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THE ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY.

We referred last week in our "Notes" to Bro. WILLIAM H. UPTON'S Report on Correspondence appended to the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington at its 40th annual communication in June last, and to the new departure which he had apparently taken in the compilation of that Report. We quoted one or two comments of his in evidence of this new departure and we purpose in the present article to deal with certain of the conclusions at which he has considered himself justified in arriving "on the evidence before him," as to the "Origin of Masonry," and the character which pertained to it so far as the British Isles, and particularly England, are concerned in the 18th century. These conclusions are 12 in number, but as regards sundry of them we shall content ourselves with quoting or referring to them briefly. Thus it is Bro. UPTON'S belief, based, of course, upon the evidence before him, "that before and after the dawn of history there existed throughout the world—in China as in Central America—a cult or institution, or descendants of a cult or institution, so similar to Freemasonry that it is most probable that it and Freemasonry were identical or closely related. But absolute proof is wanting." It is also his belief "that from that cult, or from its source, have sprung institutions, some of which still exist, which were not and were never claimed to be Freemasonry. In respect of these conclusions, all we have to say is that we do not profess to follow Bro. UPTON into pre-historic times. The idea of going so far back in search of an origin for Freemasonry, or institutions identical or closely related to it, is too appalling to be thought of seriously. We concede—and seeing that we know little or nothing of what happened in the days anterior to the pre-historic ages we feel that we are not venturing upon too great a concession—that those conclusions, which he has permitted himself to arrive at after a careful consideration of the evidence he has been able to collect, may or may not be looked upon as reasonable conjecture, but further than this we do not, in the present state of our knowledge, consider we are justified in going. As regards the four next conclusions we do not propose to discuss them. They are (1) that Freemasonry in its present form existed on the Continent of Europe in the Middle Ages; (2) that in 1717 there existed on the Continent of Europe sundry "Organisations bearing a very close outward resemblance to Freemasonry," to wit "the *Steinmetzen* in Germany and the *Corps d'Etat* and *Companionage* in France;" (3) that those bodies continued to exist long after

Freemasonry was carried from the British Isles to the Continent, that they and Freemasonry never affiliated, and that no Masonic lodge ever claimed to be descended from them "except by asserting that British Masonry was descended from those bodies, and they—the lodges—from British Masonry;" and (4) that the theory of descent of British Masonry from those bodies, or any of them, is entirely exploded. We abstain from discussing these several propositions, firstly because we believe that Bro. GOULD in his "History of Freemasonry" has probably said all that can be said upon the subject; and secondly, because before entering upon such a discussion it is desirable that we should be in possession of "the evidence before him" upon which Bro. UPTON has based his conclusions.

When we approach the remaining conclusions at which Bro. UPTON has arrived we feel that with or without the evidence he has collated, we are justified in expressing an opinion thereon. Thus, we take no serious exception whatever to his proposition "that lodges have existed continuously in England, Scotland, and probably in Ireland from the Middle Ages to the present day." Nor do we see any reason to question his conclusion "that there is not the slightest evidence that a single lodge existed anywhere outside the British Isles in 1717, or had existed for a long time prior thereto." We also are prepared to allow that, so far as our knowledge goes, "Every Body in the world claiming to be Masonic is descended from some Masonic Body which existed in the British Isles in 1717." We repeat that, as regards these three propositions, they do not appear to us to be in any way unreasonable. But we confess that we are at a loss as to where Bro. UPTON can have discovered evidence which justifies him in affirming (1) "that prior to 1752 the majority of English lodges were outside of the Grand Lodge system, and had neither charters, warrants, nor Grand Masters;" (2) "that long subsequent to 1752 a respectable number of lodges, independent of Grand Lodges and Grand Masters, existed in the British Isles and were recognised as non-clandestine;" and (3) "that down to about the close of the last century it was generally recognised, both in Europe and America, among Masons of the English Rite" that it was possible, though undesirable, to form non-clandestine lodges without authority from a Grand Master or Grand Lodge; that hundreds of such lodges were so formed; and that "during the same period permission from a well-established particular lodge was frequently accepted as sufficient—though not the most desirable,—authority to form a new lodge." There is every reason to believe that besides the lodge at York and the four lodges which in 1717 founded the Grand Lodge of England, there were other lodges working in other parts of England. We know also that when the Grand Lodge of Scotland was established in 1736, there were upwards of 30 "particular" lodges which took part in its establishment, and it is possible that, as Bro. Dr. CRAWLEY carries his researches into early Irish Masonry further, he may light on evidence as to the existence of similar lodges in Ireland. But, as far as our knowledge goes, we are not aware of anything that justifies Bro. UPTON'S conclusion that prior to 1752 the majority of English lodges were outside the Grand Lodge system, or that subsequent to that date, there were in the British Isles, quite a "respectable number" of lodges, independent of Grand Lodges, which were recognised as "non-clandestine;" while it seems to be a great exaggeration to say that "about the close of the last century" hundreds of non-clandestine lodges were formed without authority from a Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

It is, of course, by no means improbable that in writing thus Bro. UPTON had in his mind the lodges of the "Ancient" Society of Masons in England, but these had no objection to a Grand Master or Grand Lodge; their records show that from the very outset of their organisation they were desirous of being governed by a Grand Master, and until they succeeded in obtaining one their Committee was vested with the powers and prerogatives of a Grand Master, and issued warrants. The "Ancients" claimed to be the true exponents of pure and ancient Masonry, and on this account and because they constituted lodges, they had the honour of being anathematised by the body they stigmatised as the "modern" Masons, that is the Regular G. Lodge established in 1717. But as the speculative element in modern Freemasonry gained ground, the operative element lost it, and whatever legitimate lodges may have existed prior to 1752 gradually threw in their lot with the Grand Lodge system. We should like to hear something of the evidence which has led Bro. UPTON to formulate the three conclusions we have dealt with in these later remarks.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

We gather from the 17th annual Report of the Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity, which was submitted for the consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 16th ult., that, though there is no very serious difference in the receipts during the years 1895 and 1896 respectively, there was a substantial falling off in the matter of subscriptions during the latter. The total income from all sources in 1895 was £254 17s. 10d., of which £90 4s. 7d. was in respect of Interest and Dividends; £62 1s. 3d., Donations; and £102 12s., Subscriptions. In 1896 the total was £238 11s. 6d., of which £96 13s. 6d. was in respect of Interest and Dividends; £55 4s. 6d. in Donations; and £86 13s. 6d. in Subscriptions. Thus under the most important head of receipt—Subscriptions—the diminution in 1896 as compared with the preceding year amounts to close upon £14, which, considering that we are dealing with moderate totals only, is a very considerable sum. In order to show whence these subscriptions are derived, the Committee have introduced into their Report a Tabular Statement, showing the amounts received Lodge by Lodge in respect of Donations and Subscriptions during the years 1895 and 1896. In 1895 the Province contained 686 subscribing members distributed amongst 13 lodges, and of these 351 members subscribed amongst them the sum we have already mentioned, namely, £102 12s. In 1896, dealing only with the same 13 lodges, there were 681 subscribing members, of whom 321 contributed amongst them £83 10s. 6d., there being, however, two subscribers of £3 3s. between them, hailing from a Royal Arch chapter and Mark lodge, thus raising the total number to 323, and the total amount subscribed by them to £86 13s. 6d. Turning to individual lodges, we find that in the case of the lodge at Blandford, with 35 members, there were 38, who subscribed £9 10s., the per centage of Annual Subscribers to members being 108. We do not venture to explain how it was that in 1896 more members subscribed than the lodge contained. But however such a result may have been brought about, it reflects very great credit on the lodge itself. In the case of the All Souls' Lodge at Weymouth, 64 of the 79 members are returned as subscribers as compared with 60 out of the same number in 1895, the per centage of annual subscribers being 81 as against 76 in 1895, while as regards the lodge at Beaminster, there are 22 annual subscribers out of 26, while in 1895 there were 18 out of 23, the percentage in 1896 being 85 and in 1895 78. In the case of the lodges at Lyme Regis and Bridport, the percentage in the former is 66 and in the latter 63, while 35 out of 69 members of the lodge at Dorchester subscribed £8 5s., the percentage in this instance being 50. The percentage in the remaining lodges is under 50, being in one case as low as 18 and in another 21. As the Prov. G. Master suggests in his address, which precedes the report, there should be no resting until, as far as possible, every brother on the roll of each of the lodges has been enlisted as an annual subscriber, and when this has been accomplished and pretty well the whole of the 700 subscribing Masons in the Province have become supporters of the Provincial Charity

then "a sufficient revenue will be secured—with the yearly interest on stock—to meet all the claims and demands for relief and educational assistance." Moreover, the Charity is well managed, and its resources have been carefully husbanded. The expenses of management for the year ending the 31st December, 1896, consisting of Printing and new receipt and minute books, with the Honorary Secretary's expenses out of pocket, amounted to no more than £8 16s., while the invested capital is close on £3400. Thus donors and subscribers need have no hesitation in supporting a Provincial Charity such as this, which Dorsetshire has established and successfully maintained for the last 17 years. It costs little to keep going, and its invested funds are being always and steadily increased. We trust the wishes of the Prov. Grand Master and the Committee may be realised and that the next annual report will disclose an enlarged amount of support among our Dorsetshire brethren.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The above annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 28th ult., in the Borough Hall at Stockton. The lodge was presided over by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G. Master, and he was supported by Bros. the Rev. Canon Tristram, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Lord Barnard, Victor Williamson, and many officers of rank. There was a large attendance. Bro. J. R. Pattison occupied the chair of P.S.G.W.; Bro. F. H. Bennett, P.J.G.W.; Bro. F. Toomer was Prov. G.D.C., and Bro. Dr. Biggam, Prov. A.G.D.C. The meeting was held under the banner of the Stockton Fraternity Lodge, of which Bro. Richard Gaunt is W.M. Various sums were voted to Charitable objects connected with Freemasonry. The roll of the lodges in the province was then called, and the reports of the Masters showed the lodges both numerically and financially to be in a satisfactory condition.

The PROV. G. MASTER then addressed the assembly. He welcomed his Bro. Lord Barnard and Bro. Canon Tristram, who, he said, had happily recovered from a serious accident at Jerusalem. Sir Hedworth spoke of the progress of Freemasonry, especially in the Province of Durham, and the charitable objects which it served. He then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. J. E. Backhouse, 1650 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Robinson, 111 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Edgar Boddington, 2352 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" A. D. Moleyns, 1274 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. F. Malcolm, 661 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" E. Moffett, 240 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Will Hutchinson, 1418 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Alfred H. Servier, 1230 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. R. Short, 424 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" D. McLaughton, 2104 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" R. Brown, 1893 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" James Hudson, 80 ...	...	...
" John Joel ...	...	...
" Thomas Greeve ...	...	...

These were the chief officers appointed.

Subsequently Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, in appropriate terms, presented a handsome silver service to Bro. Hudson, the Prov. G. Sec., in recognition of his services to the province. The sum of £1000 has been raised by the brethren for a testimonial to Bro. Hudson, who stipulates that it shall be given to the Durham Freemasons' Benevolent Fund.

At the close of the lodge the brethren dined together at the Queen's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. THE EARL OF EGERTON.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 29th ultimo at the Town Hall, Sandbach, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Earl Egerton of Tatton, presiding. There was a very large attendance of brethren from the lodges in the province, and a number of visiting brethren from Lancashire.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. HENRY JACKSON, P.M., P.J.G.W., presented the Prov. Grand Treasurer's financial statements, and the accounts were passed as satisfactory.

Bro. CLAYTON, P.A.G.D.C., presented the reports of the Committee of Benevolence, the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution to Prov. G. Lodge, and the reports were adopted.

The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir HORATIO LLOYD, in the course of an address, referred to the honour which her Majesty the Queen had conferred upon their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Egerton, by creating him an earl. He remarked that when the news of the Sovereign having conferred that dignity upon their esteemed Provincial Grand Master was made known it created a thrill of pleasure and satisfaction throughout England, and especially in the Province of Cheshire. (Applause.) The great public services which Bro. Lord Egerton had rendered were known to all of them, and were appreciated by them. (Applause.) Bro. Sir Horatio, in the name of the province, then presented his lordship with a beautifully-illuminated address, the text of which was as follows:

To the Right Hon. Wilbraham, Earl Egerton of Tatton, in the County Palatine of Chester, and Viscount Salford, of the County Palatine of Lancaster, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons of the Province of Cheshire.

May it please your lordship, we, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and members of lodges within the Province of Cheshire, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, the 29th day of September, 1897, beg permission to tender to your lordship our most hearty congratulations upon the high honour conferred upon you by her most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the occasion of the celebration of the Jubilee of her Majesty's long and glorious reign. We are, indeed, pleased that at the head of our ancient and honourable Fraternity in the Province of Cheshire we have in the person of your lordship one whom his Sovereign has delighted to honour, and it is peculiarly gratifying to us that the dignity of an earldom has been annexed to the ancient name so long and honourably borne by your lordship and your predecessors, and that the public spirit you have shown, and the long, arduous, and valuable services you have rendered to the cause of education, agriculture, the Manchester Ship Canal, and other public enterprises, have been such as to gain the approbation and esteem of her Most Gracious Majesty, and the bestowal by her upon you of the title of Viscount Salford, of the County Palatine of Lancaster, a dignity which will carry down to posterity your eminent services, and perpetuate your name as one of the pioneers of a great public enterprise. We humbly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will endow your lordship with continued health and strength to enjoy the favour of our beloved Queen, and to continue the valuable work which your lordship has undertaken to the benefit of our ancient and honourable Fraternity, and to the advantage of the community generally.

