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## THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 29th Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, and from the report we publish elsewhere, it will be seen, not only that it was an exceedingly pleasant meeting—as Mark Benevolent Festivals or, for the matter of that, Masonic Festivals universally are—but that it resulted in a higher total of donations and subscriptions than has ever been announced before. Last year, Bro. C. LETCH MASON and his Province of West Yorkshire, had a "record" return of upwards of £2400, or some £50 or £60 in excess of the total obtained in Lord EUSTON'S year. On this occasion, Bro. Lt.-Col. A. B. COOK, and his Province of Middlesex, have carried all before them, and the new "record" they have set up will take an immense amount of beating. However, we have no desire to glorify the result of any particular Festival at the expense of those which have preceded it. What we are always on the look-out for, is a success that shall materially benefit the Institution immediately concerned, and there is, we think, but little doubt that the Mark Benevolent Fund will benefit substantially by Wednesday's gathering, and that the success of Bro. Lt.-Col. A. B. COOK, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, as Chairman of the 29th Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and his merry Board of close upon 240 Stewards, will long be remembered. A total of £3100 13s. is a worthy result from so numerous and influential a gathering as that which met in Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday evening, under the genial auspices of the Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, and our dearest hope is that the excellent record then established may be beaten at the earliest possible opportunity.

## THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 29th Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. Nearly 300 brethren and ladies sat down to dinner, among them being—

Bros. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.; Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy G.M.; the Earl of Portarlington, P.G.W.; Major Woodall, Major Oliver Papworth, Dr. Balfour Cockburn, R. Loveland Loveland, Col. Clifford Probyn, Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Frank Richardson, H. Lovegrove, Major C. W. Carrell, Richard Eve, C. F.

Matier, E. White, Bro. and Mrs. Craddock, Bros. A. Stewart Brown, Charles Belton, W. A. Scurrah, Capt. C. J. Knightley, A. H. Bevan, Dr. W. H. Kempster, Dr. Lawrence, J. E. Lane, H. C. Houndle, Capt. G. Hearn, the Earl of Yarborough, the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, Sir Lionel Durrell, Victor C. W. Cavendish, M.P., Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Emil Apelt and Mrs. Apelt, Bros. Richard Clowes, Rowland Plumbe, G. H. Parke, G. Treas.; and Gordon Miller, P.G.T.

The music was under the direction of Bro. Frederick Bevan, who was assisted by Miss Adelaide Mullen, Miss Marie Hooton, Miss Maude Evans, and Bros. H. W. Schartau, and Henry Beaumont.

After dinner the customary toasts were proposed.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, in proposing "The Queen," said during the last few weeks they had had an opportunity of witnessing the loyalty and enthusiasm that had been displayed over every portion of this great Empire and every part of the known world. They had felt towards her Majesty the Queen, and he then asked that assemblage of Mark Masons of England and Wales to once more honour her name by drinking her health and wishing good health for some years to come to the lady who had presided over this Empire for so many years in the way she had, and who, he thought, could not be better described than he heard her described the other day—as "the most queenly of women, and the most womanly of queens."

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK next proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The interest his Royal Highness took in all branches of Freemasonry was too well known for him to allude to it more particularly. The position his Royal Highness occupied, and the many calls there were upon his time, prevented his carrying out the actual duties of Masonry; still they well knew when any particular occasion arose, and he thought by his presence he could do any good, his Royal Highness was sure to be there.

Bro. Col. COOK, in proposing "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," said the toast was a very comprehensive one. He was very pleased to see around him so many of the Grand Officers, both Present and Past; but he was particularly proud—as they all might be on that occasion—that they had both the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master present. They were the officers who carried out those actual duties he just now referred to which the Prince of Wales had not the time to execute. These brethren spared no trouble where they felt they could be of any use. They travelled miles from the head-quarters of the Mark Degree if they thought they could advance its interests in any way, and he could not but feel that it was due to such men as they, coupled with the assistance they got from all the other Grand Officers, that the Mark Degree had made such progress and made the strides it had in the last few years.

The Earl of EUSTON, M.W. Pro G.M., in replying, said that in addition to thanking Col. COOK on behalf of the Grand Officers, he thanked him personally for the kind words he had used. As long as he had been in Grand Lodge in any position, he had received the best support from the Grand Officers, and in time to come they would be willing and happy to do anything they could to advance the Mark Degree; they were always pleased to be with the brethren.

The Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Health of the Chairman." Many Chairmen had preceded Col. COOK, and had done their best to get good subscriptions for the Mark Benevolent Fund. The brethren hoped he would do even better than his predecessors, and if he did it would encourage others to do better still. Col. COOK was in the centre of Masonry in Middlesex, and that province had backed him up well and heartily. The company would all join in wishing the Chairman long life and health to continue his good work.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, in reply, said he thanked Lord Euston for the way in which he had suggested that he (Col. COOK) had taken some trouble about that Festival, and he also thanked all present for the way they had received Lord Euston's remarks. But it appeared to him that those remarks would have been better made if they had come after the result of his efforts had been ascertained. He was now about to ask the company to drink the next toast—"Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund." Last autumn he was asked to take the chair at that Festival; but he must say he felt some diffidence; in fact, it did not seem to him a very advisable moment for any one to take the chair at that Festival, because West Yorkshire had done its best last year in collecting together a larger amount than had ever been collected for that Fund before. Besides, he also thought—as turned out to be the case—that the Jubilee year would call on people's pockets more than ordinary years. At the same time, after consulting some of the members of his province, who, he was glad to say, agreed with him, he thought it a fair and a good opportunity for the same Province of Middlesex to be up and stirring to show that it was possible that their constitution of the province was a wise one, and that they should give some *raison d'être* for their existence. What the result might be he was sure they were all somewhat anxious to know. If they had made a fair show Middlesex would be satisfied; they would feel like a small boy when he had fought a good fight and been beaten by the elder boy and got a good licking, that although he had been beaten he had not been disgraced. But if Middlesex beat West Yorkshire, all the more glory to little Middlesex, but if it did not it would not only glory in defeat, but feel proud that it had been helping those who could not help themselves. (Hear, hear.) He did not propose to speak at all on the merits of the Fund on whose behalf he was pleading to some extent; but for the benefit

of those who were honouring them with their presence for the first time, he might say it was divided into three parts—the educational, the benevolent, and the annuity branches. Thanks to the support and kindness they had always received, he was proud to say no approved candidate had gone away without relief. At the same time, the Mark Degree was increasing largely in numbers, and they were not at all sure the present state of affairs might exist. They hoped it might for many a long year to come. All of them had this Charity at heart; they all wished it success; and while this friendly rivalry went on from year to year between successive Chairmen, it must benefit by the honest wish of these brethren each to do better than others. (Applause).

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., Secretary, then read the following

### STEWARDS' LISTS.

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Miss * Bevan	...	...	...	...
Mrs. Bruton	...	...	...	...
Clowes	...	...	...	...
Lady Agnes Cooper	...	5	5	0
Darell	...	...	...	...
Miss Darell	...	...	...	...
Margaret Darell	...	...	...	...
Evelyn Darell	...	...	...	...
Mrs. Dorman	...	5	5	0
* Hearn	...	...	...	...
R. Loveland Loveland	...	5	5	0
C. F. Matier	...	5	5	0
Gordon Miller	...	...	...	...
Oppert	...	5	5	0
Miss Oxford	...	5	5	0
Mrs. Sayer	...	2	2	0
Blanco White	...	5	5	0

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Bro. R.L. Loveland (see Hants and Isle of Wight)	...	...	...	...
Frank Richardson (see Middlesex)	...	...	...	...
The Earl of Euston (see Norths, Hunts, and Beds)	...	...	...	...
Viscount Dungarvan (see Kent)	...	...	...	...
Lord Addington (see Bucks)	...	...	...	...
Sir J. C. Dimsdale (see London)	...	...	...	...
Charles Belton	...	5	5	0
A. Stewart Brown (see Middlesex)	...	...	...	...
Major C. W. Carrell (see London)	...	...	...	...
Richard Clowes (see Sussex)	...	...	...	...
Rowland Plumbe (see London)	...	...	...	...
Richard Eve (see Hants and Isle of Wight)	...	...	...	...
G. C. W. Fitzwilliam (see Norths, Hunts, and Beds)	...	...	...	...
Gordon Miller (see Kent)	...	...	...	...
Lieut.-Col. C. Probyn (see Middlesex)	...	...	...	...
F. West (see Surrey)	...	...	...	...
A. Woodiwiss (see Derbyshire)	...	...	...	...
A. F. Church	...	7	7	0
T. P. Dorman (see Norths, Hunts, and Beds)	...	...	...	...
G. H. Parke (see West Yorkshire)	...	...	...	...

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5 J. R. Cleave	22	17	6	
7 Rowland Plumbe	25	12	6	
144 Murray L. Russell	49	7	0	
224 H. C. Houndle	26	5	0	
331 Arthur J. Bailey	10	10	0	
355 H. Longman	17	17	0	
361 Charles A. Moreing	21	0	0	
385 * Maj. Frank Sheffield	...	...	...	...
385 W. F. Roberts	...	...	...	...
385 E. A. Gibson	15	15	0	
399 * Col. A. B. Cook	...	...	...	...
399 * Earl of Euston	...	...	...	...
399 * Sir Lionel Darell	...	...	...	...
399 E. A. Baylis	...	...	...	...
399 Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P.	...	...	...	...
399 F. Mead	...	...	...	...
399 A. Cooper	5	5	0	
399 C. Godson	...	...	...	...
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399 L. Miéville	...	...	...	...
399 A. H. Bevan	10	10	0	
399 * Frank Richardson	...	...	...	...
399 * Earl of Portarlington	...	...	...	...
400 Belgrave Ninnis	5	5	0	
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406 H. Le Roy Lewis	5	5	0	
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Sir George D. Harris	...	5	5	0
S. H. Heilbut	...	5	7	0
W. H. Kempster	...	5	5	0
F. Lawrence	...	26	5	0
H. Thomson Lyon	...	7	7	0
G. W. Marsden	...	5	5	0
C. F. Matier	...	66	3	0
Master * Harold G. Miller	...	...	...	...
Bro. * H. K. Paxton	...	...	...	...
* R. Turtle Pigott	...	...	...	...
E. St. Clair	...	5	5	0
Rev. Sir B. Savory, Bart.	...	1	1	0
J. S. Tamburini	...	5	5	0
R. J. Voisey	...	10	10	0
W. C. Watson	...	3	3	0
D. Watson	...	...	...	...
Edward White	...	...	...	...
T. Blanco White	...	5	5	0
Maj. W. Williams	...	5	5	0
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Chas. E. Keyser, J.P.	...	5	5	0
Province				
Bro. W. Fenton	...	15	15	0
Lodge				
55 Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer	...	5	5	0
225 G. H. Morland	...	10	10	0
235 W. Galt Millar	...	10	10	0

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Bro. Lord Addington	...	10	10	0

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* Percy Wallis	...	...	...	...
T. C. Eastwood	...	5	5	0
J. N. Woodiwiss	...	5	5	0
A. W. Slack	...	5	5	0
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Richard Pybus	...	5	5	0

Lodge				
302 Bro. E. J. H. Hoskyn	...	15	15	0
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439 Sir Lionel Darrell, Bart.	...	...	...	...

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156 Robert Thomson	...	5	5	0
156 N. Heywood	...	6	6	0
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3 F. G. May	...	...	...	...
3 Maj. W. E. Williams	...	42	0	0
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3 R. A. Kearsey	...	...	...	...
173 H. Barrow	...	17	17	0
173 B. Stewart	...	10	10	0
181 F. F. Bonney	...	17	17	0
199 F. Humphreys	...	10	10	0
236 Alfred Tucker	...	...	...	...
284 Capt. C. Knightley	...	5	5	0
284 John Handley	...	5	5	0
284 Charles Handley	...	5	5	0
284 George Rice	...	5	5	0
284 W. Metcalfe	...	5	5	0
284 W. Bradford	...	...	...	...
284 Maj. F. Sheffield	...	5	5	0
350 A. G. Duck	...	20	0	0
448 Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P.	...	...	...	...
448 A. Stewart Brown	...	...	...	...
448 Frank Richardson	...	...	...	...
448 Lt.-Col. C. Probyn	...	...	...	...
448 J. E. Lane	...	...	...	...
448 J. M. Small	...	...	...	...
448 D. Unquhart	...	168	0	0
448 C. Grueon	...	...	...	...
448 P. E. Singer	...	...	...	...
448 A. Clark	...	...	...	...
448 C. Godson	...	...	...	...
448 Rev. W. R. Finlay	...	...	...	...
448 J. W. S. Gidding	...	...	...	...

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Rev. E. M. Weigall	...	5	5	0

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Bro. R. Clowes	...	5	5	0
Lodge				
Howe Bro. Wright Wilson	...	5	5	0
174 Bro. Felix Jones	...	5	5	0
430 W. H. Rollason	...	15	15	0

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a tone of the great celebrations of the year, and that the brethren should recognise the benefits which ladies directly and indirectly conferred upon Masonry. They wished that ladies would assist at all Masonic ceremonies, because it would do away with a great deal of questioning which they all underwent. He believed in one country in Europe ladies were admitted—(laughter)—perhaps not to all the ceremonies; but he believed in Spain there were lady Masons. (Laughter.) He coupled with the toast Viscount Dungarvan, a bachelor, hoping it was the last time he would attend these festivals in that character.

Viscount DUNGARVAN, D.G.M., responded, and thought that Bro. Tatton Egerton had taken counsel with the ladies before he expressed the wish they had heard. He hoped his constitution would allow him to attend many future festivals. If not, perhaps some brother as happy as himself would return thanks for the ladies. Each successive year brought a larger number of ladies to these festivals. He was most happy to-night because the Chairman's wife took care to see to the success of her husband. There was no doubt the great success of this festival was due to the ladies.

The Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. NAVIER LEON, District Grand Secretary Jamaica, and Bro. G. W. HART, 370, St. Helena, responded.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK proposed "The Stewards."

Bro. A. STEWART BROWN acknowledged the toast, after which the company adjourned to the Crown Room and enjoyed a choice concert.

#### ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

The Returns we have published are eminently satisfactory. Last year, when Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, occupied the chair, there was a Board of Stewards mustering in all 170, and the total of the donations and subscriptions they succeeded in raising was £2,111 18s. 6d., this being the highest amount ever obtained at any Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. On Wednesday, there was a Board of 235 ladies and brethren, and the donations and subscriptions amounted in the aggregate to £3,100 13s., the Chairman of the day being Bro. Lt.-Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, whose Province is to be congratulated on the loyalty and generosity with which it seconded his efforts.

#### Taking

##### LONDON

first, we find that in addition to the ladies and members of the General Board, whose lists are not included in other sections of the Returns, there were 44 representatives of 14 lodges, and one lodge of instruction, and 27 Unattached, the total from all sources being £691 19s. 6d. The principal lists were those of Bro. Thomas Fenn, who represented Grand Master's Lodge, and handed in a sum of £52 10s.; and Bro. W. L. Russell, I.P.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, who compiled £49 7s. The Euston Lodge, No. 399, had quite a formidable contingent, several of its representatives being likewise entered under Provinces, still, after making due allowance for these, there was a capital return, which reached £108 13s. 6d. Bro. F. C. Matier, Secretary of the Fund is entered for £66 3s., and Bro. Herbert J. Adams was responsible for a list of £31 10s., while Bro. H. C. Houndle, W.M. Menatschim Lodge, No. 224, raised £26 5s.; Bro. Rowland Plumbe, Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, £25 18s. 6d., and Bro. J. R. Cleave, Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, £22 17s. 6d. Eight ladies together contributed £38 17s., and three members of the General Board £12 12s. Last year the total from London was £630 9s., of which six ladies contributed £36 5s.; four members of the Board £42; 20 lodge representatives £457 14s.; and 11 Unattached brethren £94 10s. In 1895 the number of Stewards was 65, and the amount they had the satisfaction of raising was £662 19s. 6d., thus London has well maintained its position.

As for

##### THE PROVINCES,

they did splendidly in 1896, when 119 Stewards compiled a total of £1731 9s. 6d., as compared with £1445 10s. raised by 104 Steward in 1895. On Wednesday, this section of the Board mustered altogether 164 brethren, the aggregate of whose lists reached £2408 13s. 6d.

There were six Stewards from the Province of

##### BEDS AND ONON,

two of them being Unattached, while one, Bro. W. Fenton, acted as representative of the Province, and thus did duty as Steward for three of the six lodges, the total being £52 10s., of which £15 15s. constituted the list of Bro. Fenton. Last year four Stewards raised £47 4s. 6d., and in 1895 five Stewards, of whom four hailed from lodges, and the fifth was Dep. P.G.M., raised £72 15s., while in 1894 the sum obtained by the same number of Stewards was £46 5s. 6d. One of the five lodges in BUCKINGHAMSHIRE had Bro. Lord Addington, its W.M., to represent it, his lordship's list, amounting to £10 10s. Two of the lodges in the CHANNEL ISLANDS—the Caesarean, No. 74, and the Sarnian, No. 425—which are to be found in last year's list as contributing between them £31 10s., were also represented on Wednesday to the extent of £36 15s. for £31 10s., of which Bro. Elias Bree, of No. 74, was responsible, while Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn gave the remainder. The Prov. G. Master—Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.—and Bro. Fred King Stevenson, Provincial Steward, made up a total of £28 9s. for CHESHIRE, Bro. Stevenson's list being for £23 4s., while last year two lodges together raised £16 16s. One lodge in CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND—the Inglewood—had Bro. the Rev. W. Cree, W.M., acting on his behalf, and his list was £5 5s., as compared with £36 5s. which was contributed by Lord H. Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Prov. G. Master, and Bro. the Rev. W. Cree.

##### DERBYSHIRE,

since it has been constituted a separate Province under Bro. A. Woodiwiss as Prov. G. Master, has done exceedingly well. Thus, in 1896, its returns totalled up £149 1s. 6d., the number of Stewards being 10, of whom seven were Unattached, and the other three lodge representatives. In 1895, the number of Stewards was 12, and the amount they obtained £112 4s. On Wednesday, five of the six lodges sent Stewards, and there were in addition eight brethren, including the Prov. G. Master, Unattached, the sum total being £94 10s., and the principal lists those of Bro. Hoskyn, representing the Derby Lodge, No. 302, and Bro. J. R. Eastwood, Dove Valley Lodge, No. 353, for £15 15s. each. The Province of DEVONSHIRE had two Stewards to represent it—generally—Bros. John Taylor and F. B. Westlake, who between them compiled a total of £61 19s., to which Bro. the Rev. R. Peck, of the St. George Lodge, No. 15, compiled an additional £20, making in all £81, which compares very favourably with the £49 2s. obtained by the same Provincial representatives in 1896, and £38 2s. obtained by Bro. Taylor acting alone in 1895. DORSETSHIRE, which returned £5 5s. in 1896, and £52 10s. in 1895, had two Stewards, one—the Earl of Portarlington—Unattached, and the other—Bro. R. Chaplin, Steward for Amity Lodge, No. 132—the former of whom gave £5 5s. Ten Stewards hailing from EAST ANGLIA made up a sum of £31 10s., there being 13 lodges on the roll, of which York, No. 334, was represented by Bro. Dempster. In 1895, the Province was entered for £25 4s., and last year for £28 7s., there being two lodges included in the former year, and three in the latter.

##### GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE,

though it numbers but six lodges, sent up as many as seven Stewards, headed by Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Prov. G. Master, while the Gloucester Lodge, No. 433, had four of its members acting in that capacity, the total amounting to £54 12s., as against £5 5s. last year from Bro. Vassar-Smith, and £10 10s. the previous year from the same brother and his predecessor in office. In 1895, HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT were represented by five Stewards, whose contributions amounted to £21; but in 1896, though only three brethren, including Bro. R. Eve, Dep. P.G.M., and Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, acted on its behalf, the total contributions was £52 10s. Bro. Mursell represented the Albany (F.I.) and Medina (No. 140) Lodges, raising one half, and the D.P.G.M. and Bro. Loveland the other half between them. On Wednesday, there were five Stewards, of whom Bros. R. Eve and Loveland were Unattached, and the remaining three acted for Lodges Nos. 2 and 17, the total being £36 15s. None of the five lodges in HERTFORDSHIRE sent Stewards, but Bros. George E. Lake, Dep. P.G.M., and E. Apelt, acting independently, together contributed £10 10s. Last year and the year before, the totals were £7 7s. and £10 10s. respectively, but in each instance one Steward's list appeared under the Province of Middlesex.

