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THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The great event, to which every one has been looking forward for many months, has at length passed off amid such a display of loyalty and enthusiasm as has never been witnessed in any country or at any epoch in the world's history. Other peoples have no doubt celebrated particular national fêtes with equal splendour, and it may be even more demonstratively. But though it is probably no longer true that we English take our pleasures sadly, we are the reverse of an emotional people. We are for the most part able to keep our feelings well under control. We do not go into ecstasies of excitement. On Tuesday, for instance, though our gracious QUEEN was cheered as no sovereign was ever cheered before, by thousands upon thousands of her subjects densely packed along a line of route that extended for close upon seven miles, the crowds for all their demonstrations of loyalty were perfectly self-possessed. The order that prevailed from the time her Majesty left Buckingham Palace until her return home was marvellous to behold. There was, of course, plenty of pushing where the streets were narrowest and the throngs densest, as well as in the immediate neighbourhood of certain coigns of vantage, and enough of pressure to tell even upon the strongest man, but it was all taken and borne good-naturedly. The people had turned out *en masse* to see their QUEEN on her way to and from the great Metropolitan Cathedral to express her gratitude to the Most High for the blessings vouchsafed her and her subjects during the longest reign in our annals, but the feelings of joy that pervaded everywhere, though loudly and enthusiastically enough expressed, were always kept well in hand, and the programme of the day, as it had been ordered by the authorities, was carried out from first to last without a hitch of any kind, and without anything serious to speak of in the way of accident. It was indeed not one crowd, but a succession of crowds, that lined the streets traversed by her Majesty, and as each in turn acclaimed her as she passed on, it stood fast quietly until the favourable moment came for those composing it to disperse and wend their way homewards. The Commissioners, both of the Metropolitan and City Police, the officers commanding the troops that lined the route, the County Council and the other local authorities, must indeed be well satisfied with the complete success of the arrangements they had made, while the people themselves must realise that they too contributed in no small degree, by their orderliness and self-possession, to the success of the celebration.

For ourselves, we are only too glad of the opportunity of expressing our admiration at the splendid manner in which this

grandest of all our national fêtes passed off. It was no mere chance ebullition of loyalty or patriotism which brought all those crowds together that lined the streets of our Metropolis on Tuesday. The feeling that prompted people to assemble as they did in the early hours of the morning, wait patiently for hours to catch a passing glimpse of her Majesty, and then trudge homewards only to return again into the streets and view the illuminations, was a deep-seated and an enduring one. The shouts of the people were loud enough, as the shouts of many thousands of people must necessarily be, and there can have been no mistake about their thorough heartiness, but they were a long way from expressing with any approach to adequacy, the love and devotion which the whole nation entertains for the sovereign who has presided over its destinies for so many years with the fixed determination never to be found wanting in the duties of her exalted station. However, "Queen's Day" has come and gone. We, her loyal subjects, have each of us striven to the best of our humble ability to do honour to the occasion, and if the expression of our love and loyalty falls short of what we truly feel, it is because the latter is too deep for expression by mere words or acclamations.

THE LESSONS OF THE GREAT FIASCO.

Most personal attacks are, more or less, unworthy means to satisfy personal feelings of envy or selfishness. Sometimes the insatiable thirst of a quarrelsome disposition prompts them, but in that case truth is often respected, whereas in the others it rarely is; but, whatever the motive, the church-going scandal-monger is despised even in his own church, and hated generally, as only a pious liar can be hated, by honest people.

Now, whatever the motives and objects of the Catholic Church may have been in attacking Freemasonry so virulently, so long as the Masonic conscience was clear, the writer has always advocated a dignified silence as the best reply to undeserved calumny. There is not a single influential utterance in print from a Catholic source which does not condemn itself, and the Taxil revelations have already sufficiently proved that time is a better vindicator of truth than argument in cases of this kind.

It is likely that the Pope really does *not* know as much about Freemasonry as we do, but if Brown, Jones, Robinson, and thousands more are persuaded that he does, they are not likely to listen to reason (which word, by the way, has been interpreted now rather over a century, when it comes to the front, to mean *Atheism*, and nothing else to Catholics). So let the Pope bear the infallible burden of his infallibility, and settle, as other men have to do, with his conscience. Let priests rant for promotion if they will, and do likewise! Whatever material gains may be procured by fraud or falsehood, the dishonour always clinging to such means is more than a makeweight against success.

We would, however, notwithstanding recognise a distinction between truth and veracity; truth is always truth, but a man may be veracious while erring from the truth. He may have been mistaken or misled by others; conscious he is right so far as to believe that what he has stated is true, though with regard to the actual truth of the statement he may be wrong. So we would be the last to impugn the veracity of the Pope, but with respect to the uncalled-for preposterous ravings of his priests and disciples actually printed in the Catholic and public Press, put them down to zeal or anything else, they are not entitled to the least sympathy, much less excuse, from Freemasons; if, as has been in-

sinuated, they were efforts to promote Christianity, then we say such efforts were undeniably un-Christian in character as even Catholics acknowledge, and unscrupulous attempts to mislead the public. The inculcation by example of malice and uncharitableness has been overlooked in the blind egotism of fanatical zeal, and the indelible records of unparalleled folly, such as the world has never known outside the Catholic Church, will never be effaced. Truth from Catholics willing to save the disgrace had no chance for a hearing under the warning "hush" and excited frenzy of priests.

"Clinging to error as a dormant bat to a dead bough."

But there are lessons to be learnt on both sides. Had English Masons been guilty of the charges so freely hurled against them of Devil worship and other shocking monstrosities—suppose for a moment all had been true—what would have resulted from the Pope's action? From his age and experience, did he really believe preaching against such horrid inventions would be so efficacious that candidates would diminish and our lodges decay forthwith? Why the Mason of 12 months' experience and regular attendance at his lodge could have improved upon such wisdom! If the abominable ceremonies and practices existed, and, according to Catholic accounts, had existed for so long, Masons must have been quite satisfied with them, so clearly the then members would not be affected. Was it then to arrest the extension of the Order by the influencing of new candidates, or was the whole thing a mere flaming advertisement for the Catholic Church in England?

Well, we are not told, and fortunately we do not much care to know, and the information might not be altogether reliable as orthodox, if given; but the former has been a failure, and the latter worse: it has effectively closed the sympathies of thousands of English readers, instead of drawing them a step nearer Catholicism. So much for the crusade as it affects the storming party. Now the besieged, already recognise two effects from the Catholic onslaught of the last two years. These have been (1) the curiosity of men who are not wanted in any lodge has been whetted; and (2) many lodges have voluntarily set about consolidating themselves by rectification of, and adding to, by-laws, for their better government; neither of which results can be said to have been anticipated. But we gather further from these facts that the more outrageous the myths invented for our vilification henceforward, the more anxiety will be shown *outside* lodges to partake of the mysterious *within*, and the more need there will be to exercise increased vigilance respecting the candidates of the future. In common with many influential brethren we regret this necessity should arise at all, although it is quite possible this feeling may not be understood in Rome. In plain terms, Freemasonry is neither propagandist nor self-seeking; but requires men likely to become Masons in heart, and not mere human representatives who, however desirable as converts to fill a church, may be quite unfitted for an active and useful Masonic life.

In England we love our country and our Queen, God bless her! and among those who rank under its banners, Freemasonry may well boast of thousands of men who at the call of duty would die for either. Its great heart is too much pre-occupied with humanitarian pursuits peculiarly its own, to find time for narrow outside jealousies; as it is, the Craft has enough to do without meddling with Churches, States, or Governments. But it neglects not one duty to its members on principle, viz., that of inculcating due reverence to God, Charity to all men, and

LOYALTY.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE RIGHT OF CERTAIN CRAFT OFFICERS TO CORRESPONDING RANK IN PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER.

It is not often that the Supreme Grand Chapter has such an interesting and important matter before it as it had at the last (May) Quarterly Convocation, and it is to be regretted that the eloquent speech of the Deputy Grand Registrar should have so carried convocation away that the appeal of Comp. Coates was dismissed without a discussion, which might have led Comp. Horton Smith to re-consider his opinion.

The case, as stated by the Deputy Grand Registrar, is not at first sight easy to follow, but two points are clearly brought out—

(a) That he considered the appointment of a Provincial or District Grand Registrar was, under Regulation 43, governed by the same law as the appointment of Grand Registrar under Regulation 30; and

(b) That he considered that a companion *entitled to be* appointed to an office takes that office and with it Past Grand rank, even although he may have never *been* appointed, or invested, or paid the fees; and even if another companion may have been, though in error, appointed, invested, paid his fees, and done the work!

The first of these points affects the Royal Arch alone; the second indirectly affects the whole Craft, inasmuch as the present Deputy Grand Registrar of the Royal Arch holds the same office in the Craft, and has, presumably, given his decision under the general regulation governing the Arch, *in the absence of an express Royal Arch regulation!* by the rules of Craft Masonry.