Signed, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Cheshire,

HORATIO LLOYD, Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

RICHARD NEWHOUSE, P.D.G.S.B. England, Prov. Grand Secretary.

The Earl of EGERTON, who was received with cheers, said it had been his privilege to be connected with Masonry in various capacities for a long time, and he felt deeply the many kindnesses which he had received from his fellow Masons. He warmly thanked them for the address, and said he should treasure it as long as he lived, and it would be an heirloom in his family. During the past 10 years there had been a great increase in the number of lodges and in the membership of the Province of Cheshire, and he hoped the numbers would continue to increase. The progress of that province had elicited the sympathy of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who, in commemoration of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign of 60 years, had empowered him to confer P.P.G. rank on six brethren, members of the province. The six brethren were Bros. H. Gordon Small, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Holt, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Finlow, P.P.J.G.W.; George Ileson, P.P.G.R.; E. J. Sidebottom, P.P.S.G.D.; and C. H. Andrews, P.P.J.G.D. He thanked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and he should value the address as a mark of their esteem. (Applause.)

Bro. William Holloway was elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were invested by the Prov. G.M.:

Bro. His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd	Dep. Prov. G.M.
Bro. Fredk. Broadsmith	Prov. S.G.W.
Bro. J. Armstrong	Prov. J.G.W.
Bro. Rev. C. H. Hylton Stewart	Prov. G. Chaps.
Bro. Rev. C. E. Jackson	Prov. G. Treas.
Bro. W. Holloway	Prov. G. Reg.
Bro. T. W. Markland	Prov. G. Sec.
Bro. Richard Newhouse	Prov. S.G.Ds.
Bro. W. Newton	Prov. J.G.D.
Bro. J. J. Tinker	Prov. G.I. of W.
Bro. Peter Jackson	Prov. G.D. of C.
Bro. R. Robinson	Prov. D.G.D. of Cs.
Bro. H. Gordon Small	Prov. G.S.B.
Bro. W. R. Wass	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
Bro. J. Foden	Prov. A.G. Sec.
Bro. T. Owen	Prov. G. Org.
Bro. S. Sherratt	Prov. G. Purst.
Bro. Tom Simpson	Prov. A.G. Purst.
Bro. W. Davidson	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. P. Davies	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bro. George Brookes	
Bro. George Young	
Bro. W. Ramsey	
Bro. A. Moore	
Bro. F. R. Oke	
Bro. T. Marriott	
Bro. S. Jude	
Bro. T. W. Stanbury	
Bro. T. Browne	
Bro. R. G. Hawkins	
Bro. A. Husley	

Altrincham and Liscard were nominated for the place of the next annual meeting, but the nominee of Liscard withdrew in favour of Altrincham.

Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed.

The weather was so wet that the procession to church had to be abandoned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTER-SHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Institute Buildings, Moseley, under the banner of the Masfield Lodge, No. 2034, and by direction of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P., P.G.D. Eng., P.P.D.G.M., Prov. G. Master. There was a large attendance of brethren, among whom were the Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Warner Ottley, P.P.G.D.C., Prov. Dep. G. Master.

A Craft lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by the Worshipful Master of the Masfield Lodge, after which the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers entered the lodge, and were received with the customary honours, which were acknowledged by the Prov. Grand Master.

The muster roll was called, and the Prov. Asst. G. Secretary reported the returns for the year.

The Worshipful Masters of the various lodges submitted reports of the work done, and also of the financial position of their respective lodges, all of which were considered to be satisfactory.

The Prov. G. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. T. Vale, 560	Prov. S.G.W.
Bro. A. Cockson, 573	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. J. C. Sneath, 2034	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. H. McKean, 2385	Prov. Asst. G. Chap.
Bro. A. E. Guy Pritchard, 498	Prov. G. Reg.
Bro. A. B. Rowe, 280	Prov. G. Treas.
Bro. W. T. Page, 529	Prov. G. Sec.
Bro. W. E. Williams, 529	Prov. S.G.D.
Bro. J. Sidaway, 252	Prov. J.G.D.
Bro. J. Round, 2385	Prov. G. Supt. Wks.
Bro. G. D. Eaton, 1874	Prov. G.D.C.
Bro. B. Hepworth, 377	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Bro. A. Brockatt, 1204	Prov. G.S.B.
Bro. R. Rhodes, 564	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
Bro. J. Hodgetts, 573	Prov. G. Org.
Bro. J. Irving Glover, 560	Prov. G. Pursts.
Bro. E. L. Stevens, 2034	
Bro. C. P. Perry, 2654	
Bro. C. M. Griffiths, 2034	
Bro. E. O. Reece, 2034	
Bro. Wilfred Owen, 2034	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. H. G. Mason, 2034	
Bro. W. G. Robbins, 2034	
Bro. C. H. Averill, 2034	

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

CONSECRATION OF THE PAST AND PRESENT LODGE, No. 2665.

Amongst the large number of "Class" lodges now existing, some of the most successful are to be found in those formed from Educational Institutions. This number was still further increased on Monday, the 4th inst., by the consecration at Blanchard's, Beak-street, W., of the Past and Present Lodge, which will consist almost entirely of old boys of Brighton Grammar School. The new venture started with every indication of future prosperity, and amongst the large number of brethren present to give it a good send off it was but natural that Sussex should be largely represented.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., as I.G.

The founders are Bros. C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W. Sussex; Geo. Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G. Org. Sussex; C. B. Carter, P.M. 1662; W. Vincent Jull, W.M. 2264; J. M. Newnham, S.W. 1556; A. H. Tester, J.W. 874; H. Mainwaring, Sec. 732; G. C. Breese, I.G. 2581; E. H. Payne, Stwd. 1636; T. Carr, and W. Swaysland, 315.

Visitors: Bros. G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; J. Stephens, A.G.D. of C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Richard P. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; W. Martin, A.G.P.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Geo. Corble, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; Col. H. Tester, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; E. H. White, P.P.A.G. Sec. Kent; H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org.; F. Carr, P.M. 1456; S. Eldridge, P.P.G.W. Surrey; F. J. Bevis, W.M. 732; A. Bunting, 1821; F. Bevan, P.P.G. Org. Essex; Owen Embling, Prov. G.D.C. Sussex; E. L. Norris, 1636; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.G. Stwd.; T. H. Challis, P.M. 315; A. Howes, 1829; W. J. Everett; H. Davey, P.P.J.G.W. Sussex; W. J. Lancaster, 21; R. D. Cummings, P.M.; F. Hallows, P.M. 1982, Prov. G. Stwd. Surrey; J. Wood, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.D.; J. Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex; A. Lambert, P.M. 1556; J. Hampson, W.M. 1571; J. C. Pearce, 1694; G. G. Reichman, 2581; J. Glass, P.M. 453; W. E. Horne, 1826; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the hymn "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then addressing the brethren, said: We are met together to-day for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge which will be composed almost entirely of those who have been associated together in connection with an educational establishment at Brighton, known as the Brighton Grammar School. I sincerely trust that the new lodge may be the means of uniting, if possible, more closely those who have been associated together in their boyhood, and that it may attain all those particular objects the founders have in view. This lodge is about to be dedicated—as all lodges are—to the service of Almighty God, and I will therefore call upon the Reverend Chaplain to give us the benefit of prayer.

The ceremony was duly proceeded with, and an oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap., the lodge being afterwards solemnly dedicated and constituted with the usual formalities.

Bro. Charles W. Hudson, P.P.G.W., the W.M. designate, was then installed by Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec., and the following officers invested: Bros. Cole, Tester, 1636, P.P.G.W. Sussex, acting I.P.M.; Charles B. Carter, P.M., S.W.; W. Vincent Jull, J.W.; John M. Newnham, Sec.; Thomas Carr, S.D.; A. H. Tester, J.D.; George Cole, P.M., P.P.G.O. Sussex, Org.; H. Manwaring, I.G.; George C. Breese, D.C.; E. H. Payne and Walter Swaysland, Stwds.; and Arthur Rawles, Tyler.

Twelve gentlemen were proposed for initiation, including Mr. E. J. Marshall, the Head Master of the School, and two brethren's names were submitted as joining members.

On the proposition of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, the Consecrating Officers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services, and were unanimously elected honorary members.

The GRAND SECRETARY returned thanks for himself and colleagues, and wished the lodge the greatest possible prosperity.

Lodge was closed, and after banquet the usual toasts followed.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," were first heartily honoured on the proposition of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. C. B. CARTER, S.W., then gave "The Grand Officers," remarking that they knew how hard the Grand Officers worked, a good example of

which they had had that night. It was a matter of great pride to their lodge to be started under such auspicious circumstances. They could not thank the Grand Officers too highly, especially the Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.C., in response, said the S.W. had alluded to the herculean labours they all performed. He would not contradict that brother, and when he looked down the table there was not one face he had not seen on the front at Brighton. It was entirely due to Brighton that they had done what they had, and, therefore, it was only a slight measure of return that they welcomed a Brighton lodge in London.

"The Consecrating Officers" was submitted by the W.M. He need not—for it would be superfluous—allude to the impressive and beautiful manner in which the ceremony was carried out. He had especially to thank the Grand Secretary for the great assistance given him (the W.M.) and the Secretary, *pro tem.*, in everything connected with the foundation of the lodge. There would have been several matters to grapple with, but they were made easy by the Grand Secretary, whom it was a great pleasure to have an excuse to see. They had not much doubt about the warrant, but in such cases you are never sure until it is accomplished, and he had great satisfaction in receiving a communication from Bro. Letchworth stating that the warrant had been granted. They had put their shoulders to the wheel, and had done the best they could. Nothing could have been better done than the consecration. Even a W.M. had his feelings, and if he could only follow up the success of that night, he should be proud to hand over the gavel to his successor. He thanked Bro. Brownrigg for his able oration, and Bro. Richardson, the able D.C. He was only too delighted when the Grand Secretary adopted his suggestion by asking some of the management of the Boys' School to assist in the ceremony—Bro. Eve, as S.W.; Bro. Keyser, J.W.; and their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. McLeod as I.G. To each and all they tendered sincere thanks to the Consecrating Officers, whom they were proud to know were now honorary members.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., said that, in view of the charming programme of music, and also the fact that the train for Brighton left shortly afterwards, he would not detain them with more words than were necessary. Were he to respond on his own behalf, his words would have been as brief as his thanks were sincere. He spoke not only for himself, but for those G. Officers who had done him the honour to assist in the recent ceremony. He had to acknowledge particularly the services of Bro. Brownrigg, whose words he ventured to think must have touched the hearts of all ex-pupils of Brighton Grammar School. He had again to thank Bro. Richardson for the able manner in which he always came forward to conduct those ceremonies, and he had more especially to refer to the fact that he had been supported in the two Wardens' chairs and as I.G. by three brethren intimately connected with the Institution with which the Worshipful Master is associated. The Boys' School a few years ago did him an honour he should never forget by electing him Treasurer, and therefore it was a peculiar pleasure to him that on that occasion he should be associated with three such distinguished members of that Institution. They one and all most heartily thanked the W.M. for the compliment paid them, and hoped that the lodge inaugurated that day might have before it a career of the greatest possible prosperity.

Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treas., also replied, and said he thought he had been holding office that night rather *ex-officio*, and therefore did not require thanks. He was delighted to be present at the consecration of that lodge. It was a step taken in the right direction and would no doubt have its effect on a number of public schools. The Grand Secretary had rendered great service to the Order, and he had never found him at fault. Bro. Brownrigg he found doing the consecration and installation within the hour and was a marvel in the Order and a man to be prized. He was delighted to do anything he could to support the W.M. whom he congratulated on the start the lodge had made.

Bro. Colonel TESTER, P.P.G.W., acting I.P.M., said that as one of the founders of the Brighton Grammar School and as I.P.M. he had much pleasure in submitting the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master." His first association with the name of Hudson was with the W.M.'s most respected father who was a brother founder of the School. It must, therefore, be a great pleasure to the W.M. to know his father was a founder of that noble Institution. His first association with the W.M. was not at the opening of the School as he was then too small, but as a small drummer in the corps which he (Bro. Tester) had the honour to command. The W.M. did not look then as he did now, which only showed what corn, wine, and oil would do for man. He was glad the W.M. was supported by Bro. Alderman Davey, who was a past Mayor and a present Director of the School. When he thought what that School had done in Brighton, the great number of young men who had passed through, not only the Cambridge, but higher Examinations, and that now in every part of the world were to be found those who had received their education there, it was an honour to be connected with it. The first duty of the W.M. would be to initiate the Head Master. The founders had taken a great responsibility upon themselves, and if they were careful in carrying out the principles of the Order, these young brethren would go from one part of the world to another, be Masters of lodges, and do good Masonic work. He congratulated the W.M. on the honour which had fallen upon him, and was sure he would do his best to fulfil the principles of Masonry and set an example to others.

Bro. C. HUDSON, P.P.G.W., W.M., said he was very much indebted to his dear old friend, Col. Tester, for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and he also thanked the brethren for their reception. It would be unnecessary for him to say a great deal in reply, for they knew he felt a great deal. He considered it a very high honour to be the first W. Master of this lodge. The I.P.M. had alluded to his (the W.M.'s) father who initiated him in the York Lodge, of which he was W.M., when only a month over 21 years of age. Since then he had been a founder of two other lodges and gone through the chair. This was the greatest honour he had had conferred upon him, and he felt the lodge would do a great deal of good. He had received a copy of their monthly magazine from which their lodge was named—the Past and Present—and he found many communications from old schoolmates in India, China, Japan, and other parts. All these men were in touch with everything in the old school, and it was but natural these old boys would revisit as often as possible, join this lodge and return abroad to disseminate Freemasonry and take back pleasant recollections of the old school and the Past and Present Lodge. He could say a great deal more but the Brighton brethren feared they would lose their train. He would do everything in his power to enhance the prosperity of the lodge, and thanked them most sincerely for the manner in which the toast had been received. Bro. Col. Tester had omitted

to say that he (the W.M.) was also a Director of the school, and he was the first old boy who had attained that position.