Three of the 20 lodges on the roll of

##### KENT

were directly represented, while the Province itself as a whole sent up a Steward in the person of Bro. Deacon, the Prov. Grand Master (Viscount Dungarvan) and his Deputy, together with three other brethren, being Unattached. The total reached £86 15s. 6d., the principal item being £23 2s., raised by Bro. A. W. Orwin, M.D., S.G.D., of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 294. Last year there were five lodges represented and two Unattached brethren, the sum of whose contributions was £55 13s., the amount comparing very unfavourably with those of 1895 and 1894, when £125 12s. was raised in the former year and £127 14s. in the latter. In 1891 the subscriptions and donations reached £178 10s., and in 1890 £117 1s., there being nine Stewards that were responsible for the former, and 11 for the latter, total.

In the Province of

##### LANCASHIRE

there are 36 lodges, of which four were represented by seven Stewards on Wednesday, Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Deputy P.G.M., and two other brethren Unattached raising the full complement of representatives to 10, while the sum they raised was £91 7s., the County Palatine Lodge, No. 156, which had as many as five strings to its bow, figuring for £22 1s. In 1896 the total was £47 5s., of which £31 10s. stood to the credit of the three Stewards hailing from the County Palatine Lodge, while in 1895, when Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, son of the Prov. G. Master, presided as Chairman and the Province enacted the part of "Chairman's Province," the total was £262 10s., towards which his lordship's list furnished the considerable sum of £115 10s. The Province of LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND was represented by Bro. W. J. Freer, Dep. P.G. Master, and the Earl of Euston, Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. H. Thompson, Prov. G. Treasurer, and another acted independently, the full amount being £21, of which £10 10s. was to the credit of the Provincial representative. Last year the amount contributed was £5 5s.; in 1895 £15 5s. LINCOLNSHIRE, which musters nine lodges, is entered for £15 15s., contributed by the Earl of Yarborough, P.G.M., the Rev. E. M. Weigall, and Bro. J. H. Lee, representing the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 787, Crowle, in three equal parts. In 1896 it gave £5 5s., in 1895 £21, and in 1894, when the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G. Master, presided at the Festival, £214 5s. 6d., of which £78 15s. stood to the credit of his lordship.

We now come to the "Chairman's Province" of

##### MIDDLESEX,

which since the death, in 1892, of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, has been a separate Province under Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook as P.G.M., and has generally done well, notwithstanding that even now, including the lodges consecrated this year, it musters only some 12 lodges. In 1893 it raised £33 3s. 6d.; in 1894, £27 6s.; in 1895, £42; and in 1896, £51 9s. On Wednesday it put forth its strength to good purpose, the Prov. G. Master himself heading the array of 44 Stewards, with Bro. W. M. Stiles, Prov. G. Treasurer, supporting him independently, and representatives to the number of 41 from all the lodges in the Province. The total compiled by these 44 brethren was £1251 13s., of which the Chairman's list was £799 1s. Keystone Lodge, No. 3, returned £42 by the hands of eight Stewards; Temple Lodge, No. 173, £28 7s. by the hands of two; Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181, per Bro. F. F. Bonney, £17 17s.; High Cross Lodge, No. 284, which had seven to represent it, £31 10s.; Lodge Temperance-in-the-East, No. 350, per Bro. A. G. Duck, £20; Hampton Court Lodge, No. 448, per 13 Stewards, £68; St. Pancras Lodge, No. 494, per Bro. W. A. Scurrah, W.M., £21; and Oxford and Cambridge Lodge, per Bro. J. C. Fitzroy Tower, £21. Thus the total of £751 5s. raised by West Yorkshire, the "Chairman's Province" of last year, is very greatly exceeded, and would of itself make a very respectable total for a Festival, and testifies abundantly to the respect in which our Middlesex Mark brethren hold their Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Col. Cook has, indeed, worked very hard for Freemasonry in all its Orders and Degrees, and in the Mark especially has borne himself bravely in more than one important office. We are not, therefore, surprised that, on such an occasion as this, when he took upon himself the duties and responsibilities of Chairman at the Mark Benevolent Festival, he should have had his reward in the generous and devoted support of the lodges and brethren he presides over with such conspicuous ability.

##### NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM,

as represented by Bro. Sir Gainsford Bruce, Unattached, and Bro. C. D. Hill Drury as Provincial Steward, returns £39 18s., as against £36 18s. contributed by one of its 12 lodges in 1896. NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS, of which the Earl of Euston is P.G.M., was represented by his lordship and Bro. T. P. Dormin, Unattached, Bro. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam as Provincial Steward, and the representatives of two out of its four lodges, the total being £112 7s., of which Lord Euston raised £54 12s.; Bro. Fitzwilliam £21; Bro. T. P. Dormin £21; and Bro. the Rev. V. P. Wyatt £10 10s. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, with Bro. W. Percy Payne representing the Province, is entered for £32 11s., and one of the lodges—No. 444—in SHROPSHIRE, per Bro. R. G. Venables, for £5 5s. The Carnarvon Lodge, No. 119, Keynsham, very creditably upheld the reputation of Somersetshire and its 10 lodges, Bro. S. J. Lewis, who acted as Steward, handing in a list of £35. Last year, Bro. Col. Thrale Perkins, as Provincial Steward, raised £32 11s., and, in 1895, Bro. S. R. Baskett's list contained donations, &c., amounting to £26 6s.

##### SURREY,

which has been a separate Province since 1892, with a roll of eight lodges, sent up five Stewards, Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M., acting for himself, and the other four being lodge representatives, the total reaching £42 10s. 6d., of which £18 18s. was raised by Bro. C. W. Davis, W.M. of the Kintore Lodge, No. 333. In 1896, there were, including Bro. West, six Stewards, and their lists amounted to £53 15s. 6d.; in 1895, the Stewards from the eight lodges sent in £43 11s. 6d.; and in 1894, £49 16s. 6d. was obtained by the efforts of five Stewards. In 1893, the late Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G. Master, presided at the Festival,

and was very handsomely supported to the extent of £247 8s. 6d. *Sussex* was represented, not for the first time, by Bro. Richard Clowes, who gave £5 5s., while two of the six lodges on the roll of *WARWICKSHIRE* returned lists amounting to £26 5s., of which £15 15s. stood to the credit of Bro. W. H. Rollason, of Lodge Charity, No. 430, Birmingham. Last year the amount, including £21 from the late Bro. T. R. Arter, Unattached, was £31 10s. Bro. G. M. Wilson, the representative of the Province of *WILTSHIRE*, is entered for £12 12s.; Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. *Worcestershire*, for £17 17s.; and Bro. Major J. W. Woodall, and another Prov. G. Master of N. and E. *Yorkshire*, for £5 5s.

Last year

#### WEST YORKSHIRE

was the "Chairman's Province," and furnished, by the hands of 52 Stewards—of whom 14 were ladies—the exceptionally large sum of £751 5s., towards which the *Britannia Lodge*, No. 53, with seven Stewards, contributed £104 14s.; *Fearnley Lodge*, No. 50, with 11 Stewards, £95 11s.; *Integrity Lodge*, No. 110, with seven Stewards, £119 14s.; the *Copley Lodge*, No. 111, represented by the Chairman, Bro. C. L. Mason, Mrs. Mason, and Miss Mason, £100 16s.; the *Portal Lodge*, 127, with six Stewards, £112 2s. 6d.; and the *Lodge of Truth*, No. 137, with Bro. Barker, D.P.G.M., Mrs. Barker, and five other Stewards, £91 10s. 6d. All the lodges on the Provincial roll and the Prov. G. Lodge itself took part in the good work, the sum then obtained being the highest raised at a Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. On Wednesday there were 10 Stewards, including the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.G. Warden, and Bro. G. H. Parke, G. Treasurer; Unattached, and *Lodge Truth*, No. 137, had four representatives, the total of the lists being £141 15s. In addition there was a Steward from *QUEENSLAND*, whose list had not been received, and in noting this, we bring what has been an extremely pleasant task to a conclusion. We can only hope that future analyses may be as pleasant to compile as this and its predecessors have been for the last seven or eight years.

## Secret Monitor.

### GRAND COUNCIL.

The Grand Council of this flourishing Order held its annual summer meeting on Thursday, the 1st instant, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order had arranged to preside; but he found himself at the last moment unable to leave home. The chair was, therefore, taken by the I.P.S.R., M.W. Bro. Dr. I. Zacharie, supported in Grand Council by M.W. Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.S.R.; J. Tickle, C.C., P.G.T.; Sir Thomas Wright, K.B., Grand Guide and Grand Treasurer nominate, and many other well-known members of Grand Council, most of whose names will be found in our report of the meeting of Grand Conclave, which took place immediately afterwards.

The following is a summary of the half-yearly report of the Executive Committee:

Your Executive Committee beg to report—

1. That the number of certificates issued during the half year is 98, being 68 First, 23 Second, and 7 Third Degree; a number considerably greater than that of the corresponding period of last year—77.
2. They recommend Grand Council to re-elect the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick as G.S.R. for the year ensuing, and to tender to him the hearty thanks of the Grand Council and of the Order for his distinguished services during the past year.
3. They recommend that R.W. Bro. Sir Thomas Wright, K.B., be elected as Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing, and that the best thanks of the Grand Council and of the Order be tendered to R.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer of England (Craft) for his able services as Treasurer during the past year.
4. They report further that a new conclave—*Transvaal*—has been recently formed chiefly by Scotch Masons in the *Transvaal*. This, with the new Earl of Warwick Conclave, brings the roll of conclaves to 30.
5. They are pleased to see Conclave No. 6, *Anglo-American*, once more taking an active part in the work of the Order.
6. They regret to report the death of M.W. Bro. Wm. Geo. Lemon in May last, and would recommend Grand Council to support in Grand Conclave a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence with the relatives of one who was in all his actions a true and worthy brother of the Order, and of whose principles he was a living embodiment.
7. That your Committee have received numerous valuable suggestions, which they have embodied in the Book of Constitutions, copies of which are before Grand Council to-day, and will be proposed for final adoption in Grand Conclave this evening.
8. That they have thought it right to represent to the M.W.G.S. Ruler their desire to see her Most Gracious Majesty's Jubilee marked by this Order, as well as by the Craft, and that the G.S.R. has been good enough to comply with their wishes, and has made several appointments accordingly.

July 1st, 1897.

The Grand Visitors read their half-yearly report, from which we extract the following:

1. That the summonses to the various meetings of Conclaves have been regularly forwarded to them, thus enabling them to keep well in touch with the progress of the Order.
2. They have visited the Conclaves on many occasions, and have always been well received. The work they have observed has been duly reported to the Executive Committee of the Grand Council, and has had some influence in determining the recommendations to the Grand Supreme Ruler with reference to the appointments to Grand Office.
3. They are pleased to report that all things seem to be settling down to their normal state, and that little, if any, attention is now paid to the maladroitness made upon the Order two years ago. Your Visitors have been gratified to learn from many distinguished representatives from India and the Colonies, at present in England, that "if the brethren abroad are called upon to choose between the Order of the Secret Monitor and the Allied Degrees, their minds have long been made up."
4. In laying down their office, the Grand Visitors would wish to thank the brethren, one and all, for the heartiness and cordiality which has made their year of service a period of real pleasure.

July 1, 1897.

#### GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Grand Festival in connection with this Order was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. There was a good attendance of brethren, but owing to the unavoidable absence of the G. Supreme Ruler, the Earl of Warwick, the chair was taken by Bro. I. Zacharie, P.G.S.R.

The following Grand Officers and brethren were in attendance, Bros. Sir Thomas Wright, G. Guide; W. J. Spratling, G. Recorder; J. Lewis Thomas, P.D.G.S.R.; J. Marshall, J.G.V.; Dr. A. Upton, G.S.B.; J. Tickle, P.G. Treas.; W. R. Shutt, P.G. Std.; Dr. G. Harley Thomas, P.G.S.B.; W. P. Newitt, P.G.G.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.V.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.V.; J. Steavenson, P.G.B.B.; J. A. Thilthorpe, P.G.B.B.; G. Richards, P.G.C.; Rev. A. W. Gross, P.G.S.; J. Wood, P.G.Std.; H. Tipper, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. Bastone, P.G.G.; T. J. Ralling, G. Std.; H. J. Gadd, P.G. Std.; C. L. Nelson, G. Std.; E. Storr, P.G.C.; Geo. W. Capel, F.R.G.S.; and many others.

The Grand Conclave was opened with solemn prayer, after which the roll of conclaves was called, and the minutes confirmed.

The GRAND RECORDER read letters of regret for non-attendance from Bros. the Earl of Warwick, G.S.R.; Judge Philbrick, D.R.O.; Dr. Sansom, P.G.C.; Geo. Gregory, G.V.; F. C. Van Duzer, G. Std.; A. Lamette, P.G.V.; E. Letchworth, P.G.S.R.; E. Keyser, G.Cn.; Major Walls, P.G.B.B.; R. Eve, G.T.; and others.

The G.S.R. who had been elected at the meeting of Grand Council, was then proclaimed by R.W. Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G.V., G.D.C.

The following G. Officers were appointed, those present being invested:

M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick	...	G.S.R.
R.W. " Issachar Zacharie, M.D.	...	I.P.G.S.R.
R.W. " his Honor Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	D.R.O.
" " the Right Hon. Baron Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain)	...	G. Chancellor.
" " Sir T. Wright, K.B., P.S.R. 9, P.G.G.	...	G. Treasurer.
" " C. E. Keyser, J.P., 5, P.G.V.	...	G. Chamberlain.
" " John Marshall, Sec. 25, 26, P.G.V.	...	G. Guide.
" " Joseph Steavenson, B.A., P.S.R. 14, P.G.B.B.	...	*P.G. Guide.
" " W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.S.R. 2, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.	...	G. Recorder.
" " Geo. Gregory, P.S.R. 8, P.G.C.	...	G. Visitors.
" " T. J. Ralling, 29, &c., G. Stwd.	...	
" " W. Cockcroft, P.S.R. 25, P.G.C.	...	*P.G. Visitor.
V.W. " Dr. A. Upton, S.R. 10, P.G. Stwd.	...	G. Std. Br.
" " the Rev. Alfred Ikin, D.D., S.R. 15	...	*P.G. Std. Brs.
" " W. R. Shutt, P.S.R. 8, P.G.C.	...	
R.W. " J. J. Thomas, P.S.R. 5, 8, P.G.V.	...	G.D.C.
V.W. " J. Castello, S.R. 5, P.G.C.	...	*P.G.D.C.
" " Fletcher Armstrong, S.R. 26	...	G. Bow Bearer.
" " J. D. B. Gribble, P.S.R. 21, P.G.C.	...	*P.G. Bow Bearers.
" " C. Aburrow, P.S.R. 22, P.G. Stwd.	...	
" " Hezekiah John Gadd, S.R. 9, P.G. Stwd.	...	G. Gdr.
" " F. H. D. Pinsent, P.S.R. 14, P.G. Stwd.	...	
" " G. Leask, P.S.R. 15	...	*P.G. Gdrs.
" " C. L. Nelson, 1, G. Stwd.	...	
" " the Rev. Arthur Westcott, M.A., S.R. 14, P.G. Stwd.	...	
" " Capt. C. D. Wise, S.R. 23	...	G. Councillors.
" " Edwin Storr, P.S.R. 5, P.G. Stwd.	...	
" " Geo. W. Capel, F.R.G.S., Sec. Bd. Gd. Stwds. 1896	...	
" " E. Gordon Sinclair, S.R. 16, P.G. Stwd.	...	*P.G. Councillors.
" " J. F. Moyle, S.R. 28	...	
" " F. D. McMillan, S.R. 30	...	P.G. Councillor.
" " T. C. Edmonds, 1	...	G. Sentinel.

The following Grand Stewards were invested: Bros. A. Gamman and C. L. Nelson, 1; F. E. Lemon, 2, P.G.B.B.; W. J. Songhurst and R. Finlayson, 5; J. Skinner, 6; J. P. Taylor, 8; Colonel E. Molyneux, 9; Dr. A. H. Tester and L. S. Beale, 10; J. Kay, 12; Rev. J. T. Laurence, M.A., 14; J. E. Middlebrook, 15; Surgeon-Major J. G. Harwood, C. M. Rustomjee, J. Tickle, P.G. Treas. 16; A. W. Chapman, 18 and 19; A. G. Fellowes, 21; J. Robertson Reep, 22; Capt. C. D. Wise, 23; F. C. Van Duzer, 24; J. Simpson, 25; R. T. Redman, 26; V. Brown, 27; T. Sheppard, 28; T. J. Ralling and R. S. Poppleton, 29; and R. S. Bevington, 30.

Bro. J. Tickle, P.G. Treas., then rose and said that since they last met the Order of the Secret Monitor and every other Order in Freemasonry had received a great blow by the death of their dear and esteemed Bro. W. G. Lemon. That deceased brother's name had stood high in Freemasonry for many years, and had become a household word wherever Freemasons met. It would be some slight satisfaction to the widow and family if they tendered an expression of their sympathy, and he (Bro. Tickle) therefore moved a resolution expressing extreme regret at the death of Bro. W. G. Lemon, J.I. B., J.P., who, as a living embodiment of the principles of the Order, had endeared himself to all who knew him.

This was carried *nem. con.*

Bro. Tickle also moved that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Lemon and Bro. F. Lemon. The draft book of Constitutions, with slight alterations, was then adopted as the Constitutions of the Order on the proposition of Bro. J. Tickle.

Bro. W. P. Newitt, P.G.C., suggested that the proceedings of Grand Council and Grand Conclave should be reported *in extenso* and circulated amongst the various conclaves, and, after discussion, in which the question of finance was raised, it was referred to the Committee to make the necessary arrangements. The Grand Conclave was then closed in ample form with solemn prayer.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Crown Room, the speeches being interspersed with selections from an excellent musical programme, which included the following artists: Miss Bessie Spells, Miss Annie Northcroft, Mr. G. W. Turner, and Bros. W. Edwards and H. Tipper, the latter of whom was warmly encored for his well rendered hand-bell solos. There were about fifty brethren present.

The usual toasts were honoured, Bro. I. ZACHARIE, P.G.S.R., giving "The Queen and the Order of the Secret Monitor" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," with cordiality.

\* Jubilee Grand Officers.



In proposing "The M.W. the Earl of Warwick, P.G.S.R., Bro. ZACHARIE said he knew that all the members of the Order were proud to have such a brother at their head. Their G.S.R. had been the means of the Order passing through an ordeal as few men could have guided them. Although not present with them in person the Earl of Warwick was with them in heart as he fully expected to be present.

Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, P.G.S.R., proposed "The Health of Bro. I. Zacharie, I.P.G.S.R." and said it was due to Bro. Zacharie's great zeal and great enthusiasm that the Order owed its present existence in England. They were brethren linked together in a warmer affection even than in the Craft brotherhood.

Bro. I. ZACHARIE, P.G.S.R., returned thanks, and said he could scarcely think that since he presided over their first meeting 10 years ago, so great a change could have taken place. Many of their dear and true friends—such as Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke and W. G. Lemon—had departed this life. Whilst he remained with them, his heart would be in the Order. He could only thank them for the kindness always shown him.

Bro. His Honor Judge Philbrick, Q.C., D.R.O., was then heartily honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Acting G.S.R. said they were proud to have the name of Lord Halsbury at the head of the Grand Officers. He had known the Lord Chancellor intimately for 20 years, and knew him to be a good Mason and a true Secret Monitor. Bro. Keyser was their Grand Chamberlain, and he did not know a more liberal or more charitable man. Bro. Sir Thos. Wright had been elected Grand Treasurer, and they were proud to number him amongst the Grand Officers.

Bro. Sir THOS. WRIGHT, G. Treas., thanked the Grand Supreme Ruler for the feeling language in which he had proposed the toast. It was a serious business for a country solicitor to speak on behalf of the Lord Chancellor, but speaking as a humble member of the profession, in which Lord Halsbury had rendered great service to his country, their distinguished brother would have appreciated the compliment. For several years Lord Halsbury had taken a deep interest in the Order, and as for Bro. Keyser, his affection for Freemasonry was well-known. When he saw around him the distinguished array of Grand Officers who still remained, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, his responsibility was increased. With that kind and christian charity which pervaded the whole of the Order, and that brotherly love which was so characteristic of it, those for whom he responded would, he was sure, pardon him if he failed to say all they wished to be said. As the youngest member, might he say how proud he was to be one of their number in this Grand Council and this Grand Order. He echoed and emphasised the language used in reference to it that evening. He was glad that Bro. Steavenson would follow him in response, for as that brother came from Madras, he would better represent the feeling of the Colonies. It must be patent to all that an Order which, so far as this country was concerned, had only existed 10 years, and had progressed so satisfactorily under the benign sway of the G.S.R., must be based on sound and useful principles. He would go further and say that having regard to recent events, the best proof was their increase of numbers. He hoped the suggestion made to circulate the reports of their meetings throughout the world would be adopted, as it would strengthen the bond between the members.