As to the first of these we cannot help thinking that the "pernicious practice" which has grown up in the Punjab has grown up and taken deep root in more Provinces and Districts than one—possibly in more than the Deputy Grand Registrar is aware of. It *may* be that it is owing to the scarcity of Royal Arch Masons in the Provinces, but whatever the cause it is a fact that an examination of some 15 to 20 Provincial Calendars taken at haphazard for various years has not disclosed a single case of the same brother holding the office in both Craft and Arch—whilst in three Provinces adjoining whose calendars give lists of the Past Grand Officers there does not seem to have been one case in the last 17 years. It would appear, therefore, unless there is a great lack of qualification, that there is a great ignorance on the part of Provincial Grand Superintendents or else that the reading of the Law now propounded is a new version.

But the matter does not stop here, and perhaps it will be best to quote the regulations which run:

"30. The Grand Registrar of the Craft is to be Grand Registrar, if an installed First Principal.

"43. Provincial and District Grand Chapters are to be subjected to the same laws as are laid down for the government of the Supreme Chapter, so far as the same are applicable, except when a different regulation is expressly declared."

This law, according to the Dep. G. Registrar, must be read as one with Law 30, which would then read—

30. The (Provincial—District) Grand Registrar of the Craft is to be (Provincial—District) Grand Registrar, if an installed First Principal.

If this is correct law we should have also to read—

28. The Provincial—District—Grand Secretary is to be (Provincial—District) Grand Scribe E., if an installed First Principal.

26. The (Provincial—District) Deputy Grand Master, if a Present or Past First Principal of a chapter (Reg. 37) is to be (Provincial—District) Second Grand Principal.

That this line of argument is correct will be seen if Regulations 24—"The First Grand Principal shall annually . . . appoint the following Grand Officers." 26 already quoted, and

31—"If any officer of the Grand Lodge, who, if otherwise duly qualified would take office in the Grand Chapter by virtue of his office in the Grand Lodge, shall not be qualified to hold such corresponding office in the Grand Chapter, the First Grand Principal shall appoint some other companion to fill the vacant office, except in the case of the Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Grand Chapter"—be compared with Regulation

"36—Grand Superintendents *are empowered* to appoint the following Provincial or District Grand Officers.

As it is not to be supposed that the Grand Superintendent is free as to his officers from the laws which bind the First Grand Principal himself as to his.

It seems, at least, *open to question* whether the (Provincial—District) Grand Treasurer and Grand Superintendent must not be the (Provincial—District) Grand Treasurer and (Provincial—District) Grand Master in the Craft—but these are not quite so clear as the others.

By a reference to Grand Lodge Calendar it will be seen that in a large proportion of cases—something like one in three or one in four, the (Provincial—District) Grand Secretary is *not* the (Provincial—District) Grand Scribe E., and it can hardly be that in all these cases the ground is lack of qualification.

On the whole, therefore, it is submitted that the Deputy G. Registrar's reading of the law is a new one, and is erroneous, and that Law 43 must *not* be read as incorporating for a Province or District these limitations which entitle certain Grand Lodge Officers (if duly qualified) to the corresponding offices in Grand Chapter.

If it be correct, and especially if the second point be admitted, so many difficulties would arise from the existing state of things that some legislation is required to settle the rights of the present and past holders of offices when the appointments have

hitherto been wrongly made; for it would certainly seem from the Calendars that in the Provinces it is the exception, and not the rule, for the offices to be held together.

It must be remembered, too, that in some cases the jurisdiction of the Grand Superintendent appears not to be co-terminous with that of a Craft Province. In New Zealand, for instance, there seems to be but one D.G. Chapter, though five District Grand Lodges; and in the Channel Islands but one D.G. Chapter though two D.G. Lodges. In these cases how would the ruling of the Deputy G. Registrar apply?

Now, as to the second point—the case of a brother who being, in strict law, entitled to be appointed, is by some error not appointed to it, is not invested or installed, and, during the year in which he should have served, performs none of the duties of the office! Can it for one moment be held that he is entitled to Past rank? What ancient law or custom of Masonry? What regulation of the Royal Arch? What Article of the Constitutions of the Craft can be adduced in support of such a proposition? If there be no special Regulation of the Royal Arch to meet the case it must be ruled by the laws of the Craft. It is not easy to find an exactly analogous case in the Craft, but a similar one might arise in a Craft lodge where, at the election of W.M., there was only one brother strictly eligible—a Warden—the outgoing W.M. having already served two years in succession. By some oversight the W.M. is re-elected, and holds for the third year without a dispensation being obtained, or an unqualified brother is elected and installed. Could the Deputy Grand Registrar seriously contend that after the expiration of that year the brother Warden who should have been elected and installed, but was not, is entitled to the rank and privileges of a Past Master? He would, we think, be a bold brother who tried to convince Grand Lodge that such was the case!

A question was raised a short time back as to the eligibility of (1) a brother duly appointed and invested as Warden on the proper night, but doing no work afterwards, and (2) a brother appointed, but unable to attend the installation, and not invested that night, but attending regularly, and doing all the year's work afterwards; and during the discussion some good authorities held that in the second case the brother not having been invested at the proper time could only count his service from the date of his investiture, and had therefore not served his full 12 months, and would not be eligible for W.M.

Now, without fully endorsing this view, it does seem unreasonable that where an error has been made in an appointment, the brother who might have claimed the appointment may "lay low" at the time and afterwards, without investiture, without doing the work, and without paying the fees, may come forward at some future time and claim Past rank!!

On the whole, therefore, it is with all deference to the Dep. Grand Registrar, unhesitatingly submitted that he was absolutely wrong upon both points, and that the decision of Grand Chapter was given under a misapprehension, and should, in the interests of the Craft as well as of the R.A., be at once revised.

LEX SCRIPTA.

CONSECRATION OF THE SARNIAN ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE, No. 425, GUERNSEY.

The Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney was afforded convincing proof of the progress of Masonry in the province under his sway, when, on the 31st ult., he was the chief actor in the consecration ceremony of the first Royal Ark Mariners Lodge in Guernsey. It is now some 27 years since Bro. Balfour Cockburn founded the Cockburn Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in Gibraltar, and as a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Mariners Council he now officiated as Consecrating Officer of the Sarnian Lodge. The occasion will long be remembered by those privileged to share in and witness it, for it was a gathering of Mark brethren from both the Channel Islands lodges, and a proof of the universality of the Masonic ties existing between the Jersey and Guernsey brethren.

The Sarnian Mark Lodge was founded by Dr. Cockburn in 1891, he being its first W.M.; it has since experienced varied vicissitudes, but is now so ably officered that its future success is assured. Early in this year Bro. J. Bate Nickoles was duly installed as the fifth W.M., and under his guidance, and with the assistance of an able and energetic staff of young officers, the lodge is adding many of the best Masons from all the five lodges of the province.

It was unanimously decided last April to pray for the formation of a Royal Ark Mariners lodge, and a petition bearing the names of over 20 of the brethren of the Sarnian Lodge, and equally warmly supported by the chief Jersey Royal Ark Mariners, was entrusted to the care of the P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Cockburn, who was deputed to carry their wishes into effect.

To this end Bro. Bree, the W.C.N. of 74, accompanied by a number of his officers and brethren, proceeded to Guernsey on the 31st ult., and, after duly opening a Royal Ark Mariners lodge there, elevated the following brethren to the Royal Ark Mariners Degree: Bros. T. M. Bichard, W. H. Lovell, R. B. Rowcliffe, C. Mellish, A. C. Dunderdale, T. Elliott, C. Bichard, T. B. Le Catourel, A. W. de Jausserand, W. D. Jones, T. A.

Candon, Col. Haighton Wilkins, Dr. E. K. Corbin, Dr. H. Kay Ramsden, J. T. Laine, J. Stranger, W. Stranger, and E. Biddiscombe.

Bro. Bree was ably assisted by his officers, and the ceremony was faultlessly performed throughout.

At its conclusion Bro. Balfour Cockburn assumed the chair of Consecrating Officer, and appointed as his principal coadjutors Bros. the Rev. Stewart Stilt, Chaplain; Peter Bois, S.J.; Capt. Barrette, S.S.; and Bree, D.C.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then delivered a most interesting address on the history and development of the Degree, proving its antiquity and explaining its attachment to the Mark Degree.

Bro. the Rev. STILT'S oration was also eloquent and very impressive, and the consecration was then proceeded with. The musical responses and anthems were heartily rendered, and the ceremony concluded with the grand old cathedral benediction.

Bro. Bree, assisted by Bros. Cockburn and Dr. T. Aubin, I.P.W.C.N., of 74, then formally inducted the W.C.N. elect according to ancient usage, and on the re-admission of the brethren, the newly installed Commander invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, I.P.W.C.N.; Capt. Astley Terry, P.P.G.S.B., S.J.; Peter Bois, S.J.; T. W. Bichard, Treas.; R. B. Rowcliffe, Scribe; T. Elliott, Org.; T. B. Le Catourel, S.D.; A. W. de Jausserand, J.D.; P. Bichard, Guardian; and E. Biddiscombe, Warder.

On the proposition of the I.P.W.C.N., seconded by the W.C.N., the Jersey brethren were unanimously elected honorary members of the Sarnian Lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and an adjournment made to the banqueting room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in unmitigated harmony and concord.

An indissoluble link of attachment between the Caesarean and Sarnian Lodges, has thus been successfully forged. The occasion affords conclusive proofs of the perfect Masonic unanimity and progress of the brethren in the Norman Archipelago.