"The Visitors" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who expressed the hope that visiting brethren would be present at all meetings of the lodge.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G. Treas., returned thanks, congratulating the Worshipful Master and remarking that the visitors would carry away very pleasing recollections of their visit to that consecration.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in his response, said he coincided with the Grand Secretary that these class lodges did an enormous amount of good to Masonry, and he hoped that that lodge, started on those lines, would be followed by many more public schools.

Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., said that when the glamour of the approaching Centenary Festival was passed he hoped the Old People would not be allowed to suffer.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., said he appreciated the compliment paid in asking him to assist in the ceremony. He congratulated the lodge on its foundation and on its W.M. He hoped in connection with the Centenary of the Boys' School to form an Old Masonians' Lodge.

"The Officers" was next given, and was followed by the Tyler's toast.

Bro. H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., was in charge of the musical arrangements, and, assisted by Bros. F. Bevan and C. Ellison, they left nothing to be desired.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual convocation of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Pilgrim-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ultimo. There was a large attendance from different parts of the province. Comp. the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White-Ridley, Bart., M.P., Grand Superintendent, presided, and was supported by the following officers, viz.:

Comps. Wm. Mures Lyon, P.G.H.; J. Cartwell Ridley, as P.G.J.; Thomas Purvis, P.G.S.E.; George Blair, P.G.S.N.; T. J. Armstrong, P.G. Reg.; Josiah Hammond, P.G.P.S.; J. A. Forbes, P.G.S.B.; M. J. Cohen, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Spain, P.P.G.H., P.G.D.C.; W. F. Carmon, P.P.G.J., as P.A.G.D.C.; and Jacob Barker, P.G. Organist. There were also present Comps. John Spearman, P.P.G.H.; T. Blenkinsop, P.P.G.H.; R. W. Cummins, P.P.G.H.; G. F. Charlton, P.P.G.J.; Henry Gibson, P.P.G.J.; A. T. Aitchison, P.P.G.S.N.; G. C. Coates, P.P.G.P.S.; the Rev. Canon Walker, P.P.G.P.S.; H. S. Bird, P.P.G.J.; R. H. Holme, P.G.S.N. Durham; E. Dunford, P.P.G.S.N.; James Shaw, M.E.Z. 481; W. Charlton, M.E.Z. 659; and T. W. Lovibond.

After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting held in Newcastle were taken as read and approved. The report of the Committee and financial statement were presented and were of a highly satisfactory character, and unanimously approved. The roll of chapters was called, and also proved to be of a satisfactory character.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT afterwards addressed the companions, and expressed his pleasure at not having to record removals by death during the year, as he had had to do on former occasions. He was glad to hear from the report of the Registrar that there had been an increase in membership during the past year. He urged on Prov. Grand Officers to attend official visits to different chapters, as this had a tendency to increase interest in Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. George Eugene Macarthy was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Chapter then proceeded to the appointment of officers. The following were appointed and invested by the Grand Superintendent.

Comp. Rev. Canon Walker	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Capt. J. A. Forbes	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Thomas Purvis	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Thomas R. Short	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. E. Macarthy (elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. J. Armstrong	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. F. Schnitger	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. G. Salmond	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" William Charlton	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Jacob Barker	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Shaw	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" George Spain	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. L. Miller	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. R. Turner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Usher Simpson	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Joshua Curry	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

It was decided that the next annual convocation would be held at North Shields under the banner of the Ogle Chapter.

After the close of the chapter, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room where a banquet was prepared. The Grand Superintendent presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL AT SUTTON.

The brethren in the town of Sutton have for some considerable time expressed a wish to have a more suitable meeting place for their lodges and chapter, and about two years ago the matter was taken in hand. The result is in every way satisfactory, for Sutton now possesses a convenient and commodious hall, of which the brethren in the neighbourhood may well feel proud. The new building is conveniently situated near the railway station, and has an excellent approach. On the ground floor is the dining-room, cloak-room, lobby, and first-class kitchen accommodation. Ascending a wide staircase the hall itself is reached and is a large and lofty room, well suited for Masonic work, with ante-rooms and cloak-room adjoining.

An informal opening ceremony took place on Friday, the 1st instant, when the Directors and a few friends dined together on the premises.

The Chairman, Bro. W. Pile, P.P.G. Treas., presided, and was supported by Bro. E. Stribling, Vice-Chairman; Bros. Hugh Taylor, Tom Leigh, J. Baker, Dendy, Napper, and Geo. Free, Directors; Bro. Morris Gibson, Solicitor; Frank

Ward, Auditor; C. A. Hardwick and Tom Cookes, Secretaries; Bros. Salter Whiter, Duncan Stewart, Johnson, Gibson, Porter, the Rev. Turner, P.P.G. Chap., Tom Hill, Baker, and W. W. Lee; and Messrs. Boniface and Stubington.

The dinner was well served, and left nothing to be desired, and a few toasts were subsequently given.

The CHAIRMAN briefly referred to the long-felt want for a suitable place of meeting, the only solution of which appeared to be that the lodges of the district should associate together and build themselves a home. About two years ago a meeting was held at the residence of the Vice-Chairman, when a Committee was formed. At that time the hall was intended to be expressly and entirely for the purposes of Freemasonry. A company was formed, still with the same idea, and it grew from a small thing to what he might now describe as a very large and important one. Many difficulties had been gone through, and it had not been accomplished without opposition. He had now to declare the hall open, not alone for the purposes of Freemasonry, but for public entertainments also. The building had been finished in the great and glorious year of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and he would, therefore, propose the first toast of "The Queen and Freemasonry."

Bro. Rev. TURNER, P.P.G. Chap., Rector of Sutton, said the present gathering was not strictly Masonic, but yet from another point of view it was most strictly Masonic in the fraternal good feeling and unity which prevailed. There was no formal list of toasts, but all would feel disappointed if they did not drink "The Health of the Directors" of this Masonic Hall. He had been connected with the Lorne Lodge for a considerable number of years and happy as were his reminiscences, he had long felt, and especially during the last two years, that if they were to carry out the ceremonies of the Craft, with the dignity and exactness desired, it was absolutely necessary to have some more convenient meeting place. He hoped those who were not Masons, his fellow citizens and neighbours, would also feel proud of the hall, not only as a building which was ornamental to town and country, but as providing facilities for holding certain social gatherings far greater than they had experienced hitherto. Some of them had not been behind the scenes, but as men of business and experience they knew that no institution could be brought about without a great deal of labour, care, and trouble. They all heartily thanked the directors for their services, and would join in the hope that the gratification which the result would afford to Masons, and their neighbours would more than amply repay them for the arduous work. He asked them to drink to the health of the directors, coupled with the name of Bro. W. Pile, Chairman.

Bro. W. PILE, P.P.G. Treas., in returning thanks, said that what they had done had been partly for the good of Freemasonry in their particular district. As directors they were proud to see accomplished what was so near and dear to their hearts. So far they had been successful, and he was confident that very great success would attend their efforts, and that in five years those who had invested their money would be receiving a dividend equal to 10 per cent.

Bro. C. E. STRIBLING, Vice-Chairman, in response to calls, also replied, and said that what had been done, had been in the true spirit of Masonry.

Bro. C. A. HARDWICKE proposed "The Architect," and other toasts were given before the pleasant proceedings terminated.

The few remaining shares were subscribed for in the room, and the first Masonic function which will be held in the new hall will be the installation meeting of the Lorne Lodge on the 9th instant, when Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Provincial Grand Master, has promised to attend, and a large gathering is expected.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following letters, which were read at the meeting of the Council of this Institution on Friday, the 24th ult., cannot fail to prove interesting to all well-wishers of our Boys' School.

"Surveyors Office, Smethwick,
"January 16th, 1897.

"The Right Hon. Lord Leigh,
"My Lord,

"I respectfully beg to inform you that I have been appointed 'Surveyor' to the above Council. I have taken the liberty of troubling you with a letter feeling sure that you would be pleased to hear of the success of an old Masonic boy.

"Smethwick has a population of about 42,000 and is an improving town so that I venture to feel proud of my position, seeing that I am not yet 28 years old.

"After being seven years 'Assistant Surveyor' to the town the Council gave the chief appointment to me without offering it for competition.

"I do not attribute my progress to myself but to the excellent education received at the Masonic School, which would certainly never have fallen to my lot had it not been for the very great kindness of your lordship which is ever before me.

"Allow me to be, my lord, with every respect, your obedient servant,
(Signed) "CHAS. J. FOX ALLIN."

"156 Wilderspool-road,
"Warrington,
"Aug. 14, '97.

"Mr. Hebb,
"Dear Sir,

"No doubt you will be surprised to hear that I have received an offer of a situation under the Cheshire Lines Committee, in the Cashier's office. The duties are—shorthand correspondence, general office work, cash account, and payment of wages. The latter mentioned is an exceedingly trustworthy and responsible one. When I have got accustomed to the lines I shall have to travel up and down with the men's money. I shall have a first-class pass for the whole line, for private as well as official use.

"The office is up at the head offices in the Central Station, Liverpool.

"The hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays; I shall start with £20 a year (and pass) rising at the rate of £10 a year. Of course, it is not the actual money I am getting, but the splendid opening and prospect of promotion and advancement to the higher offices (another of my duties will be land surveying). Such a position can no doubt only be gained by a certain amount of influence, and that influence I can ascribe to Councillors J. Smethurst, J.P., and Robert Heaton, two local Masons, who have always manifested an interest in me. Mr. Heaton knew Mr. Clegg Thomas, Secretary C.L.C., so hearing of the vacancy, he introduced me and pressed a claim on my behalf.

"Mr. Thomas, being pleased with my appearance, looked favourably upon my application, but before I could obtain the berth I had to pass an examination in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Spelling, Shorthand, Composition, and Dictation.

"This examination, though it could not be called hard, was really so to me, for not only was I taken quite unawares, but I was in a nervous and excited state of mind. However, I passed the examination, according to Mr. Thomas, very

creditably, getting V.G. in Arithmetic and G. in Shorthand. Now comes the most important point. *The very fact that I knew some Shorthand got me the place.*

"It was worth more than Arithmetic to me. I had also to write an essay on Railways, and some letters of application, all of which were commended. You will be surprised to hear that this all took place in one day.

"I heard that I had been recommended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

"At 11 a.m. I was in Liverpool seeing Mr. Thomas. I took the examination then and there, and was accepted in the afternoon. As there were no less than 50 applicants for the post, everything had to be decided quickly, otherwise I should have written to ask your advice on the subject. My mother and all my friends strongly advised me to accept it at once, for if I did not I should lose it, so I went to Liverpool this morning for that purpose. I sincerely hope that you will agree with what I have done, and that you will understand how the matter stood. Having accepted the post, I cannot, of course, return on Wednesday. My connection with the School will now be entirely severed, but not without many deep pangs of remorse and feelings of regret.

"I begin work on Monday, and, as the clothes in which I left are now getting shabby, I should be glad if you could grant me my new suit, or their value in money. I should be ready to pay carriage should they be sent to me.

"And now, by way of closing, I beg to thank Mr. McLeod and the governing body of the School, in my mother's name and for my own part, for the kindness and generosity which they have evinced to me as one of the boys, and also you, dear Sir, for the consideration and interest with which you have always treated me.

"At the same time, I beg to apologise for closing with an offer without consulting you. Hoping that you will look favourably upon my choice,

"I beg to remain,

"Yours respectfully,
(Signed)

"A. E. PERKINS."

"Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A."

Craft Masonry.

D'Ogle Lodge, No. 636.

On Thursday last, the 30th ult., the annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Morpeth. A large number of visiting brethren were present, including Bros. John Grey, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., I.P.M., J. T. Melrose, P.M., T. Brown, I.G., and F. Moscrop, of 1879; A. H. Henderson, W.M., and E. S. Gibson, Sec., of 1167; G. R. Turner, W.M., and G. Goldsmith, of 1902. The installation of Bro. John T. Duncan, S.W., W.M. elect, was held, the duty of Installing Master being performed in an impressive manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Airth; the charges being given by Bro. T. Appleby, P.M., P.G.P. Bro. Duncan having been declared, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. R. Ferguson, S.W.; W. F. Skrimshire, J.W.; J. Turnbull, P.M., Chap.; R. Crawford, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; H. Mears, Sec.; W. Burn, S.D.; W. Noble, J.D.; J. T. Proctor, Org.; J. R. Turner, P.M., D.C.; G. Kay, I.G.; G. Brown and J. Armstrong, Stwds.; T. Dick, Tyler, and J. Wormald, Almoner. Bro. Turner, P.M., announced that he had received a communication from Bro. James Arkle stating his willingness to hand over to the lodge the W.Ms. chair that was used before the lodge had a fixed place of meeting. On the motion of Bro. A. M. Loades, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., seconded by Bro. Turner, P.M., the gift was accepted, and the Secretary instructed to write and thank Bro. Arkle for his kind present. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by various visiting brethren.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Earl Grey Hotel, Bro. Duncan, the W.M. presiding.