Bro. J. STEAVENSON, P.G.G., said he felt great diffidence in responding after the previous accomplished speakers. Coming as he did from India, he had been called upon to represent the Colonies. They were merely deputations from home, for they were glad to stay in India a short time and then return. Shortly after he became a Mason, he was induced by Bro. Newitt to join this Order, and no greater kindness was ever done to a man. He was introduced to those who not only were prepared to meet brother as brother, but were prepared to go out of their way to join brother to brother. Two brethren stood back from the chair to enable him to take it, and both were probably Masons before he was born. The brethren flocked to his standard in the conclave, in Madras, and heartily supported him—including almost a dozen members of District Grand Lodge, and the District Grand Master. Nothing more brotherly and Masonic could scarcely be conceived than those brethren, far above him in rank, joining a young Mason. It brought home to him the glories of Masonry, and that night he had made many pleasant associations. He most warmly thanked them on behalf of the Madras brethren.

Bro. G. RICHARDS, South Africa, also replied, and referred to the hospitality shown him since his arrival in this country. Amongst the brethren of this and other Degrees, he had received hospitality which had warmed his heart, and it has shown him how strong were the links of Masonic Brotherhood, and how strong were the pulsations of those who honoured the Queen and the Craft.

Bro. J. TICKLE then proposed "The Health of the Grand Recorder, Bro. W. J. Spratling, B. Sc.," whose zeal and efficiency had done much for the success of the Order. He said some of the brethren were looking forward to the time when Grand Council, following the practice of other Orders, would be able to occupy premises of its own. He trusted the time was not far off, as a central office and Secretary always in attendance would be a source of considerable additional strength to the Order.

Bro. SPRATLING, in replying, expressed his pleasure at the success of their meeting, not only at Grand Conclave, but also at the banquet table. He had never seen so representative a gathering at any previous festival, and should be much cheered in his work by the very hearty way in which his humble efforts appear to be appreciated by correspondents from all quarters of the globe. He looked forward to the time when Bro. Tickle's prediction would be verified, and when the Order could have a home of its own in town.

Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS then proposed the toast of "The Grand Stewards," coupling with it the names of Bros. W. J. Songhurst, and Robertson Reep, President and Secretary of the Board; Bros. C. L. Nelson and Warliker, of Moulmein, and also Bro. Ralling.

The proceedings terminated with the Sentinel's toast.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MENDELSSOHN LODGE, No. 2661.

A new musical lodge was consecrated on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant Masonic Room. The lodge is named the Mendelssohn Lodge, and is numbered 2661 on the roll of Grand Lodge of England. It springs out of the South London Musical Club, the same as the Chough

Lodge, No. 2264, originated in the Chough Musical Society, and from all appearances bids fair to be as prosperous.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. Charles Stevens, P.M. 1793, P.P. G. Org. Middx.; Frederick Inskipp, P.M. 1997; W. J. Hellyar, P.M. 2099; R. Peachey, 1922; R. J. Hennings, P.M. 2508; A. W. Jones, 1216; W. H. Duffield, 766; H. Corner, 1139; C. Gough, 2182; M. Brown, P.M. 1997; J. W. Stevens, P.M. 2234; B. Bramble, 2182; C. J. Wilkinson Pimbury, P.M. 2241; E. C. Crouch, P.M. 857; and F. P. Baxter, P.M. 1216, W.M. 1997.

The brethren, besides the Consecrating Officers present, were—

Bros. W. H. Hooper, P.M. 2182; S. F. Cornish, W.M. 1216; G. W. Barter, J.W. 2362; Charles J. Tilcher, P.M. 1216; Frank G. Bailey, W.M. 1426; W. T. Snell, S.W. 1818; Sutton Shepley, W.M. 1706; Dr. T. S. Keller, P.M. 1641, 1329; James S. White, P.M., P.Z. 2099; Alfred England, J.W. 1216; John Murray, I.G. 2545; James Gawthrop, J.W. 1706; Stanley L. Powell, 2403; J. G. Berkington, 2403; A. G. Greenland, 190; Alfred W. White, 1326; R. A. Kemp, 1706; Wingrove Ives, 1929; George W. Townsend, 700; T. A. Bennett, 1997; W. Fell, 1706; Louis S. Beale, W.M. 874; H. Massey, P.M. 1619, 1928; Chas. A. Webb, 1539; Herbert Harden, 1216; H. Savidge, 22; W. Hiles Smith, 1706; J. H. Guyton, 1426, P.M. 807, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler; James Stephens, Dep. G.D. of C.; Hubert J. Gardner, I.P.M. 1261; R. A. Marshall, P.M. 2161; J. Mitchell, S.W. 611; William Sexton, 1321; and E. X. Leon, 207, P.D.S.G.W.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Richard Clowes, P.G. Sid. Br., acting as Senior Warden; George Frederick Smith (Guildhall School of Music), Grand Organist, as Junior Warden; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Major G. H. N. Bridges, P.G.S.B., as I.G. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. H. Kempling, 1706 and 2508, and the anthems and hymns were sung by Bros. Hiles Smith, F. E. Fell, Gawthrop, Shepley, and Ives.

After the formal opening of the lodge, Bro. LETCHWORTH, in introducing the proceedings, said the brethren were gathered together to undertake a very interesting and a very solemn duty, the constitution of a new lodge and its dedication to the service of God. The founders of the lodge were brethren who were associated together, he believed, in the love of music. He could only hope that the lodge that they were about to constitute might be the means of advancing the best interests of Masonry in the metropolis; that it might accomplish all the objects the founders had specially in view; that those who were associated together in one way might have the opportunity of meeting together in the bonds of Masonry; and that it might have before it a very successful career.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG delivered the oration, in which he stated that just as Mendelssohn, after whom the lodge was named, devoted his life to producing the best of music, so the brethren of this lodge should work their best to advance the interests of Masonry.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, constitution, and dedication, Bro. Charles Stevens was installed as W.M., who invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. P. Baxter, I.P.M.; Frederick Inskipp, S.W.; William John Hellyar, J.W.; Robt. Peachey, Treas.; Richard John Hennings, Sec.; A. W. Jones, S.D.; B. Bramble, J.D.; W. H. Duffield, I.G.; C. J. Wilkinson Pimbury, D. of C.; J. W. Stevens, Mount Brown, C. Gough, and H. Corner, Stewards; Crouch, Org.; and Whiteman, Tyler.

A Committee was appointed to frame the bye-laws of the lodge, and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge, a compliment which the Grand Secretary acknowledged.

After some gentlemen had been proposed and seconded for initiation into Masonry at the next meeting, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hennings for his exertions in getting up the lodge.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were proposed and honoured.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," had been proposed and drunk,

Bro. CHARLES STEVENS, W.M., proposed "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past, and the Consecrating Officers," which, he said, he had taken the liberty of bracketing together, because the Grand Secretary had had to leave, and would not be able to answer for the Consecrating Officers. The brethren would not object to his taking these toasts together. It was a toast that made him regret his want of eloquence, as he was not able to thank the Consecrating Officers enough. The brethren were very grateful to them for coming on that occasion and working the ceremonies. The working had been most beautifully and excellently performed, and without a hitch of any kind, and he thought their thanks were due to those Grand Officers who had attended that evening.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G. Chap., replied, and said that the W.M. had been good enough to remark that that toast was not to be dismissed with a few words. His (Bro. Brownrigg's) great difficulty was to find proper words to answer it. He often thought when the Grand Secretary, who had eloquence, had departed, it ought not to fall on him but on the Director of Ceremonies to reply. The reason was that the Grand Secretary and he (Bro. Brownrigg) had been talking enough already, and the Director of Ceremonies had been acting. He thought the man who acted was more fitted to speak than he. He did not know of a good speech in answer. Some of his colleagues had been taunting him about the length of time he had taken in thinking over the few words he had to say. He could only say "thanks," whatever time he took, but still that word said with emphasis expressed all they meant and the brethren could require. He might add that the Consecrating Officers would come again and see them when they could. He would now request the other Consecrating Officers than himself to sit down. He was a little bit hampered in his eloquence by people standing up around him, but when he was untrammelled he was a long and tedious speaker. He had a theme then on which he could dilate 20 minutes, the subject being "The W.M. of that new lodge." He was perfectly certain the brethren could not have selected a better man for the office. From what they had seen they could judge that lodge was not to be a lodge of sound only, although it was a musical lodge, but a lodge of action, because music was action. Music was

a thing which spoke to men's souls, and hearts, and lives more powerfully than anything else in the world, and therefore he thought a musical lodge presided over by Bro. Stevens would speak not merely to London, to the world, and the Masonic universe, but would strengthen and give power to Masonry, while it would strengthen itself and the W.M.

Bro. CHARLES STEVENS, W.M., in responding to the toast, assured the brethren that he considered it a very great honour indeed to be chosen to preside over this lodge composed of members of a musical club who had entirely got it up. They asked him to be their W.M. Twenty years ago he was Master of a lodge, and although that long time had elapsed since he performed the ceremonies, he hoped to rub up his memory. However, they had appointed him their first Master, and he was extremely grateful for that. He hoped they would have a successful year. He should make large calls on his officers, because he believed in doing the ceremonies perfectly or not at all. He begged to assure the brethren from the very bottom of his heart that he was extremely grateful to the brethren for putting him in this very honourable position as Master of this lodge. For all the kind words which had passed from his friend on his right (Bro. Brownrigg), when he said that music moved the universe, he thanked him, but wondered where he was going to next. He knew it moved London, and that was enough for them, and if they could forward the cause of music in London they would be satisfied. He thought the South London Musical Club ought to make this a good musical lodge. He hoped they would have many nice musical evenings in the lodge.

Bro. CHARLES STEVENS, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said it was a source of great satisfaction to him to see so many Past Masters present. It was a young lodge, but he hoped it might take its stand as a lodge happy to receive visitors. They owed a debt of gratitude to the Orpheus Lodge, the recommending lodge.

Bro. SUTTON SHEPLEY, W.M. Orpheus Lodge, replying, said when he came there that day he never thought he should be called upon to reply to such an important toast as this. There were many visitors present who would reply better than he; but being called upon to speak he would try to do his utmost. It had been his especial privilege to be W.M. of the Orpheus Lodge during this commemorative year of her Majesty's reign, and during that year he had received every encouragement and every pleasure he could possibly expect from the brethren of a great and numerous lodge. Perhaps that lodge had a list of the greatest number of subscribing members of any lodge in London—certainly of a musical lodge. Of all the events of the year he thought the greatest was when Bro. Hennings, its Secretary, asked him to recommend the Mendelssohn Lodge. Being a South London man and a musical man; he thought that was the best thing he could do; and it had been his greatest pleasure to act as sponsor of that lodge. From what he had seen that day, he was sure the Mendelssohn Lodge would go, and be as great a success as his lodge, if not more so than the Orpheus Lodge. For the rest of the visitors, he said it had been a great pleasure to be present that evening to enjoy the banquet and entertainment and the working of the lodge; although it could not be called Mendelssohn working, still it was a treat to him, and as he would have the ceremony of installation to perform, it was a great advantage to him to be able to see the installation so well performed by the Grand Secretary.

Bro. INSKIPP, S.W., replying to the toast of "The Officers," said he was afraid the W.M. had somewhat flattered those brethren; but he could say for his own part—and he thought he could speak for his brother officers—that they intended to do their very best to make the Mendelssohn Lodge second to none in London. It had been to the W.M. a very fond idea, as it had been to him (Bro. Inskipp), many years, that they should have a lodge connected with the South London Musical Society. It was a great pride to him to come there that evening, knowing that the wish cherished so long had at last become an accomplished fact. Having become an accomplished fact, he thought it behoved all the founders to do everything in their power to lose no opportunity of promoting the success of the lodge; as they were told in the beautiful oration they had heard—that whatever they did in the lodge or out of the lodge, in their business or profession, they were to do their very best. He thought they were all animated with that spirit, and that they would not be found wanting in doing their utmost to make that lodge what they hoped it would be—a very great success.

Bro. PEACHEY, Treas., said perhaps it was appropriate that he, being this year the President of the South London Musical Club, should be elected Treasurer of this lodge. As the S.W. had said, it had been a cherished idea for some years to get a lodge consecrated. He felt very proud indeed to be the first Treasurer. Having a keen sense of finance and trust money, every penny he got from the lodge would be carefully considered and very faithfully administered. All he wanted the brethren to do was to pay promptly. From the constituent qualities of the lodge, he was sure it would be a great success, both musically and Masonically; and he considered it a very proud thing for him this year, being President of the South London Musical Club, to have the honour of being the first Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. WHITEMAN then gave the Tyler's toast, and the company separated.

### CONSECRATION OF THE PHILBRICK CHAPTER, No. 1662.

This chapter was consecrated on the 2nd inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street. The Consecrating Officers appointed to take the duties of the day were: Comps. E. Letchworth (G. Sec.), Grand Scribe E. Thomas Fenn, Grand Scribe N., as H.; His Honor Judge Philbrick (G. C.), Grand Superintendent for Essex, as J.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.; Soj., G.D.C., as D.C., and E. Mead, P.D.G.D.C., as Scribe N.; but in consequence of the absence of Comp. Philbrick, the chair of H. was occupied by Comp. Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., and Comp. Thomas Fenn took Comp. Philbrick's chair of J. The other companions present were: Comps. James Boulton, P.A.G.D.C.; James Bunker, H. 1471, J. 1158; George T. Peal, P.Z. 2501; S. R. Baskett, P.Z. 2501, P.P.G.N. Dorset; G. H. Fennell, J. 1685; John Byford, Jun., M.E.Z. 354, 2374; W. T. Legg, H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 8; D. Campbell, J. 1493; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1028; C. J. R. Tjor, H. elect 1716, P.A.G.P. Eng.; C. M. Long, 2256; Christian Horst, 1471; A. J. Skipper, 2501; G. R. Brown, 2256; A. F. Lay, 2501; C. J. Smith, 2501; Dr. T. Scoresby-Jackson, P.Z. 2256; C. G. Pannell, 2501; H. E. Herman, 1365; Joseph Atkinson, 1158; J. H. Whitty, 1275; C. E. Cutchey, 1471; W. D.

Church, 1471; Orlton Cooper, J. 483 and 1928; Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex; C. E. Gratton, P.G. Org. Essex; J. Tollworthy, M.E.Z. 141; John Hamilton, 2374; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Charles F. Grey, 120; Frederick Hughes, 192; Thomas Welham, 2374; E. J. Lowther, 1307; J. F. Saunders, 1507 and 2501; and David Legg, P.Z. 1365; and the following founders of the chapter, Comps. George Graveley, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Courtenay Warner, 2256; W. S. Hooper, 2488; E. R. Alexander, 2256; W. Garner, 2472; J. C. Francis, 2576; Amos Oakden, jun., 2472; Sydney Fortescue, 2256; T. H. Lloyd, 2374; John R. Carter, 2501; J. H. Wildash, 141; H. Osborne, 2374; Ben Johnson, 2374; Archdeacon Dunbar, 1716; and W. Harris, 19.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. J. F. Haskins, Ph. Doc., P.P.G.O. Essex, P.G.O. Herts, who was assisted by Comps. W. A. Frost and Alfred Kenningham, of St. Paul's Cathedral, and T. H. Lloyd.

After the chapter had been opened,

Comp. LETCHWORTH, addressing the companions, said they were met for the purpose of undertaking a very important and interesting ceremony—the consecration of a new Royal Arch chapter and its dedication to the service of the True and Living God Most High. The chapter they were about to start into existence would be attached to the Beaconsfield Lodge, which had had a very successful career during its 18 years of existence, and the companion chosen for the First Principal was well known to all the companions as having done probably as much as any Mason for the good of Masonry, and under whose able rule that chapter would no doubt have a very successful career. That it might have such a career was the wish of every companion.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., then read the dispensation authorising the chapter to be consecrated at the Great Eastern Hotel, there not being sufficient accommodation at Walthamstow, where the chapter is to meet, for the large number of companions who had arranged to attend the consecration.

Comp. THOMAS FENN delivered an oration on the principles of the Order.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Comp. Letchworth placed Comp. William Shurmur, Past Provincial Grand J. Essex, in the chair of M.E.Z. Comp. Shurmur installed Comp. J. H. Wildash as H., and Comp. William Harris as J. The other officers of the chapter were: Comps. D. H. McGowan, P.Z., Acting I.P.Z.; H. I. Hallows, Treas.; James Speller, P.Z., Scribe E.; George Graveley, P.Z., Scribe N.; William Gower, H.-elect 2374, P. Soj.; J. R. Carter, 1st A.S.; W. S. Hooper, 2nd A.S.; Ben Johnson, Z. elect 2374, D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, O. g.; J. C. Francis, and S. Fortescue, Stewards; and T. J. Maidwell, Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. SHURMUR, seconded by Comp. GEORGE GRAVELEY, a vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to the Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the chapter, for their services in attending to consecrate the chapter, and each was presented with a handsome cigar-case, filled with cigars, as a souvenir of the occasion.

The compliment was acknowledged by Comp. LETCHWORTH, who assured the companions that it had given the Consecrating Officers great pleasure to attend and consecrate the chapter.

A long list of names of Craft Masons desirous of joining the Royal Arch in this chapter was then proposed and seconded.

On the motion of Comp. WILDASH, H., seconded by Comp. GRAVELEY, S.N., Comp. Shurmur, M.E.Z., was elected as Steward to represent the chapter at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys next year, when the Prince of Wales will preside. The chapter then voted 20 guineas to Comp. Shurmur's list.

Comp. SHURMUR thanked the companions, and expressed the hope that its individual members would subscribe to his list.

Comp. GRAVELEY reminded the companions that he was Steward for the William Shurmur Chapter for the same Festival.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

Comp. W. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," said that during her Majesty's glorious reign it had pleased the Almighty Architect in His unbounded goodness to shower upon this nation the blessings of peace, progress, and prosperity. Under the fostering care of our Empress Queen, the liberal arts and sciences had prospered in an astonishing manner, not only at home, but also in our Colonies; and when it was considered that at the commencement of her Majesty's reign there were only about 450 English lodges, and now there were 2200, it was obvious that the noble science of Freemasonry had not been forgotten; it had enjoyed the entire confidence of the Queen, as well as her patronage and support.

In giving the next toast, "The Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z.," Comp. SHURMUR referred to the late Albert Hall meeting, and added that the Prince of Wales had given a further practical proof of his devotion to the Brotherhood, by consenting to preside at the Centenary Festival of the Masonic Boys' School. They hoped that on that occasion, it would require six figures in the £ column to express the amount donated.

The next toast, that of "The Pro Grand Z., the Grand H. and J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," led Comp. SHURMUR to express the approval of the Order on the excellent arrangements made by Comp. Thomas Fenn for the meeting at the Albert Hall. Comp. Thomas Fenn was an excellent organiser, besides which the companions had just seen that he was blessed with extraordinary ability and a most retentive memory. The oration he had delivered was most impressive, and would long remain in the companions' minds.

Comp. THOMAS FENN, in reply, said that through the unaccountable absence of Comp. Philbrick, he had been called upon absolutely without a moment's notice to fulfil the important duties of Chaplain for the ceremony of consecration. If he had had the advantage of half-an-hour's notice he would have given a better address. He had only delivered the oration once before, and that was many years ago, and therefore it required a little consideration beforehand to deliver it properly. Again he was called upon at a moment's notice, without any opportunity of previously thinking on the subject, to respond for the Grand Officers. He was under the impression that he was a Consecrating Officer, not that his name would be connected with that toast to reply, but that he would be proposed in the next toast. But as his name had been connected with this toast, he thanked the M.E.Z. very much for the complimentary terms he had used with reference to him. At the recent meeting at the Albert Hall no doubt many thought it was a great responsibility for him to undertake at his advanced

age—in his 77th year—but recollecting that he had been connected with Sir Albert Woods in other important functions in Masonry for 33 years, and that his dear friend was struck down by illness and could not attend to his duties, by virtue of the exalted rank recently conferred upon him (Comp. Fenn) he could not refuse to undertake the duties, although he felt there was some danger of his strength failing. With the kind co-operation of Comps. Frank Richardson and J. H. Matthews and some others he was able to get through his task with some success. With respect to the Grand Officers, many companions would have seen that in Grand Chapter the Grand Officers often outnumbered all the other companions. In Grand Chapter they had not always very important business to consider, but occasionally they had. There had been attempts to alter the ceremonies, but those had been successfully combated. At the last meeting they had a decision brought before them which was very far reaching and most important; but such cases were rare. At all events, he hoped everyone who attended Grand Chapter would concede to Grand Officers that they did their duty.