THE PARKE MEMORIAL.

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL, AT CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, Co. SLIGO.

The beautiful Masonic Hall which has been erected at Carrick-on-Shannon to the memory of the late Surgeon-Major Parke, was formally opened and solemnly dedicated to the uses of Masonry on the 8th inst. About 100 brethren—including a number of distinguished visitors—took part in the ancient ceremony, which was performed by Bro. Rev. Precentor Clarke, M.A., M.D., LL.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for North Connaught.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bro. Lord Harlech, Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, and a number of others.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been transacted, the centenary of the Concord Lodge, Carrick-on-Shannon, was celebrated, and

Bro. A. O'CONNOR, gave an interesting history of the proceedings of the Lodge from 1797 down to the present date.

A resolution was then adopted with acclamation recording the loyalty of the assembled brethren and their joy that her Majesty had been spared to attain the 60th year of her long and glorious reign. The ceremony of dedicating the hall having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous dinner was provided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Dr. CLARKE, in proposing "The Health of the Building Committee of the Parke Memorial Masonic Hall," delivered an eloquent speech upon the high character and distinguished services of the late Surgeon-Major Parke, and said that among the many honours which were heaped upon Parke upon his return, by crowned heads, colleges, and scientific societies, they would not easily forget the 1st July, 1890, when in the Town Hall of Carrick-on-Shannon they had entertained him at a banquet as a little compliment from the Freemasons of North Connaught. On that occasion Bro. Colonel Ffolliott (also since gone from hence) had said in the course of a beautiful speech—"Parke must sooner or later be taken off the scene, but his name will survive when his form and features are no more." (Hear, hear.) And so it came to pass. Alas! how soon, owing to his constitution being shattered by privation, anxiety, and exposure, at duty's call, to the honour of his Queen and country, they were brought to their second act in connection with their love of their illustrious brother—the perpetuation of his name. The Freemasons of Carrick-on-Shannon felt that they would honour themselves by honouring the name of so great a brother, the son of a beloved brother, too, and hence they had erected the handsome "Parke Memorial Hall," which they had dedicated to-day, and he might add, that the commemorative character of the hall was largely emphasised by having hung within it the life-like and realistic portrait of the soldier-surgeon-explorer, so faithfully executed by that gifted young artist, Miss Ffolliott, of Sloane-street, London, daughter of the lamented Colonel Ffolliott, who presented it to him (Dr. Clarke) for the Masonic province of North Connaught. He trusted that the memories aroused and the hopes inspired by the Parke Memorial Masonic Hall might bear abundant fruit in them, and those who might take their places, when, like the departed Craftsman they desired so much to honour, they themselves would have gone the way of all mankind. In the language of the late Lord Beaconsfield, relative to another monument—"Let us regard it not as a memorial, but as an example; not simply to commemorate, but to inspire." (Loud and continued applause).

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Bradshaw, on behalf of the Building Committee, returned thanks for the honour done them.

The visiting brethren included Bros. Alex. Jeffries and B. Layng, from Dublin.

A musical programme was then gone through, Bro. Robert Smylie presiding at the piano. The proceedings terminated with the singing of "God save the Queen."

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GRAND FESTIVAL, 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GRAND FESTIVAL of the ORDER will be held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C., on

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SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1897.

Masonic Notes.

The Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—the last of the three great Anniversary Festivals of the year—will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Wednesday, the 30th instant. R.W. Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., will preside as Chairman, and, as has been the custom at the annual gathering of this Institution for many years, the ladies and brethren will dine together. We have no doubt that the arrangements will be of the same admirable character as usual, and that, so far as regards the banquet, everything will pass off most satisfactorily.

What concerns us most, however, is the total of subscriptions and donations that will be forthcoming.

We have before pointed out that the occasion is by no means a favourable one. This will be the 99th Anniversary Festival, and as it is known that at the Centenary next year there will be a far grander celebration than in ordinary years, brethren who may be desirous of doing the School a good turn are reserving themselves for that anniversary. Hence, the efforts of the Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod, to obtain the services of brethren as Stewards for the meeting of Wednesday are very far from having been as successful as during the preceding years of his Secretarial career, and we have grave doubts as to his being able to bring together a Board as strong as those which did such yeoman service at the Benevolent Festival in February, and that of the Girls' School last month. We know that since our first article in behalf of this Institution appeared on the 22nd May, the progress that had been made in obtaining additional Stewards up to last week was very slight, and we are not in a position to announce that the progress made since then has been at a more rapid rate. It may be that the Stewards will make up for this numerical weakness by bringing in heavier lists than usual, but we fear the chance of this happening is remote, having regard to what we have said as to next year's Centenary.

Our hope is that the splendid example which the Chairman's Province has set will be closely followed by the other represented Provinces, and that London will do its part with its accustomed generosity. The ways and means for the current year must be forthcoming, and the Festival is the only source from which we can hope to obtain them. We trust, therefore, that even during the days that remain to us, additions will be made to the Board of Stewards, or if that be out of the question, that those who have already volunteered their services will be able to increase the donations and subscriptions they have already obtained. The school is doing its work splendidly—the results of the latest public examinations place this beyond all doubt—and the tone as well as the training of the boys is far higher than it was seven years ago. We know it deserves to be supported.

The distribution of prizes and display of drill, &c., which form a part of the Festival celebration, will take place at Wood Green on Tuesday, the 29th instant, the agreeable duty of handing their awards to the successful pupils of the year having been undertaken by Lady Henry Cavendish Bentinck, who will, no doubt, be accompanied by her husband, the year's Festival Chairman. Those who desire information as to times, trains, &c., will have no difficulty in obtaining the necessary particulars of the Secretary, Bro. McLeod, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

The offices of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Freemasons' Hall were the scene of a very unusual, but very pleasant, gathering on Monday, the 21st instant, when the unsuccessful candidates at the elections last month attended to the number of 62 and received each of them a banknote for £5, being the amount of the "Diamond Jubilee Compensation Gift" which the Committee of Management had very considerably voted in commemoration of the great national fête of the year. We may add that Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, had, with his usual kindness, provided biscuits and wine, so that the recipients of these Jubilee gifts might drink to the health of her Majesty the Queen and wish her prolonged life and happiness.

We have received with pleasure a copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1896 of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. It is the 35th of the series of reports that have been issued, and contains "ample evidence of the sustained interest taken by lodges and individual brethren in the work of the Charity." It is, indeed, most gratifying to be told that last year's appeals to the lodges in Belfast and the Province of Antrim generally for additional support proved very successful, many lodges not previously qualified, by annual subscriptions or donations, being now entitled to direct representation on the Committee.

The particulars as to income and expenditure during the past year show a decided improvement in respect of lodge subscriptions, while the invested funds have been increased by £100 to £2900. As for the services rendered by the Charity, we learn from the Report that the sum of £240 per annum is "now expended by your Committee on monthly pensions to aged and infirm brethren, and to their widows and near relations who

were dependents of deceased brethren." We hear further, that the total sum received from all sources since the Fund was established 35 years ago, is not far short of £9500, while the account for the year tells us that while £384 was expended in relief, the expenses of management only slightly exceeded £15, there being a sum of £100 invested, and a balance remaining in hand at the close of the account of over £139.

We do not know if our Lancashire brethren ever take the trouble to read the *Northern Daily Telegraph*. If they do, they will, doubtless, have noticed, with no small amount of amusement, a letter from a correspondent, who signs himself "Prevention," in the issue of the 19th instant. The writer is evidently one of those persons who speak with authority on every subject. He tells our worthy contemporary that it would never have written in the kindly strain it did about Freemasonry if it had possessed the knowledge which he—"Prevention"—possesses about the Society and its members. This most omniscient critic declares that he has seen "many worthy young men sink in moral character, after a few years' membership;" and, in the fulness of his heart, he goes on to ask the *Northern Daily Telegraph* how any other result is to be expected, seeing "that almost all the meetings are held at public-houses?"

This, we are prepared to admit, is very shameful, but it by no means represents the sum total of the charges which "Prevention" considers he is justified in making against Freemasonry. Thus it is his "belief" that "not two per cent. of the Freemasons in Lancashire are abstainers." There are, we believe, some 12,000 subscribing Masons in the two Lancashire Provinces, and according to this "grave and reverend" authority only some 240 of these 12,000 abstain from alcoholic liquors. No wonder the Rev. Fred. Hibbert's "warnings against the drink traffic" are treated so cavalierly.

Not only, however, is the percentage of abstainers among Freemasons too small to be taken account of, but they are, it seems, a specially dangerous class of men. "Prevention" has even heard that some of them, who happen to be Town Councillors, as well as Freemasons, attended meetings of the Town Council in a condition of comparative or absolute inebriety. That is to say, they are "the worse for drink." If so, we agree with "Prevention" that it will never do to elect Freemasons, as Town Councillors. The rate-payers will suffer, their matters "of deep interest will be cooked," and there is no determining how far these manifest evils may not extend, especially as there cannot be the slightest question that "Moral progress" must be "very slow in any borough where Freemasons rule." Masonic lodges, in fact, are "Tory feeders and drinking shops," while "Prevention" must be radical to the backbone and a drinker of lemonade, &c. It is a pity that "Prevention" is ignorant of the fact that we are a non-political body and that quite as many radicals as Tories, and many abstainers, belong to our lodges.

