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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

It was with very great pleasure we made the announcement which appeared in our issue of last week to the effect that Bro. TERRY had succeeded in enlisting the services of a distinguished brother in the person of the Earl of JERSEY, Prov. G. Master of Oxfordshire, as Chairman at the Festival in February, 1898, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It must be a great relief to our worthy brother's mind to know that he will no longer be troubled with anxiety on this point, and that an interval of fully five months will elapse between Lord JERSEY'S acceptance of the invitation to preside and the date ordinarily arranged for the celebration of the anniversary. But though it is of the greatest importance to secure a Chairman as soon as possible, that is only one of the preliminary steps towards assuring for the behalf of the "Old People" that success we are all hoping and believing will attend Lord JERSEY'S Chairmanship. There must be a Board of Stewards, and a very strong one too, in order to insure that success. More than £16,000 must be obtained in order to provide the annuities which the Institution is under an obligation to pay during the ensuing year, and as every one knows, such a sum as that takes a deal of raising. Unfortunately the number of those who have volunteered their services as Stewards on this occasion is very far below the average and it will need an exceptional display of energy on the part of Bro. TERRY and his staff, and far more than the usual encouragement and support from the lodges and individual brethren in order to make good between now and February next the deficiency of strength in the Board of Stewards to which we have referred. When the season is further advanced, we shall find it necessary, as in past years, to bring the claims of the Benevolent Institution more particularly to the notice of our readers. In the meantime, it will doubtless be of some service to the Institution if we state that the number of brethren who have thus far volunteered to serve as Stewards in February next is considerably less than one half of that which we are in the habit of noting at this time of the year.

THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL CENTENARY.

It may appear to be somewhat premature to refer to an event which will not take place till the summer of next year. But Centenary Festivals are, necessarily, of such rare occurrence, and the interests involved of such exceptional importance, that we should be wanting in our duty if we did not take the earliest

opportunity of informing our readers as to the steps which are being taken by the authorities of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in respect of the anniversary which will be celebrated some time during the month of June, 1898. It has already been announced in these columns that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, as President of the Institution, has graciously promised to preside as Chairman, and there is not the slightest doubt that the Craft generally will as loyally support his Royal Highness at the approaching Festival as they did 10 years ago, when under his auspices the Girls' School celebrated the centenary of its foundation. Already, indeed, a very large number of ladies and brethren have volunteered to act as Stewards, and we may safely leave it in the hands of the Board of Management and its able and energetic Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLEOD, to do what is necessary in order to augment this number. In the meantime the Board of Management has been giving its attention to one of those questions which only arise in connection with such special celebrations, namely, the question whether any, and if so, what and to whom extra votes shall be granted in respect of the donations and subscriptions which will be forthcoming next year in behalf of the Boys' School Centenary. The matter was fully considered at a special meeting of the Board of Management on the 21st ult., when it was resolved that it be a recommendation to the Quarterly Court of Governors which will be held on Friday, the 8th inst., to follow strictly the precedent set by the Girls' School at its Centenary in 1888, when extra votes, according to a certain scale, were granted to those who gave their services as Stewards, not to the ordinary donors and subscribers. It is also proposed that honorary Life-Governorship, with two votes for life at every election shall be conferred upon the Secretaries of all registered Masonic Charitable Associations which shall contribute 100 guineas to the Institution in respect of this particular Festival. These recommendations will necessitate certain alterations in those laws of the Institution, which relate to votes and in the event of the Quarterly Court of Governors on Friday next adopting them, it will become its duty to sanction such alterations and suspensions of the laws as may be found necessary.

The following is the text of the recommendations which will be submitted for the acceptance of the Court on the 8th inst.:

- (I.) "That in addition to the Premium Votes conferred under Laws 26 and 27, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium Votes in proportion to his or her personal Donation as follows, viz.—Two in consideration of the first Ten Guineas and one for every Five Guineas beyond that sum."
- (II.) "That for the purposes of the Centenary Festival, Law 28 be suspended, and that, in lieu of the 'List' Votes conferred thereunder, every Steward at this Festival shall be entitled to Two Premium Votes for every Twenty Guineas on the gross total of his or her List."
- (III.) "That in the case of Personal Annual Subscriptions commenced on the List of a Steward at the Centenary Festival and continued at intervals of not more than 12 months, the completion of every Six Guineas so subscribed shall entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a Life Subscriber of £5 5s. paid in one sum, notwithstanding such contributor shall have received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime."
- (IV.) "That the following new Laws be adopted:

20A. "Any Masonic Charitable Association (whose Rules must first have been duly registered in the books of the Institution), upon payment of Donations amounting to Fifty Guineas shall have the privilege of nominating one of its executive officers as a Life Subscriber with one vote at each Election of Boys, and for every further completed sum of Fifty Guineas he shall receive an additional vote, or in lieu thereof the Association may nominate a second officer for the like privileges."

24A. "A Subscriber of Half-a-Guinea shall have one vote at the next ensuing Election."

PORT ELIZABETH EDUCATIONAL FUND.

It is very evident from the reports and comments we are from time to time called upon to publish in reference to the Craft in South Africa that Freemasonry has established a firm foothold in that extensive portion of her Majesty's dominions. There were, at the time the Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year was issued, five District G. Lodges comprising between 80 and 90 lodges and five or six others scattered about Mashonaland and other parts which are not included in any District organisation; and the most gratifying news is constantly reaching us of the manner in which the duties of the Craft are being carried out, and more particularly of the generous support which is always forthcoming whenever any scheme of benevolence is brought to the notice of the brethren. It was but the other day that we published an account in our columns of the splendid effort made by the lodges and brethren in the Transvaal when founding an Educational Fund as a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, while those in the Eastern Division of South Africa have resolved on marking the same auspicious event by organising a District Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. The scheme to which we are desirous of calling attention on this occasion—"The Port Elizabeth Masonic Education Scheme"—is of a less ambitious nature simply because the section of the Craft which has established it and has been loyally promoting its interests for the last dozen years is restricted in numbers. The Masonic bodies located in Port Elizabeth comprise two Craft lodges, a Mark lodge, a Royal Arch and a Rose Croix chapter, and a Preceptory of the Order of the Temple, but during the past year they have subscribed money enough to provide for the education of 15 children and at the same time have increased their invested capital by £150. The year opened on the 1st July, 1896, with a balance in hand of over £80, and between then and the 30th June of the current year there was received in donations and subscriptions from individual members and Masonic bodies upwards of £170, together with £21 being interest at 6 per cent. on amount advanced by way of loan to one of the Craft lodges. The only expense incurred in managing the Scheme was £2 18s. 6d. for Printing and Bank Exchange, and at the close of the year there remained in hand a balance of close upon £40. The Assets belonging to the Scheme or Fund on the 30th June last consisted of over £250 in the Post Office Savings Bank, £350 on loan, as already mentioned, and the cash in hand at close of the account, together with three Perpetual Scholarships in the Grey Institute. Considering that the efforts which have resulted thus successfully must have been made principally by the members of the two Craft Lodges—of which no doubt the greater number of the Royal Arch, Mark, and other Masons are members—there is every reason to congratulate our Port Elizabeth brethren on the extent as well as the excellence of the work they have been able to accomplish. To have been in a position to increase their capital by one-third after providing for the Education of 15 children speaks well both for the ability of the Committee of Management and the generosity of the brethren. Yet the Committee is of opinion that more might and should be done by individual members. True, these have had many calls made upon them during the year in behalf of the Jubilee District Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and for other purposes; but the Committee in their report express it as their opinion that more members might subscribe individually, and they trust that more money will be forthcoming during the present year, if only to mark the great event which has been celebrated so universally throughout the British Empire. As for the success of the system of education, the Committee report that one of the children passed his Matriculation Examination, and that the accounts as to the conduct and progress of the others was in every case satisfactory. There is reason to hope, therefore, that everything will go on satisfactorily, and we trust that in future years it will be our privilege to write in terms as justly complimentary of the Port Elizabeth Education Fund.

THE LODGE OF RESEARCH *

This lodge, which was founded in 1892, is fashioned on the lines of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. It has an Inner Circle, the members of which constitute the lodge proper, and an Outer or Correspondence Circle, whose members, for the modest annual subscription of five shillings, are entitled to pretty much the same privileges as the Correspondence members of Lodge Quatuor Coronati. Its transactions, too, are published annually, and each successive issue has contained sundry papers read before the members at the stated meetings, some of which are chiefly of local interest, while the majority of them will be read with pleasure by the general body of the Craft. Thus, at the fourth installation, on the 28th September, 1895, after the W.M. elect—Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M.—had been installed, and appointed and invested his officers, Bro. J. T. THORP, Secretary—to whose courtesy we are indebted for a copy of the Transactions—read an exceedingly interesting paper, entitled—"Distinguished Leicestershire Freemasons of the 17th and 18th Centuries." The roll of worthies is a long one, and includes, in addition to several members of the family of which Earl FERRERS, Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Leicestershire, is the present head, the "Sir WILLIAM WILSON KNIGHT," who is mentioned in ELIAS ASHMOLE'S Diary as having been initiated at a lodge held at Masons' Hall, London, on the 11th March, 1682, at which ASHMOLE was the senior Fellow present; JOHN CAMPBELL, fourth Earl of Loudoun; Grand Master of England, 1736-7; Sir THOMAS FOWKE; Lord RANCLIFFE; the Rev. WILLIAM PETERS—the only brother who ever held the office of Grand Portrait Painter—who was the first Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire; and the Earl of MOIRA, Acting Grand Master, afterwards Marquis of HASTINGS, who resided at Donington Park. At the next two meetings, held on the 23rd November, 1896, and 25th January, 1897, respectively, papers of general interest were read, Bro. G. W. BAIN, P.M. 949, furnishing one on "Masonic Literature," at the former, and Bro. L. STAINES one on "CAGLIOSTRO, the Masonic Impostor," at the latter. On the 22nd March last, Bro. G. NEIGHBOUR presented a brief sketch of "Freemasonry in the 17th (Leicestershire) Regiment of Foot," while at the meeting on the 24th May, the brethren were treated to a lecture by the S.D.—Bro. the Rev. H. S. BIGGS, B.A., P.P.G. Chap.—on "Masonry—Operative and Speculative"—which he had been incited to compile through reading an article in a London daily paper on Bro. EDW. CONDER, jun.'s, Book "The Hole Crafts and Fellowship of Masons." Summaries, more or less ample, are given of all these papers, so that the reader finds himself in a position to form a tolerably fair opinion of their general tenour. But the value of this year's "Transactions" is very materially enhanced by the two histories which Bro. THORP has been at the pains of compiling, one of them being "Extracts from the Fifty Years' Record of the John of Gaunt Lodge, Leicester, No. 523 (formerly 766)," which was read at the Jubilee Festival on the 21st May, 1896; while the other is entitled "Annals of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, Leicester, 1796-1896," which was specially compiled for the Centenary Meeting of the Chapter on the 5th February, 1897. The compilation of these histories or annals reflects the greatest credit on Bro. THORP, who is evidently one of the chief supporters of the Lodge of Research, as he is undoubtedly one of the ablest and most industrious writers on Masonic historical subjects, which have a special claim upon the notice of our Leicestershire brethren. We must not close this brief review without expressing our satisfaction with the manner in which Bro. THORP has discharged his duties as Editor of these Transactions. They contain just the material, neatly and methodically arranged, which will serve to give the reader a clear insight as to what passed at the different meetings, without unnecessary detail.