Comp. W. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Consecrating Officers," said he approached the toast with a great amount of trepidation or with fear that they could not adequately express their admiration and thanks for the perfect and dignified manner in which the ceremony of consecration was performed. Grand Scribe E. had excelled himself. They had already spoken of the J.'s marvellous work at a moment's notice, and the companions must have noticed the finished manner in which Comp. Frank Richardson, as D.C., carried out his part. Of course they knew he was a companion of very great experience, but, at the same time, practice did not always confer proficiency. Then as to Comp. Mead, as Scribe N., his reading was excellent, and he ought to have been a bishop. Their best and warmest thanks were due to the Consecrating Officers.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., responding, said, although he was deeply sensible of the high compliment the M.E.Z. had paid him in associating his name with the toast of the Consecrating Officers, he could not but feel that it was due to the fact that the companion whose honoured name that chapter bore, from some unexplained cause, was absent from the ceremony that evening. He was quite sure Comp. Philbrick could not but feel most deeply disappointed at not being present, because he had heard from Comp. Philbrick's lips how highly he appreciated the very great honour the companions and founders of this chapter paid him in asking his permission to take his name. He could only express the hope that wherever Comp. Philbrick might be he was passing as pleasant an evening as the companions of the Philbrick Chapter were. With regard to the Consecrating Officers he thought he might say on behalf of those with whom he had been associated, as he did on his own behalf, that the consecration of a new chapter was to one and all of them a duty of love. There was no duty they had to perform which gave them greater pleasure, and it was always a great satisfaction to him when he found himself associated in the ceremony with companions as proficient as Comp. Fenn, whose services had been recognised by them all, and by Comps. Richardson and Mead. He had now a very pleasing duty in proposing "The Health of the first Three Principals of the Philbrick Chapter," and particularly Comp. William Shurmur, whom he had had the great privilege of placing in the chair of this chapter. In addressing the companions he saw around the table it was quite unnecessary to dilate on the merits of Comp. Shurmur, who was already well-known to all of them. Comp. Shurmur was respected by them all, and he was beloved by them all. Few men had done more than Comp. Shurmur to advance the interests of the Craft and the Royal Arch in the neighbourhood in which he resided. This was the tenth year he had filled the chair of M.E.Z. of a chapter, and in all that time he had exalted no less than 100 brethren. The members of this chapter might well be congratulated on having at their head, in this the most important and critical period of the chapter's existence, a companion so well qualified in every way to rule and guide them. Therefore, it was with the greatest possible pleasure he asked the companions to join him in drinking the health of the M.E.Z., wishing him a most agreeable and prosperous year.

Comp. W. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., said, in reply, it had been a great pleasure to take part in preparing the foundation of the Philbrick Chapter, and he earnestly hoped that the members might be able to raise a superstructure perfect in its parts, and in some way worthy of the honoured name which the chapter would bear. The majority of those present were what their Grand Superintendent of Essex had been pleased to call "Essex calves," and they much regretted his unfortunate absence. They knew that something extraordinary must have occurred, because they had often had the privilege of sitting under his genial rule, and they knew he was never more happy than in taking part in contributing to the happiness of Freemasons and furthering the interests of that grand Society. To many men the absence of one whom they must recognise as the principal character in the chapter would have been a knockdown blow, but they hoped they might amend and stand up. There had been a large amount of opposition to this chapter; but when he had such good friends as he had on his left and right, opposition was like wind to a kite, the more it blew the higher the kite rose. Twelve months ago they applied for a charter for the Philbrick Chapter, with 18 petitioners. It was opposed. They applied again, with 26 petitioners, and the charter was granted without reservation, and by virtue of the kindness of the Grand Chapter officers, they had a grand kick-off, and they intended to make this Philbrick Chapter a grand success. They started right; they recognised that their Order was founded upon the basis of Charity. They started by giving 20 guineas to the Boys' School—good business! and he was quite sure with such friends as he had in the formation of the chapter it would prove one of the greatest successes at that end of London. Their idea was that Comp. His Honor Judge Philbrick being the Grand Superintendent of Essex, they ought to have an Essex chapter, but they found there were some chapters in Essex not so flourishing as they could wish, therefore they went geographically. Walthamstow, geographically, was in Essex; otherwise it was in London. They had continued faithful in well-doing, and this Philbrick Chapter had become duly constituted and consecrated, and he had not the slightest hesitation in saying it would prove an unbounded success. The H. and J. were P.Ms. of the Beaconsfield Lodge, and had proved their worth by making that lodge a great success. They would exert themselves to the utmost to do the same with the Philbrick Chapter, and would leave no stone unturned to effect that object.

Comps. WILDASH, H., and HARRIS, J., also responded.

Comp. Archdeacon DUNBAR proposed "The Visitors," to which toast Comp. C. J. R. THOU responded, after which the Janitor's toast was given by Comp. MAIDWELL, and the companions separated.

## SUMMER OUTING OF BLACKHEATH LODGE, No. 1320.

This most enjoyable event took place on Saturday, the 3rd instant, when a number of brethren and friends assembled at London Bridge, when special carriages were placed at their disposal to transmit them to Oxted in Surrey, a most charming resort in the Caterham Valley. The head-quarters was Hoskin's Hotel, the proprietor of which is Bro. T. Tucker, I.G. 1320, the well-known caterer in that lovely locality. On arriving at the hotel, and partaking of a light lunch, the party was afterwards conveyed in waggons through a most charming and delightful country, which was most highly appreciated by all present, it having given them a feast for the soul and mind. The party returned to the hotel at 6 p.m., when the feast for the body was provided by the worthy host, to which the whole company did ample justice.

The chair was taken by Bro. G. C. Pike, W.M., supported by Bros. G. A. Rice, S.W., W.M. elect; T. G. Hobley, J.W.; Augustus W. Le Cren, I.P.M.; T. R. Cass, P.M.; J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; W. R. King, S.D.; H. Cornford, J.D.; T. Tucker, I.G.; A. Hesekeil, Stwd.; J. H. Edwards, Wm. Hill, Walter Downing, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; J. H. Heath, L. C. Shipton, S. J. Field, G. Thompson, G. H. Wavell, J. Whiteman, E. J. Ware, and C. H. Stone, and Messrs. Brown, Taylor, Hall, Parnell, Tate, J. Baker, and others.

The banquet ended,

Bro. PIKE, President, rose and gave the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty," which was indispensable among any body of Englishmen, and especially of Freemasons. It was a most special occasion, and all were delighted with the jubilation of the last few days and grateful that the whole of the proceedings had passed off so successfully and without accident.

The toast was most enthusiastically drunk.

Bro. AUG. W. LE CREN, I.P.M., rose and said the one very pleasing duty devolving upon him was to propose "The Health of the worthy President, Bro. Pike, W.M.," which position he filled with honour to himself and credit to the lodge. He had so often expounded his many virtues that on that occasion it was unnecessary to further dilate upon them. He asked the company to drink the toast in bumper.

Bro. G. C. PIKE, in reply, said: Visiting friends and brethren,—I am proud to be Master of such a lodge and to preside over such a gathering as the present, also to receive at your hands so cordial a greeting. The institution of a summer outing is one which has received the hearty co-operation of the brethren and friends, and is often a happy re-union after many years. There are some gentlemen present whom I have not seen for many years, and it gives me great pleasure to renew their friendship. I hope the present is the happy augury of many more and that the W.M. elect, Bro. E. A. Rice, will have a still larger gathering on the next occasion. All have rejoiced at their happy outing, and I am pleased it has been patronised by such an excellent company.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next presented by the PRESIDENT, who gave them a most cordial welcome, stating that their presence greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the outing.

This was most gratefully, and in highly appreciative terms, responded to by Bros. STONE, WAVELL, DOWNING, HILL, FIELD, and EDWARDS, and by Messrs. HALL, TATE, and BAKER.

The toast of "The Worthy Host, Bro. T. Tucker," received its mead of praise, the PRESIDENT remarking that on every occasion he had provided a most generous menu, and had exerted himself to the utmost in order to make everyone comfortable, and the present was no exception to that rule. He hoped that Bro. Tucker would be spared to cater for the lodge outing for many years, and that the numbers would increase.

Bro. TUCKER most cordially thanked the friends and brethren for their kindness, and said it gave him the greatest pleasure to provide for their comforts. He should at all times study them, and he was delighted to receive their approbation.

The whole arrangements were admirably carried out by a Committee, with Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary, who is always to the front in advancing the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. E. A. Rice, W.M. elect, photographed the company as a souvenir of the occasion in the beautiful grounds of the hotel.

Some capital harmony was given by Bros. Hobley, Stunt, and others. Bro. Hobley presided at the piano.

## MASONIC THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT AXMINSTER.

On Sunday, June 20th, the members of the Lodge Virtue and Honour, No. 494, by special dispensation granted by the Prov. G. Master, attended a church service at the Axminster Parish Church, as an act of thanksgiving to the Great Architect of the Universe, for the completion of the 60th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The brethren met at the Masonic Hall, and having clothed, lodge was opened and a procession formed, headed by the Tyler carrying the lodge banner, and they proceeded to the church where seats had been reserved.

The Vicar, Bro. the Rev. A. NEWMAN, read the prayers, &c., and Bro. JEFFERD, Churchwarden, read the lessons. An excellent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. A. E. T. NEWMAN, son of the Vicar, whilst Bro. T. N. Webber, presided at the organ. Several visitors attended from De la Pole Lodge, and Prudence and Industry Lodge.

Amongst those present were Bros. Heal, W.M.; Moass, I.P.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Bucknole, J.W.; the Rev. A. Newman, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; G. R. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; A. P. Reece, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Imber-Parsons, S.D.; T. Ramsay, I.G.; E. Snell and G. Morrish, Stwds.; W. J. Jefferd, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. Bidwell, P.M.; J. R. Reynolds, P.M.; W. H. Pinney, P.M.; R. Southwood, P.M.; T. N. Webber, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. G. Pinney, P.M.; W. A. L. Paul, P.M.; G. A. J. Stevens, W. E. Pitfield Chapple, Jno. Parsons, Jno. Patterson, Jno. Gage, Jno. S. Hellier, W. B. Parsons, R. Loveless, J. Wakley, Tyler; W. Bedford, W.M., J. Thomas, I.G., W. H. Evans, P.M., J. G. Oldridge, P.M., Sec., F. E. Yapp, J.D., J. Follett, S.W., W. H. Apin, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., W. H. Head, F. Thomas, A. W. Oakley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and George Evans, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., all of 1181; G. S. Russell, P.M. 1399, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon; E. J. James, P.M. 1593, P.P.G.S.B. Somerset; and L. G. Derrick, P.M. and Sec. 1953, P.P.A.G.D.C. Somerset.

On returning to the lodge-room it was decided to send a telegram to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, with their respectful greetings and sincere wishes for the safety of our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, and all the Royal Family through the Diamond Jubilee ceremonies. The following reply was received by the Secretary:—"The Prince of Wales thanks the lodge for telegram and kind congratulations."



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R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

July, 1897.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE ROYAL ASYLUM OF ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY, REDHILL, on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1897, at 4.30 p.m. precisely.

By command.

CHARLES T. TYLER, P.M.,  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.  
2, Bank Buildings,  
Woking.

**BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.**

To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Lodge.  
To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.  
To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.  
To receive the Report of the Charity Committee.  
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.  
General Business.

Banquet at 6.30 p.m. punctually at the MARKET HALL, REDHILL.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken tickets (price 7s. 6d. exclusive of wine), for which application must be made to the Asst. P.G. Sec., Bro. W. A. LATHAM, at Albert Institute Chambers, Charles-street, Blackfriars-road, S.E.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER  
OF SURREY.**

THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF ONSLOW, G.C.M.G.,  
M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

July, 1897.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE ROYAL ASYLUM OF ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY, REDHILL, in the County of SURREY, on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1897, at 3.30 p.m. precisely.

By command.

CHARLES T. TYLER, P.P.G.J.,  
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

Morning Dress.  
2, Bank Buildings,  
Woking.

**BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.**

To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Chapter.  
To call over the Chapters in the Province.  
To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.  
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.  
General Business.

Banquet at 6.30 p.m. punctually.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken tickets. The Companions will banquet with the Provincial Grand Lodge.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF MIDDLESEX.**

Rt. Hon. LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON,  
M.P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,  
Past Grand Warden of England,  
R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the PUBLIC HALL, HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of JULY, under the Presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 3.45 o'clock p.m.

By command.

HOWARD H. ROOM,  
Prov. Grand Secretary.  
19, John-street, Adelphi,  
London, W.C.

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SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1897.

**Masonic Notes.**

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, which will be held, on the invitation of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, at the Saloon, Whitby, on Thursday next, the 15th instant, will be attended with circumstances of unusual interest. In the first place, the entertaining lodge, which was established at Whitby on the 30th January, 1797—the warrant being dated about a fortnight earlier—will celebrate the centenary of its constitution, and Bro. the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.C., who has compiled a "History of Freemasonry in Whitby from 1764 to 1897," will deliver a brief address appropriate to so auspicious an occasion. From the particulars set forth in Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records" (second edition) the Lion appears to have the bump of locality very strongly developed. It has met during the whole of its career in Whitby, and has moved its quarters only three times in the century—from the Golden Lion, where it was constituted, to the Freemasons' Tavern, Baxtergate, in 1813; from the Freemasons' Tavern to the Angel Inn in 1815; and from the Angel to the Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, in 1859. When the time arrives, we shall gladly find space for a report of so interesting a meeting.

There will also be reported to Prov. G. Lodge the result of the fifth Festival held in York on the 10th May in behalf of the Provincial Educational Fund. From the statement appended to the summons it

appears that the amount of donations and subscriptions at this Festival was £1039 11s., nearly all the lodges in the Province having taken part in the celebration. Among those which contributed most largely were the York Lodge, No. 236, £150; the Humber, No. 57, £110 1s. 6d.; the Minerva, £85; the De la Pole, No. 1605, £70 3s. 6d.; the North York, No. 602, £63 4s.; the Eboracum, No. 1611, £50 4s.; and the Alexandra, No. 1511, £49 10s. If we remember rightly, the inaugural Festival in behalf of this Provincial Charity realised over £1000, so that our North and East Yorkshire brethren are evidently determined to maintain it in a state of as complete efficiency as possible.

As we have said in reference to these Provincial organisations on many former occasions, we believe it is a great benefit to local Freemasonry that they should be established. There are several Provinces which have had for many years institutions of this kind both for educational and benevolent purposes, and we have always striven to do justice to the excellent services they have rendered as supplementary to the great Central Institutions, which are open to candidates generally from all parts of the jurisdiction over which the Grand Lodge of England presides. The competition for vacancies in these Central Institutions is very keen, and a Province which cannot regularly secure the election of its candidates can always help them materially by means of these local organisations.

Following on the recent successful banquet of the Empire Lodge to distinguished Indian and Colonial brethren visiting this country for the Diamond Jubilee commemoration, a special meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of initiating into the Craft two illustrious Indian Princes in the persons of H.H. the Raja Ajit Singh, Bahadur of Ketri, and H.H. Rajkuma Umaid Singh. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Lennox Browne, P.D.G. D. of C., the senior Past Master and Treasurer, in the presence of a full gathering of members and visitors, while the ancient charge was delivered by the W.M., Bro. Davidson Kemp.

At the banquet which followed, Bro. Kunwar Cheda Singh Varma, a member of the English Bar, acknowledged the toast on behalf of the initiates, and in the course of his remarks expressed his personal gratification that the Empire Lodge continued true to its name and objects, by receiving into the Craft and into the lodge, gentlemen from such distant lands. He mentioned that the first of the distinguished Princes initiated that evening claims descent from Raja Ram Chandra, the hero of the Ramjana, and is acknowledged as a ruler of great intelligence and beneficence. The second Prince, the young Rajkuma, is his son-in-law, and is heir to a beautiful estate near Ajmere, the independence of which his ancestors won from Oodeypore, by the sword. His family claims the unique distinction of never having bowed to the supremacy of the Mohammendan rule.

Few meetings have been held at which the harmony and kindly feeling existing among Masons have been more delightfully exemplified than that of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley. The more immediate purpose for which the lodge assembled was to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen, but there was also a supplementary purpose in holding it, namely, to present to Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, P.M., P.G.W. of England, a handsome moose deer head on the occasion of his birthday, the gift of the W.M., officers, and members of the Liberty Lodge, Beverley, Mass., U.S.A., as a slight memento of the esteem and respect in which they held his lordship, and in recognition of the fraternal kindness which on previous occasions had been exhibited by his lordship and the other members of Lodge Constitutional to their brethren of Lodge Liberty at Beverley in Massachusetts. As Lord Londesborough is known to be a keen sportsman, the choice of an American deer's head was an extremely happy one, and though no member of the lodge was present at the meeting, Liberty Lodge had a most worthy representative in Bro. Thompson Foley, P.M., Past Prov. G.S. of Wks., who made the presentation on its behalf. But what chiefly makes this meeting memorable is the evidence it furnishes of the true Masonic spirit by which the brethren of lodges on opposite sides of the Atlantic and living under different Governments are actuated towards each other. We trust this feeling may always continue and that more occasions for illustrating it may arise in the future.

We regret that, owing to the pressure upon our space, we have found ourselves under the necessity of holding over till next week our article on Part I. "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," of the volume for the current year, as well as other important items.

## 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.

### A BATCH OF INQUIRIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Past Provincial Grand Stewards, so long as they are subscribing members of some lodge, can wear their aprons and collars at all Masonic meetings (see Rule 97).

The Degrees from 4 to 17 inclusive are not worked *in extenso*, and I am not aware of the existence of an authorised ritual.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE, 31<sup>2</sup>.

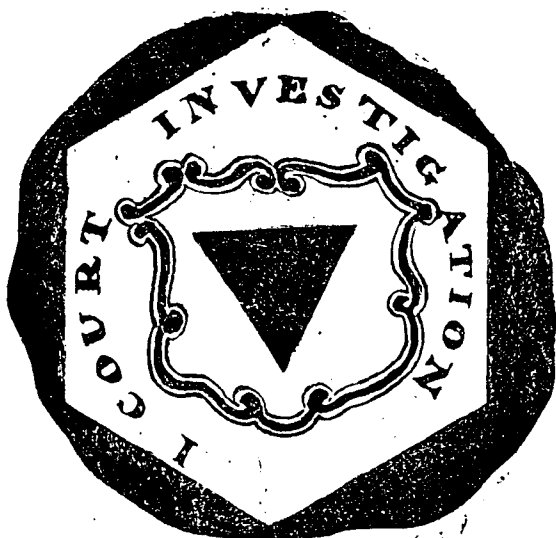
Herne Hill, S.E.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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I have pleasure in sending you a rough sketch of a curious Treasurer's seal in use at the beginning of her Majesty's reign, of course in the "sealing-wax" days. The original seal, hexagonal in shape, was very small,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch across, and was still in use November, 1840. I have done the sketch so that a very good zinc cut could be taken off it if you like it—in that case I shall be able to send the the only impression I have of the seal itself to the Grand Lodge Library.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



*Curious Treasurer's Seal  
Masonic - Temp. Wm IV  
1830-37*

*still in use Nov. 1840*

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

#### JUBILEE COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

Not since January of 1884, when his Royal Highness the late Duke of Albany visited Durham, has there been witnessed there such a great assembly of members of the Craft as that which took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th ultimo. Circulars had been sent out to all lodges in the province by Bro. Hudson inviting brethren to meet at the Castle, Durham, on the above date, and after hearing addresses, to go in procession to the Cathedral, where a special service of thanksgiving was to be held in commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of her Majesty's reign.

The response was remarkably good, and there were nearly 700 brethren gathered to take part in the proceedings; 125 Past Prov. G. Officers and 450 brethren signed the attendance lists, whilst there were a great many more to be reckoned who did not register.

The weather was delightfully fine, and this favourable circumstance no doubt contributed to the extensive dimensions of the gathering. The arrangements for the meeting and service had been made under the direction of local members of the Marquis of Granby and Norman Lodges, assisted by Bro. Dr. Biggam, D. of C. There were 14 Directors of Ceremonies, and their arrangements left no room for dissatisfaction. A better gathering place than the Castle Hall could not have been secured. The long and lofty room, with its great expanse of wall space, is plentifully beautified by the numerous oil paintings and other hangings, which seemed in cheerful harmony with the display of Masonic regalia, and the scene which presented itself was bright and pleasing.

The Provincial Grand Officers assembled in the Norman Gallery, and many of them wiled away the preliminary wait by inspecting and warmly admiring this richly tapestried corridor, which is one of the "sights" of the Castle. The general assembly was already seated when the Provincial G. Officers, crossing the quadrangle from the entrance to the Black Staircase, entered the Castle Hall by the main door, and proceeded to the dais at the upper end of the hall, with the P.G.M., Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., at the head.

