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### THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

We briefly referred in our "Notes" of last week to the issue of the voting papers with accompanying lists of candidates for the October School Elections mentioning casually that a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the

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would be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, at the hour of 12 noon on Thursday, the 7th October, when 15 vacancies would be filled from an approved list of 26 candidates. Of the latter, eight hail from London, and there is also a ninth girl in whose success it has an interest in common with Bengal, Kent, Northumberland, and Essex; the remaining 17 are from the Provinces. The London are Nos. 4 and 7, who were both candidates for the first time in April and then polled 2157 and 1078 votes respectively; and Nos. 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, and 23, of whom No. 19 has this one and only chance of being elected. The girl in whom London has an interest conjointly with sundry Provinces and the District of Bengal ranks as No. 25. Of the 17 Provincial candidates three are furnished by West Yorkshire, namely No. 2—a last case—with 30 votes in hand, and Nos. 20 and 26, while the others are from the following Provinces or Districts: No. 1 from North Wales and South Wales (W.D.) whose first experience was obtained in October, 1896, and who has 1541 votes already to her credit; No. 3, who hails from South Wales (W.D.) and brings forward 70 votes from April, and No. 5, Gloucestershire, who already stands well with 2612 votes. No. 6 from Bengal starts with 806 votes, and No. 8, from Oxfordshire, with 785 votes, while the remainder are all of them new cases, namely, No. 9 from Essex, No. 10 from Kent, No. 11 Valparaiso, No. 14—a last case—from the Eastern and Western Divisions of Lancashire, No. 15 from Worcestershire; No. 17 from Suffolk and No. 18 with claims on Norfolk and Suffolk; No. 22 from Warwickshire, and No. 24 from Sussex. There are 20 children who have lost their fathers, two who are motherless, two who have both parents living, and one who has lost both, while in the remaining case it is stated that it is not known if the father is living or dead. In the case of 14 of the girls the father subscribed to a lodge or lodges for 10 years or upwards and 12 in which he was a subscribing member for less than 10 years. In several instances the father had held office in Province or lodge, but there were only four in which he had rendered any service to our Institutions. There are three children whose names will be removed from the list in the event of their failing to win vacancies at this election, and they rank as Nos. 2, 14, and 19 respectively.

The election of children into the

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 8th October, when 15 vacancies will be filled from an approved list of 49 candidates, of whom 17 hail from London, two from London and Kent, and 30 from the Provinces. The former include Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, who became candidates in April, 1896, and have polled 329, 461, 2023, and 1506 votes respectively; Nos. 9, 10, 13, and 14, who severally have to their credit 1299, 1944, 1169, and 1124 votes from the last two elections; Nos. 17, 18, 22, and 29, who were candidates for the first time in April, and then obtained 435, 327, 129, and 1922 votes respectively, the last being fortunate in having such a number standing already to his credit as there is no doubt the approaching contest will be a very severe one, and he has only this chance of winning a place. The remaining five—Nos. 31, 37, 47, 48, and 49—are new cases. The two boys with claims on London and Kent are No. 30, who brings forward 2131 votes, and No. 33, a new and at the same time last case. Of the 30 Provincial candidates Devonshire, Essex, and Hants and the Isle of Wight furnish each of them three, the trio from Devonshire being placed at Nos. 8, 28, and 38 respectively, No. 8 having 267 votes to the good from the elections in October 1896, and April last, and No. 28, 237 votes from April, while the other is a new case. The Essex trio include No. 2, who has obtained 1217 votes as the result of three previous attempts, and Nos. 32 and 43 who are new cases, while the Hampshire and Isle of Wight three are No. 12, who starts with 2411 votes from the last two elections, and Nos. 35 and 36, who are new cases. Buckinghamshire, Lancashire (W.D.), Northumberland, South Wales (E.D.), each furnish two candidates; the Bucks pair being No. 20, with a credit of 55 votes from April, and a new case at No. 45. The two W. Lancashire lads are at No. 21, with five votes in hand, and No. 26, with three votes. Northumberland is responsible for Nos. 42 and 44, and South Wales (E.D.), for Nos. 25 and 27, who polled in April last 32 and 27 votes respectively. The remaining 13 are distributed as follows: beginning with No. 1 from Cumberland and Westmorland, with 1161 votes from the last four elections. No. 11 (Northants and Hunts), No. 15 (Guernsey and Alderney), and No. 16 (Kent) on their third, with 423, 437, and 1060 votes respectively. The Oxfordshire, Herefordshire, and Staffordshire boys, who made their *début* as candidates in April, are placed at Nos. 19, 23, and 24 respectively, and will start—the first named with 334 votes, the second with 3, and the third with 8 votes. The others are new cases, and hail from Durham (No. 34); Guernsey, Hants and Isle of Wight, and Malta (No. 9); Lancashire (W.D.) and Derbyshire (No. 40); East Lancashire (No. 41); and Middlesex, East Lancashire, and Monmouthshire (No. 46). There are 40 of these boys who are fatherless, four who have lost both parents, and five who have both parents living. In a large proportion of the cases the father held office in Lodge or Province, and in about one-fourth of the cases had done service to one or more of our Institutions. As regards those who will have their names removed from the list in the event of their failing to win places at this election, they are, fortunately, only two in number—Nos. 29 and 33—but, in behalf of these, as well as of Nos. 2, 14, and 19 on the Girls' list, who are in the same predicament, we make our usual

appeal to those Governors and Subscribers who are not committed to any case or cases for their support and influence, and on the usual grounds—that, while the other children will have, at least, one more chance of winning election, it is as regards these two boys and three girls their only chance.

#### ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.\*

The second Part of the Volume for the current year of the Transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati is one of the most elaborate—at least, as regards one of the papers it contains—as any it has been our privilege to comment upon, while if we say it is one of the most “interesting” and “valuable,” we apply these epithets without the slightest desire that they should be interpreted in that every-day sense to which Bro. Dr. CRAWLEY takes exception. The earlier papers are by Bro. W. N. CHEESMAN, P.P.D.G.D.C. North and East Yorkshire, and Bro. the Rev. J. B. CRAVEN, P.M., that of the former having reference to a lodge long since extinct, which was founded in 1799, at Selby, in Yorkshire, and lasted for about 15 years, while it was finally struck off the roll of Grand Lodge in 1822. This lodge had a Masonic jug, of which Lodge No. 566, Selby, is the fortunate possessor, and it is the pictures and symbols on the surface of this jug which Bro. CHEESMAN describes, at the same time furnishing a number of extracts from the Minute and Treasurer’s books, which plainly show that the vessel played a prominent part in the lodge proceedings. Bro. CRAVEN’S paper introduces to us a remarkable scroll belonging to the Kirkwall Kilwinning Lodge, No. 38<sup>2</sup>, on the roll of Scotland, the illustrations of the two parts of the scroll enabling the reader to follow Bro. CRAVEN in his remarks on it. But the paper which Bro. SYDNEY T. KLEIN, J.W., read at the meeting on the 7th May on the subject of “The Great Symbol,” is probably about the most elaborate that has ever been submitted for the consideration of the lodge. It is a paper of great length—of a greater length than those we are accustomed to find in these Transactions, and treats of a subject of such difficulty that it would be unjust to the author to express, after only a single reading, an opinion of its merits. A history of Geometry from the very earliest time down to about the middle, or latter half, of the 16th century, serves as an introduction, and this is followed by a minute examination of “The Great Symbol” itself, which, it is needless to say, is to be found in the P.M.’s jewel. Bro. KLEIN likewise propounds most ingenious theories respecting “Naymus Grecus,” and the meaning of “Curious” in the term “Curious Mason,” in certain MSS. of the Old Charges still preserved to us, but while we admit and admire the ingenuity of the theories, we cannot say we are prepared to accept them. There is, indeed, much in Bro. CRAWLEY’S careful criticism—which, though, in his absence it was read out in the lodge itself, must, nevertheless, be looked upon as forming part of the discussion that followed the reading of the paper—that inclines us, at all events, to wait until we can consider more fully “the demurrers,” which he is not without hope he may be able to lay before the lodge, before determining the value of Bro. KLEIN’S theories. The critics appear to have ungrudgingly bestowed the highest possible praise upon Bro. KLEIN’S essay, nor can we imagine a case in which such commendation could be more worthily bestowed, if only for the courage—to say nothing of the time and labour he must have devoted to the compilation of his paper—with which he has attacked a subject of such acknowledged difficulty. The Reviews which follow Bro. KLEIN’S essay are of more than usual importance, seeing that they include one from the pen of Bro. R. F. GOULD of the second Fasciculus of Dr. CHETWODE CRAWLEY’S “Cementaria Hibernica;” two of Bro. WHITTING’S “History of the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth,” by Bros. HUGHAN and GOULD respectively, and two by Bro. G. W. SPETH, one being a review of the “History of Freemasonry in Whitby from 1764 to 1897” by Bro. the Rev. EGBERT FOX-THOMAS, and the other of the “Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington.”

The Part also contains a record of the Summer Excursion to Peterborough, and a paper by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN on “The Three Degrees of Freemasonry, especially in relation to its oldest known Records of the Master Mason’s Ceremony.” This, as one of the great Masonic “Vexatæ Quæstiones” of the day, was, as might be expected, followed by an elaborate discussion, the most prominent among the critics being Bro. GOULD, whose remarks are quite as elaborate as the paper of which they are the criticism. In addition are “Notes on ‘Free and Freemason,’” with the usual “Notes and Queries,” “Obituary,” and “Chronicle,” while the numerous Illustrations with which the Part is embellished greatly enhance its value.

#### GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The “Masonic Guide of South Australia” (Sherring and Co., Adelaide, 1s.), ably edited by the R.W. Bro. Philip Sansom, Past D.G.M., is now in its 15th year of issue, and is published under the Patronage of the Right Hon. Chief Justice Way, the M.W.G. Master, and P.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England. Those who have the set of these most useful Guides have the History of Freemasonry in South Australia in a *nut-shell*, and the present Edition is beyond question the best and most complete of the series. For the size, and considering the youth of the Grand Lodge, I know not its equal of the kind for the extent, value, and variety of the information afforded, and its general compactness, accuracy, and completeness. Its scores of pages are brimful of interesting facts, tables, and memoranda for the guidance of the brethren, so that a diligent study of this handy Annual will admirably fit the Masters and other officers of the Lodges to properly discharge their duties and render the members exceptionally well informed as to all that concerns the welfare of their Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia was formed in 1834, having now 38 lodges on its register, and I see by the excellent report just published by the courteous Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. Cunningham, that there are 2266 subscribing members. The senior lodge is the “Friendship,” No. 1, dating from 1834, warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, but Masonic meetings took place prior to that year under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. There are 20 lodges of English origin on the roll, *five* were planted by Ireland, but two have lapsed, and *six* by Scotland, one of which has ceased to work, and of the *eleven* constituted by the Grand Lodge of South Australia one has been withdrawn, thus leaving 38 in active service. Besides these there is a lodge of Irish origin, the “Duke of Leinster” chartered in 1855 as No. 363, and meeting in Adelaide, which, so far, has declined to throw in its lot with the new Grand Lodge. Its membership runs to 153 and evidently is very prosperous as a lodge, but such prosperity would assuredly continue if it joined the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and its union with that organisation would be a source of strength to the Grand Lodge as well as be for the general interests of the Craft. Of course, in saying so, I have nothing to serve but the welfare of the Fraternity and fully recognise the right of No. 363 to hold aloof as long as the members desire. There is no lack of good feeling on both sides, and it is given a place in the Guide the same as those of the S. A. Jurisdiction.