THE KING OF SIAM and suite paid a visit on Monday to the City, and were entertained at luncheon by the Master and Wardens of the Mercers' Company at their hall in Cheapside. Among those present to meet his Majesty were the Earl of Selborne, Sir Julian Pauncefote, Bro. Maj.-Gen. Sir Charles Warren, Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P.; Sir Ernest Satow, and Sir Charles Crosthwaite. The present Master of the Company, Sir C. Clementi Smith was formerly Governor of the Straits Settlements, and in that capacity was frequently brought in contact with his Majesty.

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year.	Bro.	J. H. Taylor, P.M. 1573	Prov. S.G.W.
	"	James Radley, P.M. 060	Prov. J.G.W.
	"	Rev. W. Lewis, W.M. 1578	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
	"	Rev. Joseph Barker, W.M. 36	
	"	Owen Owen, W.M. 1573	
	"	A. G. P. Lewis, W.M. 2570	Prov. G. Treasurer.
	"		Prov. G. Reg.

Bro. W. Whittington, P.M. 364	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. D. Jenkins, W.M. 1992	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. G. Davies, W.M. 237	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. A. Young, W.M. 1754	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Vaughan John, P.M. 833	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Johnson, W.M. 2357	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Thomas Wake, W.M. 110	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. T. Evans, P.M. 2382	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Lowrie Baker, W.M. 960	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Jones, P.M. 1857	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. D. Llewellyn, W.M. 364	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Charles Jones, W.M. 2547	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Thorne, W.M. 679	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. R. Phillips, P.M. 2570	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. J. Harries, 110	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. E. Fisher, S.D. 1323	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" George Durston, D.C. 2547	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. P. Gibson, 2606	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" George Bullerwell, 237 (who has occupied the office since 1874)	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Before the lodge closed Charity jewels were presented to Bro. Clarry, who had acted as Steward to the Masonic Benevolent Fund, and also to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. Thomas Matthews, Steward of the Home Charities.

The organ was presided at by Bro. F. J. Smith, whose services are most valuable on these occasions.

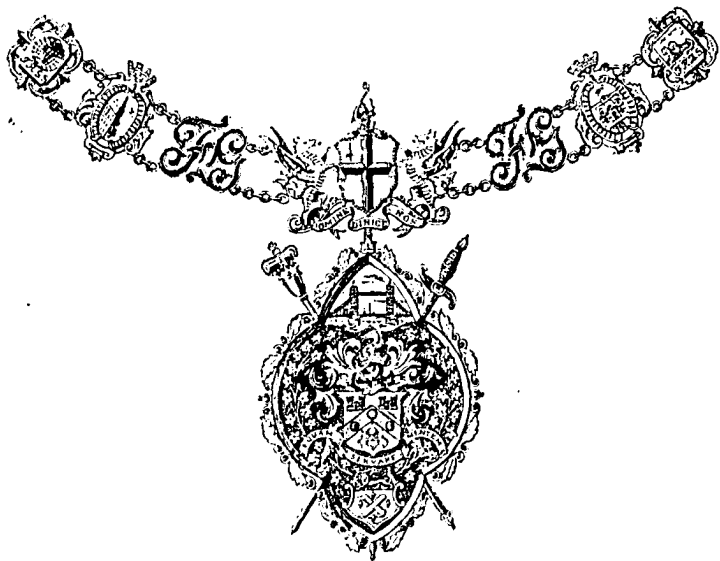
A banquet was held in the evening at the Park Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Llangattock, who was supported by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M.

THE SHRIEVALTY.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ALDERMAN FRANK GREEN.

The presentation to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Elect Frank Green of his shrieval chain and badge took place on Friday, the 24th ult., at a well-attended meeting of the subscribers held at the parish room, Huggins-lane, Upper Thames-street. Mr. Deputy Simmons (Treasurer of the fund) presided, and those present included Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Mr. Deputy Pimm, Mr. Matthew Wallace, C.C., J.P., Captain Vickers Dunfee, C.C., Mr. F. G. Dray, C.C., the Rev. Prebendary White, D.D., the Rev. H. D. Macnamara, Mr. E. H. Taylor, Mr. F. J. Chambers, Mr. W. J. Charles, Mr. T. H. Gardiner, Mr. E. Gilbert, Mr. F. H. Green, Mr. S. L. Green, Mr. C. Grimwade, Mr. N. F. Harrison, Mr. Holland, Mr. W. R. W. Marchant, Mr. G. W. Marsden, Mr. A. Monckton, Mr. F. Parrett, Mr. B. D. Simmons, Mr. G. R. Simmons, Mr. W. H. White, Mr. S. Bush, Mr. T. O. Wydell, and Mr. H. Taylor.

The CHAIRMAN said they had met to congratulate Bro. Alderman Frank Green upon his election to the office of Sheriff, the highest office next to that of Lord Mayor that any citizen could occupy, and to present him with a small token of their appreciation of the energy, ability, and success which had marked his public life. Tracing his career, he mentioned that the Alderman was largely instrumental in founding the Vintry Ward Club, of which, first as Secretary, and



BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF-ELECT GREEN'S BADGE AND CHAIN.

subsequently as president, he had ever been the leading spirit. In 1878 he was elected one of the representatives of Vintry in the Court of Common Council, and while on the floor of the Court he occupied several of the most important chairs. In addition, he had held the position of Chief Commoner, and was at one time the deputy Governor of the Irish Society. It was during his chairmanship of the Bridge House Estates Committee that the idea of the construction of the Tower Bridge was first mooted, and the undertaking initiated. He had, too, been a zealous parish worker, and during his year of office as churchwarden of St. James's, Garlick-hithe, that church was thoroughly restored. The great event of his life occurred in 1891, when he was unanimously elected the Alderman of the ward. As a magistrate he had been very successful, none of his decisions having been reversed. In view of the success which had marked his public career they could not doubt that he would fulfil the office of Sheriff with ability and credit to himself and the ward. The Deputy then formally presented the chain and badge, expressing the hope, on behalf of the subscribers, that the Alderman would have health and strength to fulfil the responsible duties that would fall to his lot during the coming year. He added that it was the intention of the committee to devote any surplus there might be to a fund for the decoration of the ward on the occasion of the civic pageant.

The badge contains in the centre the armorial bearings of the Alderman, and at the top of it appears a painting of the Tower Bridge, indicative of the Alderman's connection with that undertaking. At the base are shown the arms of the Glaziers' Company, of which he is a Past Master. The chain suspending the badge is composed of the City Arms, beautifully

modelled in gold and enamel, bearing on either side the initials, "F. G." It bears a series of ornamental medallions of Vintner's Hall, St. James's Church, Garlickhithe, &c., and devices suggestive of the Royal Geographical Society, Royal Zoological Society, Royal Irish Society, and the Bridge House Estate, together with representations of the Past Grand Deacon's collar jewel, finishing at the back with a link bearing the monogram "V.R.I.," surmounted by the Imperial crown, and flanked on either side by the rose, shamrock, and thistle. The following inscription appears on the back of the badge: "Presented to the Worshipful Frank Green, Esq., Alderman, upon his election to the office of Sheriff of the City of London, by his neighbours in the Ward of Vintry, and other friends, as a mark of their appreciation and esteem."

The badge and chain have been designed and manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

Dr. L. B. WHITE, speaking as the oldest resident in the Ward of Vintry, endorsed the Chairman's remarks, and wished the Alderman a happy and prosperous Shrievalty. He had little doubt, he said, that at the close of the Alderman's year of office the inhabitants of the Ward of Vintry would have cause to thank him for the manner in which he had discharged his duties.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect FRANK GREEN, who was received with cheers, warmly thanked the subscribers for their gift. He said that during the 20 years of his public life it had been his constant aim and ambition to further the interests of the Ward in every possible way, and he felt highly flattered at receiving such a token of appreciation as had been given to him that afternoon. He was also proud of the position to which he had been elected by the Livery of London. If anything could encourage him in the performance of the arduous duties of his high office, it would be the very kind and flattering reception which they had given to him. It was gratifying to him that the work which he did in connection with the initiation of the Tower Bridge had been commemorated on the handsome badge which they had been good enough to present to him. That was a work about which he felt he was justified in feeling proud. He should do his utmost to merit the kindness which his friends of the ward of Vintry had shown to him, and he ventured to hope and believe that the high position of Sheriff of the City of London would lose none of its prestige in his hands. He again thanked them most sincerely for their handsome gift.

Mr. WALLACE, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, remarked that all the contributors present felt that they had assisted in placing a chain of affection round the neck of their Alderman which would bind him, if possible, still more closely to the ward of Vintry.

Mr. BERRIDGE seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to, and the chairman having responded, the proceedings terminated.

Craft Masonry.

Restoration Lodge, No. 111.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. RICHARD LUCK, M.A.

A special meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, Darlington, for the purpose of presenting a congratulatory address to Bro. Richard Luck, P.M., Past Grand Warden of the Province of Durham, and Past Grand Deacon of England. There was a good muster of brethren, including Bros. John Broughton, W.M.; John Robinson, S.W.; William Todd, J.W.; C. H. Backhouse, P.M.; P.P.G.W.; J. Bailey, P.M.; P.P.G.W.; W. C. Barron, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; Holt, P.M. 509, P.P.S.G.D.; R. S. Benson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; B. S. Beckwith, P.M. 1230, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Walby, P.M. 1379; W. E. Brown, P.M.; Thos. Wood, P.M. 1650; and C. J. Walton, I.P.M.

On the right hand, at the top of the address, are the arms of Bro. Luck. On the top, at the left, is the emblem of the Deacon of the Grand Lodge. Immediately beneath are the arms of the county of Durham, and underneath them the emblem of the Senior Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. In the centre, under the address, are the arms of Freemasonry, with the motto—"Audi, vide, tace." To the right of this is the Pentalfa, or the five bonds of fellowship. The whole is a beautiful work of art, and will form a permanent memento of an interesting occasion. The text was as follows:

"To Richard Luck, Esq., M.A., L.L.M., Past Master of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, Past Grand Warden of the Province of Durham, and Past Grand Deacon of England.