We regret exceedingly to hear, and we feel sure that our readers share our regret, that Bro. Dr. Wm. Spark, the well-known Leeds organist and author of our "Liber Musicus," is dead. Bro. Spark was a man of eminence in his profession and had composed many anthems, hymns, chants, &c., &c., which had found a considerable amount of favour among our lodges. He will be greatly missed in Leeds, where, as the local organist, he stood pre-eminent, but he is also a loss to the musical profession generally, by the members of which he was highly esteemed for his musical abilities, and at the same time greatly respected for his private worth. We offer our respectful sympathy to the family and friends—both Masonic and non-Masonic—of our late brother.

THE RIGHT HON. G. H. REID, Premier of New South Wales, will be entertained at dinner at the Palace Hotel, Kensington, on the 12th proximo, the Earl of Selborne presiding.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to accept the prize fan which the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Fanmakers sent through Mr. Homewood Crawford, the chairman of the recent Exhibition Committee, for her Majesty's acceptance.

TO-DAY'S (Friday) list of contributions to the *Daily Telegraph* branch of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund amounts to 3252 shillings, making a total sum received of 703,815 shillings. Contributions from all sources bring the Fund to £163,030 5s.

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.

AN HISTORIC PEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Very few of the brethren who were present at the grand gathering at the Royal Albert Hall on the 14th instant were aware of the fact that the pen with which the M.W.G. Master signed the address to her Majesty was the identical pen and nib used by his Royal Highness in signing a similar address in the same building on the 13th June, 1887, when it was purchased for that purpose by the R.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, who also lent on that occasion, for the use of the M.W.G. Master, the handsome Masonic inkstand bequeathed to him by the late Bro. John Hervey. Bro. Fenn subsequently presented both pen and inkstand to the Grand Lodge, and I naturally took them to the Albert Hall on the 14th. Being in a measure responsible for their safe keeping, and knowing from experience how easy it is for a small article to go astray, I concluded that the most effective way to prevent the loss to the Craft generally of this now historic and doubly valuable souvenir would be to secure it as soon as the M.W.G. Master had appended his signature to the address, as I knew that my place would be at the head of the procession on leaving the hall.

A suitable case has been made for the pen, and it is now on view, with other Masonic curios, at the foot of the grand staircase in this place.

I may add that should any brother be at a loss for a really good pen with which to write a cheque for the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, I feel sure that his Royal Highness will have no objection to its being used here for that purpose. If desired, the unique inkstand can also be available on the occasion.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY SADLER,
Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian.

Freemasons' Hall, London.

June 21st.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board, took the chair. Bros. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied the Vice-Presidents' chairs. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and G. S. Recknell, representing the Grand Secretary's department, and Charles J. R. Tijou, S. H. Goldschmidt, William Fisher, T. W. Whitmarsh, Henry Garrod, George Graveley, Robert A. Gowan, Walter Martin, G. W. Nightingale, William Drewett, John Hampson, H. Massey, James Hills, Fredk. C. Pow, W. O. Welsford, Frank Evans, Henry James Weston, John Ingram Moar, C. Doresa, Charles J. Brown, George Errard, and H. W. Wybowan.

The Board first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the May meeting that grants should be given to the extent of £315 in 10 cases in sums between £25 and £40, and since approved by him. On the new list there were 32 petitions, the presenters of which were qualified through lodges in the London District, and at Clare, Fowey, Newport (I. of W.), Croston, Berkeley, Northampton, Plymouth, Liverpool, Budleigh Salterton, Sunderland, Ipswich, Todmorden, Shipley Gate, Eastbourne, Stoke Devonport, Sittingbourne, Kingston-on-Thames, Kidderminster, and Manchester. One of the petitioners had died since his application was sent in; four of the cases were deferred, being incomplete; and the remainder were voted a total of £665. One case was recommended for the approval of Grand Lodge for £75; three votes were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each; eight for £30 each; and two for £25 each. Six cases were voted £20 each, one petitioner was voted £15, and three cases received £10 each, and three £5 each.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The meeting of the Stewards of the recent Festival took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst, at the Institution at Croydon. Upon arriving they were received by the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, and heartily welcomed on behalf of the House Committee. Having inspected the buildings and conversed with the residents, all of whom appeared to be in good health, notwithstanding their age, the Stewards adjourned to the Hall, where, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, a luncheon was provided and partaken of.

Bro. FARNFIELD genially proposed the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," which was most loyally received, and afterwards submitted that of "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," coupling with it the name of Bro. Terry, the Secretary.

This toast was most enthusiastically received and responded to.

The afternoon's enjoyment was added to by the music of the Croydon Town Band under the conductorship of Signor Pattullo.

During the afternoon several successful photographic sketches were taken, and the ladies and brethren departed highly pleased with one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings yet held in connection with this Institution.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gladding, Mr. Robert Colsell and friends, Bro. Huntley, Mr. Robert Elgar and friends, Dr. W. P. Warren and Mrs. Warren, Bro. Truman and friend, Bro. Henry Mason and Mrs. and Miss Mason, Bro. W. E. Robbins, the Misses Stebbings, Bro. Jos. Cox and friend, Bro. Walter Fielder and friends, Bro. Quelch and Mrs. Quelch, Bro. E. A. Gibson, Bro. W. H. Roberts and friend, Bro. F. Pike, Bro. F. B. Westlake and friend, Bro. Parish and Mrs. Parish, Bro. Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin, Bro. Challis and friend, Bro. Whadcoat, Bro. Campbell-Johnstone, Bro. Youldon and friends, Bro. W. J. Melling and friends, Bro. Dangerfield and friends, and others.

Craft Masonry.

Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191.

This well-known lodge, which has recently removed to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, held its annual installation meeting on the 15th inst. Bro. F. Jackson, W.M., who has had a most successful year of office, was succeeded in the chair by Bro. C. O. Burgess, P.M. 2473, 1614 and 2460, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, whose well-known zeal and activity will, doubtless, result in continued prosperity to the lodge. Bro. F. Jackson, W.M., was supported by Bros. C. O. Burgess, W.M. elect; C. G. Rotter, J.W.; J. J. Woolley, P.M.; F. Kedge, P.M., P.G. Reg. Berks; A. H. P. Snow, J.D.; W. Hancock, P.M.; W. J. Thrussell, Org.; J. Woodward, and many others. Visitors: Bros.

J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; J. H. Price, P.P.G. Treas. Surrey; A. C. Chaplin, P.G.S.B. Dorset; G. J. Liddle, 195; G. Roberts, 748; W. Humfrey, W.M. 1305; W. Ransome, 1360; A. L. Butters, W.M. 2163; H. A. Cowan, 2105; H. M. Snow, 199; J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D. Surrey; G. T. Clough, S.D. 2077; S. W. Clarke, D.C. 2400; S. Lloyd, P.M. 2398; W. O. Welsford, P.M. 1321; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B.; H. T. Gomin, S.D. 780; W. Pescud, 2400; F. W. Buxton, 1891; R. J. Frank, 754; W. Scott, I.P.M. 857; W. Roots, W.M. 2589; Stuart Walker, J.D. 1348; C. Coram; J.W. 2552; W. A. Wilkinson, 704; C. J. Taylor, P.M. 1687; W. Jenkins, 957; A. Cogliati, I.P.M. 1559; A. Crick, I.P.M. 2192; S. Machin, J.W. 231; E. L. Berry, I.P.M. 2473, Prov. G. Stwd. Surrey; C. Grassi, P.M. 1339; T. E. Shadler, 2201; J. J. Wedgwood, P.M.; W. C. Saunders, 1362; W. Rudermacher, 1496; O. Sargent, 22; W. D. Courtney, 2030; H. Machin, S.W. 231; H. Tipper, P.A.G.P.; W.W. Lee, P.M.; and others. There was a heavy programme of business to be transacted, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. C. Guttman was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. P. Litchfield, A. Goodman, and C. E. Cottrell were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. C. O. Burgess was then installed as W.M. by Bro. F. Jackson, and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. G. Rotter, S.W.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; F. Kedge, P.M., Treas.; F. Jackson, I.P.M., Sec.; A. H. P. Snow, S.D.; G. H. Atkinson, J.D.; W. J. Harvey, I.G.; W. Hancock, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Thrussell, Org.; Kito, Asst. Org.; J. Woodward, Stwd.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler. The Audit report was adopted, and lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toasts were given, but owing to the late hour, the speeches were necessarily brief.

The usual loyal and complimentary toasts were first honoured, after which Bro. F. Jackson, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said the brethren had seen the last of their 1896-7 W.M., and had likewise seen the advent of their 1897-8 Master. He could not better introduce their W.M.—if introduction was necessary—than by quoting a few words from Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona"—"It is an office of great worth, and you are an officer fit for the place." He (the I.P.M.) would have left the chair with a certain amount of regret if it had not been for the fact that he was followed by a brother of such eminence as Bro. Burgess—a brother in whom any lodge could safely place their trust.