There is a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for South Australia, having the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge as the M.E.Z., with Comps. Philip Sansom and J. Shakespeare as the H. and J. respectively. There are only two chapters on its Roll at present held under the wings of Nos. 4 and 16, having a total of not quite 100 members, and the Royal Arch chapter in connection with No. 363 (I.C.), has 40 companions. These should come before the Rose Croix chapter, No. 113 (English Constitution), having 22 members, and the Provincial Priory, with the Percy Preceptory, No. 57 (E.C.), with 33 members.

The two Mark lodges working by warrants from the Mark Grand Lodge of England, have each exactly 44 members, so they are doing well, No. 41 dating from 1859, but renewed in 1883, and No. 432 from considerably later. The Mark lodge of the Irish Constitution, No. 363, has 61 members, so the Degree is very popular comparatively speaking, though, according to the progress made elsewhere, the Degrees above the first three are not much patronised. The brethren, in my opinion, are wise in not going in for independence under present circumstances, as they are really better under the Grand Bodies of England, as vigorous branches, rather than to have small Grand Organisations of their own for these Degrees.

\* “ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.”—Being the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London. Edited for the Committee by G. W. Speth, P.A. G.D.C., Sec. Volume X. Part 2. Margate: Printed at “Keble’s Gazette” Office. 1897.

The Table of meetings, 1897-8, of the Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes, the 39 lodges, Royal Arch chapters, and other Bodies for all the 12 months, is a most useful compilation, and so also as to the various departments, statistical and general.

The "Points from the Constitutions," extending to six pages, are of considerable utility, and other pages are devoted to *Masonic Memos*, being hints as to practical lodge life and the jurisprudence of the Craft.

The only other feature I must stay to note are the pages relating to Memorable Dates, which are of a most interesting character. The Royal Arch may now be dated back to 1743. Mahommedan Princes had been initiated long before 1882. I hope Bro. Sansom will correct an unfortunate error as to Egypt, as its Grand Lodge has long been recognised by England, and he might as well put the original number 2002 to the present Lodge No. 29.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### CENTENARY OF THE CHARITY LODGE, No. 223. PLYMOUTH.

Charity Lodge, No. 223, Plymouth, having been granted its centenary warrant, the interesting event was celebrated with much *éclat* on Wednesday, the 8th inst. In spite of rain, nearly 80 ladies and gentlemen assembled in the morning at Freemasons' Hall, and in four waggonettes, each drawn by four horses, they drove over Laura Bridge, through the villages of Brixton and Yealmpton, to the stately home of Flete, where in the handsome library Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mildmay and their daughter, received the company with a kindness that was keenly appreciated. The elegant mansion presented many points of interest. A classical subject by the late Lord Leighton, P.R.A., a fine landscape by Leader, A.R.A., and a series of family portraits (especially one of Mr. F. B. Mildmay, M.P., when a boy), were much admired. In the spacious music chamber Bro. W. Willoughby, Mus. Bac., Oxon., played selections on the fine-toned organ. On the terrace overlooking a grand woodland scene, through which the river Erme meanders, the party was photographed by Mr. H. Yeo; first the brethren and then the whole company. It had been intended to secure a group of the members of Charity, in Masonic clothing and jewels, as a souvenir to hang on the lodge walls, but the necessary dispensation from the Prov. G.M. had not been obtained. Fortunately the rain, which fell more or less all day, ceased for about half an hour whilst the photographs were being taken, and the visitors strolled through the beautiful grounds, vineries, and gardens, escorted by the steward.

Before leaving Flete "The fine old English gentleman" was played on the cornets, and ringing cheers were given for Mr. Mildmay and his family, and the compliment was acknowledged by the ladies from an upper window.

Returning to Yealmpton, a capital luncheon was served at the Yealmpton Hotel.

Bro. C. H. Tozer, W.M., presided, supported by his wife and daughter, and the rest of the company included Bro. J. Hoyton and Mrs. Hoyton; Bro. Stenlake, Mrs. and Miss Stenlake; Bro. W. Biscoombe, Misses K. and A. Biscoombe; Bros. J. W. Cornish, H. S. Hill, and J. C. Hannaford; Bro. H. Rogers and Mrs. Morrish; Bro. C. B. Gale, Mrs. Gale, and Miss Kent; Bro. W. J. Hoare and Mrs. Hoare; Bro. A. E. Bridgman and Miss Nellie Hutchings; Bro. J. Goad and Mrs. Goad; Bro. J. Mumford and Mrs. Mumford; Bro. A. W. Boon and Miss Tollick; Bro. A. Browne and Mrs. Browne; Bro. A. E. Wonnacott and Miss Bickford; Bro. W. Brimblecombe and Mrs. Brimblecombe; Bro. R. Rowse and Mrs. Rowse; Bro. J. J. Gerry and E. Gerry; Bro. A. E. Webb and Mrs. Webb; Bros. W. E. Butchers and H. F. Yeo; Bro. G. Quarm and Mrs. Quarm; Bro. Thos. Foster and Mrs. Foster; Bro. J. Stoneman and Mrs. Stoneman; Bro. H. Blake and Miss Blake; Bro. J. Kingcombe and Mrs. Kingcombe; Bro. W. H. S. Moysey and Miss Moysey; Bro. H. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas; Bro. C. S. Tozer and Mrs. Tozer; Bro. W. Hocking and Mrs. Hocking; Bro. H. Day; Bro. W. G. Kingwell and Mrs. Kingwell; Bro. W. J. Bidgood and Mrs. Bidgood; and Bro. R. Turner and Mrs. Turner.

After the loyal toast, "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Mildmay and their Family" was, at the call of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, drunk with hearty cheers and musical honours.

Then Bro. CORNISH, in felicitous terms proposed "The Worshipful Master," whose gratification at affording others pleasure was very evident.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and with one cheer more for Mrs. Tozer and family.

Bro. TOZER returning thanks, said he felt in a very real humour to be the W.M. of a lodge 100 years old, and still showing signs of youthful vigour and a true Masonic spirit.

At the suggestion of Bro. STENLAKE, the Treasurer, Bro. Robins was cordially thanked for his successful catering.

Songs were sung by Bros. Biscoombe and Webb.

In the evening the W.M. entertained at tea those who had joined in the outing, together with other members of the lodge and their lady friends. Bro. Tozer also extended invitations to all the W.Ms. of the Three Towns lodges, with a request that each would bring a lady.

Among those who accepted the invitations were Bros. Albert Moore, W.M. 1247; Leach, W.M. 70; W. H. Bird, W.M. 1099; Captain Reynolds, W.M. 1428; S. Jew, J. R. Lord, W. L. Lavers, W. H. Dillon, H. J. Barter, and Trout.

An elegant "high" tea was served in the refectory, the tables being made gay with flowers. Whilst it was in progress a portion of the Royal Naval String Band played choice selections.

Tea over, the company, which numbered nearly 200, adjourned to the spacious provincial lodge room, and there discovered that the W.M., for their delectation and comfort, had had it transformed into a most beautiful drawing-room.

An entertaining programme was carried through with much spirit by Bros. Willoughby and A. Webb. There were choice selections by the string band, admirable part-singing by a quartet, capital songs by Bros. Wright (bass), Biscoombe (humorous), Mumford, W. Goad, H. J. Barter, A. Webb, and others, a charming duet by Bro. H. Yeo and Miss Yeo, and very acceptable variety was afforded by two dramatic selections by Miss Lavers, and recitations by Miss Tozer, Bro. Captain Reynolds, and Bro. Hocking. Bro. Reynolds' recitation was "The Babies," and it vastly amused the company, especially the ladies. Another delightful contribution during an evening that passed all too quickly was the rendering of the inimitable quarrel scene from "The School for Scandal," Bro. W. W. L. Lavers taking the part of the jealous and irascible Sir Peter Teazle, and his daughter the bewitching coquette, Lady Teazle. Mr. J. N. Pearce presided at the piano.

It fell to the lot of Bro. J. HOYTON, the Treasurer of the lodge, to express the indebtedness of the company to the W.M. for his splendid hospitality, and he seized the opportunity to sketch the chequered history of the lodge. Founded on September 7th, 1797, by the brethren belonging to the ship *La Revolutionar*, stationed at Falmouth, the warrant was 15 days later delivered to brethren of Lodge No. 306, at the Prince George Inn, Plymouth Dock. Two years later the warrant was purchased for a Plymouth lodge by brethren attached to the Royal Veterans Invalids' Corps, stationed at the Plymouth Citadel; the final meeting of the original members was held at the Earl Howe, in Clowen-lane, Plymouth Dock, on November 17th, 1799, and the lodge was established at the Welcome Home Sailor, Plymouth. In 1801, it was named the Royal Invalids' Lodge. In 1804 it was removed from the Fountain Tavern, the Parade, to the Fishing Smack, Southside-street; four months later to the Crown and Anchor, on the Barbican. The same month the lodge went back to the Fountain Tavern, Parade, there to dine on St. John's Day. In 1807 the lodge met at the Salvation Inn, Higher Batter-street. In 1809 the name of the lodge was changed to Charity, and in 1813, on the signing of Articles between the Grand Lodges of London and York, the number was changed from 306 to 389. In 1819 there was no election of officers, and in the following year the same W.M. remained in office. In 1820 the lodge was low in funds and numbers, and two years later it was removed to 2, Prospect Buildings, Millbay, and there continued to meet occasionally, for several years being almost in abeyance. Returns were, however, made for the few members (four to six), who held the warrant and furniture. In 1824, a W.M. was installed for six months, and the same year a W.M. was elected and installed at the same meeting. In 1826, the lodge removed to the Lamb Inn, Treville-street; in 1829 to the Freemasons' Hall, Cornwall-street; in 1832 to Treeby's Schoolroom, Tavistock-place; and in 1833 to the Golden Fleece, East-street; the lodge's number being changed to 270. In 1835, the lodge had as its W.M. the late G. W. Soltau, of Efford, and in the following year the late John Edmonds, solicitor, for many years the Borough Coroner. Bro. Soltau in 1841 was Mayor of Plymouth as well as W.M. of Charity Lodge. These two worthy Plymothians seemed to have given new life to the lodge, for in 1842 it could boast of a balance of £75, and six years later it had as its W.M. the present Earl Fortescue, who was then Viscount Ebrington, M.P. for Plymouth, and a son of a former Prov. Grand Master of Devon. In 1856 it made still another move, this time to the King's Arms, Britonside, and in 1860 to 193, Union-street, which was its home for 27 years, the last remove of the lodge in 1888 being to the new Freemasons' Hall, where it still meets. It was in 1862 that the number of the lodge was changed to 223.