Bro. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.C. England, D.P.G.M., who, with the aid of two sticks, ascended the dais to a seat near Sir Hedworth shortly after the opening of the proceedings, was accorded hearty applause, which the Provincial Grand Master, stopping in the course of his speech, supplemented by a warm handshake.

Members of the Craft were present in large numbers from the cities of Durham and Newcastle, Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbro', Sunderland, other places, and amongst them may be mentioned:

Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M.; Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., D.P.G.M., &c.; Very Rev. Dean Purey-Cust, Dean of York, P.G.C. England; Sir Thos. Richardson, M.P., P.S.G.W.; F. H. Bennett, P.J.G.W.; James Sedcole, P.G. Treas.; Samuel Fielden, P.G. Reg.; Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; John Abbey, P.S.G.D.; J. K. Wilkes, P.J.G.D.; William Stafford, P.G.S. of W.; W. Biggam, P.G.D.C.; R. Farmer, P.G.S.B.; Geo. Emmerson, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. J. Makay, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Thorman, P.G. Org.; J. Joel, P.A.G. Sec.; John Deans, P.G.P.; David B. Tod, P.G.P.; T. Grieve, P.G. Tyler; and W. H. Humphreys, L. S. Henry, Joseph Burns, Thomas Linton, Jonathan Howe, and Richard Walker, P.G. Stewards; Past Prov. Grand Wardens—Bros. Dr. Lionel Booth, J. P. Pattison, Hugh Lee Pattison, Bablington Boulton, T. G. Mabane, Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., H. J. Turnbull, Richard Luck, P.G.D. Eng., W. T. Tate, C. S. Lane, Col. Rowlandson, John Hunter, J. G. Wifson, W. R. Staveley, George Hasphurt, Derbyshire, G. A. Allan, Northumberland, and Thos. J. Armstrong, Northumberland; Past Prov. Grand Chaplains—Bros. Rev. J. Lawson, Rev. F. L. Cope, Rev. M. Greene, Northumberland, Rev. W. C. Harris, Rev. Richard Coulton, Rev. P. H. Moore, Northumberland, Rev. C. Jackson, Rev. J. Haworth, Rev. W. M. O'Brady-Jones, Northumberland, and Rev. Hartley Jennings; Past Prov. Grand Registrars—Bros. R. M. Wilkes, John Graham, M. B. Dodds, and George W. Bain; Past Prov. Grand Treasurers—Bros. J. R. Cutter, Isaac Thompson, C. F. Sutcliffe, and John Stonehouse; Prov. Grand Secretary—Bro. Fred H. Corder, B.A., Northumberland; Past Prov. Grand Deacons—Bros. J. H. Jackson, Edward Jepson, John Halt, Charles W. Anderson, T. J. Johnson, John Smith, H. Palmer, David Cameron, H. J. Johnson, John G. Marshall, and Wm. Hodgson; Prov. Grand Superintendents of Works—Bros. Geo. Carter, F. S. Cowper, R. Todd, C. Spencer, C. M. Wake, George W. Hudson, N. and E. Yorks, and R. Brand, Northumberland; Past Prov. A. and D.G.D. of Cs.—Wm. Barlow, John H. Johnson, Thos. Banks, George S. Shaw, W. J. Sanderson, and J. Mitchinson; Past Prov. G.S.Bs.—A. T. Munroe, Thos. Henderson, J. Wilson, A. E. Davis, Robert Hawxwell, Wm. Metford, W. C. Barron, and John Smith; Past Prov. G. Std. Brs.—William R. Legg, John Robinson, John Barnet, William Gray, Samuel Fenny, B. S. Beckwith, and George Rutherford. Past Prov. G. Organists—W. Thorman, W. Swales, John F. Hiller, George Porteous, Joseph Walker, Thos. Hutchinson, M.D., and L. Winstone; P.P.G.Ps.—John E. Nelson, T. G. Garrick, M. A. Lax, F. Toogood, John Todd, C. H. Dowdeswell, Thos. Hardy, John Munro, and W. J. Brown; and P.P.G. Stewards—Isaac Burrell, W. Watson, George Davies, Wm. Sanderson, Thos. Westrope, R. H. McLean, A. Dodds, J. J. Runciman, J. H. Leech, and S. Rackley.

In opening the meeting,

Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON said that was hardly the time or the place for him to detain them with any lengthy observations. He had not the slightest doubt that one and all of them, if they had not seen a great deal of what had been going on during the last week or 10 days, at all events, no doubt, had read and heard about it, and therefore it was not necessary for him to describe at any length what they had seen and heard. Before he said any more he must express his satisfaction and astonishment at that extraordinary gathering of the Masons of the province. He never expected anything of the sort; he did not even expect half the numbers there that day. It was very gratifying to him to find that the Masons of the county of Durham had responded in such great numbers to the circular that had been sent out. They had met there that day to add their humble meed of praise and thanksgiving for the successful end of the 60th year of her Majesty's reign. (Cheers.) He did not know how many of them were present—he knew some of them were—at that great assembly that took place last week or the week before in Albert Hall, when their Royal Grand Master and brother and most of the distinguished Freemasons of England and Scotland and from all over the world were gathered together. He should like, if he possibly could, to emulate the proceedings of that day, but his oratorical powers were nothing to be compared with those of his Royal Highness the Grand Master and his Royal brother, the Duke of Connaught. He was perfectly certain that everybody who assisted at that ceremony must have been struck, astonished, and delighted at the words, the few but well-chosen words, which fell from their Royal Grand Master, and at the way that every point seemed to be taken by the vast audience in the hall. He was almost certain, so beautiful in diction were the words of those Royal Princes, that every word they said was heard in the uppermost parts of the building. He had heard his Royal Highness was most struck with the universal display of loyalty, not only over all England, but in all parts of the world. The Freemasons of England had shown no lukewarmness or want of feeling, and his Royal Highness alluded to the Freemasons of England as being as loyal as any portion of her Majesty's subjects. He (Sir Hedworth) ventured to say that the Freemasons of Durham were equal in loyalty to any of the Freemasons in England. (Cheers.) They met that day to go in procession to their noble Cathedral, there to return thanks for 60 years of blessed rule under their Sovereign. If any woman in the world deserved thanks and gratitude from the Freemasons of England it was their gracious Sovereign. No one had more zealously, judiciously, humbly, and kindly exercised the two great virtues that distinguished their Order—those of Charity and Sympathy with the afflicted; no one in the length and breadth of this kingdom had ever been more ready in showing her sympathy with the distressed. He thanked the authorities of the University and cathedral for their great courtesy in putting that noble room at their disposal, and also their worthy friend who had just come in (Bro. Canon Tristram) for the great trouble he had taken to make that meeting a success. He thought he also ought to thank their Bro. Canon Kynaston, for he believed it was in him that the idea of that meeting arose. Having thanked these gentlemen, he now asked them to accompany him to their noble cathedral, and there return thanks for the 60 years of her Majesty's reign, hoping that she might long continue to reign over them, and also to offer a humble prayer to the Almighty that he would continue to bless their Royal Sovereign.

There was no other ceremony in connection with the assembly at the Castle, and the brethren dispersing from the hall, formed up in double file in the quadrangle, the Past Grand Officers bringing up the rear of the procession. The brethren were attired in black coats and tall hats, according to the instruction issued by the Prov. Grand Secretary. They marched in order to the cathedral, and at the entrance a halt was made, the brethren forming a line each side of the pathway. The symbols of the Order were

then borne in front, and following between the line of brethren, the officers from the rear came forward and led the way into the cathedral, Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson, the Dean of York, and Canon Tristram, in his invalid's carriage, heading them, the brethren turning inwards to join the procession as it gradually shortened until all were again in line. So they proceeded up the nave in official order and were seated in the front, where considerable space was set apart for their accommodation. The Prov. Grand Master, Bros. the Dean of York, Canon Tristram, and Canon Kynaston occupied stalls. A large number of seats were reserved specially for lady friends, and were well filled. Of the cathedral clergy, in addition to Bros. Canon Tristram and Canon Kynaston, there were Bros. the Dean of Durham, and the Precentor (the Rev. V. K. Cooper, M.A.) Bro. the Rev. J. L. S. Bennett presided at the organ. Prayers were intoned by the PRECENTOR. The first lesson was read by Bro. Canon KYNASTON, P.G.C. Eng., and the second lesson by Bro. Canon TRISTRAM, P.G.C. Eng., D.P.G.M. Durham.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Very Rev. ARTHUR PERCEVAL PUREY-CUST, D.D., Dean of York, P.G.C. of England, who took for his text St. Luke xix., 42—"It thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace."

Whilst the offertory was being taken on behalf of the Durham Masonic Charities, the Bishop of Wakefield's hymn, "O King of Kings, whose reign of old," was sung.

After the presentation of the alms, the vast congregation joined in a long-to-be-remembered rendering of the National Anthem, the great volume of sound rising from the thousands of voices, led by the great organ, being exceedingly impressive.

The Dean of DURHAM pronounced the Benediction, and as the procession reformed and left the Cathedral, Mr. G. W. Shaw played the Mason's March dedicated to Sir Hedworth Williamson by Bro. W. Crawford, P.G.O.

The ladies, to the number of over 150, accompanying the brethren, were very hospitably entertained by the officers and brethren of the Marquis of Granby and Norman Lodges to an "At Home" and an excellent tea in the College Hall, Palace Green.

### MASONIC JUBILEE SERVICE AT WALLSEND.

The Carville Lodge, No. 2497, at the invitation of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. William Marlow O'Brady Jones, Vicar of St. Luke's, attended the special Jubilee service at St. Luke's Church, Wallsend, on Sunday, the 20th ult.

The officers, viz., Bros. the Rev. W. M. O'Brady-Jones, P.P.G. Chap. W.M.; Matthew Murray, P.G. Steward, I.P.M.; Summers Hunter, S.W.; William Philipson, J.W.; the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Curry, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; G. Auburn Allan, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Joseph Shenton, Sec.; George R. Stephenson, S.D.; George Hollings, J.D.; Robert Hudson, P.M., P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Sec. Durham, D.C.; John Partis Blenkinsop, Org.; John Dixon, I.G.; Robert Stafford Johnson and Alfred Hepburn, Stewards; Joseph Welch Surtees, Tyler; and brethren assembled and clothed in the Masonic Hall, Wallsend (permission having been given by the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P.), and marched in order under the lodge banner to the Co-operative Hall, where they were joined by the Odd Fellows, Free Gardeners, and other friendly societies, also by representatives of the Parish and District Councils, and from here, led by the clergy and choir singing, they proceeded to the church.

The prescribed order of service was used. The Jubilee Anthem was well rendered by the augmented choir under Bro. Gibbons, choir master, and an impressive address was given by the Vicar, Bro. W. M. O'BRADY-JONES, W.M. At the close of the service the whole of the congregation rose and joined in singing the National Anthem.

The occasion was also taken by Bro. Shenton, Church Warden, on behalf of the subscribers, to unveil a very fine double-light stained glass window in commemoration of the 60th year of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign.

The collection was in aid of the £100,000 Jubilee Fund for erecting a new infirmary at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

### JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294, BEVERLEY.

#### AMERICAN PRESENTATION TO BRO. THE EARL OF LONDESBOROUGH, P.G.W. ENGLAND.

On Friday, the 18th ult., a large gathering of brethren took place at the Masonic Hall, Beverley, to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Victoria, and for the purpose of presenting to Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, P.G.W. England, a fraternal greeting from the W.M., officers, and brethren of Liberty Lodge, Beverly, Massachusetts, U.S.A., and a token of their esteem and regard on the occasion of his birthday.

Amongst those present were Bros. G. H. Knight, W.M.; the Earl of Londesborough; Viscount Raincliffe, P.M.; Alderman Tom Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Thomson Foley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; John Kemp, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; M. M. Westerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Joel Edgar, P.M., P.P.G.D.; David Morley, P.M.; R. Dobson, P.M.; F. G. Barton, S.W.; Councillor W. Green, J.W.; R. Pape, I.P.M.; J. Carlill Saville, P.G. Org.; Sydney Smith, P.M.; G. H. Winnenny, P.M.; and others.

The W.M., in loyal terms, referred to the beneficent reign of her Majesty during the past 60 years, and alluded to the progress and prosperity enjoyed by her subjects. He had pleasure in moving the following resolution: "Inasmuch as the nation is about to celebrate the long and glorious reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria, this lodge deems it a duty to place on their minutes their sincere and most hearty participation in such rejoicings, with deep gratitude to T.G.A. O.T.U. for the unparalleled blessings and prosperity which have accrued to this nation during the past 60 years, and trusts that her Majesty may be spared to still longer continue her reign over her loyal and dutiful subjects in her vast dominions. It is also recorded that this lodge has in recognition of this unique event subscribed a sum of 25 guineas to the local Masonic Charities, and has decided to place in one of the niches on the north side of the Minster, a statue in

stone of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons."

Bro. the Earl of LONDESBOROUGH, in seconding the resolution, said that he was the oldest subscribing member of this his mother lodge, and was proud to have been its Master during the centenary year. He thought it would have been a great pity if no notice had been taken of the auspicious event, and if they had not left on record their loyalty and devotion to the Throne. (Applause). Her Majesty was the daughter of a Freemason; she was also the mother and, he believed, the grandmother of Masons, and no doubt in time to come the Queen would have many descendants who were members of the Craft. (Applause). The resolution was carried with acclamation, and the brethren rose *en masse* and sang the National Anthem.

Bro. THOMSON FOLEY, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., on being called upon by the W.M., stated he had been requested by the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Liberty Lodge, Beverly (Mass., U.S.A.), to be their representative on that occasion. The Earl of Londesborough's kindly and genial disposition was well-known, not only amongst the brethren of this, the Constitutional Lodge, to the people of the immediate neighbourhood and the county of broadacres in which he resided, as well as throughout the country of his birth, but it had even crossed the rolling billows of the great Atlantic, and reached the shores of the United States, where it was thoroughly appreciated and held in equally high esteem. That esteem had culminated in the hearty fraternal greeting extended to his lordship on the anniversary of his natal day; it had not stopped there however, but had taken a very practical and pleasing form, that of the magnificent moose deer head, which he had now the pleasure to unveil, and, in open lodge, to request his lordship's acceptance of it as a token of the great esteem and fraternal regard in which he was held by our American brethren. No more fitting time could have been chosen than the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty, on which to prove to the brethren the loyal feeling and regard existing between the two countries. Bro. Foley stated that the brethren in America, knowing his lordship to be a true sportsman, thought they could not do better than send a fine specimen head of the largest deer on the American Continent, which he had now great pleasure in presenting. He had been informed it was the very finest specimen obtainable, and he believed it would be still more highly appreciated when it was known that every brother of Liberty Lodge had subscribed to the gift. It was, therefore, a unanimous expression of goodwill to the noble Earl, and he felt sure that when the gift was hung upon the walls of his ancestral home, Lord Londesborough would feel proud of such a token of recognition, associated as it was, not only with the brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, but also presented to him (at their request) in the midst of the brethren of his own lodge. Bro. Foley said he regretted that some brother of Liberty Lodge was not present to make the presentation, but he had expressed as well as he was able their kindly feeling towards his lordship.

Bro. the Earl of LONDESBOROUGH (who was received with continued cheers) said it was really impossible for him to find words in which to express his gratitude, his delight, and his astonishment in being the recipient of such a truly magnificent gift that day. He had not the slightest idea until he came to the lodge what a splendid present awaited him. He expressed his delight because it was a great compliment—the greatest possible compliment—to have a presentation of that kind. As an English sportsman, a more acceptable gift could not possibly have been selected for him. He expressed not only his gratitude to the brethren in America, but also to the brethren of his own lodge, for had it not been for his appointment as Worshipful Master of the lodge during its centenary year, he would never have been in the position to receive that beautiful gift. It was his pleasure to have been the intermediary between the two lodges in making various communications sent over the Atlantic, and he hoped in the words he had transmitted he had expressed the good feeling of every member of that lodge. He felt that he not only spoke for himself, but for his son, and he trusted his son's children in their turn would recognise the great esteem shown by the brethren across the Atlantic to that lodge. He valued far more the kindly feeling which had prompted so noble a gift, and that it was not merely the offering of the wealthy members of the lodge, but the spontaneous contribution of every brother. That to him was a matter of great gratification and sincere pleasure. (Applause.)

To Bro. Charles Woodberry, P.M. of Liberty Lodge, belongs the credit of initiating and carrying out the arrangements (on the other side of the Atlantic) for this presentation, and could he and his brethren have been present, they would have been greatly gratified by the appreciation shown for this kindly act (of their lodge), not only by the Earl and his son, but by every brother present.

Immediately after the lodge was closed, the Earl of Londesborough dispatched the following cablegram to America:

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"Charles Woodberry, Esq., Beverly, Massachusetts, U.S.A.—Please to convey to W.M., officers, and brethren of Liberty lodge my heartfelt thanks for magnificent present just received in open lodge, also for fraternal feelings that prompted the gift."

Subsequently, the Diamond Jubilee banquet was held, the W.M., Bro. G. W. Knight, presided, supported by the R.W. the Earl of Londesborough, P.G.W. of England; the Right Hon. Viscount Raincliffe; also the P.Ms., officers, and many of the brethren of the lodge.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The name of Bro. the Earl of Londesborough was coupled with that of the Grand Officers.

A most appropriate sentiment, sent from America by Bro. Woodberry, was read by Bro. TOM TURNER in connection with the toast.

The EARL in responding said: It is indeed a great honour to me to have my health proposed in such noble company. It is impossible for me to find words in which to compete with Bro. Woodberry's eloquent expression of good-feeling. I do say that I feel grateful from the bottom of my heart to the brethren over the Atlantic. Men of various shades of thought both write and say that there is a feeling in America against England, but they do not put their names below their letters. What can we say about our American brethren? The first overtures were made by them when they wished to have a memento of Old Beverley, which we sent to them, and in return they sent us that magnificent silver loving cup. That was the first feeling which existed between us, and every single step has been taken by them from the first, and I think we should be unworthy of the name of Englishmen if we did not most heartily reciprocate the feelings that exist between us. I can only say that I do feel most grateful for the magnificent gift they have presented to me. It is not only the gift which I appreciate, but it is the feeling which animates the givers. I value it a great deal more because of every brother in Liberty Lodge, Beverly, U.S.A., having subscribed to it.

The W.M., in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of Viscount Raincliffe," who, in response, said: I cannot express how much I feel the kind manner in which you have received the toast of my health. This is my first visit to the Constitutional Lodge, I hope it is far from being the last. (Applause). The W.M. said he hoped I had enjoyed myself here. I have very much indeed, and trust I shall meet you all again on some future occasion.

Various songs and recitations were given by the brethren, and a very pleasant and truly Masonic evening was spent, the brethren retiring with feelings of good fellowship to all, especially our cousins across the great waters.



## PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. J. THOMAS, P.G. Std. Br.

As soon as it became known that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. intended to confer the rank of P.G. Std. Br. upon Bro. J. J. Thomas, in recognition of his valuable services to Freemasonry, a desire was at once expressed amongst his Masonic friends to express their approval of that appointment in a practical manner by presenting Bro. J. J. Thomas with the necessary Masonic regalia. A Committee was formed, with the result that the presentation was duly made at a banquet held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 28th ult. Bro. Dr. W. D. Slyman, the senior P.M. of Bro. Thomas's mother lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Read, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C.; Major C. J. Knightley; W. Thomas, P.M.; W. J. Mason, P.M. 2150; A. Williams, P.M. 2090; Hillier, 2090; Schreiber, 2150; Andrews, W.M. 2421; W. J. Stratton, W.M. 2150; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Foxley, P.M. 173; J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; S. Johnson, P.M. 1319, Treas. Logic Club; H. J. Thomas, P.M.; R. Manuel, P.M., Preceptor Logic Club; J. H. Chandler, W.M. elect 753; W. W. Lee, and many others.

At the conclusion of a well-served repast, the CHAIRMAN briefly proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

Bro. W. M. STILES, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said they were always pleased to be associated with all the good things of Freemasonry, and one of the best things was to find so many associated together to do honour to a worthy brother. He would only say how pleased the Grand Officers were to include Bro. Thomas in their ranks, and how much they appreciated the kind remarks of the Chairman in proposing the toast.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, D.G.D.C., also replied, and, on behalf of the present Grand Officers, expressed their appreciation of the toast.