"We the Freemasons of the Restoration Lodge, on the occasion of your receiving from his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the important rank of Past Deacon in Grand Lodge, in commemoration of her Most Gracious Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, desire you to accept this expression of our hearty congratulations on the great honour thus conferred upon you.

"Your untiring energy exerted in the cause of Freemasonry in all its Degrees claims our highest admiration, and we rejoice to think that your valuable services have been duly recognised, and that a member of this lodge has been selected for so exalted a position.

"That the Great Architect of the Universe may during your future years see fit to grant you all peace, prosperity, and happiness is our earnest prayer.

"Signed on behalf of the brethren,

"J. BROUGHTON, Master.

"JOHN ROBINSON, S.W.

"WILLIAM TODD, J.W.

"A. GRUNDEY, Secretary."

The presentation was made by Bro. Chas. H. Backhouse, who spoke of Bro. Richard Luck's work in the cause of Masonry in a very estimable manner, and Bro. Luck suitably responded.

The brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Thos. Henderson, Mus. Bac., officiated at the piano.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 20th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. W. Simpson, W.M.; W. N. Flack, S.W.; W. T. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O., acting J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Major T. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. Jehu, S.D.; J. H. Gaunt, I.G.; F. Figg, Org.; H. Sapsworth, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Stwd.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Spooner, P.M.; and R. W. Rice, I.P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. D. Whataey, 91; G. S. Ellis, 144; and J. Ambrose, 2032.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Webb, Woodward, Hertslet, and Hughes were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. in a manner that left but little to be desired. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Ernest Edward Rice, but he was unavoidably prevented from attending to be initiated. The widow of a late member of the lodge was relieved from the funds. Bro. R. W. Simpson, W.M., was elected to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1898, and Bro. R. W. Rice, I.P.M., was elected to serve as Steward at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival in February next, and notices of motion were given to respectively vote the Stewards donations from the funds. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. J. Bond, P.M.; T. Grant, P.M.; and others. Two nominations for ballot for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held, and the usual toasts proposed. Bro. T. W. Ockenden responded at length, and in an admirable manner, on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

During the evening Bros. Frank Figg, D. Watney, A. S. Jehu, John Pain, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

The W.M. was exceedingly happy in his remarks, and the responses to the respective toasts were above the ordinary run of post-prandial utterances.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Phoenix Hotel, Rainham, and was attended by a goodly array of brethren and visitors, both from town and the province generally. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Senior Carlton, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Joseph Cohen, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. F. J. Eedle, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, Bro. C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., acting as D.C. Bro. Cohen, having been installed and saluted, appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. Carlton, I.P.M.; James Cain, P.M., S.W.; J. Millen, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Catt, S.D.; G. F. Penney, J.D.; W. Harvey, I.G.; J. W. Joyce, D.C.; R. J. Mitchell, Org.; C. W. Millington, E. J. Couves, W. S. Penney, and F. H. Penney, Stwds.; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Eedle then gave the addresses, and was heartily congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony for his admirable working of it. He was unanimously thanked, and it was resolved that a copy of the vote of thanks should be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Carlton was then presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel. Bro. Cohen was unanimously elected to serve as lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. The balance sheet was presented and adopted. Letters of inability to attend were read from several of the P.G. Officers, Masters, and Secretaries of every lodge in the province, all of whom had been invited to attend. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors present, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was a fine exhibition of the taste and judgment of the worthy host Bro. Eton; the table was profusely decorated, and the wines and viands were of the best, and quickly and efficiently carved and served; and the appreciation of the brethren was an universal congratulation.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. G. Hammond, P.M., P.P.D.G.D. of C.; A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. 1437, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Reynolds, P.M.; M. Mollik, A. Eton, A. Stevenson, A. Peterson, F. Tulley, C. J. Smith, W.M. 2504; J. Hills, W.M. 1441; W. Smith, W.M. 72; C. Quicke, P.M. and Sec. 1531; A. J. Perrean, P.M. 1531; B. C. Curtis, P.M. 1473, and W.M. 2615; McNaught Davis, P.M. 884; F. Stephens, P.M. 1348; R. Fowler, P.M. 1536; M. Josephs, 185; G. Hawkins, 198; R. Dickson, 879; R. Catt, W.M. 319; A. Evering, 179; M. Solesberg, 1127; A. D. Percy, 179; E. Cunningham, 1343; C. Catt, 1637; A. E. Kipps, 1275; E. T. Walford, 127; W. A. Griffiths, 1421; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Earl of Warwick, P.G.M. of the Province of Essex." He said they and every Mason in the province were under a deep debt of gratitude to his lordship for the earnest desire he had at all times expressed, both by words and works, for the welfare of Masonry in the province over which he had so long and beneficially ruled, and he trusted their beloved Prov. Grand Master might be spared to preside over them for many years to come.

The toast having been drunk in bumpers, the W.M. proposed that of "The V.W. Bro. Judge Philbrick, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said they were fortunate enough last year to have their esteemed Bro. Ralling, P.G. Sec., with them, but as they had heard from their Secretary, Bro. Ralling having four installations to attend on that day, could not well sub-divide himself, so had decided to honour a lodge in another part of the province. They had had the honour of a visit from their esteemed Bro. Philbrick, D.P.G.M., the year before. They could not expect to see their Grand Officers every year, but they were glad and proud to see them whenever they came. They worked hard for the welfare of the province, and he was personally pleased to see among them that night three representatives of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bros. Manning, Canning, and Hammond.

Bro. Manning, in responding, said as one of the founders of the lodge he was pleased to be present. If it had been possible for their G.M. or D.G.M. to have been present they would have been pleased to witness the admirable manner in which Bro. Eedle installed their W.M. He was pleased to see the lodge settled at Rainham, and he could assure the W.M. and brethren of the hearty support of every officer of the province, Past or Present, in his endeavours to maintain the prestige of the lodge.

Bro. Carlton then proposed the toast of the evening—that of "The W.M."—saying that if they had searched all Essex through and through they could not have found a better or more popular Master than Bro. Cohen. Their W.M. would do his best for the welfare of the lodge, and he asked them to drink the toast heartily and in bumpers.

The W.M., in the course of an eloquent reply, thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast of his name. He was pleased to occupy the position of W.M. of such a lodge as that of the Royal Victorian Jubilee, and nothing should be wanting on his part to prove that thanks with him was not a mere matter of words. He intended, with their assistance—and he looked to that as the mainspring of all his actions—to make the lodge even stronger and more prosperous than when he took over the reins of office, and to put it on a sound financial basis, so that, when the time came for him to make way for his successor, they might say that he had done his duty well and worthily, and, above all, to their satisfaction and the credit of the lodge.

"The Health of the Installing Officer" followed, and Bro. Eedle returned thanks in a brilliant speech.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed.

This toast having been responded to, "The Visitors," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast were honoured.

Some splendid singing, accompanied by Bro. Kipps, added to the pleasure of a most happy and enjoyable function.

Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2318.

The installation meeting of this flourishing and prosperous lodge in the Province of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 28th ult. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Charles Fruen, P.M., W.M., who was in the West of England, the chair was taken by Bro. H. Hooper, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., as W.M.; S. H. Latham, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect; J. J. Newland, P.M., J.W.; Arthur Blenkarn, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Langley, P.M., Sec.; H. Mayer, P.M., I.G.; J. W. Stevens, P.M.; Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; W. H. Lee, P.M.; G. W. Castle, P.M.; David D. Mercer, P.G.P.; E. J. W. Scott, J. Joel, G. Swales, L. Davis, and A. Leighton. The visitors were Bros. A. Cooper Bradley, P.M. 1669; W. H. Latham, J.D. 1962; E. Reynolds, J.W. 63; M. A. Attwood, Org. 1348; J. E. Scarlett, 141; R. T. Godfrey, I.P.M. 141; W. T. Browne, 1897; Ed. Pownall, 1963; Burgess, 45; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. H. Hooper, P.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. R. Langley, who installed Bro. S. H. Latham, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., in a very able and perfect manner. Bro. Arthur Blenkarn acted as an able D.C. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. J. Newland, P.M., S.W.; B. Forster, P.M., J.W.; Arthur Blenkarn, P. Prov. G. Treas., as Treas.; George R. Langley, P. Prov. G.D., Sec.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M., S.D.; T. R. Porter, P.M., J.D.; J. W. Stevens, P.M., I.G.; J. Joel, D.C.; E. J. W. Scott and A. Leighton, Stwds.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably rendered by Bro. G. R. Langley. The balance sheet and report of the Audit Committee were received and adopted, which shows the lodge to be in a very sound financial position. The following notice of motion, given by Bro. Arthur Blenkarn, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., was considered, viz.: "That the W.M., Bro. S. H. Latham, P.M., be nominated as Steward to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the sum of 10 guineas be placed upon his list from the Benevolent Fund in the name of the lodge." This, being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously. The W.M. rose and graciously acknowledged the great honour in being elected Steward, and hoped the brethren would individually support the list and make it worthy the name of the Bushey Park Lodge. He greatly appreciated their kindness in voting him such a sum, as it had only been done once before in the lodge and then on the occasion when the Prov. Grand Master, Lord George Hamilton, acted as Stewrd. Several letters regretting inability to attend were read by the Secretary from many distinguished brethren.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by the proprietors.

On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the toast of "Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," whom none delighted to honour more than Masons, especially in this auspicious year. The earnest desire of all was that she might reign over us for many years to come.

That of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. remarked was one always enthusiastically received, as our Grand Master was always to the fore in every good work. Those who had had the privilege of attending the Royal Albert Hall could testify to his zeal in the cause of Charity and his readiness to assist in advancing the privileges of the Order.

The toast was duly honoured.

The W.M. next presented the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," stating that whenever any Masonic functions had to be performed, the Grand Officers were ready to go and fulfil whatever duties devolved upon them. The Bushey Park Lodge was fortunate indeed in having one Grand Officer always present in the person of Bro. David D. Mercer, P.G.P., of whom the lodge was proud, and he (the W.M.) had much pleasure in coupling his name with the toast.

Bro. Mercer said his reply would be brief, but he felt it indeed a great honour and privilege to reply for the Grand Officers, and for the very kind way the W.M. had spoken of them. He referred to the grand success of the meeting at the Albert Hall, which was a proof of the earnestness and capabilities of the Grand Officers. They were ever ready and pleased to perform whatever duties they were called upon to carry out, and he trusted that that kindly spirit would always exist for the lasting benefit of the Craft.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers," was given by the W.M., who spoke of their assiduity in Masonic work, and that the Bushey Park Lodge was duly honoured in having three Prov. Grand Officers among its members, viz., Bros. G. R. Langley, P.G.D.; A. Blenkarn, P.P.G. Treas.; and H. Hooper, P.G. Treas.

The toast was received most heartily.

