was strange how in the very centre of Australia, with its peculiar relation to the rest of the world, such a thing could have possibly existed; but it did, and the consequence was that these Europeans assisted by these Aboriginal Australian Masons were able to achieve a very difficult task, and were saved from certain destruction. He could not point this story by saying that he found himself in a difficult place and that he wanted a brotherhood of kindness; it would not be right for him to say that, but as he had come to dwell among them as a Bishopsgate man he hoped that his dear brethren would extend to him brotherly kindness, goodwill, and trust as a brother just as long as, and no longer than, he proved himself to be a faithful servant of the Great Architect and a true brother among themselves. (Applause.)

Bro. Romain, I.P.M., responded to the toast of "The I.P.M. and the P.Ms." Bro. Hollington replied as Treasurer; Bro. Pridmore as Secretary; and Bro. Woolf Jacobs as S.W.; and the Tyler's toast closed the genial proceedings.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A regular convocation was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., when there were present Comps. T. E. Biddlecombe, M.E.Z.; W. Haynes Dunn, H.; F. Hughes, J.; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.Z., S.E.; Thos. Wm. Fisher, S.N.; William Baker, 2nd A.S.; S. M. Banker, P.Z.; T. Cohu, P.Z., D.C.; J. Taylor, P.Z.; Walter Fisher, D. Ringrose, and H. Todd. Comps. Geo. S. Bigley, 192, and Geo. Gwinn, 1716, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. F. Hughes, who was unable to be present at the January convocation, was installed in the chair of J. The announcement of the death of Comp. J. W. Clarke was received with regret.

The chapter having been closed, the companions dined together and spent a most enjoyable evening, the pleasure of which was materially enhanced by the songs and recitations contributed by Comps. Copstick, Ringrose, Walter Fisher, and F. Hughes.

Adair Chapter, No. 1750.

At the Public Hall, Clevedon, on Friday, the 23rd ult., the annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held. Comp. W. Long, P.Z., P.P.G.H., performed the ceremony, investing the following companions: Comps. A. B. Wicken-den, M.E.Z.; M. H. Clarke, P.Z., H.; S. Newham, J.; W. F. Langworthy, P.Z., Scribe E.; E. A. Hingstone, Scribe N.; H. W. Mackenzie, Prin. Soj.; F. G. Leman, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. W. Collins, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and W. Somerton, Janitor.

A banquet was afterwards held at Regent House, and the Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Mark Masonry.

Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Royal Marl Hotel, Beresford-square, Woolwich, on Monday, the 12th ultimo, and was honoured by the presence of Bro. Hughes-Hallett, D.P.G.M., and a number of good and true Mark Master Masons.

The lodge was opened by Bro. C. J. Clapham, W.M., and the usual lodge business having been accomplished, Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. (by special request of the W.M.), assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in due course installed the W.M. elect, Bro. G. W. Mitchell, S.W., into the chair of A. After salutation, the

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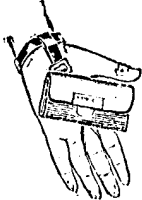
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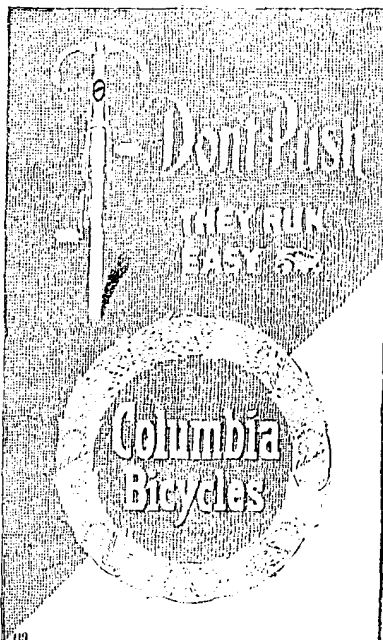
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new W.M. appointed and invested his officers (those who were present) as follows: Bros. C. J. Clapham, I.P.M.; E. Bryceson, S.W.; J. O. Cook, J.W.; G. R. Nichols, M.O.; S. Horton, S.O.; J. Clarke, J.O.; the Rev. C. A. Solbé, B.A., Chap.; W. C. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. W. Orwin, P.M., P.P.G.D., Reg. of Mks.; F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. Sanders, S.D.; Lieut. J. Christian, J.D.; the Right Hon. Lord Pirbright, D.C.; Dr. C. W. Moore Keys, Col. A.M.D., I.G.; and H. Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., and B. Hammond, Stewards. Bro. Nichols was complimented on all sides for his splendid working of the ceremony, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, for which he thanked the brethren. Bro. Clapham, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office and as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, for which he returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the assembly room of the hotel, and was all that the most fastidious could desire.