The vote of thanks to the W.M., coupled with hearty wishes for long life and happiness of himself and family, was passed with enthusiasm, and Bro. S. Jew increased the impression by singing "The fine old English gentleman."

Bro. TOZER made a feeling response, and proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Evans, C.C., who had devoted much time and skill to the decoration of the lodge room and the approach.

Bro. EVANS, responding, spoke of the great honour all must feel at belonging to a lodge that had existed for a century, and trusted that one and all would be stimulated to maintain its reputation by the promotion of those grand principles for the upholding of which it was originally established.

After the singing of the National Anthem, one of the largest and happiest gatherings ever held in the Freemasons' Hall dispersed.

The W.M., in making his arrangements, was greatly helped by Bros. W. Biscoombe, I.P.M.; W. Stenlake, Sec.; and J. Hoyton, Treas.

Bro. W. J. Hoare's kindness in providing floral sprays for the ladies, both for the trip and for the "At Home," was much appreciated.

### NEW MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

The Masonic Province of West Lancashire already possesses three excellent Charitable and Benevolent Institutions—the "West Lancashire," for children; the "Hamer," for old and distressed brethren; and the "Alpass," for the maintenance of the widows of deceased Freemasons. Now the number will be increased to four by the establishment of the West Lancashire Victoria Fund of Benevolence, founded to commemorate the 60th year of the reign of her Majesty the Queen. The object of the scheme is to relieve poor and distressed Masonic brethren or their relatives, or other persons who may have been dependent upon or closely connected with them, and for whom existing Masonic Institutions do not provide assistance.

A numerous and influential meeting in connection with the new scheme of benevolence was held on the 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where brethren were present from many parts of the extensive province. Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, was unanimously voted to the chair.

After the minutes of preliminary meetings had been approved,

Bro. W. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Secretary, submitted a report as to the progress of the fund. It was stated that up to the present time a sum of upwards of £1100 had been received from 60 lodges, as well as from chapters and other kindred Orders, and from individual members of various lodges. Beyond this, a further substantial sum had been promised, which put the scheme on a very substantial foundation.

The CHAIRMAN said it must be satisfactory to the brethren to hear the encouraging statement which had just been made, and he had no doubt that when the subscriptions were received from the 50 lodges in the province which had not yet come in, probably in consequence of the summer vacations, he had no doubt the fund would amount to more than £2000, which was a splendid beginning for a new Masonic plan of benevolence.

It was unanimously resolved to appoint the following brethren as the officers of the "Victoria" Fund: Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancs, President; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., P. Prov. G.W. West Lancs, Patron; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., Robert Wylie, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.G.W., and S. G. Sinclair, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.G.W., Trustees; T. Banner Newton, Prov. G. Treas., Treasurer; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., Secretary; G. A. Harridon, P.P.G. Treas., and J. Platt, P.P.G.D., Auditors; and Jas. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R., Solicitor.

The rules and regulations recommended for the government and administration of the new scheme of benevolence were subsequently discussed at considerable length, and, after alterations and additions, they were adopted. In connection with the effort to raise funds for the proper foundation of the Charity, it was announced that the Bootle Wilbraham Lodge, No. 2463, will hold a church festival at St. John's, Knotty Ash, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 3rd prox., at 3.30, when the offertory will be handed over in its entirety to the Victoria Benevolent Fund, and a hope was expressed that there would be a large gathering of brethren on the occasion.

At the conclusion of Victoria business, a meeting of the Benevolent and Charity Committee of the Province was held for the purpose of considering petitions from widows, which were adopted, and to decide upon the appropriation of votes which may be at the disposal of the province at the October elections.

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**Masonic Notes.**

The Grand Lodge of New York, at its annual communication in June sent by the medium of Bro. Joseph J. Little, the representative of the Grand Lodge of England in that Masonic jurisdiction, a telegram of congratulation to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and through his Royal Highness to her Majesty the Queen on the completion of the 60th year of her reign. At its Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the first instant, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania adopted and directed its Grand Secretary to transmit to our Grand Lodge a minute of congratulation on the magnificent success of the meeting held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the 14th June, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the generous offerings to Masonic and other Charities of the English Craft in honour of that joyous event, and echoing the hope expressed in our address to the Queen "that the reign of her Majesty, herself the daughter of a Freemason, may always be attended with the blessings of Peace, Unity, and Prosperity."

These congratulatory messages, which by no means represent all that have been received on this auspicious event from Masonic bodies in the United States, are not only very pleasant to read, but they are likewise particularly appropriate in the case of New York and Pennsylvania, which are among the oldest, as well

as the most important, of the American Grand Lodges, and derive their Freemasonry direct from the G. Lodge of England. Deputations to brethren to act as P.G. Masters in what were then British Colonies in North America were issued from as early as 1730, or within a few years after the constitution, in 1717, of our own Grand Lodge, while many years later warrants for Provincial Grand Lodges in Pennsylvania and New York were granted by our "Ancient" Grand Lodge, these Provincial Grand Lodges being subsequently erected—after the declaration of American Independence—into Grand Lodges. Hence the association of these and other early Grand Lodges in the United States with our Grand Lodge is far closer than that of the newer States. It is, therefore, the more gratifying to know that, though the two countries are separated politically, the bonds of union between the brethren in those and our Masonic jurisdictions are as firmly maintained as ever, and that an event which is the cause of so much rejoicing with us is also hailed with pleasure by our American brethren. The full text of the minute will be found in another part of our columns.

Nor is England the only country or the English Craft the only Masonic body to which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has transmitted minutes of congratulation. Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway and head of Freemasonry in those kingdoms, is about to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his accession to the throne, and as his Majesty has been Protector and Grand Master during the same period, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania adopted at the same meeting a series of minutes congratulating his Majesty on his successful administration of the Craft, and praying "that a Merciful Providence may grant a long continuance of this prosperity" under his guidance as Protector and Grand Master. This address also will be found elsewhere in our columns.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India for a copy of the proceedings at the special communication held in Bombay, on the 4th June, when His Excellency, Bro. Lord Sandhurst, was installed as M.W.G. Master in succession to Bro. J. W. Smith, who retired on the completion of his five years' tenure of the G. Mastership. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, and the attendance far more considerable than on any previous occasion. His Excellency, who is Pro District Grand Master under the English Constitution, being exceedingly and deservedly popular with the Craft. As a matter of course, everything passed off successfully, while at the banquet, which was held subsequently for the purpose of doing honour to the occasion, the enthusiasm of those present was even greater than in Grand Lodge.

The duty of proposing the health of the newly-installed Grand Master devolved on his predecessor in office, who, in referring casually to certain opinions offered by the critics, that, as his lordship was "primarily" an English Freemason, the interests of Scottish Freemasonry would be subordinated to those of the English Constitution, expressed his belief that should the interests of English and Scottish Freemasonry in India clash, or appear to clash, his lordship would act "impartially and dispassionately" and "decide with justice and discrimination so that while neither Constitution will be allowed to encroach upon the domains of the other Constitution, each Constitution will enjoy perfect freedom in its own particular sphere of action."

In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Lord Sandhurst naturally referred to these remarks, and, in doing so, said he did not "believe in the competition between English Masonry and Scottish Masonry," and that if ever any such competition did arise anywhere it would be found to be caused by bad management, adding, for the benefit of the brethren of the two Constitutions then present, the assurance that so long as he had the honour of presiding over both, no such competition should ever arise.

We are satisfied that his lordship's efforts to prevent this competition will be successful. Nowhere throughout the British Empire has the harmony that should exist between different sections of the Craft been more remarkably illustrated than in India. It is, of course, well understood that English Masons and Scottish Masons have each of them their separate and distinct interests, but at the same time it is fully realised that there is a community of interest existing between the two bodies. Each has its separate organisation and is governed by its particular

code of laws; but in many cases the lodges own the same meeting places, while the interchange of visits between the two bodies is of the most cordial character and of almost every day occurrence. For many years past they have worked side by side together under different chiefs and without the slightest feeling of rivalry, nor do we see the slightest reason why they should not continue to exhibit towards each other the same kindly feelings of mutual consideration and mutual forbearance under one and the same head as under different heads.

In another of his speeches—in acknowledging the toast of his health as Past Grand Master—Bro. J. W. Smith gave some very interesting statistics of the position of Scottish Freemasonry in India, showing the progress it had made during the five years he had presided over it as Grand Master. When he was installed in office there were, he said, 36 lodges on the roll, of which, however, only 26 were in active work, the number of subscribing members being 917, or an average of 35 per lodge. Now there are 43 lodges, of which 35 are in active work, with a total of 1268 subscribing members, or an average of 36 per lodge. Thus there had been seven new lodges constituted during his year of office, while three had been revived as against one which had become dormant owing to paucity of members and the destruction of its charter and property by fire. During the same period the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Association, which maintains seven annuitants and six orphans, has prospered, its funds at the close of 1896 amounting to 27,360 Rupees, of which 21,700 Rupees were invested, while the Fund of Benevolence, which was only started in 1891 with a credit of 1357 Rupees, had been the means of affording temporary relief in a number of deserving cases, and yet had 2162 Rupees to its credit. Such testimony as this to the progress of Scottish Freemasonry in India during the last five years must have been as gratifying to Bro. Smith as it was to the brethren to whom it was addressed.

Appended to the proceedings of which we have just furnished an outline is the Report of the gathering held on Saturday, the 5th June, when Lord Sandhurst laid the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall about to be erected in Bombay for the accommodation of the brethren of the English and Scottish Constitutions. The project is one on which our brethren in India have for some time past set their minds, but the chief difficulty they have had to contend with has been that of obtaining a suitable site. However, this difficulty has at last been overcome and we trust it will not be long before this new home of the Craft in Bombay is erected. The gathering on the occasion was in every way worthy of the importance of the function.