In reply, Bro. H. Hooper, P.G. Treas., said it was a great honour indeed to be associated with such an illustrious personage as the Prov. Grand Master. He was one of the youngest of the Prov. Grand Officers, who were not only in name, but in fact, excellent workers. His duty was that of custodian of the funds, and he hoped that at the end of the year he should be able to give a good account of his stewardship. He was proud to be Grand Treasurer of Middlesex, and it was an honour to the Bushey Park Lodge to have had for two years in succession the Grand Treasurer elected from among its members. His endeavour would be not to retire from the path of duty, but for years to remain to see younger brethren attain to provincial honours, many of whom were worthy. Really the honour conferred upon him was bestowed upon the Bushey Park Lodge. On behalf of the Prov. G. Officers, he heartily thanked them.

Bro. Arthur Blenkarn rose and said the next toast was entrusted to his keeping, which gave him profound pleasure. It was, nevertheless, an agreeable surprise to be privileged and to testify his admiration of the W.M., with whom he had been associated from boyhood. He was a personal friend, and that friendship had been the more strongly cemented since he had joined Freemasonry. Their lives had, as it were, been wrapt together so intimately that he was enabled to speak of him as a true man and as true hearted as any one living. The lodge had in its W.M. a brother of whom it would never be ashamed.

The W.M., Bro. S. H. Latham, on rising, received quite an ovation, and said from such applause the brethren expected great things. The high eulogiums heaped upon him by Bro. Blenkarn were more than he deserved. He had been connected for many years in the commercial world with Bro. Blenkarn, and as soon as he mentioned that he was attached to the Bushey Park Lodge, he (the W.M.) resolved on joining. Now that he had been installed into the Master's chair he looked forward to a bright future, and with the able assistance and hearty support of all the brethren he trusted the lodge would be augmented in numbers as of old. Of one other position he was proud, viz., that he was the first Master of the Bushey Park Lodge after the founders, and he hoped to emulate them, and with their able guidance during the coming year would indeed show that his gratitude was great to the brethren of the Bushey Park Lodge.

The toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was next presented by the W.M., who remarked that the I.P.M. was unable to be present, but Bro. Geo. Langley had consented to perform the ceremony, and there was none more competent; he had often performed that ceremony before, but never had it been rehearsed better than on the present occasion. In the rendering of the three addresses there was no hesitation, thus showing his masterly mind. It had given all the brethren intense pleasure and for which they were one and all deeply grateful to him.

Bro. G. Langley in reply, stated that in the absence of the I.P.M. (who had been compelled to keep a long-standing engagement in the country) and also Bros. Lee and Hooper not desiring to perform the ceremony, it left him no alternative but to step into the breach. He was indeed proud to do it, it was his pet and whenever called upon to work it gave him great pleasure. Whatever he did was for the benefit and advancement of the lodge, and he hoped that the brethren in the lodge and those coming on would stand as firmly as the founders, and its success was assured. His services as Secretary rendered to the lodge were a labour of love, and he hoped the brethren would continue to support the W.M. as faithfully as hitherto.

The W.M. in very cordial terms next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," stating that it was the aim of the brethren of the lodge to gratify their visitors with excellent working, and also to entertain them at refreshment as well as possible.

The toast was ably responded to by Bros. Bradley, Stone, Godfrey, Reynolds, Browne, and Latham, referring to the intellectual treat in the working, and more particularly to the beneficence of the brethren of the Bushey Park Lodge which was doing so much in the cause of Charity.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was most ably presented by the Worshipful Master, who commended them very forcibly to the brethren. The lodge had already given 100 guineas, and as he was the Steward at the coming Centenary Festival of the Boys; he hoped the brethren would support him, so that he might be enabled to take up another 100 guineas in the name of the lodge. Promises of about 40 guineas were announced, and he had no doubt in time it would reach the desired sum, and so make the lodge a Life Patron.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Secretary, and Treasurer" was given in eulogistic terms, the W.M. remarking they were most assiduous, and ever ready to assist when required. The Treasurer was most careful, and guarded the funds most religiously; and as for the Secretary, there was none better. Of the founders—the W.M. looked upon them as the fathers of the lodge.

Bro. J. Lee, the oldest P.M., and the I.P.M. responded, the former stating he was glad to be present once more, having been very much afflicted, and he thanked the brethren very much indeed for so cordially receiving him, and he wished the lodge every success.

Bro. Blackburn also ably replied.

That of "The Officers" received from the W.M. its meed of praise, stating they were such efficient officers, and were a great credit upon the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, of which they were members.

This was duly responded to by Bros. Newland, S.W.; Mayer, J.W.; and Castle.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful and happy meeting.

Some capital music was arranged, the artistes being Bros. Blenkarn, E. Pownall, and Burgess, the two latter receiving well-merited praise. The piano was ably presided at by Bro. M. A. Attwood.

Marriage.

MOORE—BROOK.—On the 15th ult., at St. Mark's Church, Regent's-park, London, by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Sparrow-Simpson, Alfred, second son of the late Josiah Moore, of Clerkenwell, to Emma, youngest daughter of the late Edward Brook, of The Priory, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Duchess of York, drove out on Saturday last, and in the afternoon took tea at the Danzig Shiel, where she was joined by the Princess Henry and the Princess Francis Joseph of Battenberg. In the evening the Duke and Duchess of Connaught dined with her Majesty, and Viscount Cross, the Minister in attendance, had the honour of being invited. On Sunday her Majesty was visited by the Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife) and the Duke of Fife, who stayed to luncheon, while in the afternoon, accompanied by Princess Francis Joseph of Battenberg, she drove over to see the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Abergeldie Castle.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Sub-
scribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of
the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's
Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of
OCTOBER, 1897, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the
General Business of the Institution; to consider Notices of
Motion as under, and to elect 15 Girls into the School,
from a list of 26 approved candidates. The election will
commence at One o'clock, or immediately after the con-
clusion of the General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By R.W. Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, P.G.W.,
Patron—

"That this Court accept the sum of 1100 Guineas
from Worshipful Bro. George Heaton, P.
Prov. G.D. West Yorkshire, P.M. 258, for the
purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl
to the School, to be called the 'George Heaton
West Yorkshire Presentation,' the right of such
presentation being vested in the said George
Heaton for his life, and, in the event of his wife,
Mary Heaton, surviving him, in her, for her life,
and afterwards in the Provincial Grand Master of
West Yorkshire for the time being (or the tem-
porary Masonic representative of such Provincial
Grand Master), acting upon the recommendation
of the Worshipful Master for the time being of
the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, and, in the event
of the Lodge ceasing to exist, on his own
responsibility."

By W. Bro. ALFRED C. SPAULL, Patron:

"That the following be adopted as new Laws:

"40A. Any Masonic Charitable Association (whose
Rules must have been first duly registered in the
books of the Institution), upon payment of dona-
tions amounting to 50 guineas, shall have the
privilege of nominating one of its Executive
Officers as a Life Subscriber with one Vote at each
Election of Girls, and for every further completed
sum of 50 guineas, he shall receive an additional
Vote, or in lieu thereof the Association may
nominate a second Executive Officer for the like
privileges.

"38A. A Subscriber of Half-a-Guinea shall have one
Vote at the next ensuing Election."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.,
September 30th, 1897.

The 110th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place
in May next, under distinguished Presidency. The services
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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Sub-
scribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-
street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 8th
day of October, 1897, for the transaction of the ordinary
business of the Institution.

To consider Notices of Motion by the V.W. Bro.
RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., Patron and Trustee of the
Institution, Chairman of the Board of Management:—

(I.) "That in addition to the Premium Votes conferred
under Laws 26 and 27, every Steward at the
Centenary Festival shall be entitled to Premium
Votes in proportion to his or her personal
donation as follows, viz:—Two in consideration
of the first Ten Guineas and One for every Five
Guineas beyond that sum."

(II.) "That for the purposes of the Centenary Festival,
Law 28 be suspended, and that in lieu of the
'List' Votes conferred thereunder every Steward
at this Festival shall be entitled to Two Premium
Votes for every Twenty Guineas on the gross
total of his or her list."

(III.) "That in the case of Personal Annual Subscrip-
tions commenced on the List of a Steward at
the Centenary Festival and continued at intervals
of not more than 12 months, the completion of
every Six Guineas so subscribed shall entitle the
Contributor to all the privileges of a Life Sub-
scriber of £5 ss. paid in one sum, notwithstanding
such contributor shall have received Votes
as an Annual Subscriber in the meantime."

(IV.) That the following New Laws be adopted:—

20A. "Any Masonic Charitable Association
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in the books of the Institution), upon payment
of Donations amounting to Fifty Guineas shall
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shall receive an additional vote, or in lieu thereof
the Association may nominate a second execu-
tive officer for the like privileges."

24A. "A Subscriber of Half-a-Guinea shall
have one Vote at the next ensuing Election."

To consider Notice of Motion by W. Bro. H. THOMSON
LYON, Life Governor:—

"That the words 'Board of Management' be substi-
tuted for the word 'Council' in the 3rd line of
Law 53."

To Elect 15 Boys from an approved List of 49 Candidates,
reduced to 47 by the admission, on extraordinary vacancies,
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[No. 7 on List] Eales, Arthur Douglas.

[No. 12 on List] Peel, Gilbert William.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon
precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will be open at One
o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court
shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock
precisely.

By order.

J. M. McLEOD,

Secretary.

London,
30th September, 1897.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897.

Masonic Notes.

We remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 7th instant, when, at the conclusion of the ordinary business, a poll will be opened for the election of 15, from an approved list of 26 candidates, the poll closing at 3 p.m. precisely. We have already referred at length to the number and distribution of these candidates as between London and sundry of the Provinces, and it will suffice if we mention now that 21 out of the 26 are new cases, while there are three of the girls—severally placed at Nos. 2, 14, and 19—whose names will be removed from the list if they fail at this election.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the same place, on Friday, the 8th instant, but here, while the number of vacancies to be filled is 15—as in the Girls' School—the list of candidates 49, but reduced since the issue of the voting papers, by withdrawals, to 47. The contest is certain, therefore, to be very keen. Of these 47 boys, there are 19 whose names have been placed on the list since the Spring Election, while the number of those who will be removed if they fail to secure election next week is two, namely, Nos. 29 and 33. The poll for vacancies will be opened as soon as the regular business has been transacted, or, at latest, at 1 p.m., and remain open till 3 p.m.

As usual we appeal to all Governors and Subscribers who have not promised to support any case or cases to give their votes and influence on behalf of the five children Nos. 2, 14, and 19 on the Girls' list, and Nos. 29 and 33 on the Boys' list, who must win places at these elections or be disappointed altogether. In the case of the other girls and boys they will all of them have at least one further chance—and in most instances more than one—of being elected, and therefore the greatest disappointment they can possibly suffer is to have their success postponed for a further six months; but the five we have specified will have exceeded the maximum limit of age for admission before another election comes round and must win next week or be sent empty away.

The annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, this (Friday) evening, the 1st inst., at 7 p.m., for the election of two children on the Educational Fund, four on the Combined Fund, and four on the Advancement Fund; for the election of Officers, members of the General Committee, Auditors, &c., for the ensuing year; and for the transaction of any other business that may be brought before the Court.

The proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire—of which we publish a full report elsewhere—may be adjudged to have been on the whole satisfactory. Since last year's meeting there has been an addition of five lodges to the roll of the Province, and the number of subscribing members distributed amongst this increased array is 3425. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand at the close of the year amounting to upwards of £290. The Reports of the Fortescue Annuity Fund and Committee of Petitions, or Provincial Board of Benevolence, were also of a most gratifying character. Above all, the lodges and brethren appear to be working together most harmoniously, and would seem to have made up their minds to put a little more energy into their work, and achieve for this Province a position of greater prominence, and one that shall be in all respects worthy of a Provincial Grand Lodge which has some 57 or 58 lodges on its register. In respect of all these evidences of progress, or of the progressive spirit by which Devon Freemasonry appears to be animated, Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart. M.P., the Prov. Grand Master, and those under his charge, are to be heartily congratulated.

There is, unfortunately, another side to the picture which is not quite so pleasant to look upon, but even as regards this we cannot do less than commend the brethren in Devonshire for the determination by which they are manifestly actuated to alter for the better those things that stand in need of alteration. It is not gratifying to be told that out of 3425 subscribing members there are 445—not far short of one in every eight—in arrear, 213 for one year, and 232 for periods ranging from two to nine years. There is some slight compensation for the regret we feel at this announcement in the statement that 15 lodges, or about one-fourth of the total number, are responsible for three-fourths of the total sum in arrear, and we trust the advice of the Prov. G. Master will be followed by the authorities of the lodges in question, and that steps will be at once taken to place them on a better footing in this respect. Non-paying members only cumber the roll, and the sooner those in arrear pay up their subscriptions or have their names removed the better for the lodges and the better, of course, for the fair fame of the Province. In taking these steps there will, naturally, be no difficulty in dealing kindly with those brethren who may be in arrear through monetary difficulties. Let us hope that at next year's annual meeting it will be in the power of the Prov. Grand Secretary to report a substantial improvement in this respect.

The other matter of an unpleasant kind to which the attention of the Prov. G. Lodge was called had reference to the Masonic Institutions and arose out of the contrast drawn by Bro. Gover, between the modest support given by the Province to the Central Masonic Institutions, and the very considerable amount of benefit derived by Devonshire from those Institutions. Last year, for instance, Devonshire gave towards the support of the Benevolent and Scholastic Institutions about £250, whereas the annuitants and children deriving their claims to admission to the benefits of those Institutions from Devon were receiving from them as much as £1150 per annum. The contribu-

tions during the four years preceding were on about the same scale and we must go back to 1892 to find Returns worthy of so large and influential a Province.

We do not consider it just to compare too closely the amounts contributed by a lodge or Province with the benefits it may receive, but we do think it desirable that where a Province derives such advantages from Institutions which depend for support on the voluntary contributions of the benevolent, it should be somewhat more generous in its contributions than Devonshire has been of late years. It made a good beginning at its recent meeting by resolving to place 100 guineas on the Prov. Grand Master's list as Steward at the approaching Boys' School Centenary, and we trust the lodges will do their part likewise in behalf of our Central Masonic Charities.

The reports on Correspondence which are appended to the Proceedings of the American Grand Lodges at their several annual communications ordinarily consist of reviews, more or less elaborate, of the proceedings of the G. Lodges with which they are on terms of friendly intercourse. But Bro. William H. Upton, who has, at the request of the Secretary, Bro. T. M. Reed, of the Grand Lodge of Washington, compiled the report on Correspondence appended to the proceedings of the 40th annual Communication of the said Grand Lodge appears to have taken a new departure. We judge so at least from the account given of his Report in the *Voice of Masonry*.

One comment which we take leave to reproduce from our contemporary will take a good deal of beating in the way of sarcasm. A correspondent addressed to him the following question, which the writer no doubt intended to be very funny: "Is it any crime against ye ancient landmarks, or fly-marks, or what not, to require a Master to acquire some Masonic education?" To this Bro. Upton replied in the following terms: "As to a Master Mason, 'Yes, it is.' While Masonry was both operative and speculative, when an apprentice was 'admitted Master' he was released from his indentures and became free. And ever since Masonry has been purely speculative, the instant a Mason is raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason he becomes entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, one of which is to remain an ignoramus as long as he lives, if he prefers to do so. And many are they who have availed themselves of this sacred right."

Here, too, is a remark which the *Voice* has extracted from Bro. Upton's comments on "Masonic Antiquities," which we commend to the notice of Bros. W. J. Hughan, R. F. Gould, G. W. Speth, and other brethren, who take a special interest in the question of Degrees: "We are fairly well satisfied," writes Bro. Upton, "that our legend of the Third Degree was used long before 171." We must wait for the Report itself, as appended to the Proceedings of the Washington Grand Lodge, at its 40th annual meeting, to judge of the grounds on which Bro. Upton bases his proposition.

The mention of "Degrees" reminds us that we have received copies of Bro. Hughan's paper on "The Three Degrees of Freemasonry," and Bro. Klein's, on "The Great Symbol," which have been reprinted and issued separately from the Transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, Part 2, Volume X. We thank these brethren for their courtesy in presenting them.

We have received a full report of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, which was held in the Borough Hall, Stockton-on-Tees, on Tuesday, the 28th ultimo. This will appear in due course next week; but in the meantime the very agreeable duty devolves upon us of congratulating Bro. Robert Hudson, who, for the last 15 years, has so faithfully, and with such eminent ability, discharged the onerous duties of Prov. Grand Secretary, upon the recognition he then received of his valuable services. In the first place, it was decided unanimously that the new Provincial Fund, which was inaugurated last year, should be known henceforth and for ever as the "Hudson Benevolent Fund." In the next, the respected Deputy of the Province, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, in the name and on behalf of the whole Province, presented Bro. Hudson with a silver tea and coffee service and salver, so that he might possess a personal reminder of the love and respect in which he is held by the whole body of Durham Masons. Bro. Hudson has done some splendid Masonic work in the past, both locally and generally, and we hope he may be spared for many years to continue this work, and so place Freemasonry under still greater obligations to him than it is even at the present moment.

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.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION AND CHAPTERS OF IMPROVEMENT

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It would be a great convenience to large numbers of Freemasons and Royal Arch Masons if the Secretaries and Scribes E. of the several lodges of instruction and chapters of improvement, enumerated in the *Freemason* weekly, would see that the meetings are properly recorded.

It has fallen to my lot lately to go some distance to a particular lodge or chapter only to find that the meetings have been adjourned during the summer months, or that the place of meeting has been altered.

It requires only a line to your good self to have a correct list of Craft and Arch meetings advertised weekly. *Verbum sap.*—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD MASON.

COURTESY TITLE—"WORSHIPFUL BROTHER."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If "Secretary P.M." refers to the footnote to Article 6, "Book of Constitutions," he will see that the term or title "Worshipful Brother," is applicable to Present and Past Masters of lodges.

The experienced Preceptor of a North London lodge of instruction was consequently wrong, when he took exception to the designation.

I never heard other than "Worshipful Brother" used in the Provinces, but know it is different in London, just as it is in most parts of Australia, and was, prior to the formation of Grand Lodges.—Fraternally yours,

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September 27th.

CANVASSING AND TOUTING AT ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"P.Z.'s" letter in your last issue can be answered in a sentence.

Our brother is doubtless aware that moral suasion, in the shape of a resolution, was passed by a unanimous vote of Grand Lodge last year; that this year, in defiance of such resolution, canvassing and toutting for the Board of General Purposes was as rampant as ever; and that, therefore, legislation, in the shape of an addition to the "Book of Constitutions," must appear to be the only remedy for such an undesirable state of things.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

September 27th.

EARLY FREEMASONRY IN YORK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following paragraph appears in the *Daily Gazetteer*, London, June, 3rd, 1738, under the head of "Country News":

"York, May 29.—On the 22nd inst., a lodge of the Antient Society of Free Masons, was held at the White Horse, in Coppergate, when the Grand Master was pleased to constitute a new lodge, to be held at the Talbot in Hallifax; and appointed Mr. James Hamilton, Master of the same, and Mr. Francis Benton and Mr. John Mellin, Wardens."

I am unable to identify the lodge referred to either on the list of lodges constituted by the Grand Lodge at York, or the Grand Lodge at London. Possibly some of your Yorkshire readers may be able to tell us whether the lodge ever worked and when it ceased to exist.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY SADLER.

Craft Masonry.

Warrant Officers Lodge, No. 2346.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 17th ult., and was fairly well attended, being the first meeting after the vacation. The brethren who attended were Bros. H. B. Dickens, W.M.; W. A. Greene, I.P.M.; J. D. Lidbury, S.W.; J. P. Newsham, J.W.; A. Molony, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Cheesman, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Smith, S.D.; G. Gale, J.D.; W. J. Boyle, I.G.; W. E. Bailey, Stwd.; A. G. Young, Tyler; J. S. Ardley, E. Arnold, J. W. Baldwin, J. Berry, B. Betts, A. A. Bingham, J. Bruckland, W. Callow, A. Crow, R. B. Depledge, J. N. Dewdney, J. Dyer, R. H. Ebbage, F. Grumbridge, C. B. Hawkins, H. Iggolden, A. Mallord, P. W. Mitchell, P. A. Premi, L. T. Pulsford, W. Rich, J. A. Romain, J. Smith, M. A. McNerny, P.M.; C. A. Pugh, P.M.; L. Solomon, W. H. Toye, Jos. Williams, W. Woodcock, and C. Woodhatch. Visitors: Bros. A. Meyer, 1804; F. England, 2442; W. Reecroft, 2442; A. W. Martin, J. R. Kilby, 795; J. Black, 706; P. A. Norfolk, 79; E. C. Fulagar, 1503; and A. Briscoe, 1929.

The business on the agenda was reading the by-laws, which was done by Bro. A. Molony, P.M., and the passing of Bro. J. S. Ardley.

The lodge was then closed by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

The after-dinner proceedings were of the usual attractive character, the specialities being the speech of Bro. McNerny, P.M., and the singing of Bro. W. J. Boyle.

Bro. W. F. Cheesman, P.M., Sec., had the arrangement of the programme, the musical director being Bro. A. Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey.