Among the brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 226, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Stwd. England; A. H. Bateman, W.M. 332, P.P.G.O., &c.; J. Farrier, W.M. 226, P.G. Stwd.; E. B. Hobson, S.W. 226; C. Jolly, P.M. 226 and 332, and P.P.J.G.D., &c.

The usual loyal and Grand Mark toasts having been duly honoured,

That of "The R.W. the P.G.M., the V.W. D.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers," was drunk with enthusiasm.

In putting the latter toast, the W.M. said, as they were well aware, they were honoured that evening by the presence of their esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Hughes Hallett, whom they heartily welcomed, and trusted to see often at their meetings, if it were possible. He hoped Bro. Hallett would go away pleased with what he had seen of them, and, as he before said, that they might see his happy and genial face amongst them on many occasions.

Bro. Hugh Hallett was cheered heartily as he rose to respond. He said he could assure them that it gave him the utmost pleasure to be with them that day. He was at present quite a novice with respect to the duties attached to the position he occupied in the province, but God willing, he was determined to become better acquainted with them shortly. He was proud of holding such a distinguished position in the county in which he was bred, and had lived so long and hoped to pass the rest of his days in. He then in glowing terms alluded to their P.G.M., Lord Dungarvan, whose splendid Masonry was only equalled by his genial nature and high accomplishments. When he (Bro. Hallett) went to Canterbury on the occasion of their last Prov. Grand meeting, he expected to see only a few brethren present, but to his agreeable surprise he found over 100 brethren assembled to greet his lordship and welcome him as their new Grand Master. They had 20 lodges in the province, and he did not wish to see a great increase of the number; they wanted not numbers, merely, but good Masons; the strength of a lodge or a province depended not so much on the number as the quality of its members. He felt the difficulty of following such an excellent Mason as Bro. Cummings, but if his life was spared for the next nine or 10 years, he hoped by that time to have rendered the Degree in the province, if not such excellent service as Bro. Cummings had, at least so much as would, he trusted, entitle him to a goodly portion of the respect and esteem they all felt for Bro. Cummings. He hoped to be enabled, and intended, if in his power, to visit in turn every lodge in the province, and trusted, whenever he saw them, they would not for a moment fail to recognise him—come to him and say—"How are you, D.G.M.;" for, above all things, he wished to make friends with every Mark Master in the province, wherever in it he went. He deeply regretted being unable to be present at the installation of Bro. Bateman at the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, having an engagement at another lodge the same evening. He spoke briefly of the late G.M., the lamented Bro. Robinson, and of the splendid working of Bro. Nichols, the Installing Officer that day. He congratulated the W.M. on his achieving the proud position of W.M. of such an excellent lodge, and concluded a long and interesting speech, of which the above is a mere outline, by thanking them heartily for their cordial welcome and hospitality.

Bro. Clapham proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said he had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Mitchell for the last 40 years, and took it as a very great pleasure to have to propose the toast of his health. Bro. Mitchell was a proper man and a good Mason, and was an honour to the Florence Nightingale Lodge. He asked the brethren to bring the W.M. as many recruits as they could, providing they were good recruits. Bro. Mitchell had that day come into a goodly heritage as Master of their lodge, and he wished him every good wish for his success and the success of the lodge.

Bro. Mitchell assured them that it would be his bounden duty to make himself worthy of the confidence placed in him by the brethren of the lodge. He hoped they would rally round him and bring him plenty of work. He should do his utmost to increase the prosperity of the lodge, and, as the D.G.M. had said, make it one of the best in the province. With the assistance of the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren he hoped to be able to carry out the wishes of the D.G.M., and heartily thanked them for their kindly reception of the toast.

Bro. Clapham having responded for "The Past Masters," Bros. Farrier and Bateman responded for "The Visitors."

Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings, which were most enjoyable, terminated.