The lodge room has recently undergone renovations, having been thoroughly ventilated, decorated, and new lavatories put in, things are looking exceedingly bright and prosperous.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The above lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. C. Kupferschmidt, A.C.S.G.C., W.M.; Sydney T. Klein, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A. G.D.C., Sec.; T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., S.D.; E. Conder, jun., J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; W. Wynn Westcott, W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, and G. L. Shackles; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. C. O. Uhlig, J. F. Henley, Dr. T. Charters White, E. C. Stimson, J. H. Retallack-Moloney, J. Joel, R. Palmer Thomas, W. W. Mangles, W. S. Boteler, Col. J. Mead, W. F. Stuttaford, E. G. Austen, Leonard Boor, P.D.G.M. New Zealand; W. Thorne, R. A. B. Preston, H. Gervis, J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Barnes, W. H. Colman, J. J. Davies, F. E. Hamel, F. W. Levander, R. Manuel, J. H. Milton, G. P. G. Hills, J. F. Ferguson, W. J. Armitage, T. L. Miller, J. T. Sweet, Rev. E. S. Shelton, A. J. Cannon, O. Heinemann, C. C. Hokanson, A. Digby Green, R. S. Ellis, Pitt Becker, Col. C. H. T. Marshall, P. G. Edwards, J. Moysey, E. Glaeser, W. T. Nicholes, W. E. Thornton, G. S. Collins, J. L. Bennett, J. W. Aplin, A. Cohu, J. Goldstein, T. C. Edmonds, H. E. Mullins, W. Briggs, H. P. Hay, J. W. Barnes, T. Cohu, J. C. Stanley, R. A. Gowan, Capt. G. B. Preston, F. F. Giraud, C. B. Barnes, C. H. Bestow, Rev. C. E. Wright, F. W. Mitchell, J. C. Pocock, J. P. Leith, P.G.D.; Dr. F. J. Allan, F. J. Rebman, L. Danielsson, G. Pidduck, G. Martin, and W. H. Foye. Visitors: Bros. Capt. A. S. Palmer (of Hong Kong); G. R. Baker, H. F. Talbot (of Chicago), T. Charlesworth, A. Larren, W. M. Taylor, E. Hollandt, J. M. Rohlehr, and A. W. Izard.

Bro. G. L. Shackles was presented to and welcomed by the W.M. on joining the lodge. A ballot was taken for Bro. Hamon le Strange, P.G.D., Dep. Pro. G.M. Norfolk, as a joining member, and he was unanimously elected. Three lodges and 46 brethren, as follows, were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: Lodge Wahab or Benevolent, No. 988, Saikote, Punjab; Bournemouth Lodge of Instruction; and Leinster Lodge, No. 44, Wellington, New Zealand. Bros. L. Phillips, P.M. 63, Ballarat, Victoria; J. L. Beeston, Newcastle, New South Wales; C. W. Sutcliffe, Thargomindale, O. Blakey, 1978, Heberton, A. Knoble, 1554, Townsville, and G. H. T. Jones, W.M. 836, (S.C.), Nambour, all in Queensland; O. C. H. Oehley, 1581, Somerset East, Cape Colony; W. H. Bennett, 956, Pietermaritzburg, Natal; C. L. Edwards, 617, Buenos Ayres; G. B. Murphy, Dep. G.M. of Manitoba, Moosomin; W. E. Sheffield, 298, Benton Harbour, Michigan; W. F. Bowe, 166, Augusta, Georgia; H. S. Cowins, 3, Bound Brook, New Jersey; A. F. Noble, 163, St. Paul, Minnesota; G. W. Atwell, jun., P.M. 45, Lima, New York; V. Lehmann, Christiania, Norway; T. Lindsay, 353; J. Roby, 2042; H. W. Casper, P.M. 1668; Surg.-Maj. Battersby; J. E. W. Headlam, Cap. R.A., 1789; Rev. H. L. Watts, 257; C. J. C. Long, W.M. 342; S. Davies, P.M. 1908; C. Isler, 1471; J. H. Meredith, P.M. 624; C. B. Chapman, P.M. 27; J. G. Wills; J. N. Stephens, P.M. 1718; E. Williams, 632; G. M. Doe, W.M. 1885; J. Gilbert, 510; R. G. Young, 2416; T. Bishop, 1366; W. Briggs, 1366; D. C. Wright, 357; M. D. Bell, Lieut. R.E., 415; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Bamlett, 183; L. J. de Whalley, 1275; Maj.-Gen. A. Terry, P.M. 533; H. R. Trew; H. E. Mullins, 211; C. Blunewitz, 1627; C. O. Uhlig, 1969; and H. Poate, 82.

Bro. Sydney T. Klein, P.R.A.S., was elected W.M.; Bro. Sir Walter Besant, Treas.; and Bro. W. Freeman, Tyler, for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. G. L. Shackles then delivered a most interesting lecture on "Masonic Numismatics." After a general introduction referring to the bibliography of the subject and the descriptions of the most celebrated collections of Masonic medals known, his own being probably the largest and best of all, the lecturer proceeded to describe about 100 of the most remarkable medals of the Fraternity, each being thrown on the screen by a powerful oxy-hydro-lantern from slides photographed and prepared by Bro. Shackles himself. The lecturer kept the attention of his large and appreciative audience fully engaged for over an hour, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks was moved by Bro. Gould, P.G.D., seconded by the J.W., and carried by acclamation.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

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No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	19	Chapman, Eva Jessie (last)	6834
2	15	Morrison, Ailie Florence	4645
3	24	Cully, Gladys Meginnis	4420
4	20	Mellor, Jane	4300
5	5	Woodward, Mabel Elizabeth	4280
6	26	Ramshaw, Nellie	4253
7	14	Smith, Grace Olive Gladys (last)	4212
8	8	Sutton, Constance Marion	4188
9	10	Fuller, Catherine Mary	4087
10	18	Hanan, Marie Caroline	3962
11	16	Brine, Constance May	3920
12	22	Pryse, Gladys Isabel	3705
13	4	Newsom, Edith Louisa Frances	3696
14	23	Colwell, Lillian	3336
15	13	Walker, Annie	2884

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A SPECIAL EDITION will be issued
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full Report of the Quarterly Court of the
R.M.I. for Boys, with the result of the
Election.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1897.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors of the
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Free-
masons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when 15
children were elected from an approved list of 26 and
will be received into the School in due course. The
names of the successful candidates will be found in our
advertisement columns. There was also a long and
interesting discussion on the subject of the amount to
be paid in future for a Perpetual Presentation, the
question being ultimately referred to a Special Com-
mittee to which the other Institutions are to be invited
to send representatives.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors of the
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is being held to-day
(Friday) while we are going to press, the number of
boys to be elected being 15, and the number of candi-
dates, 47. A supplement to this issue of the *Free-
mason* will be published to-morrow (Saturday) and
will contain the names of the successful candidates, as
well as a full report of the proceedings at the Quarterly
Court.

The Supreme Council, 33°, for England, Wales, and
the Dependencies of the British Crown, will hold a con-
vocation at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th
inst., at 6 p.m., when a number of candidates will have
the 30° conferred upon them. A banquet will follow
at the Freemasons' Tavern at 7.30 p.m.—tickets price
21s. each—and those desirous of attending it should

fill in and return the form sent them, three days
previous to the meeting, to the Secretary of the Coun-
cil, as seats and dinner can be provided only for those
who comply with this request.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge
of Cheshire, held on the 29th ult., was very largely
attended and the reports of the principal executive
officers showed that Freemasonry in this favoured
county has been making very considerable progress of
late. But greater interest than usual was taken in
the proceedings of this communication owing to the
fact that it was proposed to present to the Grand
Master of the Province, Bro. Earl Egerton of Tatton,
an address of congratulation upon his promotion to
the dignity of an Earl, Her Majesty the Queen having
done his lordship the honour to include him among
those upon whom it was her pleasure to confer some
special mark of her favour in connection with her
Diamond Jubilee. When this became known our
Cheshire brethren determined on offering their felici-
tations to his lordship at the next annual meeting of
their Provincial Grand Lodge. Hence the large
attendance on this occasion and the enthusiasm shown
by those present when the address was presented by
Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., in the name and on
behalf of the Province, the terms in which the pre-
sentation was made reflecting credit upon both the
Dep. P.G.M. and his respected chief.

Bro. Earl Egerton of Tatton has, indeed, done good
service to Cheshire Masonry ever since his Royal High-
ness, the M.W.G. Master appointed him in November,
1886, to succeed the late Bro. de Tabley as G. Master
of the Province. Under his auspices some eight or 10
new lodges have been added to the Provincial roll,
while a new Provincial Charitable Institution has been
established for granting annuities to aged poor breth-
ren and their widows. Moreover, the Province has on
more than one occasion taken a prominent part in
aid of the Festivals of our Central Institutions, Lord
Egerton himself having presided as Chairman at the
Boys' Festival in 1895. The Mark Degree, of which
he is a Past G. Master, is also greatly indebted to his
lordship for his invaluable aid, and other branches of
our Masonic system have also been supported and
encouraged. Then, the address with which he was
presented some 10 days since, reflects the feelings of
respect and affection in which he is held by his Pro-
vince, and is as honourable to those who presented it
as to the distinguished brother who received it. May
his lordship long be spared to preside over the desti-
nies of the Craft in the County Palatine of Cheshire!

The meeting at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, on
Tuesday, the 5th instant, when the Royal Connaught
Lodge, No. 2676, was consecrated by Bro. the Right
Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. of
Sussex, was a great success, the one subject of regret
being that the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M., was
unable to perform the ceremony in person, his Royal
Highness, who had given the lodge permission to bear
his name, having written to say that his military
duties prevented his attendance. However, save in
this respect, the proceedings passed off most satis-
factorily, and "Royal Connaught," No. 2676, has our
heartiest good wishes for a long and prosperous
career. We have received a full report of the meet-
ing, but too late for insertion in this issue, and
accordingly it is held over till next week.

Freemasonry has lost a strong supporter in Bro. C.
F. Hogard, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England,
who died very suddenly on Monday, the 4th instant.
Latterly, it is true, Bro. Hogard, had been prevented
by ill-health and other causes from taking a very active
part in our proceedings, but till within a few years he
was a most zealous member of our Order, nor was
there any branch of Masonry in which at some time or
other he did not win distinction. He had conferred
upon him by his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master,
the brevet rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer in
connection with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee
in 1887, and shortly afterwards was appointed Deputy
G.D. of C. in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was also
a Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Mark; Past G.
Recorder of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine,
and a member of the Allied Degrees and Royal and
Select Masters. He was also a staunch supporter
of our Institutions, and, speaking generally, had
devoted both time and means in order to promote
their success. We tender our sympathy to the
members of his family and his numerous friends, both
within and outside Masonry, on the loss they are now,
unhappily, deploring.

The *Times'* Ottawa correspondent on October 5th
telegraphed "Much feeling has been aroused in
Masonic circles in Montreal by the invasion of the
territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand
Orient of France, which has chartered a lodge in Mon-
treal. The members of the new lodge are nearly all
old-country Frenchmen, Italians, and Syrians. The
Grand Lodge of Quebec will respect the edict issued a
few years ago by the Prince of Wales—"or rather as it
should be, the resolution of Grand Lodge unanimously
arrived at on March 6th, 1878—and refuse to recognise
the French lodge."

It appears from a review in the *Voice of Masonry* of
the proceedings at the 33rd annual meeting of the
Grand Lodge of Nevada, in June last, that the Grand
Master attended two public installations of lodge
officers, at which there was a large attendance of
persons who were not Masons, and that the Masonic
ceremonies were followed by those of the Eastern Star,
the Grand Master going so far as to compliment "one
of the lady installing officers as 'certainly a success.'"
It is evident that very little is known about Free-
masonry in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or
the Grand Master would not go the length of
sanctioning by his presence, or in any other way,
what is directly in opposition to the law and custom
of the Craft. In Freemasonry proper, as it has been
handed down to us from the past and as it is practised
in jurisdictions which know something about it, there
is no such thing as publicity in connection with any of
our ceremonies, either in conferring Degrees or in-
stalling officers. What is done is done in a properly
tyled lodge, nor, indeed, can anything be done until it
has been satisfactorily proved that the lodge is so
tyled. Can nothing be done by the older Grand
Lodges of the United States, such as those of New
York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and others that
might be mentioned, to put down these flagrant viola-
tions of Masonic law and custom? We fully realise
that one Grand Lodge cannot sit in judgment upon
another, but it can denounce the conduct of, and refuse
to hold intercourse with, one which sets all law and
usage at defiance.

It must be borne in mind that this Grand Lodge of
Nevada, which, happily, musters only 20 lodges, and
some 830 subscribing members, claims to be the peer
of all the other Grand Lodges, and that the laws it
enacts and the decisions it approves may some day be
taken as guides or precedents for future generations to
follow. We are aware that Nevada does not stand
alone in its contempt for the sacred past of Free-
masonry, and that other American Grand Lodges
sanction and approve of these public installations, but
this only furnishes a still stronger justification for the
older Grand Lodges we have referred to taking upon
themselves to condemn these and other malpractices.