The CHAIRMAN then rose, and said he had the extreme pleasure of proposing the toast of "Our Guest." There was one point he should like to explain, and that was why he was holding the honourable position of Chairman that evening. Amongst the brethren present were some who had never seen him before, and they would mentally echo the word—why? It was his duty to explain that fact, and they would all agree that their Chairman was in the right place. When it was first intimated that their esteemed guest was likely to obtain Grand Lodge honours the members associated with him in lodges met together in the residence of Bro. Stephens, under whose hospitable roof they were merrily entertained, to talk over the question whether or not they could induce Bro. Thomas to accept the presentation. It was then a question whether they would go still further, and invite him to dinner and give him some token of their esteem and regard. That was carried with acclamation, and when it came to the question as to who should preside, he admitted there was a little difficulty. The lodges Bro. Thomas belonged to were the Prince Frederick William, the Tivoli, and the Carrington, the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, and the Logic Club. The first named was Bro. Thomas's mother lodge, and the brethren very properly thought that some member of that lodge would be the proper person to preside. They also thought that the proper thing would be for the senior member of that lodge to preside. It was, therefore, a great pleasure to him to preside on such an occasion. He was present when Bro. Thomas was initiated into Freemasonry and had been associated with him through the various phases until he became W.M., and after that date when the best of advice was wanted they only had to go to him when the master mind of Bro. Thomas was certain to give them the best obtainable. As far as their lodge was concerned Bro. Thomas was both Master and man combined. Their guest quickly saw through the depth of Freemasonry, that there was something more beside the ritual that should be carried out and he took the Charities in hand and presented himself as Steward on many occasions. He then went through the greatest test, which was the election for the Board of General Purposes, and was elected time after time and they had ample proof of the graceful manner in which he carried out his duties. A large amount of time was devoted in connection with the management of the Masonic Schools. The members of the Prince Frederick William were therefore very proud of their child, but Bro. Thomas extended his usefulness to the provinces and when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bucks quickly found out the gem from London they almost immediately elected him to the high office of Prov. Grand Treasurer. He (the Chairman) had now brought them well up through the Masonic career of their guest and he would, with their consent, present Bro. Thomas with what had been provided as a token of their affection. It occurred to him personally that the Masonic career of Bro. Thomas was a remarkable one, as he had marched from usefulness to usefulness, from honour to honour, and attained the highest pinnacle of Masonic fame. In the name of those present he presented Bro. Thomas with the collar, apron, and cuffs of P.G. Std. Br., and to complete the Masonic decorations of that high office a jewel bearing the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, 2150, and 2421, P.G. Treas. Bucks, on his appointment as P.G. Std. Br. of the Grand Lodge of England, by the above lodges, together with the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, and the Logic Club, as a mark of their high appreciation and esteem, June 28, 1897." The whole of the brethren were gratified with the past conduct of Bro. Thomas, and in presenting him with these regalia, he (the Chairman) hoped the more humble but affectionate members would not be forgotten, or be ever absent from his mind.

Bro. J. J. THOMAS, P.G. Std. Br., who was heartily received, said he had never risen to respond to the toast of his health with a greater amount of diffidence than on this occasion. The brethren had always been kind to him, and this presentation had fairly taken the wind out of his sails. He was afraid his words would not convey all his heart felt. He must admit that during his Masonic career he had endeavoured to do what he conceived to be his duty to the Masonic brotherhood when he joined some 16 years ago. Very soon after he was raised to be a Master Mason, some of the brethren thought there was some working ability about him, and so elected him Secretary of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction. To that beginning he owed his present position, and the duties of that office had really brought about the happy results of this present occasion. For 13 years and more he was Secretary, and during that time he had the opportunity of making many acquaintances in Masonry, and he would take on himself the unction that he did not think he had made an enemy during his Masonic career. If he did not quite deserve all that had been said, he had tried to do so. He soon found there was much that came quite new to him. He found that he had allowed many years to pass by that might have been profitably employed in Masonic work, but having joined Masonry late in life there was one duty which he could do and in which he could make up for lost time. In 1880 he became Master of his mother lodge, being seven years after his initiation, and the following year was appointed Secretary, a position he still held. This added to his Masonic experience and other work fell to his share soon afterwards. In 1890 Bro. Cama was good enough to say he would support him for election on the Board of General Purposes. He felt extremely flattered by Bro. Cama taking him in hand and by the kind suffrages of the brethren he was elected year after year. His success culminated last year when he was elected Vice-President of that Board, which he much appreciated, and he had to thank Bro. Stephens for proposing him for that office. This year the M.W.G.M. had conferred upon him the dignity of Past Grand

Standard Bearer, and he felt it incumbent upon him not to seek re-election, that being quite understood amongst the members of the Board to be the rule. He had also taken an interest in the Boys' School, and five years ago was elected a member of the Board of Management. He liked the work, and was delighted to watch the progress of the boys. He hoped to be spared for many years to continue that work. He assured them he entered upon his duties in Masonry with a determination to do all he could, and he hoped he had satisfied them he had done so. He must in conclusion thank the Committee formed at Bro. Stephens' house for this mark of their affection and esteem. He thanked them earnestly and sincerely, and especially Bro. Hobbs, the Secretary, and Bro. Dr. Slyman the President. He hoped to be associated with them for many years, and so long as he had health and strength would he continue in the good work of Masonry, which was to him a labour of love.

Bro. J. STEPHENS, D.G.D.C., gave "The Chairman," and "The Committee" having been honoured, the pleasant proceedings ended.

A pleasing musical entertainment was ably carried out by Miss Alice Thomas, Miss Lucie Gilbert, Miss Kate Thomas, and Bros. Hopkins, Delevanti, Prenton, and H. J. Thomas, and Mr. L. Edgar.

## Craft Masonry.

## Pattison Lodge, No. 913.

The above—one of the strongest and most influential lodges in the Province of Kent—celebrated its annual festival and installation meeting on Thursday, the 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. J. O. Cook, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. The lodge was opened by Bro. D. K. Somers, W.M., and the preliminaries being accomplished, Bro. Cook was presented, installed, proclaimed, and saluted, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Daniel K. Somers, P.M., I.P.M.; John J. Murphy, S.W.; E. Moseley Taylor, J.W.; Rev. A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Charles Coupland, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Wm. Campbell Taylor, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Sanders, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Arthur Moore, S.D.; James Graham Tucker, J.D.; John Henry Bull, I.G.; F. Hoar, D.C.; Wm. H. Chaney and Bertram, A.D.Cs.; Sidney Horton, P.M., Org.; Henry Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., George Roberts, John J. Messent, John Clark, and Wm. H. Lewis, Stewards; and Charles Warren, Tyler. Bro. Somers gave the first two addresses and Bro. Turton the third. Bro. Somers was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and Bro. Coupland having been chosen to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was afterwards served at the Holborn Restaurant, and was much enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present, and not above enumerated, were: Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; B. de B. Lopez, P.M., P.G.S.W., P.G. Std. Br.; W. Busbridge, P.M.; Dr. E. Bryceson, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M., P.M. 615; Jas. Farrier, P.M., P.M. 820; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; S. Horton, P.M., P.M. 706; A. Tasker, H. Kirkman, R. Turrell, J. Rich, T. Griffiths, J. Taylor, A. Eton, H. Towns, W. Folkard, R. Giman, W. Ween, L. Mills, W. C. Hallam, B. Littlewood, A. Hiscock, T. Turton, F. H. Butter, G. W. Lockwood, A. D. Capon, J. Rose, L. Nebel, W. Sallenger, G. Hall, Jas. Stratton, A. Wallis, C. James, C. H. Stone, G. H. Campbell, J. Mitchell, F. G. White, H. Smith, G. Frost, J. O. Widger, W. H. Pryce, Dr. R. Williams, T. Jefferson-Nell, H. H. Grafton, G. Franking, J. Hardy, D. Sedgley, R. Saunders, W. G. Newton, R. Bertram, and W. H. Nevers, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were: Bros. G. Bertodano, S.D. 6, A. W. Russell, W.M., A. McQueen, S.W., W. H. Turton, J.W. and W.M. elect of 13, G. H. Porter, W.M., H. Tammant, S.W., J. H. Roberts, P.M. and Treas., J. Sanderson, P.M., W. Chambers, J.D., Z. O. Ketley, and T. Sanford, all of 700; Capt. George Fishenden, W.M., G. Forster, Stwd., and L. F. Webber, of 705; J. Turton, W.M., and J. D. Brooks, Sec., of 615; J. Macgregor, P.M. 548; F. Reed, S.W. and W.M. elect, and C. J. Littlewood, of 1536; A. H. Bateman, P.M. 1973, H. Crowdy, W.M., G. Dyer, S.W., and G. Wheatley, J.W., of 2399; Major R. H. Murdock, R.A., S.W. 1789; Capt. G. H. Graham, P.J.W. 2841; Dr. G. Mugleston, P.M. 1228; T. Bush, W.M. 209; H. Bagshaw, W.M. 1050; the Rev. H. H. Walker, M.A., 859; R. A. Meyne, W.M. 2266; W. Gamney, W.M. 183; W. J. Harvie, 1324; J. Fenn, 1950; G. Broad, 548; T. Nuttall, 554; S. Coote, W.M. 987; S. Whadman, 1305; A. Whales, 1305; and G. H. Masters, P.M. 13.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said there was a close connection between the Queen and Masonry, inasmuch as the sun never sat upon the British Empire, nor upon Masonry.

The toast was drunk with cheers, and the National Anthem was sung in chorus by the whole of the brethren.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," evoked no less enthusiasm. The W.M., in putting it, said he was unfortunately unable to be present at the recent meeting at the Albert Hall, over which their Grand Master so ably presided, but from what he had heard of it, it must have been a most impressive spectacle.

The next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M. said he had had the honour of seeing and hearing Lord Lathom at Grand Lodge. His lordship was a grand Mason. Of Earl Amherst he would have to speak presently; then they were honoured by having one of their most esteemed Past Masters as a Past Grand Officer, their Bro. Coupland, with whose name he coupled the toast.

Bro. Coupland, who was most cordially received, said the present was an era in the history of the Pattison Lodge, for it was the first time that one of its members had ever had the purple of Grand Lodge conferred on him. It was a proud moment for him to have his name coupled with so important a toast. They all knew the position Lord Lathom held in Grand Lodge was next to that of the Grand Master, and that he carried out his duties on the true spirit of justice to all. Then, as to Earl Amherst, they also knew how much he had, during the last 30 years, done for the Province of Kent. The two noblemen at the head of the Craft discharged the duties of their high office admirably, and were eminently worthy of their high position, and they, the Masons under their control, were proud of them. He thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast.

The W.M., in putting the toast of "Earl Amherst, Grand Master of the Province of Kent," said a better business man than Earl Amherst they could not find. He ruled the Provincial Grand Lodge with geniality and with the strictest justice, and all he (the W.M.) wished was that he could rule over that lodge as well as his lordship rule d over the Province of Kent.

The next toast was that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M. said that Bro. Eastes was present at their lodge the previous week, when they had the honour of entertaining the Provincial Grand Lodge at its annual meeting, and he was proud to say that the highest honour that could be conferred upon any brother was conferred upon one of their esteemed Past Masters—Bro. Lopez. Bro. Lopez had that day presented the lodge with a handsome set of carved ivory gavels, the work of his own hand, and they must render him a hearty vote of thanks for his really splendid gift. The fact that they were made by him, and not purchased articles, made them still more valuable though their intrinsic value, which was not their least recommendation, and he might depend upon it, that as long as the lodge lasted, those gavels would be treasured by every succeeding W.M. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Lopez.

Bro. Lopez, who is a great favourite with the brethren, was loudly cheered on rising to respond. He said the honour conferred upon him did not give him nearly so much pleasure as to know that the Grand Lodge of England had honoured his dear, good friend, Bro. Coupland, who had been a true and loyal friend to him (Bro. Lopez) for the last 35 years. He could assure them that he felt very proud of the honour of being an officer of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent. It was an honour more to the lodge than to him, and he could assure them that whatever he could do to promote the interest of the Pattison Lodge he should always endeavour to do.

The W.M., in response to the toast of his health, eloquently put by the I.P.M., said he had to thank Past Master Lopez for the position he that day had achieved in the lodge. He started at the bottom of the ladder, and hoped that he had not, or ever



would, disgrace the lodge. He hoped they would bring him plenty of good candidates—good men and true. A gentleman came to him and asked him which was the best lodge to join. Of course, he could have told him "the Pattison," and he hoped that gentleman would join them and make a good member. He thanked them heartily for their cordial reception of his name.

Bro. Summers, in responding for "The Installing Officer," spoke feelingly of the loyalty and affection always evinced to him by the brethren of the lodge, and should ever remember with pleasure the years 1865-67 as the proudest of his life.

Bros. Penfold and Cook responded for "The Past Masters."

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Officers," and Tyler concluded a very pleasant day's labour and refreshment.

The artistes who sang were Miss Minnie Chamberlain, Mrs. Pero, Bro. T. Jefferson-Nell, and Messrs. Lewis and Robinson, Bro. Horton presiding at the piano.

### Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531.

The 121st meeting of this Kentish lodge was held at the Tiger's Head Hotel, Chislehurst, on Saturday, the 26th ult. This being installation day, there was a goodly attendance of brethren, including several Grand, and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers. It was also the first meeting of the lodge on its return to Chislehurst, after having been temporarily located at Bromley and Bexley Heath. What further made it a red-letter day in the history of the lodge was the fact that Bro. W. J. Kipps, son of the father of the lodge, was duly installed as W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. A. J. Perriam, W.M.; J. Muir Smith, S.W.; W. J. Kipps, J.W.; Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., I.P.M.; William Hollis, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Chas. F. Quicke, P.M., Sec.; William Kipps, P.P.G.O., D.C.; Richard Nevill, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Tunstall, S.D.; R. G. Robinson, J.D.; J. T. Baron, I.G.; T. Chettleburgh, Steward, and W. Royle, Tyler. Also Bros. Dr. Stansfield, J. Cullingford, G. N. Tanner, John Storey, E. Evensen, W. Clark, C. G. Brooks, J. Stephens, Geo. Procter, A. Smith, E. C. Dettmer, Thos. Sandilands, E. Petersen, and G. H. Dowsett. The visitors were Bros. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D. Eng.; Walter Martin, A.G.P. Eng.; James Kew, P.A.G.P. Eng.; D. Grinstead, P.P.S.G.D.; J. King, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Foster, P.M. 1608; A. Petersen, 2184; H. Percival, 1608; W. McLean, 858; A. Frigout, 171; W. Boyce, 1708; A. Cocks, 174; E. T. Walford, 1275; Geo. Robinson, 55; J. Cruickshank, 784; and Kendall Ward, 1155.

The lodge having been opened, and sundry formal business transacted, the ceremony of installing Bro. W. J. Kipps, J.W., Worshipful Master elect, was carried out by the retiring Worshipful Master. The new Worshipful Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year in a very appropriate manner, more especially when investing his father as D.C.: Bros. J. Muir-Smith, S.W.; R. G. Robinson, J.W.; W. Hollis, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Quicke, P.M., Sec.; W. Tunstall, S.D.; G. Procter, J.D.; J. T. Baron, I.G.; William Kipps, P.M., D.C.; T. Chettleburgh, A.D.C.; Dr. Stansfield, A. Smith, and E. Evensen, Stewards; and W. Royle, Tyler. Bro. C. F. Quicke then delivered the three beautiful addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, receiving the hearty applause of the lodge. The W.M. presented Bro. Perriam with a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar in recognition of his services during his year of office as W.M. Bro. Perriam returned thanks in a suitable speech, and expressed a wish that he might long be able to do his best for the good of the lodge. Before the lodge was closed, a further sum of five guineas was, on the motion of Bro. Hollis, voted towards the Canterbury Cathedral Chapter House Fund.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, drunk, and responded to.

The W.M. being a very popular Professor at the Royal Academy of Music, was naturally supported by several very clever artistes, who carried out an excellent musical programme. Bro. McLean was most entertaining in his humorous selection, "A little music." Bro. Kendall Ward sang "Stand fast" and "Here's a health," besides two encore songs, in a stirring rich bass voice. Bro. Walford sang "The Garonne" and "The Star of Bethlehem," whilst that good old veteran and one of the founders of the lodge, Bro. G. H. Dowsett, evoked the hearty applause of the company by his rendering of "Maid of Athens."

There is no doubt this meeting will have a memorable and beneficial effect on the healthy progress of this popular Kentish lodge, and the P.G.M., Earl Amherst, in granting a dispensation for the return of the lodge to the place from which it derives its name, expressed his pleasure that a new home had been found at Chislehurst.

### Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. M. Murphy, W.M.; J. Evans, S.W., Master elect; W. R. Witt, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; N. P. Lardner, P.M.; C. Bachoffner, I.P.M.; J. D. Webb, J.D.; and E. Mallett, P.M. 141, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.G.S.; Bull, W.M.; Bailey, W.M.; Yates, P.M.; and Puttim, P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Evans, S.W., Master elect, having been presented and installed by the W.M., the following were appointed and invested as officers for the year ensuing: Bros. W. R. Witt, S.W.; G. J. Cawthorne, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Webb, S.D.; H. Harden, J.D.; T. A. Wooderidge, C.C., P.P. G.R. Middx., D.C.; W. Leach Lewis, J.P., A.D. of C.; T. Shapcott, I.G.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.P.G. Org., Assistant Org.; W. Williamson, C.C., P.M. 858, E. W. Mason, J. H. Lile, C.C., and A. E. Cook, Stewards; and E. Mallett, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A summer outing in connection with the lodge was arranged for the 7th inst. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. M. Murphy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Harden, Dr. E. M. Lott, Dr. J. W. Hinton, T. A. Wooderidge, C.C.; W. Wellsman, C.C.; J. W. Gaze, C.C.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P.; and many others. The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

The name of Bro. E. S. Lardner, P.G.S., was mentioned in connection with "The Grand Officers," and he duly acknowledged the compliment.

During the evening Bros. Hoffman, J. Young, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; and A. E. Cook musically entertained the brethren.

### Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. C. Kupferschmidt, A.G. Sec. of G.C., W.M.; C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., S.W.; S. T. Klein, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; Dr. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland, S.D.C.; G. Greiner, Steward; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M.; and W. J. Hughson, P.G.D.; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. Lennard Boor, P.D.G.M. of New Zealand; W. M. Battersby, S.G.D. Ireland; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; Dr. W. Hammond, Dr. T. Charters White, J. J. Dixon, F. C. Frost, W. T. Newitt, W. S. Boteler, G. P. G. Hills, J. Stevenson, Surgeon-Major D. Warliker, F. L. Gardner, J. M. Hamm, E. H. Ezard, H. P. FitzGerald Marriott, L. Danielson, C. H. Barnes, J. Peeke Richards, J. Grisdale, E. Glaeser, C. M. Brander, J. R. Stevens, Rev. F. E. Hamel, H. J. Collier, G. S. Collins, T. Adams, G. C. H. Gunther, F. S. Proctor, R. Manuel, Dr. F. J. Allan, W. J. Songhurst, and J. P. Watson. Visitors: Bros. R. G. Young, 2416, and Surgeon-Major H. L. Battersby, Military Lodge (I.C.).

The Secretary announced that the following brethren of the Correspondence Circle had been appointed to Past Grand office at the Jubilee meeting on the 14th ult.: Bros. Rev. C. Henton Wood, of Leicester, to be P.G.C.; A. H. Bowles, of Guildford, and J. Stiven, of Madras, to be P.G. Deacons; J. Clayton, of Ashton-under-Lyne, H. M. Rustonjee, of Calcutta, and J. B. Wheelwright, of Cape Town, to be P.A.G.D.Cs.; and J. J. Thomas, of London, and N. Tracy, of Ipswich, to be P.G. Std. Brs.; also that Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Montgomerie Moore, D.G.M. of Madras, had received the honour of knighthood, and Bro. the Hon. Cavendish Boyle, of Damerara, had been promoted to the rank of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of SS. Michael and George. On the proposition of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. W. J. Hughson, P.G.D., the hearty congratulations of the lodge were voted to these brethren, and the Secretary undertook to convey the same.

Thirty-seven brethren, as follows, were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Bros. G. Macfarlane, P.M. 1546, Charters Towers, and R. Moorhead, 292 (I.C.), Bollon, Queensland; Dr. F. W. Gale, Marlborough, New Zealand; J. T. Smiles, P.M., Sydney, N.S.W.; T. R. Bennett, 48 (N.I.C.), Montecito, California; C. S. Bixby, W.M. 24, Osawatimie, Kansas; G. C. Baker, 5, Albany, New York; A. Schoder, P.M. 83, Woodbridge, New Jersey; A. von Gansan, W.M. and J. B. Skirving, Sec. 2354, Heidelberg, South African Republic; A. E. Clarke, 2379, Capetown; B. P. Wall, W.M. 2592, Jatni, Madras; E. Dawson, 542, Moulmein, Burma; W. F. Stuttaford, P.M. 334; W. W. Mangles, 811; W. J. Wells, 899; J. G. L. Bennett, 183; T. R. Vaux, P.M. 208; J. Wagstaffe, 320; A. W. Anderson, 2323; W. R. Pinwill, 2477, and T. Whittle; F. Bruce, 2483; R. Hoven-den, P.M. 21; C. H. Waterlow, 29; W. W. Wilson, P.M. 1644; W. E. Thornton, 2631; Dr. R. Farrar, 466; F. E. Hamel, 2408; J. T. Sweet, 1632; F. Deutsch, 2108; O. Goldstein, 2108; L. Danielson, 1471; G. J. Symonds, 183; B. Schonberger, 2108; Furst, P.M. 238; and W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.