Lodge of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. Parker, W.M.; H. Mullins, S.W.; H. Pinnell, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; T. Bowden, S.D.; J. Goldstein, J.D.; H. Raphael, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; L. Genese, P.M.; F. Zeppenfeld, J. Davies, J. Leather, and Hammond. Visitors: Bros. A. Jones, J.D. 40, and W. E. Neck, 1954.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Raphael being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Davis, being a candidate for passing, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Davis being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and at the first rising, the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. Mullins, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. At the third rising, the lodge was closed.

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JUST ON GOING to press we are informed that H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master has graciously given permission for the publication of the fact that he will preside at the celebration of the Centenary of the Boys' School in 1898. The exact date will be fixed by his Royal Highness later on.

DOWN TO THURSDAY night the Indian Famine Fund amounted to £506,500, including donations from the Worthing Lodge, No. 351, of £30, and the Sherborne Lodge, No. 702, of £14 1s. 6d.

THE FOLLOWING LODGES have contributed to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Fund: the Belgrave Lodge, No. 745, £5 5s., and the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, £2 15s.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has fixed Friday, the 28th inst., for the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new buildings of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields.

THE 11TH ANNUAL DINNER of the Old Masonians, will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 7th inst., at 6.30 for 7 p.m., under the chairmanship of Bro. W. H. Bailey, Past Grand Treasurer, President of the Association.

WE OMITTED recently to announce that Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.M., P.G.W. East Lancashire, was elected Chairman, and Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T. East Lancashire, Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province of East Lancashire at the meeting held in March.

THE GRAND ORIENT SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, for Greece, has formed two ambulances of students of the Athens University, organised and taught by Bro. Melissinos; both have been sent to the frontier to treat all wounded soldiers, regardless of their faith and nationality.

A NUMBER of distinguished people called on Thursday at the new Bas relief Studios, which were formally opened by Mr. I. W. Taber, at 38, Dover-street, Piccadilly. A concert was given by Tziganes, and tea, served in the Japanese room, was handed to the guests by a prettily-costumed Japanese girl.

THE NEXT of the series of the introductory Lectures in connection with the Imperial Victoria Exhibition at the Crystal Palace (which will be opened on the 6th inst. by the Princess Christian), will be delivered by Dr. J. F. Bridge (Gresham), the subject being, "Sixty Years of Music." Sir George Grove will preside.

BRO. BANCROFT has promised to give his reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol" in aid of the Colonial Nursing Association, at the Imperial Institute, on the afternoon of Thursday, June 3rd, when many Governors of British Dependencies and Colonial officials will be in London. The reading will be under Royal patronage.

AT A MEETING of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 26th ult., Bro. Davy, W.M., in the chair, it was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec., that the sum of 100 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to commemorate the 60th year of the Queen's reign.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire will be held at Lichfield during May. In recognition of his services on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Sutherland Institute, Longton, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with Masonic rites, Bro. J. W. Bromley, I.P.M. Etruscan Lodge, No. 546, is to receive the appointment of Prov. S.G. Warden.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., Bro. Colonel Home Drummond, Past Grand Master of Provincial Grand Lodge, Perthshire West, visited; St. Kessac's Lodge, No. 269, inspected the books of the lodge, and saw the office bearers working in the different degrees. At the close, he expressed himself highly pleased with the way in which the books are kept, and with the efficiency of the office-bearers.

THE AGENDA PAPER of Lodge St. Michael's, Kilwinning, No. 63, Dumfries, Scotland, for Thursday, the 29th ult., contained the interesting information that Bro. James Smith, P.M. (now S.M.), the Prov. Grand Treasurer, is to read an essay on "Historical Evidences of Mark Masonry." Bro. Smith is such a zealous Royal Arch Mason, and takes such an active part in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft, historically as well as ritualistically, that the brethren must have had a rare treat in listening to his paper.