Again, as regards the association of Eastern Star
with Masonic ceremonies, this Grand Master of Nevada
is said to have remarked that the ritual of the former
"is very similar to our own, and to an outsider it would
appear that in a few years more, with their advanced
ideas of Masonry, we will be able, no doubt, to read
the installation services from the same Monitor." Let
the reader understand that this Order of the Eastern
Star—of which as an Order we have not a word to say
in condemnation, but only of its association with
Masonry—is composed chiefly of women, and let
him further note that in the passage we have quoted
this Grand Master openly approves of printed rituals.
But what is the good of condemning the *Gran Dieta*
of Mexico on the ground that some while since it
sanctioned the initiation of women into Masonry and
the establishment of lodges for women, when this
association of the Eastern Star with Masonry is openly
allowed and encouraged?

The Sovereign Great Priory of the Order of the
Temple in Canada, held their annual assembly in the
City of Montreal, on the 19th August. The Supreme
G. Master, Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, presided, and
according to the *Canadian Craftsman*, the attendance
was good and gave "evidence of the progress made by
the Order in Canada in recent years." The Supreme
G. Master delivered the customary address in which
he reviewed the events of the past year and especially
congratulated Great Priory on the progress made during
that period, the increase in the number of mem-
bers after allowing for deaths, removals, &c., &c., being
230. He also paid a just tribute of respect to the late
Sir Knight Daniel Spry, whose funeral he attended, and
to whose great services as a member of the Templar
Order, he referred in the most eulogistic terms. During
the meeting, Great Priory was visited by two American
Commanderies, to which a most hearty welcome
was accorded. In the evening the Richard Coeur de
Lion Preceptory gave an "At Home" to the Great
Priory, which proved a very brilliant affair, while, on
the following day, the Mayor of Montreal welcomed
the Sir Knights, who subsequently paraded and wit-
nessed an imposing review of the Fire Brigade. Sir
Knight Whyte is succeeded as E.G. Master by Sir
Knight D. F. MacWatt, while the office of Grand
Chancellor rendered vacant by the death of Sir Knight
Spry, is now filled by Sir Knight Whyte.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., P.G.W., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. Among other brethren present were Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D.; E. M. Money, H. A. Hunt, Frank Richardson, C. E. Keyser, Sir John B. Monckton, A. C. Spaul, J. H. Matthews, Richard Eve, W. Russell, J. S. Peirce, J. A. Farnfield, R. Wylie, J. W. Burgess, H. A. Tobias, W. T. Brown, D. D. Mercer, W. A. Scurrah, James Stephens, T. H. Gardiner, George Everett, Sir J. D. Harris, W. G. Kentish, Herbert Green, W. F. Smithson, A. F. Robbins, C. H. Webb, Col. A. T. Perkins, Walter Martin, James Terry, J. M. McLeod, W. Shurmer, R. Berridge, and F. R. W. Hedges.

After the minutes had been confirmed a letter from the Home Secretary was read by Bro. HEDGES, acknowledging, on behalf of her Majesty, the address of congratulation voted by the Institution on the completion of the Queen's 60 years of her reign, and, on the motion of Bro. F. RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, it was ordered that the letter be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., Patron, then brought forward the following motion:

"That this Court accept the sum of 1100 guineas from W. Bro. George Heaton, P.M. 258, P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire, 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 temporary 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."

In doing so, he said much argument was not needed either by those who were in favour of the motion or by those who were opposed to it, as those who were in opposition to him were actuated by the same feeling which actuated him, viz., a desire to benefit the Institution; they were of one mind in that respect. The question was whether or no the motion, if carried, would be a benefit to the Institution. There were three classes, or divisions, of people to be considered in the work they did for the Girls' School, as the Boys' School had; first, the Institution itself; secondly, the voters, governors, and subscribers; and, lastly, the children of Masons—he did not mean so much the children in the Institution, because they were comprised in that word, but Masonic children, born or unborn, who might at some time need the benefits of that great School. The question, he took it, at the present time was only one of figures—the broad question was whether presentations were or were not to be; they had not for years prevailed, and there was no regulation against them, and, if at any time upon notice the Court should think that perpetual presentations were undesirable it was a matter for future discussion. That was not so now; the point was whether the sum now offered might fairly and reasonably be accepted. Some years ago 1000 guineas was considered enough for a perpetual presentation to this and the other Institutions; his own Province of Kent bought one in the centenary year of the Girls' School, and probably West Yorkshire had one or more at the same price. However, circumstances in the money market alter and money was not so valuable. Instead of getting a presentation for 1000 guineas the price increased, and now 1100 guineas was offered, a sum which he thought it not unreasonable to predict would in the course of years be again increased. They all knew that figures might be made to prove anything, and some one might say in his view another set of figures might prevail. He would tell them why, as fair and reasonable men, he thought that motion should be carried. He knew the several items of objection that had been taken. Many letters had been written by brethren on the subject, and there was one from Bro. W. P. Brown, who took a prominent part in all benevolent matters, objecting to the acceptance of 1100 guineas. Another objector was Bro. W. Russell, Prov. Grand Treasurer of Kent, who held that the existing number of children in the school might be injured if the motion was carried. He (Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton), on thinking it out, arrived at an exactly opposite conclusion. In the first place, the child who was now the subject of a perpetual presentation, in no way interfered with the number ordered to go into the School by an election. A presentation child would not take off one from the list that the Committee Court were entitled to elect. That Court decided what the number to be elected should be. On April 27th, 1889, they ordered that 20 vacancies be declared, making 257 in the School. There was no occasion at all to fear that a child presented, or a number of children to be presented, would keep out others. A child presented must be a duly qualified candidate, the same as elected children. He did not know whether it was essential to insert "duly qualified" in his motion; but if the Court should think so, he should ask leave to insert them. He would suppose the case of a girl of such interest in her province as likely to be presented under that resolution if it should be carried. If she was so presented, she cleared the way for another girl to be elected. If not so presented, it would act against the general body of Governors, because she would be opposing the other; by being presented she cleared the way and made a path for herself without prejudicing the other children. As regarded the figures, a child who was presented should not be reckoned at such a high figure as Bro. W. P. Brown reckoned the cost; Bro. Brown took the simple but fallacious process of dividing the money expended by the number of children and giving as the result the cost as so much per head. That could not be right. One Court might be so liberal as to put up a building five times as palatial as the one they now had, and it would be wrong to take the interest of that money as part of the cost that was presented. It must be looked at fairly between the Institution and the child herself and it must be calculated what a child would fairly cost by coming into the Institution. On the Finance Committee they were perfect dragons at figures and they had worked it out. They computed that each child cost £30 9s. 11d. A very simple answer to the argument of Bro. Brown was that the interest of £1155 in India three per cent., which was now at 109, was £31 15s. 9d., so that there was a small margin in favour of the Institution.

Bro. T. H. GARDINER seconded the motion.

Bro. W. RUSSELL, Prov. G. Treas. Kent, advised the brethren not to vote for the motion. They were asked to enter into a bargain which would be absolutely detrimental to the interests of the Institution, and if they looked at the figures they would see they would be giving 22 per cent. for a sovereign. Another point was the position and dignity of the Institution. Why should the other Institutions for a similar benefit get 100 guineas more. The Boys' School actually turned away 1200 guineas. Some said the cost of the Boys was over £50 a head; some said it cost £40 per head in the Girls' School; he calculated it was £45. A presentation girl cost just the same as an elected girl. Presentation girls did affect the number of elected girls. Bro. Monckton contemplated £31 15s. as the annual produce of £1155 India Threes. That was a loss of £14 a year on the presentation girl. He hoped the Court would not enter into such a bargain. The India Threes were terminable at par in 1918, and where would the Institution be then with 10 per cent. less of capital and to put up with a much less return on investment. It was essential that a strong grip should be kept on the glamour of the £1155; the magnetism of the sum was irresistible.

Bro. W. P. BROWN supported Bro. Russell, and

Bro. HEDGES then read Bro. Brown's letter.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., moved, as an amendment to Bro. Monckton's motion, "That the further consideration of the proposition be deferred for the present until the managing body of the three Institutions shall have appointed a committee of three from each body to consider whether any perpetual presentation should be granted, and, if so, on what terms, and such report shall be presented to this Court." He submitted that Bro. Monckton was wrong in not taking the cost of the building into consideration in estimating the cost of each girl. Suppose 100 George Heaton's bought presentations of £1155 each, and that the presentation girls did not keep out elected girls, the School would have to be enlarged to admit another 100 girls. Although the Institution would have received another £115,500, the cost of the increased building would reduce the amount.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., seconded the amendment, which, after some discussion, was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. A. C. SPAULL, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, the following motions were carried:

"That the following be adopted as new laws:

"40A. Any Masonic Charitable Association (whose rules must first have been duly registered in the books of the Institution), upon payment of donations 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."

The Court afterwards elected 15 girls into the School, from a list of 26 approved candidates.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates. The successful will be found in our advertisement columns.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Stephenson, Victoria Florence	2873	Fisk, Lucy Cana	878
Brown, Annie Mabel	2561	Stickland, Gwynedd Mary	877
Orr, Ethel May	2522	O'Neill, Elizabeth	808
Pa'e, Gladys Leonora	1555	Scholes, Alberta (last)	199
Deans, Frances Clara	1080	Jacobs, Josephine Charlotte	142
Tremlett, Violet Louise	951		

Reviews.

"AN ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF OLD AND RARE BOOKS" (Pickering and Chatto, 66, Haymarket, London).—This remarkable Bibliography, Part II. *Civil War to Gardening*, contains quite a number of scarce books on Freemasonry, as well as many of general interest in the collection of the well-known firm of Pickering and Co. Doubtless a copy would be sent, on application from genuine book buyers, on enclosing two stamps for postage, but, if so, the favour will be on the side of the recipient, the illustrations alone being of considerable value, and the series, if to be completed, bids fair to be the best of its kind ever published. The present part, dealing as it does with such an artistic humourist as George Cruikshank, it will be readily understood that it is in no way inferior to its predecessor.

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Villiers Lodge, No. 1194.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. VINCENT, G. STD. BR.

There was a record attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 2nd instant. The past year had been a very successful one under Bro. Leon A. Francis, W.M., who installed as his successor Bro. C. Dodd, the W.M. elect. The members present included Bros. L. A. Francis, W.M.; C. Dodd, S.W.; W. A. Clark, J.W.; W. Vincent, G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. Dodd, P.P.G.D., Sec.; A. Harris, S.D.; A. Davis, J.D.; W. Tomes, I.G.; E. Monson, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; L. G. Cook, Stwd.; G. J. Thomas, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. F. Collinson, P.M.; J. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; R. T. Pearce, P.M.; E. J. Mills, P.M.; T. A. Woodbridge, P.M.; G. S. Peachey, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Capt. E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.; H. H. Room, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; C. A. W. Giles, 1563; H. Miller, S.W. 2362; C. Hunt, 861; E. Apelt, P.M. 186; H. Bond, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. F. Cheesman, P.M. 2346; H. J. Gregory, W.M. 3; A. Schneider, Treas. 2318; S. Lucas, P.M. 2395; M. F. Harris, 65; D. Saines, D.C. 2540; H. Parker, P.P.G. Org.; J. H. Stevenson, I.G. 2148; H. Thomson Lyon, W.M. 2563; J. A. Murdoch, 1987; and W. W. Lee, P.M. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. B. H. Griffiths, F. M. Putley, and W. E. Davis, were raised to the Third Degree, and the traditional history given. The W.M. then referred to the presentation they were about to make to Bro. W. Vincent, G. Std. Br. This was one of the greatest events in the history of their lodge, and he felt some reflected glory that it had occurred during his year. Bro. Room had kindly undertaken to make the presentation, and he would now ask him to do so. Bro. H. H. Room, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., said he confessed to a feeling of pride at having been asked to perform this gratifying duty, although he was a little surprised at having been selected for so important a function. He was sure they might have found a much more eminent brother, holding a higher rank in the Craft to have come down and done honour to their worthy brother. At the same time he was very grateful at having been asked to make the presentation, in the name of the brethren of this lodge, of the gift for which they had been good enough to subscribe. There was no doubt that the members were particularly proud and pleased at having the honour of grand office conferred upon one of the most eminent of their number. That the honour was well bestowed they were all agreed. It might be of interest if he gave them some details of Bro. Vincent's work for Freemasonry in general as well as for the Villiers Lodge. Having given a history of Bro. Vincent's lengthy and varied Masonic career (which has previously appeared in our columns), Bro. Room said he was very proud at the last meeting of Grand Lodge to see a member of a lodge in Middlesex carrying the standard. It was not so much whether a brother was at the top or the bottom of the list of officers of Grand Lodge as that he had been selected to fill Grand office, and this was the great point to bear in mind. He liked to impress this in provincial lodges, for a Prov. Grand Master was in a similar position to the M.W.G.M. in regard to appointments. Brethren were sometimes a little disappointed, whereas they had no real reason to be so, as they must bear in mind that they had been raised from the rank and file and the mere fact of this selection was sufficient honour in itself. He always divided the Grand Officers into three classes. Brethren of distinction selected to fill the highest posts, thereby reflecting lustre on the Craft, for the tone of Grand Lodge had been greatly raised for some years by the careful selection of brethren of eminence. The second-class consisted of brethren who possessed particular abilities, technical, or professional, and were willing to give them gratuitously. He alluded to such brethren as Bros. Phillbrick, Fenn, Sir J. Monckton, Littler, Loveland Loveland, and many others. The third class was one in which he hoped he might be classed—and he was sure Bro. Vincent could—brethren who, by zealous and hard work, had devoted much time to teaching others, improving the tone of their lodges, and otherwise doing good work, which had been recognised by the M.W.G.M., and who had been added to the long list of those who had received Grand Lodge honours. They must feel that this particularly applied to Bro. W. Vincent, whose appointment was a recognition of his eminent services to Freemasonry. He would remind the brethren present that they were all animated with the true Masonic spirit, and in the words of the installation ceremony—"They were of too generous a nature to envy him his preference." It was his great pride and pleasure to invest Bro. Vincent with their handsome present, and was sure it would be fully appreciated. If there was one thing which would

enhance the value of the gift to Bro. Vincent it was the pleasure of knowing that he had fairly earned the affection and friendship of the members. In addition to the clothing, there was a beautiful jewel, and in conclusion, Bro. Room hoped the Great Architect would spare Bro. Vincent for many years to wear the handsome present as a mark of a high honour, so well merited, and so well bestowed.