Bro. C. O. Burgess, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren sincerely for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast. At that late period of the evening he would only say that their now prosperous lodge in which they had initiated some 12 new members during the past year, having established for itself a new home, would carry on its career of usefulness and success. He looked forward to a new lease of life for the lodge, and to the new members to retrieve its ancient prosperity and old reputation. They all regretted that Bro. Jackson had ceased to occupy the position of W.M., for he had been so successful and so energetic in carrying on the whole of the work, that it would have been of great advantage if he could have been induced to take a second lease of power. A Past Master's jewel had been unanimously voted to Bro. Jackson, I.P.M., in consideration of his energy and business-like capacity which they had seen for years in the lodge, and in drinking the health of "The Immediate Past Master," they asked him to accept the jewel with the sincere good wishes of the members.

Bro. F. Jackson, I.P.M., in his reply said they must excuse him if the personal pronoun predominated in his remarks. He had followed several Masters in the chair to whom he gave every credit for absolving themselves for the benefit of the lodge. In its youth their lodge was a great lodge, but circumstances altered, and no recruits came in. When he came into power they took a stronger position, and, as he had foreseen, the initiates and joining members came in due course, to the number of 14 during the year. He did not take special credit for that, but it was a great advantage to a lodge which had been kept back for a few years. Their lodge, which was started with a flourish of trumpets, was now on a fair road to be one of the most successful in London. He thanked every member of the lodge for the kindness extended to him, and hoped he had carried out the duties of W.M. efficiently and to their satisfaction. The lodge was now in a good way for an open sea and fair weather, and he trusted it would have prosperity in every shape and form. He was confident that those who had taken office that evening would do all they could to further the cause of the lodge, which was started to cement the fraternal feelings between the two English speaking nations. He thanked them for the handsome jewel, which he had endeavoured to deserve, and for which he was honestly grateful.

"The Initiates" was next given by the W.M., and duly responded to.

Other toasts followed before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. W. J. Thrussell, Org., an excellent programme of music was arranged. Miss Gertrude Snow and Miss Cassie Bruce contributed some excellent songs, Bro. Harry Tipper delighted the brethren with a very clever solo on the handbells, whilst the humorous element was safe in the hands of Bro. W. M. George, whose whimsical sketches were keenly appreciated.

St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271.

The last meeting of the present session was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 3rd inst., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Previous to the lodge meeting a convocation of the chapter was held, at which Comp. Irvine presented a handsomely-bound copy of the Royal Arch Regulations, and was thanked accordingly. The W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., was supported in lodge by Bros. J. Irvine, I.P.M.; C. Jacob, S.W.; G. F. Vine, J.D.; F. Cuzner, I.G.; J. Jefferson, Org.; R. Chattey, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of Works; A. Higgins, R. Ireland, and T. E. Mitchell. Visitors: Bros. J. Stephens, D.G.D.C.; J. J. Thomas, P.P.G. Treas. Bucks; Captain C. J. Knightley, P.M.; H. R. Grice, 534; J. C. Brock, 1571; F. Herbert, 2206; T. H. Jarvis, W.M. 862; W. Bradford, I.P.M. 862; R. Jelrih, P.M. 2150; W. Lisott, 2427; G. H. Wavell, P.M. 862; W. P. Appleton, P.M. 13; J. T. Baron, 1531; H. R. Myers, P.M. 1494; S. Day, P.M. 1563; J. Weaver, P.M. 862, 1319, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; W. Edwards; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Mitchell was impressively raised to the Third Degree. Bro. C. Jacobs, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and, having been congratulated by the present occupant of the chair, returned sincere thanks for his election. Bro. H. S. Graham, M.P., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Whiting re-elected Tyler. On the proposition of the J.W., seconded by the I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Scurrah, W.M., and, to mark the Jubilee year, a special addition was decided to be made to the gift. The W.M. expressed his appreciation of their kindness, and afterwards announced that his Stewardship for the Girls' School resulted in a total of £170.

Lodge was closed, and, after a well-served banquet, the usual toasts were proceeded with.

"The Queen and the Craft" was heartily given with appropriate reference to the approaching Diamond Jubilee, after which "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was cordially honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. referred to the admirable manner in which the Deputy Grand Master conducted the affairs of Grand Lodge on the preceding evening. During the last few years many brethren had been advanced to the purple who had done good suit and service to the Craft, and in their own lodge Bro. W. M. Stiles—who had done an immense amount of work—had been elected as Grand Treasurer. He (the W.M.) should like to mention one brother who received the purple at the last Grand Festival who belonged to many lodges and was founder and first Secretary of the important Fellowship Lodge, which had sent up large sums to the Charities. He alluded to his good friend, Bro. Stephens, than whom no brother had deserved the purple more.

Bro. J. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., thanked Bro. Stiles, P.G. Treas., for affording him the opportunity of returning thanks for this important toast, and referred in eulogistic terms to the work done by the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. He had heard it said that some of the Grand Officers were figure heads. He contended, and always should do, that having regard to the fact that their M.W.G.M. was the Hair Apparent of their vast empire, it was only right that H.R.H. should have men of high social position to be associated with him in the high offices. It was pleasing to note that in recent times, in the selection of Grand Officers, a due regard had been made to the working members of the Craft such as Bro. Scurrah, and Bro. J. J. Thomas, who had been selected for Jubilee honours. Both had worked hard and had never been unmindful of the fundamental principles of the Order. He was proud to be associated with them and the other Grand Officers who were at all times glad to be thought of on these occasions.

sions, for they exerted their best endeavours at all times to further the best interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Wm. Stiles, P.G. Treas., also briefly replied.

Bro. J. Irvine, I.P.M., in submitting "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said it would be ridiculous for him to attempt to sing the praises of their distinguished W.M. They had heard that evening the manner in which Bro. Scurrah had exercised himself in the ritual of Freemasonry, not only in the lodge, but also in the chapter. Those fortunate enough to be present in chapter could not fail to take away a lesson from the way in which he did his duty.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M., P.G.S.B., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks and the brethren for their hearty reception. With regard to his work, he had certainly endeavoured to do the best he could in discharging his duty, and also in making the brethren happy and comfortable. If he had not succeeded it had not been his fault, but his misfortune. The members were all united, and they all did everything in their power to assist in making the lodge a success. As one of the founders, he had stuck to it, and the members and visitors would admit it was one of the happiest little lodges they could find anywhere. He asked them to accept his sincere thanks for the kind mark of favour conferred upon him in the lodge in not only voting a Past Master's jewel, but also a special addition having reference to the present Jubilee year. Bro. Vine, J.W., who proposed the gift, and he were old friends, and he thanked him for his kindly proposition. He thanked them all for supporting him in the lodge during his year, and he hoped he had given them satisfaction.

The next toast was "The I.P.M. and M.E.Z. of the St. Pancras Chapter," and the W.M., in proposing it, referred to the fact that the members of the lodge and chapter were dining together, and that the I.P.M. in the lodge was the M.E.Z. in the chapter.

Bro. J. Irvine, I.P.M., in responding, said he had endeavoured to do all he could for the welfare of the chapter, and hoped he had succeeded. Whether as I.P.M. of the lodge or M.E.Z. of the chapter, he was proud to be in either capacity. That was the last time he should reply as I.P.M., but he thanked all the brethren most heartily, and especially the G. Officers, for showing by their presence that the lodge and chapter were appreciated by them.

The W.M. next gave "The W.M. Elect and M.E.Z. Elect," and said he thought that Bro. Jacob, the W.M. elect, was the first initiate of the lodge, and he had proved himself to be a worthy Mason, who had worked up steadily through the junior offices. With regard to the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. A. H. Scurrah, he had passed through many chairs, and would, when in the chair of the chapter, carry out its traditions, and reflect honour and credit upon it.

Bro. C. Jacob, W.M. elect, expressed his thanks for the kindness he had always received, and especially Bro. Chattey, P.M., for introducing him for initiation. He should always endeavour to do what he could for the lodge in the future as he had done in the past. He could not hope to equal their present distinguished Master, but he would try to emulate the example set him.

Bro. A. H. Scurrah, M.E.Z. elect of the St. Pancras Chapter, briefly returned thanks, and said he esteemed it a high honour to have been unanimously elected to the position.

On behalf of "The Visitors," Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.P.G. Treas. Bucks, thanked the lodge for its hospitality. He attended both the chapter and lodge meetings and was delighted with the working witnessed.

Bros. Jarvis, W.M. 862; Bradford, I.P.M. 862; Grice, 534; Appleby, P.M. 13; and Powell, W.M. 2266, also responded.

Other toasts were given before the pleasant proceedings were terminated with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening Bro. Cecil Grame gave a clever entertainment entitled "Manipulations du Chapeau," Bro. Will Edwards sustained his reputation for humour in two songs, and Bro. Jefferson, in addition to presiding at the pianoforte, also contributed a couple of excellent songs.

Molesey Lodge, No. 2475.

A large number of brethren assembled at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, on the 12th inst.