MESSRS. THOS. FORMAN AND SONS, of Nottingham, are issuing a large chromo lithograph portrait of her Majesty the Queen, in view of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, as a companion picture to their portrait of 1837, which was one of the most successful of the many published in the Jubilee year. It is a reproduction of an oil-colour specially painted from a recent photograph by Messrs. Gunn and Stuart, representing her Majesty as appearing on State occasions. The likeness is faithful and the printing exceedingly good, and the low price of 2s. 6d. brings it within reach of all.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY ILLUSTRATED TOURIST GUIDE; 1897 EDITION.—The Great Northern Railway Company have just issued their illustrated tourist guide for the 1897 season. The book is a very interesting and profusely illustrated one and we would strongly urge those of our readers who intend spending their summer holidays in the North of England or Scotland, to obtain a copy. Copies of the book can be obtained free of charge on application at any of the Company's stations and town offices, or from the superintendent of the line, Great Northern Railway, King's Cross Station, London, N.

HER MAJESTY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.—In commemoration of this event, the directors have decided that, as far as practicable, the 22nd of June be observed throughout the Midland Railway as a general holiday. The whole of the staff who are regularly employed by the company, and who can be spared from their duties, will be allowed a holiday on that day without loss of pay. Those members of the staff whose duties do not admit of their being absent from work on June 22nd will be allowed an equivalent holiday, without loss of pay, on a subsequent date as early as can be conveniently arranged.

IN THESE DAYS of improved railway travelling, railway companies realise the fact that careful attention to the comforts of their passengers in every detail, and more especially to the manner in which refreshments are provided, is not the least point in successful management; in fact, it has become an absolute necessity. The directors of the Furness Railway Company, following the excellent precedents of other well-known lines, have appointed Messrs. Spiers and Pond, refreshment contractors to their company, and under this firm's management, the Furness Abbey Hotel is being entirely re-furnished and renovated throughout before the opening of the tourist season. This will be good news to visitors to the Lake District.

MASONIC CELEBRATION AT THE CAPE.—The scheme of a Masonic commemoration of the record reign of the Queen by aiding the Masonic Education Fund and the Cape District Joint Benevolent Fund has had a good effect, and there is every reason for believing that the effort will be crowned with success. The Masonic Education Fund was established by the joint effort of the lodges in South Africa, working under the English, Scottish, and Netherlands Constitution, in 1887, to commemorate the Jubilee year of the Queen's reign, and it is considered most appropriate that the Masonic action on this occasion would be the putting of the Benevolent Fund on a permanently sound financial footing, it now being entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions. At present 51 children are receiving education at the expense of the Education Fund.

THERE IS at last a chance of students possessing a reproduction of the famous COLE'S CONSTITUTIONS of 1729, as Bro. Richard Jackson, of 16 Commercial-street, Leeds, as decided to publish a complete and exact facsimile of this extremely scarce and invaluable work. The operative Constitutions are beautifully engraved as copper plates, and, according to Bro. Hughan, are of the year 1726. The text is similar to what is known as the "Spencer MS.," fully described in the "Old Charges of British Freemasons," 1895. The interesting speech of Drake, the historian, before the "Grand Lodge of all England," at York, in 1726, when Junior Grand Warden, and many other items of importance will also be reproduced, as the work is to be thoroughly well done by the publishers. Bro. Hughan has undertaken to write an Introduction, which will be a great help to the proper understanding of this handsome facsimile, and is anxious for its publication as soon as possible. Only 200 copies will be issued at 11s. post free, application to be made to Bro. Jackson, aforesaid, and it is hoped that many of these little gems will find their way to Masonic libraries in this country.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, May 8th, 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, MAY 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 16, Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole.
- 75, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
- 185, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
- 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1310, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1321, Emblematic, Criterion.
- 1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.
- 1923, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.
- 1996, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory.
- 2098, Harlesden, National Schools.
- 2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.
- 2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 139, Panmure, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
- Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marquess of Ripon, Millmay 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, MAY 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 171, Amity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
- 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
- 1662, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
- 2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.
- 2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2524, Trainbands, Finsbury Barracks.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGES.

- 1, St. Marks, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, at 8.
- Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 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, MAY 5.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
- 1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1305, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal.
- 2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
- City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
- Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
- 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-court, 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, MAY 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
- 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
- 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern.
- 1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
- 1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1435, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
- 1724, Kaisar-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.
- 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.
- 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
- 1950, Southgate, Beale's Restaurant, Holloway.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 174, Sincerity, London Tavern.
- 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 197, Studholme, 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.
- Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
- Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
- Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
- Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
- Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
- Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
- Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
- Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.
- St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
- St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
- St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
- Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
- Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
- 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, MAY 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
- 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal.
- 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 6, British, Freemasons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

- 126, Victory, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
- Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-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 & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
- Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
- Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, MAY 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- 176, Cavendish, Albion Tavern.
- 1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
- 1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 2206, Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel.
- 2579, Lewisham, St. Mary's Parish Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.