We have also a copy of the Proceedings of the regular convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of R.A. Masonry in India under Scotland, which was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 13th May last. The meeting was not a large one, nor was the business of an unusual character. In his review of the events of the past year, the Grand Superintendent—Comp. K. R. Cama—took the opportunity of describing what had been done towards obtaining the services of some eminent companion to succeed him as Grand Superintendent. However, their efforts in this direction had proved unsuccessful, and Comp. Cama, while declaring that he was quite "willing to bear the burden until the nomination was a success," and had no intention of throwing up the duties he had undertaken, while he had the energy and leisure to perform them, gave it very clearly to be understood that he was desirous of being relieved of his responsibilities as soon as possible. He, too, in the course of his remarks, bore ample testimony to the cordiality of the relations that had always existed between the English and Scottish Constitutions during his term of office.

Among the brethren of whom Obituary notices are to be found in Volume X.—Part 2—just issued, of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," is the late Bro. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., who died in London on the 21st July, in the 61st year of his age, and in whose family the love of Freemasonry would seem to have been hereditary. One of his ancestors—Walter Pringle, Advocate—was, we are told, admitted and received as a Fellow Craft in the Lodge of Edinburgh on the 24th June, 1670, at the same time as the Right Hon. William Murray and Sir John Harper. The second baronet—Sir John—nephew of the said Walter Pringle—was elected W.M. of the Lodge of Kelso in June and again in December, 1702. Again, at a meeting on St. John the Evangelist's Day, 1707, there were present at a meeting of the extinct Haughfoot Lodge as many as four Pringles out of a total of 15 members. There are not many families whose connection with our Order has extended over so long a period.

As for our recently deceased brother, he was, it seems, initiated in the Moira Lodge, No. 92, on the 18th October, 1880, and during the following year, while stationed with his regiment at Malta, was admitted to the R.A., Mark, and R.C. Degrees. He was W.M. of No. 92 in 1890, and at the time of his death was I.P.Z. and Scribe E. of chapter, No. 92.

## 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.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Boys' Election, 8th October.

Will you kindly permit me to intimate to your readers who may be Subscribers to this Institution, the fact that since the Voting Papers were printed, another extraordinary vacancy has occurred, which has been filled by the Board of Management, who have admitted to the benefits of the Institution

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No. 7 on the List of Candidates for the above Election?

The List of Candidates is, therefore, now reduced to 47, from whom 15 will be elected on Friday, 8th October.

Thanking you in anticipation,—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

Office—6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
16th September.

### CANVASSING AND TOUTING AT ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

Referring to my notice of motion on the above question, which fell through in consequence of illness and absence from town, I am afraid that the apparently vague statement of the V.W. the Grand Secretary might infer, that the distinguished brother whom I desired to act in my place was at least lukewarm on the subject at issue. Lest such a thought should arise in the minds of any brethren, may I be permitted to quote from a letter I received in reply to my request:

"Had I been in London I should have attended Grand Lodge and been very happy to comply with your request, as I entirely and fully sympathise with your views on the question in hand. I will write a line to the Grand Secretary, to tell him of my absence, and I will at the same time name your request and my regret at being unable to comply with it."

I may further be permitted to add, that I do not intend to allow the matter to drop, but shall invite the V.W. the President of the Board of General Purposes to take action, in any way that may seem to himself and the Board most desirable and effective. It must, at all events, seem clear to the English Craft at large, that moral suasion is utterly thrown away on the brethren who resort to these unfair and un-Masonic practices, and that, therefore, the strong hand of the law is the only preventative.

Now, I know there are brethren of high rank who strongly condemn canvassing and toutting at our elections, but who are so strangely pessimistic as to urge that no possible remedy or antidote can be devised. Is there any other Constitution in Masonry were such a weak-kneed policy would be accepted in the matter of a serious and acknowledged abuse? I venture to ask. The answer, I think, will be in the negative.

I am fully conscious of the fact that such a notice of motion, when promulgated by a private member, is looked upon with disfavour and indifference by the "powers that be." On the other hand, there have been many alterations and additions made in our "Book of Constitutions" which possessed not a tithe of the importance of the subject under discussion; but, being impressed with the stamp of Grand Lodge rank they became law as a matter of course.

I trust, therefore, the V.W., the President of the Board of General Purposes may see his way to step into the breach, and remove at once and for all time the foul blot that has so long been quietly permitted to contaminate the otherwise good name of English Freemasonry.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Matlock, September 9th.

### CAUTION TO ALMONERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The number of impostors now preying on the Masonic Almoners and the Fraternity generally seems to me to be greatly on the increase. It is difficult to lay down a rule how to deal with itinerants seeking assistance. A safe rule generally is to insist upon the production of a Grand Lodge Certificate, but even this is not always sufficient, as only a short time ago one of these tramps applied to me with a certificate granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to Bro. James Stewart and claimed to be that brother. I was rather chary about the applicant and declined to relieve him, and at once wrote to the lodge in Scotland and received a reply that the certificate belonged to a brother of that name, but had been stolen by some one who broke into his house.

For the last 18 months there has been going about in this province, and probably elsewhere, an individual passing under different aliases, and claiming, as it suited his purpose, to belong to one or other of the following lodges: Newstead, No. 47, Nottingham; Tyrian, No. 253, Derby; and Devonshire, No. 625, Glossop. I recently cautioned privately several of our Almoners about this person, and a few days ago he called upon the Almoner at Ashton-under-Lyne, seeking assistance, and, being forewarned by me, the Almoner taxed him with being an impostor, which, after a lengthy conversation, he admitted to be the case. The Almoner called in the assistance and advice of two experienced brethren, and, acting under their advice, he allowed the fellow to depart on signing an admission of his guilt and a promise not to repeat the offence. It may be stated that he had obtained assistance at Ashton-under-Lyne under three of his aliases.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES NEWTON,  
Prov. Grand Sec. East Lancashire.

2, Cooper-street, Manchester,  
September 8th.

### LODGE CONSECRATION QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read the letter of "Secretary P.M." in your issue of to-day, and although I do not profess to be an authority on the subject I may, for the information of your correspondent, inform him that the Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107, was consecrated in the Jockey Club rooms at Newmarket, and the lodge is held at the White Hart Hotel opposite.

I admit if this was informal two wrongs do not make a right, but I have

often visited Provincial Grand Lodge when it has been held in a more convenient room, say the Town Hall (as at Wisbech).

I am of opinion that it is the lodge which can, by resolution, be removed to any place and not the room that is consecrated, lodges are often moved from the hotel where they were first consecrated to perhaps a newly-built Masonic Hall, and I do not suppose anyone would contend that the room still remains consecrated when nothing but secular business was transacted therein.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

P.P.S.G.W. Cambridgeshire.

Cambridge Masonic Hall, 12, Market-hill,  
September 11th.

### MASONIC MEDALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The medal referred to in your last number by Bro. Hughan, copy of that in possession of Bro. McGachen, is the same as mine, which is of silver, was exhibited in 1886 as No. 56 in the Shanklin Exhibition, and in 1887 as No. 158 in the Devon Exhibition. The principal feature of interest is the foot on the sinister side of the obverse. I have never seen a foot on any other medal or even in any engraving of Masonic emblems or designs.

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

Southampton, 12th September.

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### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER REGULATION, No. 43.

I have carefully read the second communication of *Lex Scripta* on the question as to whether Regulation No. 30 applies to the appointment of Provincial Grand Registrars in Provinces and Districts, and I quite think with him that it *did not* and *does not*, and that 43 concerns only the transaction of business by such Bodies in accordance with the usage of Provinces, &c. I had thought of offering some more reasons why the opinion of the esteemed Deputy Grand Registrar of the Grand Chapter on Nos. 30 and 43 should not be accepted as the decision of the Grand Chapter; but, after perusing the report of the meeting on the 4th August, it appears to me wholly unnecessary, as we really are *as we were*. Bro. Le Feuvre ably introduced the matter, according to the view of many of us who could not be present, and the result of his temperate speech is most satisfactory, for the M.E.Z. in the Chair declared—

"It would be most unfortunate if we were bound in the Provinces or in District Grand Chapters to appoint Provincial Grand Registrars in the Craft to the same position in the Royal Arch"—

and the Deputy Grand Registrar emphatically stated that "we may disregard his reasons," and yet "accept the conclusion," *i.e.*, agree to the dismissal of the appeal and the confirmation of the minutes, so that we stand exactly where we did before. Would it be argued that because the Grand Registrar has to be an Installed First Principal, the Provincial or District Grand Registrars must also be Installed First Principals? (*Vide* Rule 30.) It seems to me that the advice of the Deputy Grand Registrar is well worth following by some companion giving notice, as he suggests, with respect to Rules 28 and 30. I hope Bro. Le Feuvre will do so, and thus complete the good work by having the matter set at rest.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

"THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE LODGE OF RESEARCH, No. 2429, LEICESTER," for the year 1896-7, are now ready, and may be had of the Secretary, Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, for 2s. per copy. It makes a larger volume than usual, as it includes the history of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, and also the annals of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, from 1796 to 1895, each being written by the editor of the Transactions, Bro. Thorp. The latter may be had separately for 1s. The handsome little book will be reviewed in these pages shortly.

### THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND OSCAR II., KING OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

The following is the text of the address adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its meeting on the 1st inst. and ordered to be forwarded to his Majesty Oscar II., King of Sweden, on completing 25 years as Protector and Grand Master of Masons:

"Whereas, The Oriental Chair in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Sweden, for a period of 25 years, has been occupied by the King of Sweden and Norway, his Majesty, Bro. King Oscar II., as Protector and Most Worshipful Grand Master, and by virtue of his wisdom and profound knowledge great lustre has been shed on the Craft in the Scandinavian countries;

"Whereas, The King of Sweden and Norway, his Majesty, Bro. King Oscar II., will, on the 18th inst., celebrate the 25th anniversary, not only of his ascension to the throne of Sweden and Norway, but also of his installation as Protector and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Sweden; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, at this Quarterly Communication, send fraternal greetings to his Majesty, Bro. King Oscar II., tendering him our heartfelt congratulations on his success as Protector and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Sweden.

"Resolved, That we humbly thank the Great Architect of the Universe, who has vouchsafed to grant 25 years of uninterrupted prosperity to our sister jurisdiction, and pray that a Merciful Providence may grant a long continuation of this prosperity under the guiding hand of the present Protector and Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly signed and attested, be forwarded to the King of Sweden and Norway, his Majesty, Bro. King Oscar II."

## THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The following is the full text of the minute adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its Quarterly Communication, on the 1st instant, and ordered to be transmitted to our Grand Lodge:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Quarterly Communication assembled, in the Masonic Temple, at Philadelphia, this 1st day of September, A.D. 1897, A.L. 5897, extends its congratulations to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of England upon the very remarkable event celebrated by them on June 14 last, in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, London, with imposing ceremonies in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen and Empress; heartily commending the Brethren for joining to their thanksgivings on that joyous occasion such generous offerings for the Masonic and other charities; sincerely echoing their prayer that the reign of Her Majesty, herself the daughter of a Freemason, 'may always be attended with the blessing of Peace, Unity, and Prosperity'; and earnestly hoping that her illustrious son and their Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, may long be spared to occupy the Oriental Chair in the M.W. Grand Lodge of England."

## Craft Masonry.

St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 615.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, and was both a pleasant and interesting affair, being honoured by the presence of Bro. W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G. Treas., and several Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past. The lodge was opened by Bro. Isaiah Turton, W.M., and the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. G. W. Kendall, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Turton began his work, and installed his successor in masterly fashion. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. I. Turton, I.P.M.; C. S. Heithersay, S.W.; W. S. Heithersay, J.W.; W. Solkhon, Treas.; J. D. Brooks, Sec.; E. J. Valon, D.; W. Francis, J.D.; J. H. Owen, I.G.; E. J. Hartland, Org.; G. H. Letton, P.M., D.C.; R. Orchard and T. Tinker, A.D.Cs.; W. L. Doddrell, P.M., P.P.G.P. F. Mayall, and F. Gaywood, Stewards; and C. Gale, Tyler. Bro. Turton then gave the addresses most eloquently and impressively, and concluded a ceremony for the excellence of which he was congratulated on all sides. Bro. Turton was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, to mark the esteem of the brethren, and for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office. He was unanimously voted the thanks of the lodge for his service as Installing Master, and unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, for which he returned thanks. An appeal from the Secretary of the Boys' School to the lodge to send one or more Stewards for the next year's Festival of that Charity was read, and Bro. Russell, who is Chairman of the School's Finance Committee, urged upon the brethren the necessity of the appeal, and explained at length the scheme for the removal of the School from Wood Green to a more healthy site in the country. The new Schools would be built with every requirement for the perfect education of the boys; but there would be no attempt at architectural display; they would be plain, yet substantial. As Chairman of the Finance Committee, he was perfectly satisfied that not a penny was spent unnecessarily; the boys were well taught, clothed, and fed, and he trusted their Festival next year would be so successful, that they would not have to touch one penny of their vested property in payment of the proposed removal and new Schools. Their esteemed W.M., Bro. Turton, went up that year with a handsome sum, and he trusted that his brilliant example would be followed by one or more of the brethren next year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjacent Town Hall, and banqueted.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. J. Godwin, P.M.; A. C. Doddrell, P.M.; W. T. Doddrell, P.M.; W. H. Kzeble, P.M.; G. W. Vincer, G. E. Hartham, F. G. Wolf, E. Broughton, A. E. Kearn, I. W. Farlie, W. G. Levers, J. Ward, J. Bevis, J. Daird, H. J. Jordan, J. Thornhill, W. G. Lines, J. Holland, A. J. Bearn, J. Wilding, F. Raby, C. Blackler, G. Chamberlain, R. H. West, A. Knowles, and C. J. Hartland, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Russell, P.M. 1464 and 77, P.G. Treas., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 77, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Mulder, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Turton, W.M., G. B. Davies, P.M., T. Wren, Stwd., and of 13; H. Pamman, W.M. 700; H. Crowdy, W.M. 2399; T. Bush, W.M. 299; A. H. Bateman, P.M. 1973; T. Green, S.D. 1076; H. Garland, 700; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," and "The Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured, that of "Earl Anherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent," followed, and the name of his lordship who is well-beloved by Kentish Masons, was most enthusiastically received.

"Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then drunk in bumpers, and

Bro. Rev. Jackson in responding, said he felt that he was very unworthily occupying the place of Bro. Russell, who was obliged to leave. So far as Bro. Russell's appeal for the Boys' School Charity Festival next year, he (Bro. Jackson) had told Bro. Terry that for the future he meant to keep his "dibs" for an institution of "old maids," and did not intend to be troubled with Boys, Girls, or Old People again. He congratulated them upon having so excellent a brother as Bro. Turton to represent them upon the Provincial Charity Committee. He was pleased to be present that day, and that his Masonic career for the new year had commenced. He should see Bro. Eastes in a few days, but for the present he must leave the Boys and Girls and Old People to themselves.

Bro. Mitchell said the Provincial Grand Officers had important duties to perform. He was pleased to hold office and had, he hoped, done his duty in the Province, more especially in the cause of Charity, and on the Provincial Charity Committee, upon which he was pleased to know that their esteemed Bro. Turton would now have a seat. He congratulated Bro. Turton on having passed through the chair of their lodge, and felt sure that ere long that brother would hold a high position among the officers of the Province, and that he would long continue to represent the lodge both on the Committee and in the Councils of the province. Bro. Turton at the late Festival of the Boys' School took up from their lodge over 200 guineas, or more than half the whole sum subscribed by the rest of the Province, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would long support him, to be an honour to their good old lodge and the province generally.

Bro. Turton then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said their W.M. had given them that day ample proof of what they might expect of his working in the coming year. The manner in which he had invested his officers assured them that his discharge of the duties of his important office would be to their satisfaction. He trusted they would support their new Master as well as they had supported him (Bro. Turton), and if they did they would have a year's work worthy of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge. They must make the work as easy for the W.M. as they could, the punctual attendance of the officers and the support of the members made a Master's year of office an easy and pleasant one. With regard to the sum taken up by him as Steward at the late Festival of the Boys' School, over 200 guineas, he was pleased to say that no less than 70 guineas was subscribed by the brethren of the lodge. They had done well and he trusted their W.M. would have a good year of office, and that at their social gatherings, when work was done, they would never forget the Charities of the Order, which were the "foundation and corner-stone of the whole Masonic structure."

Bro. Turner was repeatedly cheered during the delivery of his excellent speech and when he resumed his seat,

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had been elected and duly installed into the chair of the lodge, and would do his best to carry out the duties appertaining to that office. He was succeeding a brother who was a shining light in Masonry, and would endeavour to the best of his abilities to imitate and follow the splendid example set him. He lived a good distance from the lodge, but he would endeavour to be present at all its meetings, and he saw no reason why the lodge should not go on and prosper in the future as it had in the past.

Bro. Turton, in responding to a hearty reception of his health as "Installing Officer," said he was not going to make a long speech about himself. He had simply done his duty as W.M. by installing his successor. Two of his immediate predecessors had done so and he was naturally anxious to do the same. It was, of course, the first time he had had the opportunity of performing so important and beautiful a ceremony, and if he should have an opportunity of repeating it he felt that it would be done better. ("No, no.") However, he was proud to be in a position to perform the ceremony and install so good a brother as their W.M., whose year of office he felt sure would be an honour to the lodge.

Bro. W. H. Turton, the son of the I.P.M., and who is W.M. of No. 13, in responding for "The Visitors," said he had spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening in seeing the excellent working done and in assisting at the sumptuous repast. It was not the first time he had visited and enjoyed himself among them. He thanked them for placing two guineas upon Bro. Davies's testimonial list. Bro. Davies was always willing to do anything for the Masons of Woolwich and Plumstead districts, and he thanked them for their substantial assistance to the fund.

Bros. Crowdy, Pamman, and Jolly having briefly responded; the latter having come all the way from Leeds, in Yorkshire, that day especially to be present.

Bro. Bateman said he took a fatherly interest in the lodge and spoke highly of the manner in which Bro. Turton had installed his successor, for whether that brother was managing vast Government departments or managing the business of a Masonic lodge, he was still the same Bro. Turton, and master of his work. It was an old saying that "it was not the province of mortals to command success, but it was God-like to deserve it," and that had been done by Bro. Turton.

Bro. Green was exceedingly gratified to be present and to make the acquaintance of some who he trusted would be his friends for years to come. As for their W.M., he was one Bro. Green had known for many years and was proud to think he was not forgotten by him.

Bros. Mitchell and Doddrell responded for "The Past Masters."

The toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer" was proposed by the I.P.M., who spoke in high terms of their zeal and assiduity for the welfare of the lodge and thanked them very heartily for their support to him during his year of office.

Bros. Brooks and Solkhon having briefly responded, the toast of "The Press" was proposed by the W.M., and was responded to by Bro. C. Jolly in a most amusing speech, which was received with hearty applause.

Mesdames Wallace, De Grey Shaw, Elsie Wedburn, and Messrs. Wallace and Veldard sang, danced, and recited to the delight of all present. The proceedings altogether was a grand success.

## Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. Henry Lonsdale, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. H. Watts, S.W., W.M. elect; Henry G. Park, J.W.; Lovell, P.M., Treasurer; G. J. Tollett, Secretary; W. B. Cosham, S.D.; John Handley, A.D.C.; John Henry Bridgman, Stwd.; W. J. Wall, P.M.; Thomas J. O'Brien, P.M.; W. J. Squierce, John Stait, Fred. Kearney, L. A. Leins, Bernard Ferry, A. Strickson, C. E. Linaker, T. Millman, G. Millard, H. Hawkins, D. W. Ferry, G. J. White, W. Farrant, John Cunningham, H. Flexman, F. R. Frost, Thos. Tyrell, R. S. Handley, and A. R. Barton. Visitors: Bros. N. Kite, P.M. 1326; William Roots, W.M. 2580; Henry Grenden, P.M. 769; William Thomas Winsor, P.M. 930; Thomas Kelly, 1681; J. Marcham, 861; E. M. Isaacs, P.M. 161; Thomas W. Allsop, I.P.M. 2492; J. M. Smith, 2492; E. J. Bland, 2492; Willy J. Pullen, 2601; J. H. B. Bolton, W.M. 1929; J. Bennet, 902; E. C. Mulvey, G.P.; R. Corry, 1682; F. H. Vant, 1681; Samuel Cochrane, P.G.T.; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; W. G. London, 1580; F. Carter, 153; Henry Magee, P.M. 174; P. de Lande Long, 1347; M. Potowe, 1347; R. Ede, 1471; and H. Foreman, 1275.