After the Tyler's toast, the brethren retired, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Bramston Beach Lodge, No. 2101.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Godalming, and the following are the officers for the year: Bros. H. G. Herbert, W.M.; W. T. Pitchers, I.P.M.; G. H. Davies, S.W.; C. Haig-Brown, J.W.; Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait, Chap.; George Jones, Treas.; M. W. Dodge, P.M., Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant, Secretary; S. L. Taylor, S.D.; W. H. Steggle, J.D.; Ernest Wyeth, I.G.; C. F. Waters, G. H. Robinson, Org.; E. Agate, E. J. Bramwell, and H. G. Clark, Stwds.; and W. C. Holmes, Tyler. There were also present Bros. A. Gibbs, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; F. Dawse, P.M.; J. J. Taylor, P.M.; B. Baverstock, P.M.; E. Miles, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Jacques, P. H. Horton, and L. Ball. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M. 2317, P.P.G.S.B.; Gilbert H. White, P.M.

1395, P.P.G.R.; Wohlgrumth, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; Ramsey, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; C. F. Hulford, 928; H. E. Haig Brown, 357; J. M. Sumpster, P.M. 1046; Welling-ton Lake, 777; E. E. Payne, 591; H. S. Folker, W.M. 2234; A. W. Mellersh, P.M. S., P.G. Stwd.; J. Smyth, 1395; T. L. Smith, W.M. 1564; C. Gaines, 2234; S. G. Noakes, P.M. 1331; and others.

Bro. Alfred Gibbs, P.M., was the Installing Master, and the ceremony of inducting the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. was performed in his usual happy style. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Alfred Gibbs was re-elected Charity Representative.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and about 40 brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared, with his customary taste, by Bro. J. J. Taylor.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by an excellent musical programme, arranged by Bro. C. Haig-Brown, the items including pianoforte solos by Bro. Lionel Ball, and songs by Bros. Gaines, Davies, H. and C. Haig-Brown, and the Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait.

After the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master," which was received with great enthusiasm, to the familiar air of "God bless the Prince of Wales," the brethren sang in chorus the following verse, which had been specially composed for the occasion by one of the members of the lodge:

"As by one force attracted,
The heavenly bodies run,
So the Masonic circle
Is centred by its sun;
Workers, with gauge and gavel,
With plumb-rule, level, square,
With skirret, pencil, compass,
Alike unite their prayer.
God bless Prince Albert Edward,
Whom every Mason hails
Most Worshipful Grand Master,
God bless the Prince of Wales."

Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

At the meeting held on the 11th ultimo, at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, S.E., the following were present: Bros. C. Lamb, W.M.; C. Sims, I.P.M.; J. Coote, S.W.; J. A. Shelton, J.W.; Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Chap.; E. Hall, Sec.; H. Lewis, S.D.; W. C. Tyler, J.D.; H. Cole, I.G.; J. W. Drysdale, D.C.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; W. T. Price-Taylor, Stwd.; J. S. Gregory, Tyler; W. T. Feldon, Col. K. Arnold, G. W. Perry, H. B. Brooman, W. Clark, T. Till, E. Cook, S. Cook, R. Cook, J. Morley, H. Humphreys, S. Fraser, A. Austin, H. A. Phillips, T. Wise, H. Kortlandt, T. Crafter, W. N. Pennington, and J. Hinds. Visitors: Bros. C. Burningham, 2002; and T. W. Conyers, 72.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. S. E. Fraser and Tom Crafter were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Charles Lamb. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. John Coote, S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. H. Visger was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. S. Gregory, Tyler. Bros. T. H. Warland and Tom Crafter were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. Bro. C. Sims, I.P.M., then proposed, and Bro. J. Coote, S.W., seconded—"That a Past Master's jewel be presented to W. Bro. C. Lamb, P.M., for the zeal and fidelity, and the admirable way in which he had carried out his duties in the chair." This was carried unanimously. A new member—Bro. W. Bennett—was then proposed. The W.M. then, in kind and graceful terms, referred to the services of the Secretary, Bro. Edward Hall, both at and since the foundation of the lodge, and, in the name of the brethren, presented to him the handsome roll-desk and chair—which were on view in the lodge—in recognition of his services, and as a token of their esteem and appreciation of the kind and courteous manner in which his duties had been performed. Bro. E. Hall, Sec., returned thanks in feeling terms, and said that, as a founder of the lodge, it would ever be his endeavour to do all he could for its welfare.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

An excellent programme of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. C. W. Wilkes, Org., to which the following contributed: Bros. C. Lamb, Price-Taylor, S. Cook, R. Cook, Phillips, Kortlandt, J. Hinds, and I. E. Hall, Sec.

Royal Arch.

Hope Chapter, No. 574.

The annual installation gathering of the companions of the above chapter, was held on Thursday evening, the 10th ult., in the Temperance Hall, Newbury, under the able presidency of Comp. C. E. Keyser, M.E.Z., supported by Comps. R. Ravenor, H.; Rev. W. M. Hope, J.; and other officers of the lodge. Bros. A. E. Pike and W. J. Clarke, members of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, having been balloted for, and elected, were duly exalted, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by the officers, after which the imposing ceremony of installing the Principals and other officers of the chapter for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the appointments being as follows: Comps. R. Ravenor, M.E.Z.; Rev. W. M. Hope, H.; S. Knight, J.; H. S. Hanington, S.E.; W. H. Belcher, S.N.; E. Head, Treas.; R. Maples, Prin. Soj.; G. C. Ricardo, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. N. Day, 2nd Asst. Soj.; E. Margrett, D.C.; C. H. Stradling, Stwd.; and J. Legg, Janitor.

At the close of the ordinary business, the newly-installed M.E.Z., on behalf of the chapter, presented the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Keyser, with a handsome and valuable gold jewel, in recognition not only of the efficient services he had rendered during the past year, but also of the Masonic liberality he had shown as the chief founder of the chapter. The presentation was acknowledged by Comp. Keyser in graceful and appropriate terms.

Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Comps. J. T. Morland, J. W. Martin, E. L. Shepherd, E. Margrett, H. S. Hanington, G. Boyer, H. d'O. Astley, E. A. Stickland, G. Gardner, Leader, and others, most of whom were prevented attending through being from home on their holidays.

The proceedings at the hall were succeeded by a banquet, provided by Mrs. Hamlen, at the Queen's Hotel, when the customary toasts were proposed and honoured.

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. Raphael, W.M.; H. Pinnell, S.W.; M. Beedle, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; T. Bowden, S.D.; R. Hatfield, J.D.; H. Parker, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; J. R. Davis, P.M.; C. J. Taylor, P.M.; Leather, Mason, Loran, Goldstein, S. G. Cross, and Sturgess.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Russell being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Leather. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cross being the candidate. The 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Mason. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, when dues were collected. At the second rising Bro. Pinnell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A letter was read from Mrs. Wilby, mother of the late esteemed Bro. Wilby, P.M., in respect to the letter of sympathy sent her from this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting was also held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the above address, when there were present Bros. M. Beedle, W.M.; H. Parker, S.W.; T. Bowden, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; J. Goldstein, S.D.; H. Mullins, J.D.; A. Leather, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; and A. Zeppenfeld.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st section was worked by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Zeppenfeld being a candidate for raising, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Zeppenfeld acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. At the second rising it was unanimously agreed that Bro. Parker, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed his officers in rotation. A ballot for £5 ss. being taken for our No. 2 Charitable Association, resulted in favour of Bro. T. A. Tidy. The lodge was then closed.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Clarkson, W.M.; Kobelt, S.W.; Kemp, J.W.; Pauncefoot, P.M., Preceptor; Collins, S.D.; Day, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Tilt, P.M., Sec.; Pate, and H. Hewson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hewson acting as candidate. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Kobelt. Bro. Kobelt having been unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was 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 27th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Dawson, P.M., W.M.; Cornford, S.W.; Baker, J.W.; Hy. Hardman, P.M., acting Preceptor; T. R. Cass, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Rice, Asst. Sec.; Sobel, S.D.; Wal. Jeffery, J.D.; Brambleby, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; R. J. Richards, Mears, Morris, Hobley, Robinson, Ballard, Hurley, Beecroft, Le Cren, H. C. Turner, Faulk, Hill, and Elgar.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. Mears and Morris being the candidates. Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mears, who opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Morris offered himself as a candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Morris raised in due form. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. Bro. R. P. Morris, 788, was elected a joining member. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; A. F. Hardymont, S.W.; V. J. R. Longman, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., 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.; J. E. Thomas, S.D.; W. F. Roberts, J.D.; H. R. Bower, I.G.; G. Gregory, P.M.; C. T. Rayner, C. W. Rayner, A. L. Langton, S. Cloud, W. Goring, W. Aldridge, E. J. Harrison, F. H. Johnson, and R. P. Upton, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Harrison being the candidate. Bro. Hardymont 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 24th ult., when the following were present: Bros. Marks, W.M.; Ramsbottom, S.W.; Lewis, J.W.; Cooper, S.D.; Ball, J.D.; Read, I.G.; Shelton, W.M., acting Preceptor; Kobelt, acting Sec.; Ridgway, and Barnett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ridgway acting as the candidate. The W.M. relinquished the chair in favour of Bro. Shelton, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The W.M. resumed the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Barnett acting as the candidate. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to Bros. Marks and Shelton for the able manner of their working, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

LOGIC CLUB.

The members of this well-known club will reassemble after the vacation at the Club House, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., at 11.15 a.m., on Sunday, the 3rd inst. It has been arranged to rehearse the ceremony of raising. The Preceptor, Bro. Robert Manuel, P.M., will occupy the chair of K.S., and will be assisted by the undermentioned officers: Bro. Wm. Thomas, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., as S.W.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., as J.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., P.G.S.B., as S.D.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., as J.D.; W. J. Rowe, P.M., as I.G.; and Dr. Spicer, as Tyler. Bro. A. G. Duck, P.M., will be the candidate. A proposition will be made to inaugurate a new Charities Association. The members of the Logic Club have already subscribed £2000 to the Masonic Charities, and the present members desire to fully maintain and extend this honoured record.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 24th ult. Present: Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor, M.E.Z.; Derham, H.; Wm. Dawson, J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Cureton, P.Z., S.N.; Elgar, P.S.; Hy. Hardman, Lewis, Frampton, Witty, Loader, Hill, Eckersall, W. Wills, and J. Lightfoot.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals. The minutes of the previous weekly convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Witty personating the candidate. The installation of H. was rehearsed by Comp. Wills, Comp. J. Lightfoot being installed. Comp. Wills received the hearty congratulations for so ably rehearsing the ceremony for the first time. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Sterndale Bennett Chapter for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN B. CUMMING, P.M., P.Z., P.G.B.B. S.M.