Among the correspondence read by the Secretary was a letter from H.R.H., the M.W.G. Master, thanking the lodge for the gift of the last volume of the Transactions of the Lodge; and letters from Bros. Sir Chas. Warren and Admiral Markham excusing their non-attendance on the ground of duty.

Bro. W. J. Hughson, P.G.D., read a paper on "The Three Degrees of Masonry, especially in relation to the oldest known Records of the Master Mason's Ceremony." The paper, which was written with our brother's usual lucidity, was a *resumé* of arguments previously put forward by him to show that before 1717-1723 there could not have been more than one ceremony or Degree in use, and it further gave particulars of the minutes of a lodge in Finch-lane of 1727, containing the first known references in lodge minutes to the working of the Third Degree. From the subsequent discussion, however, it would appear that Bro. Hughson failed to carry conviction to the minds of his hearers, for Bros. Gould, Chetwode Crawley, and Speth all spoke at length in opposition to his contention, the latter promising to place before the lodge at some future and not too distant date a paper embodying his views as to the antiquity of our ceremonial. The paper was none the less, as they all agreed, a most useful and interesting one, and a vote of thanks to the learned brother was cordially moved and seconded by Bros. Gould and Chetwode Crawley, and enthusiastically carried. Bro. Hamon Le Strange, Past Grand Deacon of England and Dep. Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, was proposed as a joining member of the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

### Columbia Lodge, No. 2397.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ultimo, at the Hotel Cecil, when Bro. Colonel F. W. Frigout, Deputy Consul General for the United States of America, was installed in the presence of a distinguished company of English and American brethren. Among the Grand Officers of England present were Bros. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; Major Gordon Smith, P.G.S.B.; Walter Martin, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. Hugh M. Gordon, P.G.S.B.; and others; and of American brethren there were Bros. J. J. Wedgwood, Brent Goode, R. Newton Crane, J. B. Cumming, J. Morgan Richards, Colver Gordon, and others. Among the members were Bros. Ald. F. Cooke, J. R. Brough, V. B. Cooper, and others.

The installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Fredk. C. Van Duzer, the retiring W.M., a brother who is well known and respected among the American colony in London. After the ceremony, a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Van Duzer. The following is a list of the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. Col. Francis W. Frigout, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Frederick C. Van Duzer, P.M., I.P.M.; Robert Newton Crane, S.W.; James Rowland Brough, J.W.; John B. Cumming, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Treas. Middx., Sec.; V. B. D. Cooper, S.D.; Leonard Oswald Johnson, J.D.; Colver Gordon, I.G.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B., D.C.; B. Franklin Stevens, A.D.C.; A. W. Chapman, P.M., and Reginald Heber Mardon, Stwds.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler.

The banquet was well attended, and at the close the usual toasts were given and heartily received.

The responses for the toast of "The Visitors" were left in the competent hands of Bros. Dr. King, Brent Goode, Surgeon-Major Roberts, P.P.G.W. Middx., Crane, jun., and Capt. A. Wood Martyn.

An excellent musical programme, under the direction of Bros. Ellison and Schartau, added to the amusement of the brethren, while the amusing efforts of Bro. Marshall P. Wilder, who "just dropped in," were greatly appreciated.

### Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

An emergency meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 30th ult. Bro. A. F. Wrightson, W.M., presided, and in a very able and correct manner raised Bros. J. Rush Dixon and Cecil Simpson. Several members attended, including Bros. West, S.W.; Jackson, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Gordon Hills, Henry White, F. Tupper White; also visitors: Bros. Leonard G. Boor, P.D.G.M. New Zealand, and G. B. Crowe, from the Colonies.

### Guardian Lodge, No. 2625.

This lodge, which was consecrated on January 15th, 1897, and was established for the convenience of gentlemen connected with the administration of the Poor Law, held one of its ordinary meetings on the 24th ult., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, the W.M., Bro. James Tollworthy, presiding. There were also present Bros. Henry M. Clements, P.M., S.W.; T. A. Bullock, P.M., P.G.S.B., J.W.; W. J. Johnston, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Caldwell Moore, Sec.; A. E. Pridmore, S.D.; H. Weber Brown, J.D.; R. Harvey Barton, I.G.; E. Ardley, Stw.; W. P. Abbott, O. H. Abbott, H. A. Olver, E. O. Ardley, P. W. Greenaway, W. Oatley, W. Chapman, R. Clarke, J. H. Priddle, and E. Lewis Partridge, P.M. 1686, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. F. S. Abbott, H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; A. G. Kelly, S.D. 1288; and J. Anthony Burther, 2296.

Messrs. Edward Chisnall, G. H. Daw, and H. W. Bundy were initiated by the W.M., who afterwards gave the ancient charge. The W.M. also passed to the Second Degree Bros. W. Oatley, P. W. Greenaway, and E. O. Ardley, who also received from the W.M. the charge and the lecture on the tracing board. All the work was beautifully performed. Bro. T. A. Bullock, J.W., then rose, and said the brethren would remember that when the lodge was consecrated, the W.M. and other brethren made many presents to the lodge of lodge furniture, and these presents were so numerous that it was thought there was no room for any more gifts to be presented. But his keen eye of Bro. Pridmore, S.D., discovered that there was something else which the lodge required, and that brother had taken upon himself to supply the deficiency. If the brethren looked on the table occupied by the Treasurer and the Secretary, they would see a handsome ballot-box and a Charity column, which up to this meeting the lodge had not possessed. These were the gift of the S.D., and the thanks of the lodge were due to him for the presentation. He, therefore, proposed that such a vote of thanks should be passed, and inscribed on the lodge minutes. The W.M. seconded the motion, and it was put to the lodge, and carried unanimously. Bro. Johnston, P.M., Treas., next proposed, and Bro. Pridmore, S.D., seconded, that the sum of one guinea be given from the lodge funds to the Guy's Hospital Endowment Fund, and this motion was also carried. The W.M. reminded the brethren that for some time past the Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. P. Clements-Smith, had been seriously ill, and was unable to attend the lodge meetings. He was happy to say, however, that their reverend brother was better now, and was so far recovered that they might hope to see him among them again shortly.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

Several brethren of the lodge and Bro. Olver and Miss Briggs entertained the company with some excellent singing.

Bro. Tollworthy, W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft"—the announcement of which was received with loud applause—said he never heard the Queen's name received in a more enthusiastic manner than at the present time, and he might say he thought she richly deserved it. Any one who witnessed the procession on Tuesday and saw her Majesty with all her smiles and beams on her face must have seen she felt it was the greatest reward to her for a well-spent life to receive the ovation she did receive from every subject in the country. As regarded Freemasonry, he adopted what Lord Latham said a few nights ago, that when the Queen ascended the throne, in

1837, there were 640 lodges on the English roll; he did not know how many Masons there were at the present time; the number of lodges was 2220, and the number of subscribing Masons was 110,000. That told them the rapid progress made in Freemasonry in the last 60 years.

Bro. Tollworthy, W.M., in giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said this toast was always pleasing, and it was more pleasing on this occasion. He had the pleasure, with others, of being at the Albert Hall and seeing the Prince of Wales and hearing him speak. It was the first time he heard him so distinctly, although he was at a distance from him. The Prince was a most distinct speaker. He felt that the Prince of Wales's words were well-chosen, clear, and weighty. The Prince was very glad to see them all there, and they were all pleased to see him preside there. The speech the Grand Master made showed the very enthusiastic manner with which he took his part in Masonry.

Bro. T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B., replying to the toast of "The Pro G.M.," &c., said it was always a pleasure as well as a great privilege to have the honour of responding to this toast, but the pleasure was greatly intensified with him on this occasion by having something as new as it would be agreeable to say in the Guardian Lodge. Leaving for a moment the more important details of the toast he would commence with that nearest to his heart, and he was sure most acceptable to the brethren present. Quite early in his association with the Guardian Lodge, he had the temerity to prophesy that there were more members than one worthy of Grand honours. They were as well aware as he was that that was amply fulfilled at the great meeting at the Albert Hall, when he saw one of his brethren of the Guardian Lodge invested as Past Grand Standard Bearer of England—he alluded to their respected and honoured Bro. Shurmur. He could not help saying that that was an honour to the Guardian Lodge, and he thought that medium had been chosen to bring the Guardian Lodge into the prominence which the Grand Secretary predicted when he consecrated the lodge that it would achieve. The intelligence and other distinguishing characteristics of members of the Guardian Lodge could not fail to bring it into prominence. However, he was wandering; and in responding most unworthily on behalf of the officers of Grand Lodge, he assured the brethren that his colleagues and himself were deeply impressed with the solemnity and the greatness of the present occasion, and he should deem it his privilege, as it would be again to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the cordiality and the loyalty of the Guardian Lodge. On behalf of the Grand Officers he begged to thank the brethren for the manner in which this toast had been welcomed, and particularly for the cordial way in which his name had been received by the lodge.

Bro. W. James Johnston, P.M., Treas., in proposing "The W.M.," said he regretted the absence of their new Grand Officer, Bro. Shurmur, who would have given them something fresh about their W.M. On the last occasion he (Bro. Johnston) had the privilege of performing the same function as he did that night, and he esteemed it a very great honour and pleasure. The last time he proposed the W.M.'s health he spoke of the excellent way in which the work was done. He could only reiterate now what he formerly said, for the brethren had that night as great a treat as they had on the last occasion. There was no hitch, and the brethren had every reason to be proud of their W.M., who was a man of strong common sense.

Bro. J. Tollworthy, W.M., acknowledged the compliment, and said it was a source of very great pleasure to him to have to preside over the brethren that evening, although the weather was so sultry and hot; they had also suffered from it during the day, and it had made them feel very jaded. That was the fourth meeting the lodge had had, and it was a pleasure to see how the lodge was progressing. They had three initiates that evening, all very worthy gentlemen, and they also had three brethren to pass, and it was a great pleasure to do the work. He was sorry they had not had any nominations at that meeting, but perhaps, looking at the amount of work before the lodge at its next meeting, it was not to be regretted.

Bro. Chinnall, replying as one of the initiates to the toast proposed and drunk in honour of "The Initiates," said he had had for many, many years a desire to become a member of the Craft of Freemasons, and as he stood there that night he felt it the proudest moment of his life to be one of such a great and ancient Craft. The initiates knew very little about it, but now that they had the good fortune to be initiated, he trusted it would be the commencement of a long career, and that for many years they would be connected with the Order. It was a grand change to be among so many who all called each other brother; it was a great blessing and assistance to help them one and all. The hearty way in which the initiates had been received was a great encouragement to them. What he had gone through that evening was not half the difficult task that he thought was before him.

Bros. Daw and Bundy also replied.

Bro. Anthony Burther replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and said it was a pleasure to see the young members coming into the lodge. Their fathers had been in the City of London all their lives, and their sons stepped into their footsteps. They would do their level best to be a credit to the City as their fathers had been. It was a credit to the lodge to have these young men in it.

Bro. Tollworthy, W.M., in giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," referred to Bro. Shurmur and the good yeoman work he did in Masonry. He justly deserved the honour he had received; he had been a thorough good working Mason and had taken great interest in the Charities. He then referred to the Treasurer and the Secretary, both of whom worked very hard, the former in looking after the money and cutting down expenses and the latter in acquiring a knowledge of his duties and in performing them.

Bro. W. J. Johnston, P.M., Treas., replying, said they could not feel comfortable and happy unless they took care not to spend more than they had. He did not want to stop enjoyment or to check Charity, but still he wanted to pay 20 shillings in the pound. If a man was not financially right he could not be happy.

Bro. W. R. Caldwell Moore, Sec., also responded, and said whether he was in the humble office of Secretary or in the proud position of W.M., to no one who was a Freemason was there a greater honour than to hold office in a lodge, especially in the Guardian Lodge, which had made its mark in Grand Lodge.

Bros. Clements, S.W.; Pidmore, J.W.; and other brethren responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

## Royal Arch.

### Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88.

The half-yearly convocation of this chapter, which is attached to the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, was held on the 30th ult. in the chapter room at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. W. P. Spalding, M.E.Z.; the Rev. L. R. Tuttle, H.; and C. H. Banham, J.

Three brethren were exalted to the Sublime Degree. The work of the P.S. was ably performed by Comp. J. Gordon Chennell. The customary lectures were given by the three Principals, and Comp. B. Chennell, P.Z., gave a description of the pedestal. The Principals and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Comps. L. R. Tuttle, P.G. Reg., M.E.Z.; J. Gordon Chennell, P.G.S.B., H.; A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G. Treas., J.; W. P. Spalding, P.Z., P.G.J., I.P.Z.; Major O. Papworth, P.Z., P.P.G.N., S.E.; H. S. Davison, S.N.; T. Hunnybun, P.P.G.S.B., Reg.; F. A. Hazlebine, P.S.; J. L. Rutter, 1st A.S.; F. J. Moden, 2nd A.S.; B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.H., D. of C.; A. W. Aldrich, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., Steward; G. A. Allen, Janitor; and J. Bester and C. E. Holland, Auditors.

### Earl of Lathom Chapter, No. 730.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 28th ultimo, at the Masonic Rooms, Chorley, Lancashire. Present: Comps. S. Widdows, M.E.Z.; Hawthorn R. Thornton, H.; W. Mason Varley, J.; J. T. Brierley, S.E.; T. Heald, P.Z., Treas.; J. Leigh, P.S.; R. G. Anderson, 1st A.S.; J. Jolly, Janitor; Corbett, P.Z.; G. Tuttle, the Rev. J. A. Pattinson, and Cunliffe.

The chapter was opened, the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Comp. S. Widdows, M.E.Z., addressed the Principals elect, and afterwards installed Comp. Hawthorn R. Thornton, H., as M.E.Z. Comp. Hawthorn R. Thornton, M.E.Z., installed Comp. W. Mason Varley, J., into the chair of H., and Comp. W. Mason Varley, H., installed Comp. the Rev. J. A. Pattinson as J. The following officers were invested by the

M.E.Z., he at the same time explaining to each their respective duties: Comps. J. T. Brierley, S.E.; M. E. Donovan, S.N.; J. Heald, Prov. G.D.C., Treas.; J. Leigh, P.S.; R. G. Anderson, 1st A.S.; J. Sellers, 2nd A.S.; Yates, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; G. Mather, Organist; and J. Jolly, Janitor. Comp. S. Widdows afterwards gave the addresses to the Principals, officers, and companions at large. A sum of £10 10s. was voted to the "West Lancashire Victoria Fund of Benevolence."

The chapter was closed, and the companions dined together at the Imperial Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided.

The usual toasts were duly honoured.

## Mark Masonry.

### Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Monday, the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, and was a most pleasant and memorable affair. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Farrier, P.G. Stwd., and it was announced that Bro. F. Hughes Hallett, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M. was in attendance. A deputation of the Present and Past P.G. Officers waited upon him, and escorted him to his seat in the lodge, where he was saluted with the honours due to his exalted rank. Bro. Edwin P. Hobson, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course the candidate was installed, proclaimed, and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Farrier, G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Geo. H. Porter, S.W.; Chas. H. Canning, J.W.; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.G.R. of M., Sec.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., P.S.G.W., Treas.; Wm. John Crowdy, M.O.; R. Fowler, S.O.; J. Wheatley, J.O.; Geo. F. Taylor, R. of M.; J. D. Brooks, S.D.; John Sanderson, J.D.; Wm. Chambers, D.C.; G. W. Townsend, A.D.C.; W. Lawson, I.G.; H. Jacobs and C. W. Benstead, Stewards; and Charles Warren, Tyler. Bro. Farrier then completed an excellently worked ceremony by giving the addresses, and was rewarded with a cordial vote of thanks. He was also presented with a Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks, and the lodge was then closed.

The banquet was served at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford-square, Woolwich, and was all that could be desired.

The toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," followed, and both, we need hardly say, were drunk with enthusiasm.

In responding to that of "The Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.; Viscount Dungarvan, D.G.M.," and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Capt. Weston said they were all aware of the rapid strides made by Masonry under the rule of their Grand Master, more especially Mark Masonry. Yet they were going along very gently and quietly, if quickly, both in their school work and in their Charities. In neither their benevolent or school fund had their ever been an election. The children selected—and he knew no case in which a well-authenticated candidate had not been—were sent to a local school in the near neighbourhood of their parents' residence; their school fees were paid, and the sum of five pounds was annually paid to provide them with suitable clothing. During the time the children were at school their progress was carefully watched by Grand Mark Lodge, who sent their own men down to the schools to examine for themselves the progress the children were making. So far as the Order generally was getting on, there was an attempt to be made to amalgamate it with the Craft, and he believed the attempt would be a successful one. He thanked them for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. Lyon felt it a great honour to have his name associated with that of Bro. Capt. Weston in the toast, his position being but an humble one. He was pleased to see Bro. Hobson in the chair, and felt sure that under his rule they would have one of the best lodges in the Province of Kent.

Bro. Hughes Hallett, in responding for "The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," said he had a three-fold duty on hand in responding for the toast, yet it was a very pleasant duty. As to Lord Dungarvan, it needed little from him to show how great an interest his lordship took in Mark Masonry. He had the pleasure of seeing his lordship installed in a place not far from that town, and could assure them that from what his lordship had said upon that occasion, he was certain that the Degree in the Province of Kent would be fully maintained. Now, he would not further dilate upon his lordship's excellences. For himself, he had been placed in the position of their Deputy G.M., but for what he knew not; but as long as he lived nothing could or would abate his interest in the progress of the Order in the Province of Kent. It was his great hobby, and he loved it, and would always be glad to meet and welcome a brother when and wherever he met him. He had always said that it was his duty to visit every lodge in the province. He thanked them for the toast. He thanked the W.M. for his invitation, and the brethren for their cordial reception. He congratulated the W.M. on ruling over the second and largest lodge in the province, and the Installing Officer on his excellent working of the ceremony of installation that day.

Bro. Hobson, in responding to the toast of his health, which was drunk in bumpers, said that ever since he had been a member of the lodge he had always been delighted to be with them. In the various junior offices he had held he had always supported the W.M. in the chair to the best of his abilities, as also in contributing to the harmony at the social board. He had always the welfare of the lodge at heart, and now his reward was the proud position of Master of the Excelsior Mark Lodge. It was a position he had worked for. He was now the "King of the Castle," and he thanked them all for their great and continued kindness in the past, and hoped for a continuance of it in the future.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" was next given.

Bro. Farrier, in response, assured the brethren that their approbation of the manner in which he had done the work was sufficient reward for any trouble he might have been at in preparing himself for the office.

Bro. Coupland, in responding for "The Past Masters," spoke of the interest he had always felt in the welfare of the lodge, and enumerated the Past Masters, classifying them into "ancients and moderns," all of whom, however, were warm and true in their allegiance to the lodge and its Master for the time being.

Bro. Penfold wished the W.M. had coupled one of the "moderns" with their ancient Bro. Coupland as respondents to the toast. For himself, he was sorry he was not present at the lodge. Having to attend the Council, he could not get away in time. There were, however, three courses open to him—to go home and dress, and so be too late, to stay away altogether, or to come down just as he was, and pay his respects and allegiance to their W.M. He chose the last, and could only say he was exceedingly glad to see Bro. Hobson W.M. that day, and felt sure that at the end of his year of office they would with one accord say—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Bro. Spinks said he was one of the oldest Mark Masons in the Province of Kent, having been advanced to the Mark Degree 31 years ago. The consecration of that lodge, some 19 years ago, was one of the greatest meetings of Mark Masons that had ever taken place in the Province of Kent. He was proud to see that Bro. Coupland had been promoted, and to see him, like Phœbus, "in golden splendour dressed."

Bro. Jolly also responded.

Bro. Nichols responded for "The Visitors," and regretted the absence of the W.M. of the Florence Nightingale Lodge through indisposition.

Bro. Horton also responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been enlivened by some excellent singing and reciting.