Bro. W. Vincent, G. Std. Br., was then saluted in due form, and on rising to reply, met with an enthusiastic reception. He said that if he did not adequately reply to the kind things said of him and the present they had been pleased to make him, it was not from want of appreciation, but rather from his poverty of language, which would not allow him to find words to give expression to his feelings. To say he was proud of being a Grand Officer was what they might suppose he would say. He was very proud indeed of the position the Grand Master had been pleased to appoint him to, but he could say from the bottom of his heart and truthfully that however proud he was of his office in Grand Lodge, he was more proud of the kindness, good will, and—as Bro. Room had expressed it—the affection he had received from the brethren of that lodge than he was even of the office. He had for many years received in that lodge the greatest kindness. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and he hoped as long as he lived he might remain a member of it. He could not hope he might for many, many years more assist in the working of Freemasonry. He proposed to continue as much of his Masonic work as he was permitted by health and strength, but when a brother was between 60 and 70, there was not the same amount of work left in one. He could not expect to go on for ever burning the candle in the way he had done. His services in the various Degrees had been appreciated by his having been elected an honorary member of so many lodges in Great Britain, America, and India. If he were to try and talk to them for half an hour he could not say more than that he heartily thanked them for their kindness. Bro. C. Dodd was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. L. A. Francis, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed: Bros. W. A. Clark, S.W.; A. Harris, J.W.; W. Vincent, G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. Dodd, P.P.G.D., Sec.; A. Davis, S.D.; W. Tomes, J.D.; L. G. Cook, I.G.; E. Monson, P.M., D.C.; R. Hill and W. G. Vincent, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

Other business was transacted, including the adoption of a satisfactory balance-sheet, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, well worthy of the reputation of the host, the usual toasts were proceeded with.

Bro. Capt. E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C., briefly replied for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. H. H. Room, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., replying for "The Prov. Grand Officers," said they could not expect their Prov. Grand Master, who was a Cabinet Minister with heavy and responsible duties, to be often with them, but whenever Lord George Hamilton presided over them, there were few who could equal his ability in that respect. Bro. Thrupp, the Dep. P.G.M., was mainly responsible for the high state of efficiency in the province, which the Prov. Grand Officers would do their utmost to maintain.

The I.P.M. proposed "The W.M.," and said they had not previously seen Bro. Dodd in the lodge as frequently as they would wish, for being a public servant his duties called him elsewhere. They had, however, seen enough to know their W.M. possessed many good qualities besides those mentioned in the Book of Constitutions—being a genial friend, a pleasant companion, and a good man and Mason. They wished their W.M. a successful year of office and hoped he would cement the friendships he had already formed.

Bro. C. Dodd, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren. He assured them he would endeavour to do all he possibly could in the interests of Freemasonry and as Master of that lodge, and trusted that at the close of his year they would not say he had been neglectful of the trust imposed upon him.

Bros. Gregory, W.M. 3; Thomson Lyon, W.M.; King, W.M.; and Bond, P.M., acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" in appropriate terms.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and referred to the impressive rendering of the ceremonies by Bro. Francis, I.P.M. In presenting their I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel and collar, he could only say Bro. Francis had been indefatigable and faithful to his obligation. An extra bar had been added to the jewel as a souvenir of Jubilee year.

Bro. Leon A. Francis, I.P.M., thanked the lodge for their gift, which he should wear as long as he was a member of the Craft, which would be to the day of his death. If he ever received further distinction—for he should not be quite satisfied now, but should seek other work—there were none he should prize more highly.

Bros. E. Monson, P.M.; Adams, P.M.; and Collinson, P.M., also responded. Other toasts were given before the Tyler's toast closed a red-letter day in the history of the lodge.

Bro. H. Parker, P.P.G. Org., kindly presided at the pianoforte, and Bros. Griffiths, Harmar, Vincent, and Cheeseman rendered vocal assistance. The bass songs of Bro. Griffiths were alone well worth the journey to Hampton Court.

Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350.

The above lodge met on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bootle, for the purpose of installing Bro. Edward W. Armstrong in the chair. The W.M. elect is the son of Bro. John Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.S. W. Cheshire, who has made himself famous in Masonic circles by his lectures and contributions to the literature of the mystic art. It was known that Bro. John Armstrong would install his son, and as such an incident is unique in the Craft, unusual interest was taken in the ceremony.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installing Bro. Edward W. Armstrong in the chair was then proceeded with, Bros. James Cookson, P.P.G.W.; Squire Chapman, P.P.G.D.; and J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C., acting as S.W., J.W., and I.G. respectively, the work being performed in an impressive manner by Bro. John Armstrong. The newly-elected W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. J. Robin, I.P.M.; Isaac Bolton, S.W.; E. Hutchfield Jones, J.W.; John Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire, Sec.; J. L. H. Woods, S.D.; H. G. Lowther, J.D.; C. C. Robin, P.M., D.C.; R. W. Jones, Org.; Ivor Jones, I.G.; Thomas Hughes, jun., Wm. Pettit, W. E. McKee, and W. Wallace, Stewards; H. Owens, Tyler; and John Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Cheshire, Charity Representative; after which the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts followed.

Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437.

Bro. John Spencer, S.W., W.M. elect of the above excellent and hospitable lodge, met with a most cordial and flattering reception on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering of the brethren of the lodge and visitors from both London and the Province of Essex generally, he was installed as W.M. of his mother lodge. The lodge is held at the Golden Lion, Romford, the famous hostelry of good old Bro. Peter Reynolds. On this occasion, however—by the kindness of the Urban District Council—the meeting was held in the Council Chamber. At the request of the retiring W.M., Bro. J. S. Hammond, P.G.S. of W., Bro. W. D. Child, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in an able and impressive manner installed Bro. Spencer into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Hammond, I.P.M.; J. Boreham, S.W.; G. Bailey, J.W.; Rev. A. R. T. Eales, M.A., Chap.; F. A. White, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; H. R. Heasman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; F. A. Stratford, S.D.; Harold E. Smith, J.D.; C. H. Woodcock, I.G.; C. G. Church, Org.; A. T. Harding, D.C.; F. W. Smith and W. Baker, Stewards; and A. G. Young, Tyler. Bro. Childs was most impressive in his delivery of the addresses. He was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his work as Installing Officer, and was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee.

The banquet was partaken of at the Golden Lion Hotel.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. W. King, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., J. W. Armoar, P.M., J. Jeffries, W. H. Palmer, A. Lightling, G. Hobday, A. Downing, J. H. Balch, E. S. Collins, R. K. Bull, J. Collier, T. G. Kemp, F. W. Smith, and P. Reynolds, all of the lodge; H. Barrow, W.M. 2442, T. G. Cramphorn, W.M. 276, P.P.S.G.D.; W. C. Chambers, S.D., and F. S. Folkes, A.D.C., of 700; W. Barnes, 19; R. F. Thomson, A.D.C. 1227; H. Green, 1365; and others.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said the Queen's reign, exceeding 60 years, was an event unprecedented in history. Everyone present shared her Majesty's feelings of gratitude to T.G.A.O.T.U., who had spared her so long, and he was equally certain that he was expressing the views of every brother present when he wished her every health and happiness yet for years to come.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," saying his Royal Highness had presided over them for over 22 years, and it was due to the interest he took in the Craft that it had become so flourishing an Institution. Every year new lodges were springing up, and Masonry increasing, not only at home, but in every part of their great Empire. His Royal Highness was the head of a worthy Brotherhood.

After drinking "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,"

The Worshipful Master, in glowing terms, proposed that of "The R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Warwick; the V.W.D.G.M., His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said the Earl of Warwick was a most genial and popular P.G. Master; while, as to the D.P.G.M., they all regretted to hear at the last P.G. meeting at Colchester, that he wished to resign. If, however, his decision was adhered to, their G.M. had a brother who was prepared to accept the office. He asked them to drink the toast in a bumper.

Bros. Cramphorn and Hammond having briefly responded, The I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said Bro. Spencer was well-known to the brethren as one who ever since his initiation had taken an active interest in the welfare of the lodge. He was also Secretary of their lodge of instruction, and had done good service to the lodge in every way. He cordially wished Bro. Spencer a prosperous year of office, as he felt sure they all did, and as that was the toast of the evening, he asked them to drink it with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. Spencer, who was loudly cheered as he rose to reply, said he knew he had the good wishes of every member of the lodge, and, indeed, of all the brethren present, for a good year of office. The fact of three candidates being proposed that evening pointed to the verification of their anticipation and good wishes. Nothing should be wanting on his part to make every brother happy and comfortable, and he sincerely hoped that at the end of his year of office they might be able to say that he had discharged his duties with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge. He then presented Bro. Hammond with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel and wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it.

Bro. Hammond having feelingly and in appropriate terms returned thanks,

The toast of "The Installing Officer," was proposed by the W.M., who spoke highly of the splendid manner in which Bro. Child had performed the ceremony. He said Bro. Child was one whom they all delighted to know, for whether in the lodge or the lodge of instruction he was always ready to assist them in any way and in the true spirit of Masonry and brotherly love.

Bro. Child, in response, said he took it as a great compliment when the I.P.M. asked him to install Bro. Spencer into the chair of the lodge, and if he had carried out the ceremony to their satisfaction that was all he wished for. He thanked them for their hearty and cordial reception of the toast.

"The Visitors" having been toasted and the toast responded to by Bro. Cramphorn, Bro. F. A. White proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of an excellent speech, full of facts and figures connected with the Institutions and the Provincial Charity Committee, mentioned that their W.M., Bro. Spencer, would represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would preside.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

A first class programme was carried out by "The Celia Quartette," (Bros. W. Hiles-Smith, A. Pennington, J. L. Haddon, and S. Galey), and Bros. Green and Hardy; the accompanist being Bro. C. G. Church.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1493.

The above lodge held its annual installation meeting on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Huntley, W.M. The other brethren who attended were Bros. J. W. Sparrow, I.P.M.; H. A. Huntley, S.W.; T. V. Mills, J.W.; Deputy Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; F. A. King, S.D.; J. E. Goddard, D.C.; John Brittan, Org.; B. J. Campbell, C. H. Fisher, W. Gray, J. Tovell, J. H. Clare, F. Maskery, W. G. Pinhorn, A. F. Hardymont, G. Manning, Walter Gooderich, C. Coleman, W. Hayes, F. Frayne, T. Pickett, W. S. Burgess, Jacob Keizle, A. Hammond, E. W. Raynham, Ernest M. Yeoman, W. Downs, A. Green, W. J. Scrivener, F. E. George, W. R. Freeman, Charles T. Pannell, John H. Pirie, G. Allman, H. T. Perry, and W. H. Delvel. Visitors: Bros. Benjamin Stocker, W.M. 754; S. A. Pardoe, 1888; A. H. Oldrey, S.W. 2361; G. Aillanel, 1297; C. Smith, 170; S. P. Fisher, Treas. 217; R. W. Palmer, 217; J. H. Frye, P.M. 201; Joseph Ailay, A.D.C. 1901; H. Peirce, S.W. 1599; J. D. Bathurst, J.D. 410; Frederick Morgan, 2535; J. Goodrich, 65; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Chas. Ramsden, 1625; W. J. Robinson, D.C. 1693; David Bartlett, S13; John Coles, S13; G. Smerdon, P.M. 1321; H. F. Dantich, I.G. 72; Charles Nutkins, I.G. 1732; Henry William Bell, 2332; Thomas H. Harden, 1339; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. W. Jaggard, 1929; and J. Hills, W.M. 1441.

After the opening formalities Bro. Richard W. Huntley, W.M., installed his brother, Bro. Horace A. Huntley, as W.M. for the ensuing year, on the presentation of Bro. Edwin George, P.M. and Sec., who during the remainder of the ceremony acted as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Richard W. Huntley was invested as I.P.M., and the other brethren invested as officers were Bros. Thomas V. Mills, S.W.; F. A. King, J.W.; Deputy Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Goddard, S.D.; A. F. Hardymont, J.D.; F. Frayne, I.G.; W. J. Scrivener, D.C.; A. Hammond, Stwd.; John Brittan, Org.; and David Legg, P.M., Tyler. After his investiture as Treasurer, a ceremony which was accompanied by some very flattering remarks by the W.M., Bro. Walford said that for the last 21 or 22 years he had been honoured by being elected to that position, and had enjoyed the confidence of the brethren of the lodge. He was gratified by hearing the W.M. express the hope that the brethren would have him as Treasurer for many years to come, but he could not help feeling that years were growing upon him, although he fully adopted the kind wish of the W.M. Nevertheless, as long as he was spared in health and strength to discharge the duties of Treasurer aught it would give him pleasure to serve the brethren. After all the investitures had taken place, the outgoing Master, Bro. R. W. Huntley, was presented by the W.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in addition to which he received a Past Master's collar and jewel. In presenting it, the W.M. remarked that that was only the second time such a compliment had been paid to a Past Master since the lodge had been formed. Bro. R. W. Huntley, in acknowledging the gift, said that such a present from the lodge was a testimony to him that he had achieved the desire which he formed when he was initiated in the lodge—that he might perform all the duties of Freemasonry properly, learn the work of all the offices of the lodge, attain to the chair of the W.M., and in that high and honourable position acquit himself to the satisfaction of the brethren. It was exceedingly pleasing to him to have such a recognition as he now possessed of his efforts, and he assured the brethren that he should prize it highly. The brethren unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Bro. Huntley, P.M., for his admirable performance of the ceremony of installation, the vote being proposed by Bro. Deputy Walford, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Charles H. Fisher, P.M. The brethren afterwards passed the balance-sheet, which was highly favourable.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren repaired to the banqueting room where a splendid repast awaited them, Bro. Hamp, the manager of the Holborn Restaurant, giving his personal superintendence.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts which followed were given in excellent taste, and the responses were marked with great enthusiasm and appropriateness.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., as the only representative of the purple present, replied in a few words to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Richard W. Huntley, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Horace A. Huntley," and said he stood in a unique position as he was proposing the health of the W.M., and of his own brother at the same time. He felt so proud that the words almost failed to come to his lips to express the pleasure he had in so doing. However, he believed the brethren would find in Bro. Horace Huntley everything they expected from him, and that at the end of his year of office they would be able to say, "Well done" once more.