Not a few brethren, both American and English, will be grieved to learn of the decease of Bro. Cumming, who has for many years played a leading part wherever Masons failing from "the other side" were present. Bro. Cumming was a founder of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and connected with most, if not all, the Masonic Associations that have had their birth in connection therewith. Some years ago, also, when it was felt that the great increase of American Masons in London warranted the formation of another Anglo-American lodge, which took the name "Columbia," Bro. Cumming threw in his lot with it, and became the first Treasurer, a post he held until his death. Our brother had been in failing health for five or six years, but the rest gained by his retire-

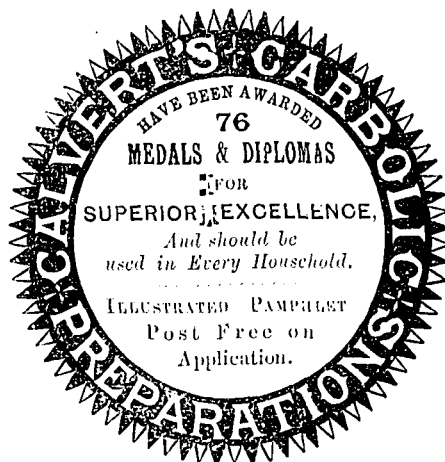
ment from active business somewhat relieved the strain, and it was hoped that complete restoration of health would follow. Providence, however, has willed it otherwise, and he died on Tuesday, the 14th ultimo. Bro. Cumming was of a Pennsylvanian Quaker family, and his bearing and habits were very characteristic of the traditions of his people. He also took considerable interest in the affairs of the Huguenot Society, of London, and of the French Church, Soho-square, of which latter he was an office-bearer at the time of his death. His remains were cremated, by his own desire, at Woking, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., and the ashes were afterwards laid in the tomb of his first wife in the cemetery at Norwood. Our late brother leaves a widow and a little son to join with many brethren and friends on both sides of the Atlantic in mourning his loss. The funeral at Woking was attended by Bros. Jessurun, P.M. 2397; W. J. Spratling, P.M., Sec.; Col. J. L. Taylor, Past Deputy District Grand Master and Past Grand Scribe E. of Florida; and other brethren, whose memory will long preserve the recollection of a singularly quiet, undemonstrative, but fervent and faithful friend.

BRO. THOMAS HOLLAND, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk.

A short while since we announced briefly the death of Bro. Thomas Holland, a most worthy and able member of our Society of upwards of 30 years' standing, whom misfortune overtook during the closing years of his life, and who found himself, after completing more than the allotted three score years and ten, under the necessity of offering himself as a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There is very little reason to doubt that had he been spared to prosecute his canvass he would have been elected a recipient of those benefits, but death has put an end to all his sorrows and difficulties, and to those who knew him there remains only the memory of the good work he accomplished as a Mason. Bro. Holland was initiated as far back as the 5th April, 1864, in the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, and in 1871 was installed in the chair of Master. In the interval between his initiation and installation he took the leading part in founding the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, in the Province of Suffolk, and for his services as Worshipful Master during the first term of its existence was honoured with the appointment of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies of Suffolk. He also had a hand in founding the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, and served the office of Secretary from its foundation in 1886 to 1893. In Royal Arch Masonry he was a P.Z. of St. Ambrose Chapter, No. 1891, and a founder of the Martyn Chapter, No. 1224, while he was also a Mark Mason, and had been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. As regards our Charities, he was a Life Governor of both our Scholastic Institutions. For years he had been a great sufferer from gout and asthma, and owing to this cause he was ultimately obliged to give up his business, and become dependent on others. But Bro. Holland did not confine his attention to the ordinary duties of the lodge and chapter. He devoted much of his leisure to the study of the more abstruse matters connected with the Craft, and placed the result of his inquiries before the brethren in the shape of lectures. Subsequently, at the request of his more intimate friends, these lectures were published in book form, and appeared in 1885 under the title of "Freemasonry from the Great Pyramid of Ancient Times." The book is well worth reading, and the student, whether he feels inclined to accept or reject our late brother's theories, cannot help discovering in the pages of his work much matter for serious consideration. Bro. Holland, at the time of his death, was in the 75th year of his age.

BRO. A. F. LAMETTE, P.M., P.Z.

Very many London Masons as well as the inhabitants of both Hove and Brighton will deeply regret to hear of the death of Bro. Alphonse Fortune Lamette, of Dudley Mansions, Lansdowne Place, Hove. He had recently somewhat declined in health, and for several months past had suffered from his heart. Within the past few days it was seen that he was gradually sinking, and he passed away about a quarter-past one o'clock on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, very calmly and very peacefully, in his 63rd year. Bro. Lamette was for a great number of years a resident in Hove. In his early days he was a tutor to the great schools of Brighton, and at the same time possessed extraordinary business ability. To the latter is due the fine boarding establishment, the Dudley Mansions, Lansdowne Place, which he founded many years ago. He was passionately devoted to Masonry, in which he was one of the most conspicuous figures in the Province of Sussex. Another cause with which he closely identified himself was that of the Reformed French Church, Regency-square, and the French Church, Soho-square, W. In reality he was the chief pillar of the former community, and no matter what difficulty he had to contend with, his devotion never faltered, but rather increased. Altogether he was a man whose work and influence have been very great and noble, and he will be widely and truly mourned. Our Bro. Lamette was well-known in the various Degrees of Masonry as practised in London. He was a Provincial Grand Officer of Sussex, M.E.Z. of the Lennox R.A. Chapter, and a Past Grand Visitor of the Order of the Secret Monitor. He was a member of the La France Lodge and of every other similar organisation that had to do with France or Frenchmen. He was also a Vice-President of the Girls' School, Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a supporter of the Benevolent Institution. The funeral took place on Monday, the 27th ult., in the Extra Mural Cemetery, Brighton. The scene at his grave was most impressive; more than 100 of the best known Masons of Brighton assembling to do honour to his memory.



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Masonic and General Tidings.

LADY BURDETT-COUTTS and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., are spending the autumn at Holly Lodge, Highgate.

WE ARE requested to state that the Tyssen Amherst Lodge of Instruction, No. 2242, meets every Monday, at 7.30, at the Amherst Club, Rectory-road, Stoke Newington, N.

THE QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2021, will resume its weekly meetings on Monday next at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, at eight o'clock p.m.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN MOWBRAY, BART., M.P., and Miss Mowbray, have returned to Warrennes Wood, Mortimer, the Right Hon. gentleman's country seat near Reading.

BRO. THE EARL OF DURHAM who had been the guest of Lord and Lady Tweedmouth at Guisachan, has since been staying at his place at Exning, and will entertain H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for a few days' shooting some time during the latter half of November.

LADY HELEN STEWART, only daughter of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, who recently attained her majority, was on Saturday last presented with an address of congratulation and a handsome carriage clock by the tenants, estate employes, and servants at Wynyard Park.

PRINCE ALEXANDER OF BATTENBERG left Balmoral Castle at the end of last week in order to return to his school at Park-place, Lyndhurst, his mother, the Princess Henry of Battenberg, accompanying him as far as Ballater. About the same time the Duke of Albany returned to the same school.

A COURT OF ALDERMEN of the Outer Chamber was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday, when the Sheriffs elect—Bro. Alderman Frank Green and Bro. T. R. Dewar—were installed in office and invested. The usual breakfast followed at Vintners' Hall, the Royal and other toasts being duly honoured.

A DINNER was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the relief of Lucknow by General Havelock on the 25th September, 1857. General Sir W. Olpherts, V.C., presided, and 26 others were present, among them General Sir H. Havelock-Allen, son of General Havelock.

THERE HAS BEEN more sharp fighting on our Indian frontier, and this time it is the Kerda Khels who have been thoroughly chastised at the cost of only a few wounded men on the British side. More tribesmen have submitted and others are displaying a less war-like attitude, but it is said the Afridis are preparing to make a desperate stand.

IT IS REPORTED that the Khalifa has sent instructions to Mohmond to fight at Metemeh, and that Osman Digna has crossed the Athara River and is proceeding towards the Blue Nile. It is doubtful, however, if any further advance in the Sudan will be made until the Egyptian force has been strengthened by the addition of British Troops.

HER MAJESTY'S Jubilee gifts, which are about 600 in number, will be removed in the course of the present week from the Council Chamber at Windsor Castle to the Imperial Institute, where they will be on public exhibition for several weeks. The presents have been carefully catalogued by the officials of the Lord Chamberlain's Department at Windsor.

HARTLEPOOL was visited on Monday afternoon by a cloud of gnats so dense that it was almost impossible to see from one side of the street to the other. People for the time suffered great inconvenience, as the insects got into their eyes, ears, nostrils, and mouths. Happily, the plague did not last very long, and the cloud was speedily borne away by the wind.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by Bro. Captain Holford, arrived at Marlborough House on Saturday last on his return from visiting the King and Queen of Denmark and the Empress Frederic of Germany. On Sunday his Royal Highness visited the King of Siam at the Siamese Legation, and on Monday left town for Sandringham.

THE KING OF SIAM, accompanied by two of the Princes, the minister, and his suite visited the Natural History Museum, Cromwell-road, South Kensington, on Sunday afternoon last, and afterwards took tea at 36, Stanhope-gardens, the resident of Sir William and Lady Flower, one of whose sons is now in Bangkok, re-organising the Royal Siamese Museum.

PRINCE CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, attended by Bro. Col. the Hon. Sir Henry Byng and Major Evan Martin, arrived at Victoria on Tuesday, and proceeded at once to Buckingham Palace. In the evening his Royal Highness left town for Balmoral, in order to report personally to her Majesty upon his mission to represent her at the King of Sweden and Norway's silver Jubilee.

THE NEW P. and O. steamship Egypt, which left Southampton on a trial trip on Friday, the 24th ult., arrived at Tilbury from Cherbourg on Tuesday, among those on board being Bro. Sir Thomas Sutherland, M.P., Chairman of the company; Bro. John Aird, M.P., Sir Owen T. Burne, Sir R. W. G. Herbert, Bro. J. M. Maclean, M.P., Bro. J. C. Parkinson, and many others. The Egypt will make her first voyage to Bombay about the middle of this month.

JUBILEE MASONIC HONOUR.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Order, recently sanctioned the distribution of certain honours among the Provincial Grand Lodges of the country, and one of these has been conferred by the acting Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, Bro. J. T. Morland, upon Bro. William Ravenscroft, who has been an active member of the Craft for some years, and rendered particularly good service as Secretary to the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon, of which Bro. Viscount Valentia, M.P., is Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Ravenscroft will henceforth take rank as Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden.

MAIDSTONE has had a terrible visitation of typhoid fever, the number of cases, which was reported at 714 on Saturday morning last, having increased to 815 by Monday morning. The number of fatal cases is very considerable, while, as regards the origin of the outbreak, there is no doubt whatever, the water supply from the springs at Tutsham having been shown to be contaminated by hop-pickers, who had the disease. Happily, there has been a marked exhibition of calm self-possession on the part of the inhabitants, among whom not even a suspicion of panic has been noticeable. The most strenuous measures were at once taken to cope with the outbreak.