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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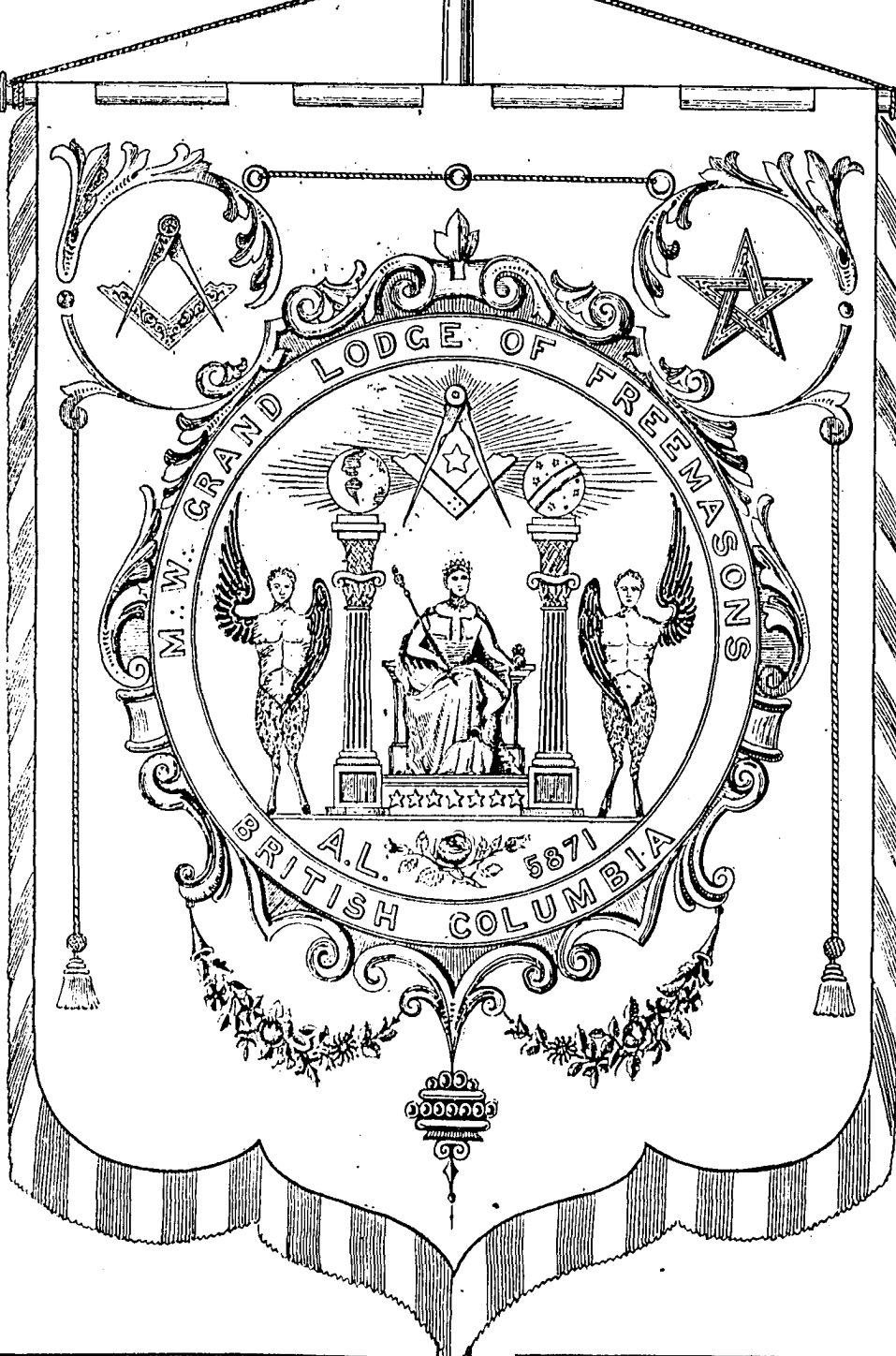
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