The confirmation of the minutes was followed by the adoption of a satisfactory audit report. Bros. Hirst and Wastie were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. E. J. Thompson and L. Thurnaner were initiated. Bro. W. Dennis was next presented for installation as W.M., the ceremony being rendered by Bro. E. L. Berry, the retiring Master, in an excellent and impressive manner, worthy of all praise. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. G. Sherwood, S.W.; H. J. Keen, J.W.; F. W. Buxton, P.M.; Treas.; E. L. Berry, I.P.M., Sec.; C. Stuart Walker, S.D.; C. Morrell, J.D.; C. E. Gilbert, I.G.; H. J. Foan, Org.; A. W. Bray, D.C.; H. G. Walker, A.D.C.; and C. W. Frommholz, P.M., and Britton, P.M., Stewards.

Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed. The banquet which followed was served in the best style of Bro. Mayo, the genial host, and the usual toasts were subsequently given.

In proposing "The R.W. Prov. G.M.," the W.M. alluded to the visit of the Earl of Onslow a year ago, and wished he could have been present on that occasion to have seen the I.P.M.'s admirable rendering of the installation ceremony.

Bro. J. R. Cleave, Prov. G.D., responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers," and said that, unfortunately, he had not had much work to do, but if he was called upon he would endeavour to do it to the best of his ability and the credit of the lodge. As Charity representative he thanked them for their support, which enabled the Provincial Committee to carry the two cases at the recent elections.

Bro. E. L. Berry, I.P.M., then gave "The W.M.," and remarked that it was the first time in his life he had proposed the toast. The W.M. and he were good, personal friends, which gave him additional pleasure in proposing that toast. Bro. Dennis was an energetic and painstaking Mason, and whatever he could do for the well-being of the lodge and good fellowship of the members he would do. The W.M. was a perfect worker of the ritual, and those who had attended lodges of instruction had seen him display his ability. The W.M.'s second good quality was that he was always looking after the welfare of the members, and his own personality would make him a respected and genial Master. In short, the W.M. would rule them, not with a rod of iron, but with a rod of love.

Bro. W. Dennis, W.M., returned thanks. He liked appreciation, but the appreciation shown him in that lodge was more than he deserved. He did his level best but did not think it came up to the description given by the I.P.M. who had gone a little too far in describing his connection with Masonry. Having thanked them most sincerely for their presence and for their kindly reception of the toast, he would at once submit the next toast. The "Installing Master" he could not say too much about. Many of those present had repeatedly heard the installation ceremony, but if they carried their minds back they would have difficulty in remembering any occasion when they had heard it delivered as well. The ceremony was beautiful in itself, but that beauty was increased or lessened according to the manner in which it was rendered. The admirable rendering that day was owing to the many little rehearsals on the part of the I.P.M. who had left no stone unturned to make himself perfect. Those who were founders of the lodge knew Bro. Berry's work since its formation and knew the self-sacrifice made. He occupied the onerous post of Secretary, which he only relinquished in order to become S.W. and thus qualify for the chair. They were only too pleased to elect him unanimously as W. Master and the past year had proved the wisdom of that choice. Being only happy when at work, Bro. Berry had now returned to his Secretarial post. It was impossible to adequately repay him for his work on behalf of the lodge, and the members had been pleased in some small measure, to recognise his services by voting a Past Master's jewel. It was a great privilege to present that jewel to the I.P.M., for it was so richly deserved. They trusted the Great Architect would spare the I.P.M. for many years to wear it and be present amongst them.

Bro. E. L. Berry, I.P.M., Sec., expressed his sincere thanks for their kind support during his year. No Master could occupy the chair and be better supported than he had been by one and all. His Steward's list for the Girls' School was, thanks to them, the highest in the province. The W.M. had been good enough to pass some kind encomiums on his work. He had always made it his aim, if he put his hand to the plough, to see it ran true. If he had not given satisfaction they would not have voted the jewel, for he hoped the day was far distant when a brother in that lodge would receive a jewel without deserving it. He thanked Bro. Hewett, P.M., for taking the Secretary's duties, whilst he (the I.P.M.) occupied the chair.

Bro. E. Simmons (Brazil), replied for "The Visitors" and other toasts were afterwards heartily honoured.

Bro. H. J. Foan, Org., was assisted in an excellent musical programme by Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. Stewart Walker, and others.

Rahere Lodge, No. 2546.

The installation meeting of this very distinguished lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., at which there was a large muster of the members and a good few visitors to do honour to the installation of Bro. W. J. Walsham, F.R.C.S., a highly-esteemed member of the lodge. There were present Bros. Alfred Cooper, F.R.C.S., P.G.D., W.M.; W. J. Walsham, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. G. A. Burns, P.P.G.D. Surrey, J.W.; Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., M.A., Chaplain; J. Reece, Treas.; D'Arcy Power, P.P.G.W. Warwick, Sec.; Walter Gripper, P.P.G.D. Surrey, S.D.; P. S. Abraham, J.D.; G. H. Holden, I.G.; Dr. T. Trollope, P.G.D.; Ernest Clarke, F. Swinford Edwards, J. H. Gilbertson, P.P.G.D. Herts; C. B. Lockwood, C. P. White, Fred. Lawrence, P.G.D.; H. Mackintosh, P.G.D.; Bruce Clarke, Thorburn Steer, Robinson, Parker, Whitaker, Gabriel, Sloane, Dingle, Cross, Collins, Harold Johnson, Lance, Horton Smith, Willett, Calverley, Menzies, Sargant, Myers, McKinnery, Haines, Laming Evans, Sandilands, Valérie, Dalal, Lauchlan, Berry, Darra Mair, Griffith, Ashton Godwin, Drage, Murphy, West, Martin, Lankester, Wallis, Keetley, Bowlby, Cosens, Furnivall, and P. F. Madden, Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap.; S. Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.; Tomlinson, P.G.D.; C. D. Hill Drury, P. Asst. G.D.C.; Trimmer, P.G.S.; Geo. Simonds, P.G.S.; Lord Ernest J. Seymour, P.P.G.W. Warwickshire; Scallon, P.G. Std. Br. Somerset; J. C. F. Tower, P.P.G.D. Bucks.; Edwin Morton, W.M. 301; Thos. Dutton, W.M. 2410; H. Thomson Lyon, W.M. 2563; Ingle, Tamburini, Sir Mancherjee Bhownaggee, M.P.; Marshall, and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, a dispensation allowing the lodge to alter its date of meeting was read, after which the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. A. C. Matthews, W. E. Miles, F.R.C.S., and H. W. B. Shewell, B.A. The working of Bro. A. Cooper was carried out in an excellent manner. Bro. C. M. Simpson was unanimously elected a joining member. The next important business was the installation of Bro. W. J. Walsham as W.M. for the ensuing year, and this duty was performed by Bro. Dr. T. Trollope, P.G.D., in a manner that made it impossible to have been better carried out. The newly-installed W.M. in an effective and impressive manner appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. T. G. A. Burns, S.W.; J. Reece, J.W.; Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., Chap.; W. Gripper, Treas.; D'Arcy Power, Sec.; Phin. S. Abraham, S.D.; G. H. Holden, J.D.; Ernest Clarke, I.G.; F. Swinford Edwards, D.C.; J. H. Gilbertson, C. B. Lockwood, and C. P. White, Stewards; and P. F. Madden, Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was very ably rendered by Bro. Dr. T. Trollope, P.G.D., and he is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony. The ancient charge was most eloquently given by the W.M. The next duty of the W.M. was, as he remarked, a very pleasing one—to present to Bro. A. Cooper, P.G.D., a P.M.'s jewel, as a small token of his brilliant year of office, and he hoped he would be with them for many years to wear it. In a brief but feeling speech, Bro. A. Cooper, I.P.M., acknowledged the jewel, observing that he appreciated the great honour of having been Master of the Rahere Lodge and he should never cease to remember his happy year of office and the great kindness he had received from them all. Two propositions were received for initiates and a joining member. Letters were read from the following regretting their inability to attend: Bros. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec.; Thos. Fenn, Robert Grey, Peter de Lande Long, Loveland Loveland, Prof. Phillipson, Col. Duncan, Philip H. Waterlow, W. G. Murphy, Hugh Rayner, J. H. Noble, Edmund Owen, Gordon Brown, and others, all others, all wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. The sum of one guinea having been voted to "Our Brother's Bed," and after other business, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, where a *recherche* banquet awaited them, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. E. Kalla.

At the conclusion of the report, the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed in eloquent terms by the Worshipful Master, and duly honoured.

In giving "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," the W.M. stated that the Prince of Wales was present at the consecration of the lodge, and he referred to the brilliant meeting at Albert Hall, the previous day, at which his Royal Highness presided.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." He stated that the Rahere Lodge was deeply indebted to Grand Lodge in many ways. They would never forget that at the consecration of the lodge they were honoured with a very large attendance of Grand Officers, and they had a good number that evening. He could not ask them all to respond, but he joined with the toast the names of Bros. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap., and Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.

Bro. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap., responded, and said that his advancing years increased his love for Masonry. He would leave to Bro. Pope—his good junior in that case—to follow him.

Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., also acknowledged the toast. He stated that the Grand Officers were desirous, as their predecessors had been, to maintain the great traditions of Masonry. The bond of Masonry bound all professions together, and so might it always be. He felt much pleasure in being there that evening, and on behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the compliment they had paid them.