Bro. Horace A. Huntley, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that night he was in a position which was one of the biggest ambitions of his life. It seemed marvellous how one started. Ten years ago he was initiated. He got into office, and he went on until he had attained that evening the office of W.M. The brethren had one and all drunk his health most heartily. He trusted that as their W.M. this year he should have the honour of giving them satisfaction, which would be a gratification to himself.

The Marquess of Ripon Lodge had been held in great respect many years, and he hoped as he took that night the position of its W.M. without the slightest stain on the lodge, and nothing but respect for it, he should go out of office with the lodge being held in the same respect, and possessing the same brotherly feeling and good heartedness as had been its good fortune under all previous Masters. He would endeavour to the utmost to do his duty as far as a Master could, and would always be in attendance but for unforeseen occurrences, such as illness. Whatever could be done for the benefit of the lodge, or its Charities, or of individual members of the lodge, he promised the brethren he would do it with a good heart and good intention. In conclusion, he could only thank the brethren for the kind way in which he had been toasted by all the brethren and the P.Ms., everyone of whom had assisted to get him into his position as Master of the lodge.

Bro. Horace A. Huntley, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Richard W. Huntley," and said that the wonderful enthusiasm with which the toast would be received was well-deserved.

Bro. Richard W. Huntley, I.P.M., in the course of his reply to the toast, which was most enthusiastically received, said it had given him great pleasure during his year of office to find he was so well supported by one and all of the brethren, and now that he left the chair he did so with regret, but nevertheless, with the feeling that he gave up the reins to another who, he was certain, would perform all he had promised.

Bros. F. Morgan, Bentley, and Benjamin Stocker, W.M. 754, responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The toasts of "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers of the lodge," having been proposed and responded to,

Bro. Legg, P.M., Tyler, gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

The Rose Lodge, No. 1622.

The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing South London lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., which marks an epoch in its history, it having attained its maturity, viz., 21 years since its consecration and also in a second sense its maturity as regards its excellent working, for assuredly that climax was reached both by the W.M., Bro. William Dawson, P.M., and the I.P.M., Bro. S. W. Ballard. There were present Bros. S. W. Ballard, W.M.; Wm. Dawson, P.M.; S.W., and W.M. elect; Wal. E. Jeffery, J.W.; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; John Loader, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; Hy. Potter, S.D.; W. Shaw, J.D.; Geo. Thompson, I.G.; S. J. Derham, P.M., D.C.; Jas. Parr and W. S. Nelthropp, Stwds.; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; Dav Rose, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; Thomas Pickett, P.M.; Thomas E. Webb, P.M.; J. H. Pullen, P.M.; Wm. Jeffery, P.M.; F. W. Wright, R. Brambleby, A. Harman, Thomas J. Smith, J. B. Higgs, S. J. Cohen, R. Sobel, C. H. Mayo, W. Wisdom, Josiah Messent, Wal. J. Kirby, Cecil B. Ryan, J. Hight, W. J. Frampton, D. W. St. Cedd, W. J. Hogan, W. J. Snodgrass, W. Reep, E. Miles, R. S. Matheson, A. Christie, C. H. C. B. Klussman, A. C. Crisp, J. Muttit, P. C. Hanisch, Jos. Wiggins, and C. Meyer. The visitors were Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B.; Wal. T. Barwell, Org. 2504; H. S. Windsor, P.M. 1420; W. Roots, W.M. 2589; A. G. Broadberry, 1719; A. Ronveau, 2206; C. J. Sowton, W.M. 1679; R. C. Klyne, W.M. 2266; C. J. Hayes, P.M. 1475; G. Richards, 1056; F. H. Ford, J.W. 1901; G. S. Collinson, 1950; J. A. Seyd, 1837; Hy. Hardman, P.M. 1641, Prov. A.G.S. N. Wales; W. L. Teather, 1425; Osborn, W.M. 2469; J. Mears, W.M. 788; G. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; B. T. Drayner, 1297; R. J. Richards, 1056; I. T. Christian, 2128; Alf Bennett, J.W. 1625; H. Roper Barker, 2552; C. A. White, 1777; H. E. Hotman, 213; J. Baird, 2266; Thos. Hobley, J.W. 1320; Robert Elgar, W.M. 1329; F. Percival, 1901; W. Hunnex, 1901; E. A. Rice, S.W. and W.M. elect 1320; Thos. Grumman, P.M. and Sec. 1559; G. H. Harris, 1087; Geo. R. Langley, 2381, Prov. G.D. Middx; Frank W. Williams, P.M. and Treas. 101; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.D. 1641.

The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Cecil B. Ryan, Arthur Harman, and Thomas A. Harris were raised, and Bro. James Simpson passed by Bro. S. W. Ballard in a most exemplary manner. Bro. S. W. Ballard, W.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Dawson, S.W., and W.M. elect. A ballot was next taken for Messrs. A. C. Crisp, Jos. Wiggins, Paul Charles Hanisch, and James Muttit, which proved unanimous, and they were afterwards initiated in a perfect and most impressive manner by Bro. Wm. Dawson. Bro. S. W. Ballard resumed the chair, and a ballot was taken for Bros. A. Christie, 1730, and Carl H. C. B. Klussman, 1085, as joining members, which proved unanimous, after which the Auditors' report was received and adopted, showing the lodge to be in a very sound financial position. Five brethren were elected upon the Benevolent Committee of the lodge, and Bro. Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas., was re-elected Charity representative on the South London Charitable Association. Bro. S. J. Derham, P.M., D.C., next presented Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M., W.M. elect, to Bro. S. W. Ballard, W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a large Board of Installed Masters, to the number of 27, in a faultless manner. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. W. Ballard, I.P.M.; W. E. Jeffery, S.W.; H. Potter, J.W.; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; John Loader, P.M., Sec.; G. Thompson, S.D.; J. H. Reap, J.D.; H. Brambleby, I.G.; S. J. Derham, P.M., D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. E. Parr and S. J. Cohen, Stewards; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably rehearsed by Bro. S. W. Ballard, I.P.M., for which he received universal praise.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, which was highly appreciated. The cloth removed.

The W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," a toast which was, he said, always received amongst Freemasons most loyally.

In presenting the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. remarked upon his excellent qualities and his readiness at all times to forward every good cause. None would ever forget how gracefully he presided at the Centenary Festival at the Royal Albert Hall.

The toast was received most loyally.

Bro. Wm. Dawson, W.M., next proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," eulogising their uniform kindness and assiduity, and coupled with it the name of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B.

In reply, Bro. Scurrah thanked the brethren for their kind expressions towards the Grand Officers. It certainly was a great honour to respond for them. In the Pro Grand Master, Earl of Lathom, there was no brother who could perform the duties better than he. Whenever there was any special business before Grand Lodge Bro. the Earl of Lathom, among all his other official duties, was seldom away. In his absence the Dep. G.M., Earl Amherst, was ever ready to carry on in the same excellent manner. Having two such noblemen as Grand Officers—with their multifarious duties—performing their respective duties in Grand Lodge so admirably, how much more should the younger members emulate them and do their very best. He was himself most grateful that the M.W.G.M. some 18 months since had conferred upon him grand honours, and it recurred to the credit of the many lodges to which he belonged, and not the least to the Rose Lodge in which were so many of his old friends, particularly Bro. William Dawson, W.M. He was only too glad to accept his very kind invitation to be present, and he had been delighted with the work of the whole of the officers, specially the W.M. in the initiation ceremony and the I.P.M. in the working of the installation. He thanked the brethren for the great treat afforded him and for their bountiful hospitality, as well as for coupling his name to respond for the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. S. W. Ballard, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The W.M.," stating that 12 months ago it was to him a very great pleasure to rise as the Master of the lodge, and it was equally as great a pleasure then to present the toast of the W.M. In him the lodge was presided over by one of the best Masters in South London, an earnest of which had been shown in his excellent working that evening. If the same success attended him throughout the year the lodge would be immensely benefited. Personally the I.P.M. was gratified in seeing him in that honourable position, and every brother in the lodge wished him a happy and successful year of office.

On rising to respond, Bro. Dawson, W.M., received quite an ovation. He said he returned his best thanks. Eight years ago he was initiated in the Rose Lodge, and little did he think then that he should succeed so quickly to the proud position of W.M. of such a lodge, always known for its superior working. On the following Thursday to his

initiation he joined the Rose Lodge of Instruction, and his love for Freemasonry, and the very able assistance he had always received from Bro. D. Rose, the worthy Preceptor, had now gained him the coveted position as Master of his mother lodge. He publicly thanked Bro. Rose for his kindness, and he felt the honour was greatly due to him for his able tuition, which enabled him to accept the position without fear and trembling. The occasion was doubly auspicious. First, he had been installed Master, and, secondly, the lodge was 21 years old that day. He asked the brethren to support such a lodge during the coming year to their utmost, and uphold its dignity, and he was confident so long as the lodge had such excellent workers, it could not but prosper. He again thanked them most heartily for such a cordial greeting.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiates," and remarked that although the Rose Lodge was in a thoroughly sound and healthy condition, yet an infusion of new and wholesome blood was necessary at times. Four gentlemen had been introduced, three by himself. Messrs Crisp and Wiggins he had known for years as honourable men; Mr. Hanisch had been introduced to him by a distinguished brother from America, with excellent credentials, and Mr. Muttit, by Bro. Jeffery, S.W., another personal friend, so that the prestige of the lodge would be well sustained by their membership. The lodge gave them a most cordial greeting, and their health was drunk in bumpers.

Bro. Crisp, in reply, thanked the brethren most heartily for receiving him as a member. For the beautiful ceremony he had witnessed, and the impression made, it was very difficult to express his feelings. It was the proudest minute of his life, and he trusted the brethren would have reason to be proud of him.

Bro. Wiggins stated his one ambition had been achieved, that of becoming a Freemason. He would echo every sentiment expressed by Bro. Crisp, and say it was likewise the proudest and most happy moment in his life.

Bro. Hanisch said it would appear that he had, as it were, been received on trust, he having been recommended to the W.M., and, through the kindness of the brethren and that truly Masonic spirit, he had become one of them. It had been said by one of the great poets—"Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you what you are." The brethren had extended the greatest possible kindness to him, and he trusted as time went on all the expectations required of him would be fully realised, and his utmost endeavour would be to emulate them to the fullest.

Bro. Muttit also suitably replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next honoured by the W.M., who remarked upon its great importance and the hearty and cordial reception which the members of the lodge always gave it. There were 37 worthy visitors present, and he should like them all to say a few words. However, if that were too large an order, he should like the W.Ms. present to respond, viz., Bros. Mears, 788; Elgar, 1329; Sowton, 1679; Klyne, 2266; Osborn, 2469; E. A. Rice, W.M. elect 1320; Hardman, 1641; and G. R. Langley, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.

The toast was most enthusiastically received.

The whole of the brethren named responded, and remarked upon the excellent work, kindly feeling exhibited, and splendid entertainment given. The lodge might well be pleased with its Master, and he, too, at being the head of so united a body.

Bro. G. Langley said he felt it his privilege and great pleasure to be present. From the manner all the business had been executed, it must, indeed, be gratifying to Bro. David Rose, the first Master of the lodge. From what he knew of the W.M. and his capabilities, he doubted not but that his services would ere long be recognised in the county of Middlesex, he having been the means of resuscitating an old lodge in that county. Having such a Master, there was no wonder that all the officers would perform their duties well, having had such excellent tuition.

The toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said, was most important. The lodge was indeed fortunate in having so many present, from the first Master and one of the founders, Bro. David Rose, who occupied the chair 21 years ago, to their I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Ballard, to whom, for his able services in the chair during the past year, the lodge had unanimously voted the Past Master's jewel, which he (the W.M.) had very great pleasure in presenting, with the earnest hope that he might live many years to wear it and adorn the lodge with his presence.

Bro. Ballard, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind references and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He felt in a very proud position, having had congratulations from all around. He had striven to do his best, and he also thanked Bro. Rose for his great assistance. He had the honoured position of Past Master, and all he could do for the lodge he would do to the best of his ability. For such a testimony of their good will as that handsome jewel it would be his pride and pleasure to wear it as long as he lived.