THE KING OF SIAM visited Oxford on Tuesday, travelling by special train from Paddington. He was received on his arrival about noon by the Mayor and many members of the Corporation, to whom he graciously returned thanks for the heartiness of his welcome. His Majesty then drove in a carriage placed at his disposal by the Duke of Marlborough, to the Sheldonian Theatre, where he was received by the Heads of Houses and other University dignitaries. When these had been introduced, his Majesty was conducted through the University School to the Bodleian Library, where he was shown the Siamese MSS. it contains. Having inscribed his name in the Visitors' Book, the visitor made a call at Christ Church, and then partook of luncheon at Balliol College, returning to town about 3 p.m.

A WEDDING,—in connection with which the "Heartiest good wishes" will be entertained by all in this neighbourhood and by very many friends in other parts of the island and elsewhere, took place, on Wednesday last, at St. Mark's Church, Regent's Park, London, the contracting parties being Bro. Alfred Moore, of London, who is well-known in the island, and Miss Emma Brook, the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Edward Brook, of the Priory, Carisbrooke, I.W. The ceremony, which had been deferred for a short time on account of the lamented death recently of the bride's father, was for the same reason very quietly celebrated. Notwithstanding the privacy of the occasion, the numerous friends of both the bride and bridegroom did not allow the opportunity to pass without evidencing the high estimation in which both are so widely held by many good wishes for their future happiness, and by numerous handsome and valuable presents, prominent among the latter being a solid silver tea and coffee service, enclosed in polished oak case, bearing the engraved inscription: "Presented to Bro. Alfred Moore, P.M., P.Z., by the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge and Chapter, No. 173."—*County Press, I.W., Sept. 18, 1897.*

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF ST. ALBANS have returned to Bestwood Lodge on the conclusion of their yachting tour.

BRO. LORD AND LADY WANTAGE, who are spending the autumn at Lockinge, are entertaining a series of small parties of friends.

BRO. MR. JUSTICE GAINSFORD BRUCE has been elected Worshipful Master of the Coachmakers' Company for the ensuing year.

BRO. LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT have arrived in town from Pirbright, and are making a short stay at their residence in Grosvenor-place.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS and Mrs. Akers-Douglas have returned to Childs Park, Kent, from their place in Dumfriesshire.

THE ST. AMBROSE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1891, resumed its weekly meetings on Thursday last, at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.

THE WEEKLY MEETINGS of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction, No. 1897, were resumed on Friday last at the Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, Stoke Newington, at S.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT intends to visit Hastings on the 27th inst., in order to preside over the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex, fixed for that date.

THE WEEKLY MEETINGS of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, will be resumed at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., on Tuesday next.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS, V.C., completed his 65th year on Thursday, the 30th ult., and was the recipient of numerous letters and telegrams on the auspicious event.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF TECK will arrive at Appleby Castle, Westmorland, on Monday next, on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Hothfield, with whom they will remain as guests for the week.

THE LADY MAYORESS will distribute the prizes to the successful scholars of the City of London Girls' School on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at the City of London Boys' School, Victoria Embankment.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF AIRLIE have arrived at Cortachy Castle, their seat in Forfarshire, and during the next few weeks will entertain a succession of guests, prominent among whom will be Bro. Lord Roberts.

A NEW-ARMoured CRUISER has been added to the German navy, the ceremony of christening the ship, which is named the Prince Bismarck, being performed by the Countess Wilhelm Bismarck, in Kiel harbour on Saturday last.

BRO. SIR WILLIAM FOLKES, BART., of Hillington Hall, near Lynn, entertained some 160 of his tenants at luncheon and tea on Wednesday, in commemoration of the 21st birthday of his only child, Miss Dorothy Folkles, whom the guests presented with a valuable diamond bracelet and an illuminated address.

THE SMITHFIELD CLUB was founded a year earlier than the first Cattle show held under its auspices in 1799. Under these circumstances H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been invited, and has graciously consented, to succeed the Marquis of Huntley in the presidency, so that his Royal Highness's term of office may coincide with the centenary of the institution of the Club.

THE SECRETARY of State for the Colonies has received a letter from the officer commanding and the non-commissioned officers and men of the detachments of New South Wales Artillery and Engineers, which visited London to take part in the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, thanking the Colonial and military authorities for the attention that was shown them during their stay in this country.

THE FINANCES of the recently-formed West Lancashire Masonic Victoria Fund of Benevolence, instituted to commemorate the completion of the 60 years' reign of the Queen, are likely to be substantially increased next Sunday afternoon at Knotty Ash Church. A Masonic service will then be held, at which probably 400 or 500 Masons will be present, the offertory at the close being in aid of the youngest Masonic Charity in the province.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF DENMARK, with H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and other members of the Danish and English Royal Families, lunched with the Dowager-Empress of Russia on board the Imperial yacht Polar Star off Copenhagen, on Saturday last, and in the evening the Princess of Wales attended a performance at the Royal Theatre. Her Royal Highness is expected to start on her return to England towards the end of the present week.

WE HAVE GREAT pleasure in announcing that a strong and influential Committee of members of the Old Welcome Club has been formed with a view to raising and presenting a testimonial to Bro. W. A. Baskcomb, in recognition of the very great services he has rendered as the Secretary of the Club. Bro. Baskcomb devoted both time and energy to the discharge of his secretarial duties, and we trust the testimonial will be worthy of him.

THE KING OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY has conferred the Order of the Seraphim upon Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, K.G., who represented Queen Victoria at the celebration last week of the silver Jubilee of his Majesty's reign. The King, at the same time, with her Majesty's approval, conferred the Knight Commandership of the Sword of Sweden on Bro. Col. the Hon. Sir Henry Byng, and the Companionship of the same Order upon Bro. Major Evan Martin, who were attached to Prince Christian's mission.

ENGLISH and Scottish Freemasons will be glad to hear that the Atheism or Agnosticism which for years has dominated French lodges, especially those of the "Grand Orient," is markedly decreasing, and that a powerful movement is on foot within the Grand Orient itself to restore to their right a profession of belief in the "Great Architect of the Universe." If this measure of reform be carried out, the English and Scottish lodges will be ready to re-admit into fellowship the French Freemasons, whom they have felt constrained to deny.—*Echo.*

CHARITY THROUGH THE MANSION HOUSE.—Referring to the year's working of the outgoing Lord Mayor, Sir Faudel Phillips, *London* states that through the medium of the Mansion House he has been the means of raising nearly £700,000 of charitable funds during his 12 months of office. The Indian Famine Fund amounted to £547,000; £40,000 was collected towards Hospital Sunday; £30,000 in relief of distressed farmers in Essex; and the same amount for the Princess of Wales's Jubilee dinner for the London poor; £10,000 was raised for the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, and a sum sent in relief of the Montserrat famine.

BRO. ALDERMAN COL. H. D. DAVIES, M.P., was elected at a Common Hall held in the Guildhall, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., Lord Mayor of the City of London for the ensuing year in succession to Bro. Alderman Sir G. Faudel-Phillips, Bart. Among those present on the occasion and at the service in the Church of St. Laurence, Jewry, which preceded the Guildhall meeting, were: the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and Bros. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Sir W. Wilkin, Sir J. C. Dimsdale, W. Vaughan Morgan, the Recorder, the Common Serjeant, and others. A vote was passed unanimously to the present Lord Mayor for his services and gracefully acknowledged.

THE KING OF SIAM, accompanied by two of the princes of his family, and Lord Bagot, Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen, and attended by his suite, visited Windsor Castle, on Wednesday, and was conducted over the Palace by Lord Bagot. On reaching Windsor Station he received a hearty welcome from the Mayor and other members of the municipality, and having expressed his thanks for the reception, his Majesty was driven in one of the Queen's carriages, several of which were awaiting the arrival of the Royal visitors, to the Castle. Having seen the State and other apartments, and been conducted over St. George's and the Memorial Chapels, the king lunched in the White Drawing-room, subsequently visiting Eton College, and then returned to town.

ECLECTIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1201.—The 15 Sections will be worked on Sunday, the 3rd inst., at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair; Bros. G. Read, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; W. Cleghorn; P.M. 1287, S.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M. 1839, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., G.P., Preceptor; Harnell, P.M., Treas.; and H. Evenden, P.M., Sec. First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. J. Williams, 1310; 2nd, Bro. T. A. Marks, 1581; 3rd, Bro. M. McVey, J.W. 1310; 4th, Bro. W. Inman, Org. 2246; 5th, Bro. T. Kelly, 1681; 6th, Bro. H. Evenden, P.M. 749; and 7th, Bro. H. Hatton, jun., 2246. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. W. Brett, S.W. 1305; 2nd, Bro. G. C. Stafford, 902; 3rd, Bro. A. Carlstrom, 733; 4th, Bro. D. Haslett, P.M. 145; and 5th, Bro. Whittaker, P.M. 1839. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. R. Corry, P.M. 1681; 2nd, Bro. R. Sandland, 2393; and 3rd, Bro. J. Mason, 1310.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, October 6th, 1897.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
60, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel.
144, St. Luke's, Anderson's Hotel.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
1025, Tredegar, London Tavern.
1060, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.
2000, Harlesden, National Schools.
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.
2578, National Artillery, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
01, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
1050, Victoria, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2020, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

5, Mallet and Chisel, 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.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Midway Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel.
765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.
1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
1250, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, West India Dock-road.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
1307, Anerley, Clarence Hall.
1402, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich.
1003, Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monaco.
2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2409, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1, Grand Master's, Hotel Victoria.
100, Temperance, White Swan Hotel, Deptford.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall.
355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, The Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, 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.
Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.
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, OCTOBER 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel.
1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.
1360, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1461, Athenaeum, Criterion.
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
1687, Rotheray, Frascati Restaurant.
2484, Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall.
2015, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1305, St. Marylebone, Cafe Royal.
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.
2345, Duke of Fife, Anderson's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 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 Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clayton 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, 8

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

General Court Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel.
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
227, Ionic, Criterion.
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1216, Mardonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1705, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1050, Southgate, Beale's Assembly Rooms, Holloway.
2202, Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion, Leyton.
2512, Fulham, Town Hall, Fulham.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

34, Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
174, Sincerity, London Tavern.
1710, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

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, 265, 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 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, 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, OCTOBER 8.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.
749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hotel.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1550, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.
1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.
2390, Ordnance, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
2593, Hugh Owen, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
560, Fitz Roy, Headquarters Honourable Artillery Company, City-road.

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, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 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, OCTOBER 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1420, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1007, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1012, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
1071, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1085, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
1743, Perseverance, Anderson's Hotel.
1830, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
2300, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
2370, Lewisham, Parish Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1207, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
1028, Gallery, Anderson's Hotel.
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 7.
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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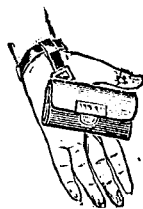
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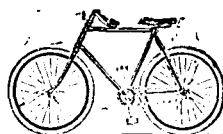
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