Bro. Alfred Cooper, P.G.D., I.P.M., said that he had the great honour to propose "The W.M., Bro. Walsham," which was the toast of the evening. The W.M. was well-known as a great anatomist; many then present knew of his wonderful teaching; he was a great surgeon with a wide-spread reputation, also an author, having written the most popular work on surgery, which was known all over Europe; and last, but not least, he was a very good Mason and a splendid worker of the ritual, and during his term of office they would have an opportunity of seeing some of his brilliant work. He need not add anything more except to wish him the best of health and a prosperous and very happy year of office.

The toast was drunk with acclamation and with musical honours.

Bro. W. J. Walsham, W.M., on rising to respond, had an ovation. He stated that he did not agree that a Master should propose all the toasts, and if he had his way he would have all the toasts given by others, and not by the Master. He was proud to be Master of the Rahere Lodge, and he thanked the members for the great honour they had conferred upon him, and he tendered his best thanks to one and all for the hearty way they had received the toast of the W.M.

In proposing "The I.P.M., Bro. A. Cooper, P.G.D.," the W.M. stated that they were all agreed that in Bro. Cooper they had had an excellent Master. As to the position he held in the medical world, and what he had done for Masonry, was a theme he could speak upon at great length, but it was not necessary as he was so well known. He had endeared himself to them all, and he asked them to join him in drinking his health in a most hearty manner.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, as was Bro. Cooper, I.P.M., on rising to respond. He thanked the W.M. for his kind, but too flattering, words, and for the way he had been received. He was only too pleased when he was elected Master, and he should always look upon it as one of the greatest honours he had ever received in Masonry.

In presenting the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said that no other new lodge had made more or had had better initiates than the Rahere Lodge, and the three that evening were of the very best. He mentioned each by name, setting out their medical qualifications, and he was proud to have such good initiates at his installation. He thought they would all make good Masons, and he hoped they would ever remember and never regret the ceremony of their initiation.

In response, Bro. W. E. Miles stated that words failed him to express his satisfaction and gratitude for receiving him as a member of their Order, and he thanked Bro. Alfred Cooper for initiating him, and the W.M. for his beautiful address to the initiates.

Bro. A. C. Matthews said that he felt quite overcome in having to respond. He was honoured to be a Mason, and he tendered them his heartiest thanks for having accepted him as a member of their lodge.

Bro. H. W. B. Shewell, B.A., acknowledged the toast in a humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and said they were only too glad to welcome visitors, and the lodge wished to be second to none in entertaining their guests. Time would not permit for all of them to respond, but he made special mention of Bros. Lord Ernest J. Seymour and Sir Mancherjee Merwanjee Bhownaggee, K.C.I.E., M.P., and he associated their names with the toast.

Bro. Lord Ernest J. Seymour responded. He said he came there with very great pleasure and he hoped to have the opportunity of attending again. He congratulated the members on the grand success of the lodge and he hoped it would continue to prosper and be, as it was, one of the best lodges of the Order.

Sir Mancherjee Merwanjee Bhownaggee, K.C.I.E., M.P., stated that he was

grateful for being allowed to witness the grand ceremony of installation and to partake of the lavish hospitality of the members. Masonry was educating and—speaking as a member from India—it bound together men of different nationalities and races. He explained at some length the reasons why he became a Mason, and said that Masonry had enabled him to make friends in many parts of the world. India had benefited to a large extent by medical aid and Masonry. In eloquent terms he referred to the grand assistance rendered by this country in helping to alleviate the sufferers by the great famine in India, and in conclusion he thanked them from his heart for the very kind way the visitors had been received and entertained.

The toast of "The Officers" having been well received, Bro. T. G. A. Burns, S.W., responded. He said that he and his colleagues would do their utmost to assist the W.M., and it was a privilege to serve under him.

The Tyler's toast brought the very successful and happy gathering to an end, which had been greatly enhanced by some good songs from Bros. Frank Celli (who received a well-deserved encore), Samuel West, F. J. McCann, Holden, and Burns (pianoforte solo) and Celli closed this part of the proceedings by giving a humorous recitation, and his great efforts were much appreciated.

The Rahere Lodge has been in existence only two years and its great success has been quite exceptional in the history of new lodges. We have no doubt that under the reign of the W.M., with the assistance of Bro. D'Arcy Power, the genial and indefatigable Secretary, it will still go forward, and in conclusion we beg to tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. W. J. Walsham on the high position he holds in the lodge.

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. MAJOR J. G. SHANKS, K.M., F.R.G.S., 30°.

In our issue of May the 28th, we gave an account of the consecration of the Queen Victoria Lodge, No 2655, and we have now very great pleasure in adding to our portrait gallery the likeness of the first W.M. of that lodge. Bro. Shanks has been a Mason for 29 years, having been initiated at the earliest possible age in No. 12, Scotland, in the year 1858. He comes of an old Masonic stock, his ancestors, for several generations, having been members of the Order, and consequently he possesses some valuable ancient Masonic documents, clothing, jewels, &c. Bro. Shanks' present position in Freemasonry is, we believe, quite unique, for although he has passed the chair in all Degrees (up to and including the 18th), about a quarter of a century since, he at this moment occupies no less than nine chief chairs—four in the Province of Cornwall, and five in Devon, being the W.M. of Lodges Nos. 2166 and 2655; M.E.Z. of Chapters Nos. 189 and 1151; W.M. of Lebanon Mark Lodge, No. 325; W.C.N. of Boscawen Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, No. 101; E. Preceptor of the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory of Knights Templar; E. Prior of the Order of Malta; and Ill. Sovereign of St. Aubyn Council of Knights of Constantinople; besides which, he is also H. of Chapter No. 1071; Warden of another Mark lodge; 1st Constable of the Restormel Preceptory; Captain-General of St. Andrew's Priory of Malta; and Prelate of



St. Aubyn Rose Croix Chapter; he is likewise the Representative of his lodges on the Committee of Petitions in both provinces; he is a P.M. of two English Craft Lodges, Nos. 189 and 1887; and of two Scottish lodges; also of Mark Lodge, No. 35; a P.Z. of R.A. Chapters, Nos. 330, 1115, and 1205; a P.E. Commander of St. Mungo Encampment in Scotland, and of the Royal Veterans' in England; a P.E. Preceptor (twice) of the Worlebury Preceptory; a P.M.W.S. (twice) of St. Aubyn Chapter, Rose Croix; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; also of the Order of the Eastern Star (Ladies' Freemasonry); and about a year ago was called to the 30°. His provincial honours in Devonshire are—Past Grand Warden, both in the Craft and Mark Degrees; a Past 3rd Grand Principal in the Royal Arch; Past Prov. Sub-Prior (twice) in the Templar Degree; while in Cornwall he is Grand Sword Bearer in the Royal Arch. He is also a Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Great Priory of England. For many years past Bro. Shanks has been a Life Governor of all the great Masonic Institutions; he has served three Stewardships for the Girls' School and one for the Benevolent Institution, and has made his daughter a Life Governor of the R.M.B.I., as well as a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School. With regard to the local Masonic Charities, he is a Life Governor of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and of the Aged Widows' Fund in Devon, as well as of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; but his efforts in the cause of Charity are not bounded by the Masonic horizon, for there are several institutions outside our Order which have the benefit of his enthusiastic support. As to his knowledge of our ritual, it may not be out of place to quote from the speech of the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, at the consecration banquet of the Queen Victoria Lodge. He said: "When it was seen that Bro. Shanks was to be the first W.M. all doubt vanished, and the petition was readily acceded to, Bro. Shanks' ability in performing the ceremonies of all Degrees, and his conscientious discharge of all duties, being well known both in Devon and in London." Bro. Shanks, in his military capacity, has seen a good deal of active service; he is one of the very few now left who served throughout the Crimean campaign, during which he greatly distinguished himself, and was twice mentioned in despatches. He was very favour-

ably noticed by the late Lord Clyde (then Sir Colin Campbell), and was frequently employed by him on dangerous and important services. A French Brigadier-General who witnessed one of Bro. Shanks' exploits, said he had never seen a more gallant feat performed; and there is no doubt he would have had the Victoria Cross but for the jealousy of his own commanding officer. As this is such a record making age, we may as well mention that it is believed Bro. Shanks holds the record for journeys performed solely on Masonic business. During the time when he held the position of S.W., and W.M. of Sincerity Lodge at Plymouth, he happened to be stationed in the North of England on military duty, but notwithstanding the distance he was always present when there was any work to do, so that he travelled upwards of 8000 miles in two years in order to be in his place in the lodge. As an instance of his zeal we may mention that on joining one of his many chapters he found that no returns had been sent to Grand Chapter for over 13 years, nor to Prov. Grand Chapter for about three years; he, therefore, set to work and prepared the documents for all that period (though it was not his duty), and the chapter was thereby saved from extinction. This heavy task was a labour of love to him, but we doubt if any other companion would have done it. Bro. Shanks has been the recipient of several presentations from lodges, &c., marking the estimation in which he is held by his brethren; and a few years since a very handsome testimonial (in the shape of a silver epergne) was given to him in recognition of his bravery in saving many lives from fire. We heartily congratulate the "Queen Victoria" Lodge on having such a capable and enthusiastic brother in the chair.