Among the other brethren present, and not above-named were Bros. Capt. W. A. Weston, P.M., P.G. I.G. Eng., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Jolly, P.M. 309, P.P.G.D.; Col. C. E. Vansittart, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; F. Reed, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Rose, F. H. Harris, G. W. Harris, D. Jenkins, F. Lever, W. S. Goodman, A. E. Goodman, and H. Sanford. The visitors included Bros. H. Thomson Lyon, P.M. 411, P.G. Stwd. Eng.; F. G. Nichols, P.M. 44, P.P.G.D.; Dr. E. Bryceson, S.W. 44; and J. Turton, J.W. 309.

## Knights Templar.

### Mount Calvary Preceptory, D.

The summer outing in connection with this old institution was held at the popular riverside resort, the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 15th ultimo. Among those present were Sir Knights Harris Hills, J.P., E.P.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., Reg.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.P.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.P.; C. Slater, P.E.P.; J. R. Carter, F. F. Bonney, and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.E.P. Visitors: Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S., and C. D. Jackson, P.M.

Among the numerous apologies for non-attendance were communications from Sir Knights B. Stewart, Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.P.; T. Wood, P.E.P.; L. Steele, P.E.P.; G. Graveley, P.E.P.; W. Wayte, P.E.P.; F. Egbert Roberts, H. Lindus, J. R. Ubsdell, C. Hoest, J. Owen, and H. W. Schartau.

The members were all grieved to hear of the serious illness of Sir Knight W. Maple, P.E.P., whose genial personality has endeared him to many friends in all grades of Masonry.

Bro. Thomas Sadler personally superintended the serving of the banquet, which gave the most unqualified satisfaction. It was a source of regret to all that since the last pleasant summer re-union of the preceptory, the venerable and respected Bro. C. Sadler had passed away. He was one of the old race of inn-keepers who took a delight in keeping up the ancient traditions of his calling, and very rarely indeed did he forget to smilingly welcome at the portal of his historic hostelry the coming and to speed the parting guest.

The E.P. gave a few toasts, but the evening was so fine and the surroundings so pleasant, that an early advantage was taken to leave the close atmosphere of the dining room for the open air.

## Allied Masonic Degrees.

### Metropolitan Council (T.I.M.).

A meeting of this old and distinguished council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 18th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M., as W.M. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. George Powell); E. L. Shepherd, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Graveley, P.M., as J.W.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; B. Stewart, J.D.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Org.; and Baron de Ferrieres, P.M., P.G.W., &c.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. J. Lardner, P.M., ably installed Bro. E. L. Shepherd as W.M., who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. Steele, S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; George Powell, P.M., Treas.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; B. Stewart, Conductor; A. W. Humphreys, S.D.; W. H. Toye, J.D.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., I.G.; Dr. J. Henry Frye, D.C.; and E. Mills, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. George Powell for his services and exertions as Treasurer, there being only one case of arrear among the members. The resignations of Bros. A. McDowall, P.M., and Nelson Prower, M.A., were received with regret, and the former was elected an honorary member. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. W. G. Lemon, J.P., LL.D., P.M., who had taken a very active part in the lodge since his initiation in 1879. A vote of thanks was passed to the installing Officer. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. Powell, J. J. Pakes, R. L. Loveland, J.P.; C. F. Matier, G.S. (Hon. Member); and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, the W.M. presided most genially, and a most pleasant evening was passed, this, no doubt, was mainly due to the fact that the temperature was more like chill December than balmy June.

## Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

### Premier Conclave.

A meeting of this conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall on the 8th ult. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights G. Graveley, M.P.S.; W. A. Scurrah, V.E.; L. Steele, S.G.; G. J. Phillips, Prelate; H. J. Lardner, P.M.W.S., P.G.C., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; and Frater Reinardt, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. E. P. Moore and Richard Barnes, and, it being unanimous, they were duly installed members of this Knightly Order. It being the annual day of election, Sir Knight W. A. Scurrah was unanimously elected M.P.S.; Sir Knight L. Steele, V.E.; Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., Treas.; and Frater Reinardt, Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted with acclamation to the M.P.S. Sir Knights Moore and Barnes were elected Auditors. Communications, regretting inability to attend, were received from Sir Knights C. F. Matier, G.R.; C. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; J. Purrott, P.M.P.S.; J. J. Pakes, P.M.P.S.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.; G. Powell, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.P.S.; and others.

The conclave was then closed. A banquet followed.

The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Christian Masonry," "The Grand Sovereign," "The M.P.S.," and "The M.P.S. and V.E. El. ct."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

### CONSECRATION OF THE COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 2663.

This lodge, which is established by members of the confectionery business, was consecrated on Thursday evening in the Masonic Hall of the Holborn Restaurant. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., as S.W.; Robert Grey, P.G.W., as J.W.; the Venerable Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.D.C., as I.G.

The ceremonies were musically accompanied under the direction of Bro. J. A. Ellerton, P.M., by Bros. H. J. Chatterton, W. Hiles-Smith, E. Chatterton, and Ernest Jones.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. Charles Hubbard, P.M. 820; John Sulley, S.W. 1804; Edwin Edwards, 279; Herbert T. Chappel, J.D. 1804; W. Clarke Saunders, 1804; R. S. Murray, 820; H. M. Taylor, 231 (St. Andrew's); Thomas Feistel, 171; Baron de Bush, J.W. 1827; John Goodfellow, Ph. Dr., F.R.M.S., 1716; Edwin Watnough, 1405; Thomas Guest, 204; James Roorcroft, S.W. 146; Charles Lightowler, 1042; Harry Woodhill, 1163; Jackson, Ewbank, 1611; J. A. Ellerton, P.M. 1804; and C. Webster, P.M. 1804.

The other brethren who were present at the constitution of the new lodge were—

Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; C. W. Raymond, P.M. 1716; F. Thornton, S.D. 1805; R. R. Green, P.M. 1804; A. Meyer, 1804; James W. Pitts, P.M. 1804; C. M. H. Swan, I.P.M. 820; A. Priest, 1901; Edward Liebmann, 1196; George Fraser, 1804; G. J. Gissing, S.D. 1056; J. Cooper James, P.M. 1405; Stanley Machin, J.W. 231; Henry R. Romney, J.W. 18; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15 and 2191; W. Pescud, 2400; F. R. Walton, W.M. 1351; James Rogers, 1984, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; F. G. Webster, W.M. 1804; Robert Logan, P.M. and Treas. 1804; George V. Wood, P.M. 1608; Arthur S. Dale, P.M. 1076 and 2184; J. Reynolds, 1076; Herbert Brake, P.M. 813 and 2192; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; Henry J. Chatterton, 1185; Ernest Jones, S.W. 1716; William Hiles-Smith, 1706; and E. Chatterton, P.M. 1185, W.M. 879.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Secretary, after the opening of the lodge, addressed the brethren, stating that he understood the petitioners were composed to a great extent of brethren who were engaged in the same commercial pursuits, and he could only express the hope that that new lodge might be the means of uniting them, if possible, more closely in the bonds of fraternal love, and accomplish all those special objects the founders had in view, and be the means of advancing the best interests of Freemasonry.

Archdeacon STEVENS delivered an excellent oration, in which he dwelt on the great progress of Freemasonry during the latter part of the present reign, not only in numbers, but in the deepening of the true spirit of the Order. It now occupied a very different position to what it did in the past, for it was known far and wide that it had at heart the doing of good, not only to members of the Order, but to society at large. It was a great power for good, and its aim was the diffusion of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

At the conclusion of the constitution of the lodge, Bro. CHAS. HILBERT, P.M. 820, was installed as W.M., and Bro. CHAS. WEBSTER, P.M. 1804, was appointed to act for the first year as I.P.M.; Bros. John Sulley, S.W. 1804, was invested as S.W.; Edwin Edwards, 279, as J.W.; R. Stuart Murray, 820, Treas.; W. Clarke Saunders, 1804, Sec.; Thomas Feistel, 171, S.D.; Herbert T. Chappel, J.D. 1804, J.D.; Jackson Ewbank, 1611, I.G.; John Goodfellow, 1716, D.C.; John A. Ellerton, P.M. 1804, O. G.; and Samuel Ellis, P.M., Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, a Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws of the lodge, and several gentlemen were proposed for initiation and joining.

On the motion of the S.W., seconded by the W.M., the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members, and

Bro. LETCHWORTH, as the mouthpiece of those brethren, acknowledged the compliment, and stated it had given them great pleasure to be present, and consecrate the lodge, to which he wished every success.

A founder's jewel was then presented to the Consecrating Officers.

Bro. THOMAS FENN thanked the W.M. for the gift, and said that he and his brother Consecrating Officers would always wear it as a memento of a very pleasant occasion.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. C. HUBBARD, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said so much had been said and done lately with respect to the Queen and her long reign, that it would be quite unnecessary for him to add anything to it. But whatever had been said and done, he was sure no greater loyalty was shown than by the Masons, and no one wished her Majesty the blessings of God to her and health and long life than Freemasons.

In proposing "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," Bro. HUBBARD said his Royal Highness showed his interest in Freemasonry at the Albert Hall on June 14th, and all Masons were delighted to see him there.

Bro. C. HUBBARD, W.M., in proposing "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Dep. G.M., Earl Amherst; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," said, to show the brethren the usefulness of the Grand Officers, he might refer them to what they had seen and heard that night from Bro. Letchworth, the Consecrating Master, and the other Grand Officers, who had been kind enough to come and assist him in the beautiful ceremonies—not only beautiful ceremonies, but the excellent execution of them. Bro. Thomas Fenn was the chief one engaged in arranging the meeting at the Albert Hall, and it was satisfactory to every one. The Prince of Wales was satisfied with it. He (Bro. Hubbard) felt overjoyed at the manner in which the consecration had been performed, and the kindness and courtesy of the Grand Officers not only that night, but all the time he came across them since the warrant had been applied for, and he felt he could not thank the Grand Officers sufficiently.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.W., in acknowledging the toast, said he thanked the W.M. for enjoining on them short speeches, because that just suited him; but he could not help referring to some words which fell from Archdeacon Stevens in his beautiful oration—the most impressive he had ever heard, and that was saying a great deal, for he had heard a great many; but in referring to the late Albert Hall meeting, Bro. Stevens called attention to the Masonic principle, which was the foundation of all order—that as some must rule and govern, others must submit and obey. No one knew how that principle was carried out in Masonry better than the Grand Officers. For they were all willing to undertake duties in connection with that great affair, and they, one and all, obeyed orders implicitly, without question; in fact, if they had not done so it would have been impossible to do the thing with success. This happened on that occasion, and again 10 years ago, and in 1875, at the installation of the Prince. He (Bro. Fenn) had the management of the 1875 meeting, and then he was but a small Grand Officer, he was only Asst. G.D. of C. There were Grand Officers much higher than he who obeyed orders most implicitly. He had in his pocket the direct appointment by the Prince of Wales, but he was



not called upon to produce it; they all obeyed so readily. That was his experience of 33 years as a Grand Officer; there was not a single hitch. There was no more pleasing duty the Grand Officers had to perform than the duty they had discharged that day, that of bringing into existence a new lodge. He assured the brethren the Grand Officers appreciated the reception they had had, and they wished the Commemoration Lodge every prosperity.

Bro. CHARLES HUBBARD, W.M., proposed next "The Installing Master, Bro. Letchworth, and the other Consecrating Officers," who had come that day to the lodge and worked those goodly ceremonies or performed good work, which ever way the brethren liked it. He thanked him for coming and for getting the warrant for this lodge. He (Bro. Hubbard) had taken a great deal of trouble; other brethren among the founders had taken more trouble; nothing seemed too much trouble for them; but they owed much to Bro. Letchworth. He did not know that he need say more in his favour or to praise him; Bro. Letchworth was accustomed to it; but if they did it in a Masonic way Bro. Letchworth would be satisfied better than with a long speech.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, in reply, said he would not say a word more than was necessary to thank the W.M. and the lodge, on behalf of the other Grand Officers and himself for the kind way the W.M. had proposed the toast, in far too flattering terms, he thought. He could only repeat what he said in lodge, that it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to be there that night and to assist in launching into existence that new lodge. Every compliment had been paid the Grand Officers that could be paid; they had been elected honorary members; they had been presented with charming jewels, which they would ever value; and they had been given a musical treat that seldom fell to their lot; the charming violin performance had been given by the accomplished daughter of a brother in the room (Bro. Liebmann.) They had also accorded the Consecrating Officers a hearty welcome, and they thanked them from the bottom of their hearts, wishing the lodge every possible success in the future. (Hear, hear.) Before he sat down, there was one toast which he felt sure the brethren would agree with him, they ought to drink, and one which it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to propose—it was "The Health of Bro. Hubbard, W.M.," the brother who it had been his privilege to instal in the chair of the lodge that evening, and who he congratulated the lodge it had to rule over it in the most important year of its existence. Bro. Hubbard was a brother of great experience. This was not the first occasion he had filled the chair, he had filled it on three occasions before, and, therefore, he would bring to bear on the work he had to discharge, experience which was most valuable to a new lodge. He was expressing the views of all when he gave utterance to the hope that he would have a most prosperous and pleasant year of office.

Bro. C. HUBBARD, W.M., replying, said he scarcely knew how to respond to a toast so kindly proposed on his behalf and so flatteringly. Up to the present he had not done much. The brethren would bear with him. There should be no fault to be found. He would endeavour to make himself as agreeable as possible to the members of the lodge and do everything for their comfort. If the Grand Officers would pay the lodge a visit later on he thought they would see the brethren had not laboured in vain. If his officers would only come up to time and try to do their duty the lodge would get on; without their doing their duty properly it would be impossible for him to do his properly. Much would depend on the officers. He felt confident the S.W. and the other officers would do their best. He did not mind work; he did not mind coming at 10 in the morning, if they had the initiates; the more the merrier; he wanted to see a good lodge—good men and good members; it was not the quantity, but the quality; let each try to keep up the quality, and each hold himself responsible for whom he brought in. He did not mean to say they wanted millionaires; they wanted brethren they would not be ashamed to meet outside the lodge and shake hands with in the street.

Bros. GREENE and WOOLLEY responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The S.W. and the TREASURER responded for "The Officers," the S.W. saying he was going to be Steward for the lodge at the centenary of the Boys' School next year.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The July Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. W. Duret, J. H. Matthews, Peter de L. Long, Alfred C. Spaul, H. Massey, H. A. Tobias, Thomas W. Whitmarsh, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the minutes of the April Quarterly Court had been read by the SECRETARY and confirmed, the following resolution was passed: "That the eight candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 18 whose petitions had been since approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the October election, and that 15 vacancies be declared."

Bro. A. C. SPAULL brought forward the case of Alice Mary Cooke, elected at the April election, and said it had since come to the knowledge of the Committee that the mother of Cooke had not truly stated the amount of her own income in the petition which she presented, which was examined and passed by the Petitions' Committee. The subject of the mother's mis-statement had been before the Committee, and the matter was adjourned in order to see what the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School would do to-morrow with respect to a somewhat similar case where the boy was already in the School. That had been brought before the Board of Manage-

ment of the Boys' School, who had referred it to the Quarterly Court for the mother to give an explanation. In the ordinary course, the House Committee of the Girls' School would have to take Cooke in next August. He would move—"That the House Committee be instructed not to receive Alice Mary Cooke into the School until further orders from the General Committee, and that due notice be given to the mother."

Bro. MATTHEWS seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

On the motion of Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, seconded by Bro. MATTHEWS, it was resolved—"That a humble and loyal address of congratulation be presented to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Chief Patroness of the Institution, on the occasion of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

### THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following lists and additions to lists have been received since last week:

LONDON.			
Lodge		£	s. d.
235 Bro. J. M. Courage, new list	...	31	10 0
1383 „ Ernest Flower, M.P., new list	...	78	15 0
1602 „ G. F. Wheeler, new list	...	42	0 0
Unattached			
Bro. E. D. Oppert, new list	...	21	0 0
„ Percy S. Smith, new list	...	10	10 0
THE PROVINCES.			
BERKSHIRE.			
Lodge			
1770 Bro. C. S. Spackman, new list	...	16	16 0
LANCASHIRE (W.D.)			
1561 „ W. Baxter, additional	...	3	12 0
(raising his list to £57 15s.)			
MIDDLESEX.			
1579 „ W. B. Benjafield, additional	...	7	7 0
(raising his list to £63.)			
Unattached			
Bro. J. Tutt, new list	...	10	10 0
WORCESTERSHIRE.			
Lodge			
1205 Bro. A. A. Brockatt, M.D., additional	...	2	2 0
(raising his list to £26 5s.)			
2385 „ Herbert Manley, additional	...	15	15 0
(raising his list to £42.)			

### Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons Hall on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES was present at the matinee at Daly's Theatre on Thursday, and witnessed Mme. Odilon's farewell performance.

THE QUEEN has approved the appointment of Mr. W. H. D. Haggard, her Majesty's Consul-General at Tunis, to be her Majesty's Minister Resident at Caraccas. He is a brother of Mr. Rider Haggard.

MISS ELLEN TERRY, we are glad to say, resumed on Thursday evening, at the Lyceum Theatre, her part of Madame Sans-Gêne, which she will now perform every evening during the remainder of the season, except on the 15th inst., when she will play Portia in "The Merchant of Venice" at the special performance given for the members of the International Congress of Librarians.

AFTER PROVIDING for the amortisation of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of Debentures, the payment of Debenture interest, and carrying £13,500 to Reserve for Amortisation of Leases in Advance, the report of Spiers and Pond, Limited, recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent., less income tax, for the year ending the 31st March, 1897, leaving £10,288 17s. 9d. to be carried forward to next year. The warrants will be posted on the 17th July. The share transfer books will be closed from the 28th June to the 12th July, both inclusive.

RAILWAY FACILITIES FOR CYCLISTS ALONG THE GREAT NORTH ROAD.—A class of the travelling public whose wants have not as yet been fully recognised by our railway authorities will welcome the introduction by the Great Northern Railway of a series of tours for stations between London and Peterboro', to include extended facilities in the form of combined tickets to cover both passengers and cycles, enabling cyclists to alight at one station on the outward journey, and to rejoin the train at another station on the homeward journey. The object of these tours is to enable the cyclists to escape the monotony of the repeated ride through the London suburbs, and to commence and end his road journey in more pleasant country surroundings. Under the auspices of the company, a special handbook has been prepared by their Official Tourist Agent, D. Lunn, giving particulars of 16 alternative tours, with a capital road map of each, and, in addition, lists of hotels, cycle repairers, and other information invaluable to cyclists. Copies of the book may be obtained at all the company's offices in London and the suburbs.

BY THE DEATH of Bro. Sir John Bennett, at St. Leonards, where he has lived since his retirement from business in Cheapside, a picturesque figure passes away from City life for ever. He acted as Sheriff, and received his knighthood during his year of office—1872. For 20 years or so he was a conspicuous figure in nearly all civic processions, and loved to mount a horse in order to show off to the best advantage his florid and ever-smiling face, his glossy velvet coat, and his flowing locks, which hung down his back like a Lord Chancellor's wig. With the people in the street, he was extremely popular. In works of philanthropy and benevolence he was a generous sharer, and according to his means was always ready to assist the needy. Some time ago Sir John retired from the establishment embellished with the wonderful clock in Cheapside, and spent the evening of his life on the South Coast. He was in his eighty-third year. The funeral took place at Mountfield, on Monday afternoon.

WILL OF THE LATE BRO. W. G. LEMON, J.P.—Probate of the will (with one codicil) of Bro. William G. Lemon, of No. 2, the Retreat, Blackheath, in the county of Kent, and of 2, New-square, Lincoln's Inn, J.P., barrister-at-law, who died on the 26th May last, was granted on the 24th ult., to Selina Lemon, widow the relict, and Wm. Kent Lemon and Frank Edward Lemon, sons of the deceased, executors. The personal estate has been valued at £12,560 3s. 2d. By his will the testator gives to his wife all his furniture, also an immediate legacy of £200, also two leasehold houses, 1 and 2, The Retreat, for life; then No. 1 he gives to his daughter Esther Elizabeth, and No. 2 to his daughter Annie Selina, if they respectively so long live. After various specific bequests, including his (testator's) Masonic clothing and his law reports to his son Frank, testator gives to his sisters, Ann Elizabeth Meekins and Victoria Elizabeth Saunders, £200 each. The residue of his real and personal estate is devised to the trustees with power to sell and invest, and upon trust to pay the income thereof to his said wife for life for her absolute use, and after her decease the testator directs his trustees to raise and pay to each of his daughters, who shall survive his widow, £1000. (By his codicil the testator directs this sum to be £2500), and the remainder is to be divided between his children—Wm. Kent Lemon, Frank Edward Lemon, Arthur Emily Lemon, Esther Elizabeth Lemon, and Annie Selina Lemon, equally.