The W.M. initiated Mr. Alfred Rainey Barton, and afterwards installed Bro. Henry Watts, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing. The work was splendidly performed. Bro. Lonsdale was invested as I.P.M., and the other brethren selected as officers for the year ensuing were Bros. H. G. Park, S.W.; W. B. Cosham, J.W.; Thomas Lovell, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Tollett, Sec.; R. Perry, S.D.; J. Handley, J.D.; J. H. T. Bridgman, I.G.; James Flexman, D.C.; Walter Farrant, A.D.C.; John Cunningham and J. T. Dormer, P.M. 1571, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler. Bro. Lonsdale concluded his work by delivering the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

The Sylvan Part Singers—Messrs. H. T. Oakley (alto), Manners Pottowe (tenor), Gabriel Thorp (baritone), and Adolph Fowler (bass)—entertained the company with some good singing in the intervals between the speeches.

Bro. Henry Watts, W.M., in introducing the toast of "The Grand Officers," personally thanked Bro. S. Cochrane, P.G.T., for coming that evening to support him.

Bro. Cochrane, P.G.T., in returning thanks, said there were no men in the City of London of better reputation than the Past Masters and the Worshipful Master of the Perseverance Lodge. With respect to the Grand Officers, it was very pleasing to them that they were always well received. While that feeling existed, and brotherly love, relief, and truth were fostered Masons might snap their fingers at the outside world. He always liked to be among Freemasons, for they had done a great work in maintaining the aged and in educating the young.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey, G.P., also replied, and, as an old Preceptor of six lodges of instruction, he could say that a man to be placed in the chair ought to speak well and fluently. That had been the case that evening, and it was very gratifying to see Bro. Lonsdale install his successor so ably. All the officers did their work well.

Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said Bro. Watts had been one of the most painstaking Masons who had ever entered the Lodge of Perseverance. He proposed Bro. Watts as a member of the lodge 11 years ago, and Bro. Watts had chased him through the offices. He (Bro. Lonsdale) beat him by a short head, and got through the chair first. The various offices he had been placed in Bro. Watts had filled with credit to himself; he had had many opportunities of distinguishing himself, and now he had arrived at the highest point, he would perform the duties of the chair to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. Henry Watts, W.M., acknowledging the toast, said he thought Bro. Lonsdale had said a great deal too much in his favour. That day was a very proud day—a red-letter day—in his life. When he was initiated it was a red-letter day, but he thought that day surpassed that. As Bro. Lonsdale had said, he followed him up the ladder, and Bro. Lonsdale got to the top first. They had worked together in the outside world for 14 years. He knew him well, and he found him a good friend, and with those few remarks he thanked the brethren for their kindness. Before sitting down he would propose "The Initiate." That evening there had joined the Order a gentleman who would do the lodge great credit. They knew he was of good report outside, and he would be an ornament to the lodge, and if he followed the ceremony out, he would never regret having joined.

Bro. Barton, replying, said he would try to prove by his future conduct that he had been duly impressed with the ceremony he had gone through.

Bro. Watts, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Henry C. Lonsdale." Bro. Lonsdale had performed the duties of Installing Master that night with great credit. The brethren of the lodge felt they had in him a Master who could do the ceremonies perfectly. During his year of office Bro. Lonsdale had done everything in his power to make the lodge happy and comfortable. He had done the work well whatever it was, whether in the First, the Second, or the Third Degree. He (the W.M.) only hoped he would be able to do it a little within the mark; at all events, he would try to follow in Bro. Lonsdale's footsteps. On behalf of the lodge, he had now the pleasure of pinning on Bro. Lonsdale's breast a Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him.

Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had introduced him to the notice of the brethren. He could only say that what he had done for the Lodge of Perseverance he had done with the greatest sincerity. When he took over the duties of W.M. he told the brethren that he hoped at the end of



his year of office they would be as pleased with him as they were when they elected him. He thought they were. He had tried to make the lodge happy and comfortable, and he had done everything they had asked him to do to the best of his ability. Before he sat down he would like to say that he was Steward for the Boys' School, and through the kindness of the brethren he took up £115, which he thought was the second highest sum of the Perseverance Lodge. He trusted his successor would be able to take up double that amount. He knew it was his ambition to go up as Steward, and he hoped the brethren would support Bro. Watts as they had supported him (Bro. Lonsdale). He thanked the brethren for the jewel that had been presented to him; he should wear it as a memento of a very pleasant year of office. Nothing would give him greater pleasure than to be among the brethren. He was not going to leave them.

Bros. Roots, Winsor, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Leins, Terry, Squierce, and others to that of "The Past Masters." The remaining toasts were also given before the brethren separated. The donations to the Benevolent-box amounted to 17s. 11d.

#### Graystone Lodge, No. 1915.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on Thursday, the 9th instant, when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. T. Wheeler, the following being present: Bros. S. Brown, I.P.M.; M. Kemp, J.W.; A. Anderson, Treas.; Sibert Saunders, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Monkley, S.D.; H. J. Ougham, J.D.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; H. Hemsley and H. E. Limmer, Stewards; A. J. Weatherly, Tyler; A. W. Southwell, P.M.; T. W. Porter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. B. London, P.M.; F. T. Browning, P.M.; E. G. Walthew, P.M.; J. W. Elvin, P.M. 538, W.M. elect; W. H. Brand, P.M.; A. W. Daniels, W. H. Wakeford, H. L. Daly, H. K. Daniels, H. Hine, J. Spalton, H. J. Setterfield, H. Wakeford, A. Harrison, W. Brannan, T. Seager, T. Kemp, H. Goldfinch, H. W. Clothier, F. A. Johnson, G. H. Pont, J. W. Whitehead, and W. H. Turner. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.P.G.O.; H. Morris, P.M. 1273, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Black, P.M. 1273, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Goble, P.M. 1273, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. B. Harris, W.M. 1273; R. Blake, P.M. 972, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Knowles, W.M. 2305; John Norton, 2305; C. Watson, W.M. 1206; H. Bagshaw, W.M. 1050; W. J. Flower, W.M. 2099; H. M. Biggleston, W.M. 31; H. Yates, W.M. 2395; A. G. Harvey, W.M. 1209; H. Andrews, W.M. 1449; W. Horne, 1449; T. Claydon, 1449; F. W. Drury, S.W. 1449; Walter Cowell, P.M. 2448; W. Crawford, P.M. 127, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Hume, W.M. 127; T. H. Bush, W.M. 299; A. Epps, W.M. 503; J. S. White, P.M. 2099; W. Bishop, 2305; G. Reddish, 1381; G. G. Mussard, 127; F. J. Hunt, 194; J. H. Bridge, I.P.M. 503; H. J. McGee, 552; J. Cookes, S.W. 1347; R. R. Banks, 1347; J. A. Darney, 133; A. A. Barnaschina, 2448; J. F. Whichcord, J.W. 31; and F. L. Pettman, 429.

After the usual preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Elvin, was duly presented for installation, and the ceremony was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. R. T. Wheeler. Bro. S. Brown was invested as I.P.M., and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Mark Kemp, S.W.; C. E. Monkley, J.W.; Rev. H. W. Maugham, P.M., Chap.; A. Anderson, Treas.; Sibert Saunders, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Ougham, S.D.; A. A. Kemp, J.D.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., D.C.; H. Hemsley, I.G.; H. E. Limmer and H. Hine, Stewards; and A. J. Weatherly, Tyler. Bro. E. G. Walthew, P.M., was elected Almoner and Charity Representative. The W.M. announced his intention of representing the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Bear and Key Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. J. H. Fielding, there being between 70 and 80 brethren present.

After dinner the usual toasts were honoured.

There was a charming selection of vocal music by Bros. Plant, Yates, Pearson, and Rhodes, with instrumental items by Bros. F. A. Johnson and H. Hemsley.

The W.M. presided with great geniality and spirit, and a most enjoyable evening crowned a very successful festival.

#### Hadrian Lodge, No. 2483.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Devonshire Hotel, Bexhill, on the 8th instant. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. R. Griffin, who was supported by Bros. Fred. Russell, S.W.; James Wood, J.W.; E. W. Stillwell, as I.P.M.; H. J. Capon, Sec.; G. Nicholson, S.D.; the Rev. F. W. Pawson, J.D.; W. N. Oldham, I.G.; A. C. Dymham, Org.; W. Pennington, Tyler; H. R. Adams, J. Batten, C. Breach, H. Boyce, G. H. Carey, J. Castle, J. W. Colbran, F. Gildersleeve, W. Goddard, J. Keefe, J. McCann, C. W. Miles, L. Parker, C. A. Pead, E. Piper, R. W. Redman, L. Russell, J. Stirling, G. Vale, and C. Wood. The visitors included Bros. A. Lloyd, P.G.S.W.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; E. McCormick, W.M. 40; R. Gresham Bacon, W.M. 271; G. Bungard, W.M. 315; C. J. Fletcher, W.M. 341; F. J. Bevis, W.M. 372; E. A. T. Breed, W.M. 811; C. J. Honisett, W.M. 1184; J. Hamlin, W.M. 1321; I. B. Colbran, W.M. 1829; H. L. Chaplin, W.M. 1842; W. Hillman, W.M. 2187; Geo. Ball, W.M. 2586; G. J. Hilliard, P.M. 174; J. Creighton, P.M. 1110; George Fowler, P.M. 1110; W. M. Caffyn, P.M. 1110; F. Jarrett, J.W. 341; J. Adams, I.G. 341; Thwaites, 1110; J. P. Pratt, 771; S. C. Montague Austin, J.W. 144; J. Ticehurst, P.M. 40; Harry Edger Smith, Sec. 40; H. A. Stratford, I.G. 40; T. Wilson, 40; A. Scarlett, 56; R. Brown, 125; and E. E. Pratt, 2483.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. James Wood as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. R. Griffin. The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices as follows: Bros. William Robert Griffin, I.P.M.; George Nicholson, S.W.; Rev. Francis William Pawson, J.W.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M., P.G.S., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Henry John Capon, P.M. Sec.; William Neeves Oldham, S.D.; Arthur C. Dymham, J.D.; Herbert Richard Adams, I.G.; Richard Francis, P.M., D. of C.; and William Goddard and John Stirling, Stwds. The W.M. was also elected Charity Steward for the ensuing year. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. presented Bro. Griffin with an elegant Past Master's jewel for services rendered during his year of office, which was suitably acknowledged.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. James Wood.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was submitted by the I.P.M., Bro. W. R. Griffin, a suitable response being made by Bro. James Wood.

"The Visitors," proposed by the Worshipful Master, received acknowledgments from Bros. E. McCormick, C. J. Fletcher, and H. C. Chaplin.