Royal Arch.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The following are the officers for the year: Comps. M. W. Dodge, M.E.Z.; F. Dowse, H.; E. Miles, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. Aitken, P.Z., Treas.; Rev. J. A. A. Tait, Scribe N.; Alfred Gibbs, P.S.; and G. J. Mason, Janitor.

In the unavoidable absence of the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. E. H. Gale-Crowdy, the chair of First Principal was occupied by Comp. C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Scribe E., who, having first of all exalted Bro. T. P. Whateley, W.M. No. 777, then proceeded to install the First and Second Principals elect. The installation of Comp. E. Miles as J. was deferred, owing to his inability to be present. Comp. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, was a visitor.

The companions afterwards dined together.

Mark Masonry.

Keystone Lodge, No. 3.

The installation meeting of this old and select lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. A. L. Gosling, W.M.; S. F. Morris, C.C., S.W.; F. G. Ivey, J.W.; N. Sherwood, M.O.; C. D. Hoblyn, S.O.; Major Walter E. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. Wyndham Hart, V.D., Sec.; J. W. Goodinge, J.D.; A. C. Goodinge, P.M.; G. A. Corderoy, P.M.; C. Erhardt, F. H. Williams, F. A. Jewson, R. Clay, R. A. Kearsay, and J. W. Gooding. Visitors: Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Grand Secretary; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx.; Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., D.P.G.M. Middx.; and H. Massey, P.M. 22.

The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Major E. Williams, the Treasurer, who placed in the W.M.'s chair with the customary formalities Bro. Spencer W. Morris, S.W. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. F. G. Ivey, S.W.; N. Sherwood, J.W.; Walter E. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Wyndham Hart, Hon. Sec. and R. of M.; C. D. Hoblyn, M.O.; R. A. Kearsay, S.O.; J. W. Goodinge, J.O.; C. F. M. C. Erhardt, I.G.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler.

The Audit Committee's report was received, the lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to one of its usual very pretty banquets, which was superintended by Bro. E. Ashby, manager of the Ship and Turtle.

The ordinary toasts were honoured, and Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Ethel Bevans, Mr. Sadleur Brown, Mr. Charles Hinchliff, and Bro. Roland Henry contributed some excellent songs between the brief speeches which were made.

Bro. S. W. Morris, W.M., after proposing "The Queen and Mark Masonry," gave "The M.W.G.M.," and said if any proof were necessary of the loyal regard in which the Prince of Wales was held by all ranks and Degrees of Freemasonry he had only to point to the magnificent meeting of the day before at the Albert Hall at which most of the brethren now sitting down in the Keystone Lodge were present. In giving the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," he said the Mark brethren always gave the Grand Officers a hearty reception, but that night he was sure they would receive it with more than ordinary enthusiasm, as there were present the Deputy Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, and the Grand Secretary.

Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy Grand Master, in acknowledging the compliment, said when he looked at the list and saw there only two toasts down he thought it was a most admirable programme. He believed that the only two that would be drunk would be "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales." Like the W.M. he entirely disagreed with after-dinner speeches and the less said the better. The toast just proposed whether drunk in his absence or in his presence was fully appreciated, and he begged sincerely and shortly to thank the brethren.

Bro. S. W. Morris, W.M., next said that having done honour to their rulers they could not forget that the Keystone was a lodge attached to the Province of Middlesex, and they extended an equally cordial welcome to the Prov. Grand Master, to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and other officers. With regard to Col. Cook the brethren had seen that he came in for a share of the Jubilee honours conferred at the Albert Hall, and so did Bro. Stewart Brown, the Provincial Grand Secretary. The lodge congratulated them on it. In a few weeks' time the Prov. Grand Master would take the chair at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. The brethren of that lodge could show their regard for their Prov. G. Master by giving a donation worthy of theirs, the oldest lodge in the province. With respect to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he would like to extend the welcome to him. It had been his privilege to work with and under Sir Reginald Hanson a good many years, and to him he was indebted for many favours in his Masonic career.

Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, replying as Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to attend the meetings of the lodges of the Province of Middlesex, and especially when he found himself at the oldest lodge at the present moment in the province. He had been at the lodge before, and had experienced the brethren's kindly reception and friendly hospitality, and he could say they had been up to the mark on the present occasion. When he heard that the Keystone Lodge was to be honoured by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, he thought at least it was the duty, as it was the pleasure, of the Prov. Grand Master to be present to recognise the compliment paid to the lodge. They all appreciated the compliment to the province, the lodge, and every member, and the best way to show they appreciated it was to follow the advice Lord Dungarvan had given them and say the least they could in the after-dinner speeches. Although they might say little, it did not show they appreciated the compliment the less. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that he (Col. Cook) was going to take the chair at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He said what he had said before—he was sure the Keystone Lodge would not be behind in the support they gave the Province of Middlesex.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, who was also called upon, said he never had had the opportunity of boring the brethren, and he was sorry he had never had the advantage

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of responding to many invitations he had had. The night on which the lodge met usually clashed with one he had to spend elsewhere, and it was because the lodge had altered its day of meeting that he was then able to attend. Two-thirds of the brethren around the table he knew in other capacities—in volunteering, in business, one way or other, several as members of other lodges and chapters, but he was known to most of them. Occasionally when the Provincial Grand Master had not been able to attend, he (Sir R. Hanson) had taken his place, but Colonel Cook was a very energetic man in Masonry, and it was very much to the advantage of Craft and Mark Masonry to have such a brother.

Bro. Gosling, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," congratulated him on the position he had attained to, and hoped he would occupy the chair with pleasure to himself and with honour to the lodge.

Bro. Morris, W.M., replying, said he was gratified with the very cordial reception the brethren had given to the toast proposed in such kindly terms by Bro. Gosling. During the coming year it would be his earnest endeavour so to discharge his duties as not to be unworthy of the proud position the brethren had placed him in that night. He next proposed "The Past Masters," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Gosling, who that night resigned his position of Master, which he had held with the satisfaction of knowing that he had earned the esteem of every one of the brethren. He also coupled with the toast the name of Major Williams, the Treasurer.

Bro. Gosling, I.P.M., having thanked the brethren,

Bro. Major Williams, P.M., Treas., said the lodge was in a very nice, sound financial state, for it carried forward that year £36. He thought they ought to put the usual £5 5s. on the list for the Benevolent Fund, and he should propose it at the next meeting. He felt sure the brethren would support that proposal, as they did last year. The lodge could afford it, and it would maintain its prestige.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said the lodge was the oldest on the roll, with the exception of the Time Immemorial lodges. In a lodge like that, where visitors had been greeted so long, he could not profess to say anything which the lodge had not heard before; but he might be allowed to say that among all these visitors who had responded for the princely hospitality of the lodge, there was not one who had ever been more grateful than he, either for the hospitality or for that exemplification of the true spirit of Masonry, Chaity, and benevolence which it had always possessed. He knew that at the forthcoming festival, no less than at past festivals, the lodge would be well represented.

Bros. Ivey, S.W., and Gooding responded to the toast of "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

Lodge of Instruction.

KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were present, Bros. Reid, W.M.; Woodcock, S.W.; Greer, J.V.; O'Dea, P.M., Preceptor; Benedict, S.D.; E. Mitchell, J.D.; Kent, I.G.; Jameson, Org.; G. E. Cannon, Richardson, P.M.; Taylor, Wesley, P.M.; Whiting, P.M.; Andrews, P.M.; Patterner, P.M.; and J. Cannon, Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Benedict being candidate. Bro. E. Mitchell gave the charge after initiation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. A. Cannon. Bro. Reid having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Reid, W.M., for the excellent manner he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time, having been raised to the Degree of Master Mason only a week previous. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. W. H. FARNFIELD, P.M., P.Z.

We very much regret to announce the death, on the 16th inst., of Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P.M. of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907; the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975; and the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716; P.Z. of the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907; and a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution; and Life Governor of both our Schools, besides having served several Stewardships, especially for the "Old People." Our deceased brother was the eldest son of Bro. William Farnfield, who was Asst. G. Secretary from 1854 to 1866; Secretary of the R.M. Benevolent Institution from the foundation of its Male Fund in 1842 till towards the close of 1872, when he retired on a pension, and died in 1876. He was also the elder brother of the Treasurer of the same Institution, and to him accordingly, as well as to the members of the Farnfield family generally, we tender our respectful sympathy.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. H. B. COLLIS, of Canterbury, has succeeded in obtaining an excellent snapshot of a large portion of the Albert Hall on the occasion of the Commemoration Festival, which will be to those who were present an interesting souvenir.

THE SANDELL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION will open on or before the 12th prox. at the Modern Gallery, 175, Bond-street, and will consist of over 400 subjects, the majority never before photographed, including the City Companies' Halls; the Guildhall and Mansion House; Lincoln's Inn; Gray's Inn; Lambeth Palace; Westminster Abbey; Windsor Castle; the Monuments in St. George's Chapel and the Albert Memorial Chapel, Windsor; the Royal Mausoleums, Frogmore; St. Peter's, Rome; St. Mark's, Venice; &c. The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. daily, and there will be lantern illustrations and demonstrations on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, July 3rd, 1897.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

1010, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
2397, Columbia, Criterion.
2014, Household Brigade, Prince's Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

820, Lily Chapter of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel.
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LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Cripple-gate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, 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, JUNE 29.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.

Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
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, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 6.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

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