Under the direction of Bro. A. C. Dymham, a pleasing programme of music was sustained by Signor Lardelli and the Eastbourne Quartette—Messrs. J. T. Parsons, A. C. Dymham, E. Partridge, and C. Roper.

### Royal Arch.

#### Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 9th inst. In the absence of the M.E.Z.—Comp. Jas. Webb—Comp. C. F. Passmore, I.P.Z., presided, and among the members and visitors present were Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z., as H.; J. W. H. Littleboy, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; A. G. Clinton, 1st A.S.; A. M. Kennett, 2nd A.S.; Alfred Gibbs; and G. J. Mason, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the S.E. notified to the companions the serious illness of Comp. A. H. Askham, P.Z., H., which it was feared would prevent his further attendance at their meetings. A resolution embodying the regret of the companions and their earnest hope that Comp. Askham might after a short interval be able to resume his duties in the chapter was carried by acclamation.

Besides being Second Principal of the chapter, Comp. Askham is also S.W. and W.M. elect of the Bisley Lodge, in the chair of which, under ordinary circumstances, he was to be installed on the 7th prox. This arrangement, however, cannot now be proceeded with, and the services of Comp. Askham in both chairs, which had been looked

forward to with pleasurable anticipation by the brethren of the lodge and the companions of the chapter, can no longer be hoped for. Comp. Askham is not only a veteran P.M. and P.Z., but also a Provincial Grand Officer of long standing. His pleasing manners and genial disposition have greatly endeared him to all his Masonic friends, and his readiness at a moment's notice to step into the breach, in the absence of a brother or companion, and perform any ceremony that might appear on the agenda of either lodge or chapter was well known and extensively availed of in the Provinces of Surrey and Hampshire. The Scribe E. further announced that Comp. Major Collins, P.Z., Treas., finding it impossible to attend regularly, felt compelled, though most reluctantly, to sever his connection with the chapter. The resignation was accepted with great regret, and Comp. Major Collins was elected an honorary member.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together.

### Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

#### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, 17, London Wall, when there were present Bros. William Baker, W.M.; L. Burt, S.W.; Knight, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Meadows, P.M., Sec.; John G. Robeson, S.D.; Butcher, J.D.; Welsh, I.G.; Roberts, P.M.; Kinipple, P.M.; Spencer, Brown, Farr, Stevenson, Wynman, Dixon, Sergeant, Bush, Jenkins, and Lloyd. Bro. H. Parkinson, 1328, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Brown, offering himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. The brethren then went through Masonic drill (a very important and necessary part of Masonic instruction, as many brethren are far from perfect in this matter, a fact that has so impressed itself upon their able Preceptor that he has it as often as circumstances permit). The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively, after which the W.M. rose the usual times, at the second of which Bros. Burt and Bush were unanimously elected joining members, and Bro. Burt to occupy the chair on the first Wednesday in October. Next Wednesday being officers' night of the mother lodge and the following being the fifth in the month, the lodge is placed at the disposal of the Preceptor, when some excellent working is invariably seen and a Masonic treat enjoyed by all present under the able presidency of Bro. Harlow as W.M. The lodge was then closed.

#### BLACKHEATH LODGE, No. 1320.

The weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. S. T. Baker, W.M.; G. Thompson, S.W.; Potter, J.W.; Wm. Dawson, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec.; Wright, S.D.; Gulliford, J.D.; Brambleby, I.G.; Ryan, Kirby, Harman, Lord, Smith, Weare, sen., Shelley, Ballard, Hardman, and Robinson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lord being the candidate, who having offered himself, answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lord was passed in due form. Bro. G. Thompson was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Ballard, W.M. 1622, who invested Bro. G. Thompson. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers. The addresses were ably rendered by Bro. S. Ballard, for which he had the hearty congratulations of the lodge, it being the first time. With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

#### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. T. Rayner, W.M.; C. C. Renaud, S.W.; W. Rapley, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. F. Hardyment, S.D.; J. E. Thomas, J.D.; W. F. Roberts, I.G.; G. Gregory, P.M.; C. Nicole, A. L. Langton, C. W. Rayner, F. H. Johnson, V. J. R. Longman, C. Smith, A. Oldrey, A. E. Armfelt, R. P. Upton, P.M.; H. R. Bower, and J. Bailey.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Rayner then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Oldrey, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. Bro. Rayner again took the chair, and gave the ancient charge. The questions having been answered, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Armfelt being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. James Bailey was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Renaud was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

#### HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Friday, the 10th instant, when the following were present: Bros. Jas. Barnett, W.M.; Ridgway, S.W.; Webster, J.W.; Holland, P.M., Preceptor; Nicholls, Treas.; H. T. Kobelt, acting Sec.; Marks, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Ramsbottom, I.G.; Schrader, Org.; and Frith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. with great satisfaction. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Edward Cooper, Stwd. 1158, and T. Anderson Marks, 1681, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Ridgway was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

#### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 3rd inst. Present: Comps. T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor, M.E.Z.; W. Dawson, H.; C. Plant, J.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; H. Hardman, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; H. C. Turner, West, Derham, Lewis, Cureton, Elgar, Montgomery, and Cass.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the companions admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. C. Turner personating the candidate. Comp. Wm. Dawson, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. S. J. Derham for his great kindness in decorating the furniture. Comp. Thos. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor, M.E.Z., rehearsed the ceremony of J. installation, Comp. Hardman being installed. The convocation ended, the chapter was closed.

A meeting was also held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 10th inst. Present: Comps. W. Pawson, M.E.Z.; W. R. Barr, H.; H. Hardman, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; H. Cornford, S.N.; Bannister, P.Z., P.S.; Cureton, P.Z.; Snelling, P.Z.; Eckersall, M.E.Z.; Cope, P.Z.; Derham, H.; Lundie, Wills, H.; Plant, J.; Beecroft, J.; West, P.Z.; and R. J. Vincent, P.Z.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. S. J. Derham personating the candidate. Comp. C. Plant was elected M.E.Z. for the next convocation. The business of the chapter ended, it was closed.

### DEATH.

HOLLAND.—At West Bank, Cold Bath-road, Harrogate, Yorks, Bro. Thomas Holland, P.M. 172, 1224, and 1891, and P.P.G.D.C. of Suffolk. Aged 74 years.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE BRITISH CHANNEL SQUADRON left Valencia for Barcelona on Saturday last.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF ST. ALBANS have left Norway in their yacht on their return to England.

BRO. GENERAL SIR EVELYN WOOD has returned to London, and resumed his duties at the War Office.

THE FOUNDATION-STONE of a new Masonic Hall at Nantwich will be laid on the 2nd prox., by Bro. the Earl of Egerton, P.G.M. Cheshire.

THE CONSECRATION of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge will take place on the 9th prox., at Rock Ferry, by Bro. the Earl of Egerton, P.G.M.

IT IS SAID that the Dowager Empress of Russia will visit T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham some time during the month of December.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, who are staying at Abergeldie Castle, purpose visiting Germany before his Royal Highness resumes his duties at Aldershot about the middle of next month.

MONDAY, THE 13th instant was the 15th anniversary of the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, which was fought on the 13th September, 1882, and the regiments which took part in the action decorated their colours in commemoration of the victory.

IT IS SATISFACTORY to learn on the authority of no less a personage than the Chairman of the Metropolitan Asylums Board that during the fortnight ended on Saturday last, there had been no case of small-pox reported in London.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has been on a visit to Sir George and Lady Julia Wombwell at Newburgh Priory, and will go north to-morrow (Saturday). While in Scotland his Royal Highness will pay a brief visit to the Queen at Balmoral.

THE QUEEN'S dinner party at Balmoral on Saturday last included the Duchess of Albany and the Princess Elizabeth of Waldeck-Pyrmont, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White-Ridley, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Sir Robert Collins in attendance upon the Duchess of Albany.

THE SHERIFFS-ELECT, Bro. Alderman Frank Green, and Mr. T. R. Dewar will be solemnly sworn into office at the Guildhall on Tuesday, the 28th inst., after which they will adjourn to breakfast and be presented with their chains and badges of office by their respective constituents.

FOUNDERS' DAY in connection with the Gordon Boys' Orphanage at Dover was celebrated at Dover on Monday evening, the lads giving two special concerts on the Promenade Pier, with Highland dancing, &c. The annual feast for the boys was provided by a number of the townspeople.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY will visit Glasgow on Thursday, the 23rd inst., for the purpose of opening the new headquarters of the 3rd Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers at Burnbank, but previous to the performance of the ceremony his lordship will be presented with the freedom of the City.

THE ANNUAL demonstration at Bournemouth in behalf of the London and South-Western Railway Orphanage took place on Sunday last, when a procession, which included six bands and many members of friendly societies, paraded the streets, and afterwards attended Divine service at St. John's Church, Boscombe.

A FIRE OCCURRED at No. 2, Bantury-street, Battersea, on Saturday evening last in that portion of the premises occupied by a Mr. George Turner, and, unfortunately, his child, Frederick George Turner, aged one year, was so severely burnt about the face, chest, and legs, that he died immediately after his removal to a hospital.

THE LORD MAYOR and Lady Mayress returned to the Mansion House on Monday from Galby Park, Hertfordshire, where they had been enjoying a brief holiday. On Tuesday his lordship opened the business of the Sessions at the Central Criminal Court, and subsequently took his seat on the bench at Mansion House Police Court.

SPIERS AND POND, LIMITED, notify that the share transfer books will be closed from the 21st to the 30th instant, both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants for the first instalment of 4s. per share (less income tax) on account of the dividend for the year ending 31st March, 1898, which will be posted to the shareholders on the 1st prox.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK during their visit to the Earl of Rosebery at Dalmeny, remained quiet that they might enjoy as much rest as possible after their long excursion to Ireland and the subsequent visit to Glasgow. Their Royal Highnesses attended divine service on board her Majesty's training ship Caledonia, and left Dalmeny for Inverness on Monday morning.

A FATAL BOATING accident occurred on Oulton Broad, near Lowestoft, on Sunday, when Miss Hatch, of Lonsdale-road, Barnes, and Mr. F. Coleman, of Forest Hill, were both drowned through the upsetting of a boat. At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning, and expressed an opinion that a boat with so large a sail unreefed should not have been let out for hire.

GENERAL HUNTER, who is occupying Berber, despatched a couple of gunboats to Ed Dameb, whither Zeki Osman had retired with his dervishes after evacuating Berber and where apparently he had endeavoured to establish a post, but after the exchange of a few shots he retreated inland with so much precipitation that 14 large boats laden with grain were left behind and promptly taken possession of.

IT IS SATISFACTORY to note that there was a further reduction last week in the rate of mortality, not only in the metropolis, but also in quite two-thirds of the 33 large towns, whose rates are recorded week by week by the Registrar-General. In London it was 16.3 and in Greater London 15.3, while in Halifax, Croydon, and Brighton it stood at 8.2, 9.5, and 13.7 respectively. These figures are eminently satisfactory.

THE SOUTH LONDON HARRIERS held their autumn meeting at Kennington Oval on Saturday last, and, as the weather was beautifully fine, there was a large attendance of spectators to the number of between 3000 and 4000. A splendid track had been prepared, and there was some excellent sport shown, the several events being all of them very keenly contested. The 100 yards' invitation race was won by F. Cooper, Bradford, who beat Palmer, the amateur champion.

THE 60th anniversary of the battle of Stirling Bridge was celebrated at Stirling on Monday, when a number of speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered in the presence of a large concourse of people assembled near the monument erected to Wallace on the Abbey Craig. In the afternoon a banquet was held under the presidency of Provost Kinins, which was attended by the Earl of Rosebery, Bro. Lord Balfour of Buleigh, the Earl of Moray, and others.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, the Princess Victoria of Wales, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark attended divine service at St. Alban's Church, Copenhagen, on Sunday morning last, and afterwards lunched with the Empress Dowager of Russia on board the Imperial yacht Standart, there being also invited the King and Queen of Denmark and the members of the Danish Royal Family, the British Minister and Lady Scott, and the Baron and Baroness de Mohrenheim.

EARLY ON Tuesday morning, Westminster Steamboat Pier, which had been in use for some 30 years, unexpectedly collapsed, and Edward Gallis, the watchman, who was on duty in his room, just succeeded in making his escape by breaking the glass and getting upon the roof, whence he was rescued by some bargemen. On the arrival of the Thames Police, it was found that he was badly cut, and he was promptly removed to St. Thomas's Hospital, and detained for treatment. It was afterwards found that the pier had sunk to the bed of the river, only the flag-staff being visible at high water.

MASONIC EXCURSION.—Through the liberality of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, W.M. 137, the Past Masters and Officers of the lodge, to the number of 18, spent a pleasant day at Salisbury. On arrival they were met by the W.M. and Secretary of the Salisbury Lodge, together with Bro. T. Griffin. Service was attended at the Cathedral, after which Bro. South, the Organist, gave a short recital, which was much enjoyed. Dinner was partaken of at the County Hotel. The party afterwards visited Stonehenge, subsequently returning to the County Hotel at Salisbury, where they had tea, and afterwards left for Poole.

BRO. EARL AND COUNTESS AMHERST are staying at Regart, Sutherlandshire.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE will be held at Sandbach on the 29th inst. Bro. the Earl of Egerton, P.G.M., will preside.

THE DUKE OF FIFE and Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife) drove over from Mar Lodge to Balmoral, and stayed to luncheon with the Queen, who, in the course of the afternoon, drove to Birkhall to see the Duchess of Albany.

AMONGST the trophies of the Langeberg operations are iron bedsteads, a spring mattress, heaps of Sechuana Bibles, and a Masonic Tyler's sword! Can it be possible, asks a confrère, that Lukas and Galishwe were brethren of the Mystic tie?

THERE HAS been more sharp fighting on the Indian Frontier, and on Monday the enemy attacked the Samana Forts in force, capturing the Saragari fort. The garrison, which consisted of only 21 men of the 31st Sikhs died at their posts fighting.

BRO. THE HON. SCHOMBERG K. McDONNELL, private Secretary to the Marquis of Salisbury, has left town on leave of absence and has been succeeded at the Foreign Office by the Hon. S. Greville, who has just returned from spending his holiday on the Continent.

ACCORDING TO an announcement in a Berlin paper the Queen has transmitted through the Empress Frederick a magnificent album containing photographs of the Jubilee Festivities in London and the Naval Review at Spithead to the Emperor William of Germany.

BRO. SIR M. WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., visited Blyth, on Wednesday, and on behalf of a number of subscribers presented John Taylor, the retiring coxswain of the Blyth Lifeboat, who had been associated with life-saving for close on half a century with a purse of gold. Taylor is in his 70th year.

THE QUEEN has given a handsome prize such as she has been in the habit of giving since the death of the Prince Consort, for competition among farmers in connection with the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Association, whose ploughing matches will take place at Datchet, on Wednesday, the 6th October.

THE LORD MAYOR has this week sent a further remittance of £7000 to the Viceroy of India from the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by famine, raising the total amount remitted to £540,000, while the sum raised is about £549,500. The subscription list will be closed at the end of the present month.

THERE ARE two vacancies in the House of Commons caused by the death in the one case of Sir George Osborne Morgan, who sat for East Denbighshire, and in the other by the succession to the peerage of the Earl Compton, who represented the Barnsley Division in Yorkshire, on the death of his father the Marquis of Northampton.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE has accepted the unanimous invitation of the Corporation and inhabitants of Eastbourne that he should become Mayor for the ensuing year. At the same time, his Grace has intimated that he shall rely upon the kind offer of those who are to be his municipal colleagues to render his duties as light as possible.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK visited Ness Castle on Monday as the guests of Lord and Lady Alington, where a number of guests were invited to meet their Royal Highnesses, and on Tuesday they left for Guisachan, where it is their intention to make a stay of some time as the guests of Lord Tweedmouth, in order to enjoy some deer-stalking.

THERE WAS a large attendance at the meeting of the Berks and Bucks Farmers' Harriers which was held at Maidenhead on Wednesday, for the purpose of electing a new master in the place of Capt. Collin, resigned. General Thomson presided and in the end the choice of the meeting fell on Mr. P. Barthropp, who was chosen by a large majority.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, with the Princess Charles and Marie of Denmark, arrived at Frijsenborg, at noon, on Wednesday, in order to join Count Frijs's shooting party. Their Royal Highnesses were met by the members of the Count's family, and were heartily cheered by the people assembled along the route to the Castle.

THE QUEEN has decided that the gifts and addresses which have been presented to her Majesty in commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of her reign shall be publicly exhibited at the Imperial Institute, and that one-half of the proceeds shall be devoted to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund. In all probability the exhibition will be opened about the middle of next month.

THE CITY OF BATH will be the scene of an interesting function on Monday, the 18th prox., when the Duke of Cambridge will visit it for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the Art Gallery and formally open the new Pump-room. After the ceremony, which it is expected will be attended by a number of county magistrates and medical men, the Mayor will entertain his Royal Highness at luncheon in the Guildhall.

FIELD-MARSHAL BRO. LORD ROBERTS, Commanding the Forces in Ireland, had a general order issued to the troops under his command expressing the high appreciation felt by the Duke of York at the admirable manner in which all the military arrangements in connection with his Royal Highness's visit to Ireland had been carried out. This order is issued from the Adjutant-General's office, Dublin, to general officers commanding districts, and by them to troops under their command.

GREAT REGRET is shown at the departure of the British Mediterranean Squadron from Trieste, its visit there have been a great success. Admiral Sir A. Hopkins allowed the combined bands of the Fleet to play in the public square of the city, and the whole population turned out to hear them, and greatly applauded the performances, our National anthem being received with enthusiasm. The crews all had leave on shore, and their conduct was admirable in all respects.

THE OPERATIONS of the column under Bro. Brigadier-General Yeatman Biggs for the relief of the threatened posts in the Samana range have been completely successful, and Saragari, which had lately been taken by the enemy, has been recaptured. Fort Lockhart was relieved in the morning and Fort Gulistan in the evening of Wednesday. Sir Bindon Blood is also marching steadily forward into the Mohmand country, while the force moving northwards under General Elles is likewise making considerable progress.

THE KING OF SIAM arrived in Paris from Brussels on Saturday afternoon. His Majesty travelled in the President's train, which had been placed at his disposal, and was received on his arrival at the northern station by the President and his Ministers, the band with the guard of honour playing the Siamese National Anthem, while the guard presented arms. On Sunday the King visited the Hotel des Invalides, where he saw the tomb of the first Napoleon, the St. Louis Chapel, in which are the standards captured in war, and the artillery museum. On Monday he visited Vincennes, and shortly after his return held a reception of the Ambassadors and heads of Legations now in Paris. In the evening the King dined at the Elysée, a State banquet having been arranged in his honour.

SEVERAL FATAL accidents have recently occurred in connection with cycling. Dr. Stephen, of Whittingham Asylum, while riding on Saturday night with other medical men at Hoghton, near Blackburn, was thrown with such violence by a stone getting under the rim of the wheel that he died the same evening of concussion of the brain. In another case W. J. Whitaker, aged 18, of Cromwell-grove, Shepherd's Bush, when riding in the quarter-mile race at the Putney track on Saturday last, collided with another rider and was thrown, dying the same evening from concussion of the brain. In a third case, a lady collided with a cab while riding in the Bayswater-road; and in a fourth, the coachman of the Dowager Countess of Kintore, while riding near Braemar on Sunday, lost control of his machine and was thrown over the roadway into the Cromwell Burn. His body, when found, was frightfully mangled. The deceased has left a widow and six children.

## In Memoriam.

In loving memory of George Herbert Reynolds, P.M. 1014, 2191, and J. 1126, who died September 15th, 1895.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, September 25th, 1897.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.****CRAFT LODGES.**

720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.  
2560, La France, Cafe Royal.

**MARK LODGE.**

230, Royal Navy, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Eleonor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.**

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.  
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.  
2045, Whitton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.  
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

633, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.  
1024, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.**

Board of Benevolence, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGE.**

755, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.  
784, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.  
1017, Montehore, Cafe Royal.  
1050, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.  
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.  
2332, Royal of Greenwich, Masons' Rooms, E. Greenwich.  
2592, Poplar, Criterion.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcott, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, S.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bell, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.

London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners' Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-rod : Nunhead, at 7.30.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, S.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.**

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

65, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.  
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.  
700, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.  
1565, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal.  
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett-Countts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Caxton, Carr's, 205, Strand, W.C., at 7.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 8.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montehore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.  
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union, Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.**

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

**MARK LODGE.**

449, Hampton Court, Mitre Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford street, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 94, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.****CRAFT LODGES.**

1070, Henry Muggersbridge, Anderton's Hotel.  
2472, Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

179, Cavendish, Albion Tavern.  
1022, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

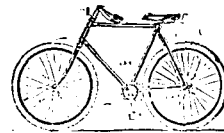
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.  
Elbury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.  
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.  
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

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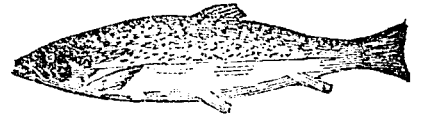
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