Bro. David Rose, who was most cordially received, thanked the brethren. He was installed 29 years ago for the first time and 21 years ago as first Master of the Rose Lodge. It was deeply gratifying to him to hear the visitors bear such testimony to the work. The younger officers of the lodge performed their duties so admirably that there was nothing for the Past Masters to do. Of the installation and initiation ceremonies it was many years since they had been worked better. The W.M. and Installing Master had given long and steady work at those ceremonies. So long as the lodge had such Past Masters, together with the Treasurer and Secretary, the working would be good and the same brotherly feeling would continue. It gave him great delight to be once more among them.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said they were officers of sterling worth. If the Secretary had not kindly accepted the position he (the W.M.) should have been diffident in accepting office. With two such worthy brethren the lodge would be safely guarded and sure to prosper.

Bro. Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas., said the lodge, he was happy to say, was in a very sound position, due to the promptitude with which the brethren paid, and enabled him to pay all the accounts, so that sitting down to the banquet and knowing all liabilities were discharged was to him a very great pleasure. Some eight years ago he sat as W.M. of the lodge and had the proud pleasure of passing and raising the W.M. The Rose Lodge had had excellent Masters but none better than the present.

Bro. John Loader, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. for such kind allusions and said nothing should be wanting on his part to make the present year a success. As long as he lived he trusted that as the Secretary he should have the same kindly feeling shown him as hitherto. The work of the Secretary was not light but was one of love to him, and he hoped for many years he should command their respect and esteem.

The important toast of "The Officers" was given in most eulogistic terms by the W.M., who remarked that without good officers the beautiful ceremonies could not be performed as they should be. The S.W. was a brother of capabilities and life long friendship. The J.W. had made rapid strides and was doing good work. Bros. Thompson and Reap, the Deacons, were capable, and Bro. Derham, P.M., as D.C., was perfect. To add to these Bro. Choveaux, the efficient Organist, harmonised the whole.

Bros. Wal. Jeffery, S.W., and Potter most ably replied and pledged themselves to do their very best for such a lodge and so worthy a Master.

The Tyler's toast closed an eventful and happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. F. E. Choveaux, ably assisted by Mr. F. E. Cooper, Bros. S. J. Derham, P.M., and A. Ronveau (hautists), Arthur Grover (tenor), and Walter George (humorist); all being highly appreciated. Bro. F. E. Choveaux ably presided at the piano.

The Lodge of Research, No. 2429.

The annual installation festival of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 27th ult. The Worshipful Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., occupied the chair, and was supported by a large number of members and visitors. After the confirmation of minutes, the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. R. Pratt was installed in ancient form, and appointed his officers as follows, all of them being Masters or Past Masters of the Craft: Bro. F. W. Billsom, L.L.B., W.M. 1391, S.W.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., P.M. 523, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Mason, B.A., P.M. 1140, Chap.; W. D. Grant, P.M. 279, Treas.; J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523 and 2429, Sec.; J. J. W. Knowles, P.M. 1027, S.D.; H. Howe, P.M. 1391, J.D.; G. Neighbour, P.M. 523, I.G.

After the usual routine business of the meeting was concluded, a paper was read by Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., on "Some Aspects of Early English Freemasonry." A short discussion followed, and Bro. Lane was subsequently unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

The usual conversation followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The meetings of this lodge are well attended by the Masonic students of the district; a paper is read upon each occasion, followed generally by a discussion, after which Masonic curios are exhibited and described, and everything possible is done to keep the members well informed on the Masonic literature and topics of the day.

Mark Masonry.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 15th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. W. Forge, P.G.D., W.M.; J. Hill, S.W.; E. W. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.O., as J.W.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. H. Kohler, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and F. F. Bonney, P.M., P.P.G.O.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. R. W. Forge on his promotion to Provincial Grand rank. Bro. F. F. Bonney, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the support rendered to him as Steward to the recent Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and which was so highly successful. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. George Everett, P.M., P.S.G.D.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; and others. The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. J. T. Briggs responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" and B.O. W. Thomas for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. CHARLES WM. HUDSON, W.M. 2665.

Bro. Charles Wm. Hudson, first W.M. of the Past and Present Lodge, No. 2665, was initiated into Freemasonry in 1868 (29 years ago) in the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, at Brighton, by his father, who was then W.M. He became W.M. in 1879, and in 1885, was elected Treasurer, which office he has held up to the present time. In 1882, he was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for Sussex, which office he held for three years, and was afterwards appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Hudson is a founder and P.M. of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, and a founder and P.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in 1874, in the Royal Pavilion Chapter, No. 315, of which he is a P.Z. and Treasurer. Was a founder of the Chaucer Chapter, No. 1540, and of the Metropolitan Chapter, No.



1507, in both of which he has served as M.E.Z. In Mark Masonry, Bro. Hudson is a Past Grand Steward, Past Provincial Grand M.O. of Sussex, and has twice served the office of W.M. in the Southdown Lodge, No. 164. He has from the time of his initiation been an ardent worker for the Charities, is a London representative on the Board of Management of the Boys' School, of which Institution he is a Vice-President. He is also a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution and Life Governor of the Girls' School, having served 16 Stewardships. It will be recollected that Bro. Hudson unsuccessfully contested the election of Grand Treasurer on two recent occasions, and will probably again be nominated for that office.

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

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 29th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Kobelt, W.M.; Day, S.W.; Clarkson, J.W.; Pauncefort, P.M., Preceptor; Tilt, P.M., Sec.; Pate, J.D.; and Hartley, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the W.M. rehearsing the charge to the candidate. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M. 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 4th inst., when there were present Bros. E. A. Rice, W.M.; Hy. Cornford, S.W.; T. Hobley, J.W.; W. Dawson, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec.; Sobel, J.D.; Brambleby, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; Elgar, Crisp, Wal. Jeffery, Ballard, Loader, Conyers, Hurley, Weare, sen., Weare, jun., Shelley, Tempest, and Stunt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Falkner being the candidates. Bro. Rice vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Elgar, who repeated the ceremony, Bro. Shelley being the candidate. The Second Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hy. Cornford, assisted by the brethren. It was resolved that the annual supper should take place at the Ship Restaurant, Charing-cross, on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 6 p.m., President, Bro. E. A. Rice, W.M. elect 1320. Bros. Crisp, 1622, and Conyers, 1475, were elected joining members. Business of the lodge ended, was closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 1st instant. Present: Comps. C. Plant, M.E.Z.; W. R. Barr, H.; Cureton, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., acting Preceptor, S.E.; Reed, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Telling, Bonner, Eckersall, Wills, Lundie, and Blum.

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. Lundie personating the candidate. Comp. S. J. Derham was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD, P.G. STD. BR.

Bro. Hogard, who for many years past has been a familiar figure in London Masonic circles, and who died very suddenly on the 4th instant, was initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, on the 26th November, 1867, and was elected and installed W.M. in 1873. In 1877 he was appointed its Secretary, and retained the office, by successive annual appointments, until quite recently, when he resigned, and, in recognition of his services, was presented with a handsome testimonial. He joined the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, in 1869, served as W.M. in 1874-5, and in 1875 was honoured with the appointment of Prov. G.S. of W. Essex. In March, 1887, he became a founder and first Secretary of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, and the following year rendered material service in founding the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265. He was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in 1870, was a P.Z. of Faith Chapter, No. 141, and Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10; a founder of St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142, in 1878; M.E.Z. in 1881; and, on vacating the chair of First Principal, was elected Scribe E., while in 1885 he was the principal founder and first M.E.Z. of the Israel Chapter, No. 205. In both Craft and Royal Arch Masonry he held Grand Office, having, in 1887, been appointed Past Grand Std. Br. of Grand Lodge and Past Dep. G.D.C. in Supreme Grand Chapter. He had also won distinction in Mark Masonry, to which he was advanced in 1873 in the Samson and Lion Lodge, No. 86. In 1880 he joined the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, and for some years was its Secretary. He was also a founder and second W.M. of the Henniker Lodge, No. 315, Grand Steward of Mark Grand Lodge in 1883, founder and Secretary of the Mark Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1884, and subsequently Grand Std. Br. He was also a Royal Royal Ark Mariner, for many years Grand Recorder of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and also a member of the Grand Councils of the Allied Degrees and Royal and Select Masters respectively. He took an active interest in the administration of our Charitable Institutions, and especially of the Boys' School, was a Vice-President of all three of them, and had served six Stewardships each for the Benevolent and Boys' School and five for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRO. PROF. PETER LUND SIMMONDS, P.M., P.Z.

It is with very sincere regret we announce the death, on Monday, the 4th instant, of Bro. Peter L. Simmonds, from injuries received through being knocked down and run over by an omnibus in the Gray's Inn-road. Bro. Simmonds, who had attained the ripe age of 83 years, had been a member of our Order for close upon half a century, having been initiated in the Yarborough Lodge No. 812—now No. 554—in July, 1848. During his membership, which lasted eight years, he served as W.M. from 1851 to 1854; he was a member of Faith Lodge, No. 141, being installed W.M. in 1853, and during the same period was a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 173. He was also a member—for 14 years—of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, and served as W.M. in 1876, and Treasurer in 1878-9. From 1883 to 1894, he was a member of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, joined the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, in 1893, and the Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. In addition, he was, in 1887, affiliated to St. David Lodge, No. 133, Tarbolton and Mauchline, under the Scottish Constitution. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted on the 19th October, 1854, in the Yarborough Chapter, he was a P.Z. both of that and the Dalhousie Chapter, No. 1159. He was advanced to the Mark, under the Scottish Constitution, in No. 102, Glasgow, in 1855, and four years later became a P.M. In 1859 he was raised to the chair of No. 1 in London, joined St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, E.C., on the 4th January, 1876, and served as W.M. in 1885. He was also a Past Grand Steward and a supporter of the Mark Benevolent Fund and a Past W.C.N. in the Royal Ark Mariners Degree. He was perfected Rose Croix in February, 1885, in the Palestine Chapter, No. 29, and installed a Knight Templar in the Holy Palestine Preceptory in 1884, but perhaps his greatest achievement in Masonry, at all events that by which he will be best remembered, and apart from his sterling qualities as a brother, most sincerely respected, was the compilation in 1895 of an "Illustrated History of the St. Mark's Mark Lodge, No. 1, London," which was published by Bro. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, and to which Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past G. Mark Warden, wrote a very elaborate introduction. The work was one which our late brother was especially qualified to write, as he was a Mark Mason before the constitution of our Grand Mark lodge, and belonged to both the English and Scottish Constitutions. It was dedicated to the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Mark Master, and has been pronounced a most interesting and valuable history by all our most competent judges. We tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of our deceased brother.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE REGULAR monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE WHITEFIELD CHALLENGE CUP of the Newquay Golf Club was recently won by Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean.

BRO. SIR BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart, M.P., has been elected a vice-president of the Herts County Football Association.

BRO. PASSMORE EDWARDS has promised to erect a new wing to the Women's Hospital at Redruth for the accommodation of sick children.

THE ROYAL AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY will give a concert at the Queen's Hall on the 10th prox., in aid of the Special Appeal Fund for Charing Cross Hospital.

THE JAPANESE MINISTER and Madame Kato visited Windsor Castle on Tuesday and were conducted through the State and private apartments by her Majesty's Inspector of the Palace.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT having been elected W.M. of the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, Aldershot, his Royal Highness has expressed his willingness to fulfil the post, and will be installed on the 28th inst.

THE 20TH SEASON of the People's Concert Society, will begin on Saturday, the 10th inst., and the organisers hope to be able to give concerts in a systematic way during the approaching winter in the East-end of London.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex was held at the County Court House, Romford, on Thursday, the 7th instant, at 4.30 p.m., and at 6 p.m. the usual banquet followed at the Golden Lion Hotel.

WE REGRET that in our report of the September Communication of United Grand Lodge the name of the Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes was given as Bro. J. J. Thomas, it should have been Bro. William James Mason.

THE MAN ARRESTED in connection with the murders of Mr. Rand and Lieut. Ayerst at the time of the Jubilee celebrations, has confessed to the crime and declares that he murdered the former, while an accomplice, who is still at large, murdered the latter.

THE NEW Royal County Theatre at Kingston-on-Thames was opened on Monday evening with a performance of "Under the Red Robe," by Mr. Abud's company from the Haymarket Theatre. The house was filled in every part by an enthusiastic audience.

THE LADY MAYORESS presided at the Mansion House on Tuesday at the distribution of prizes awarded to the successful competitors at the recent exhibition of fans by the Fanmakers' Company, among the winners being the Marchioness of Bristol and Viscountess Duncannon.

THE 1ST BATTALION GRENADIER GUARDS arrived at Gibraltar on board the transport Simla on Sunday, but remained the night on the ship and embarked and marched to their quarters on Monday. The Cameron Highlanders left the Rock the same day and embarked on the Simla for Egypt.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY has issued a special army order announcing that the Queen has been pleased to institute a grant of awards to be called "Queen Victoria's Medals" to be issued to cadets who distinguish themselves during their course of study at the Royal Military Academy and the Royal Military College.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, have been entertaining a party of friends for deer-stalking at the shooting lodges of Fealar and Glentilt on the Blair Atholl Estate. Good sport has already been had, amongst the deer killed being many fine specimens, while many of the heads were remarkably well proportioned.

PREVIOUS to the opening of the Royal Courts of Justice for the despatch of business on Monday, the 23rd inst., a service will be held in Westminster Abbey which will be attended by the Judges in State, according to their custom on holding assizes in other cities. This will be the first occasion on which the ordinary sittings of the Law Courts in London have been preceded by a State religious service.

ROYAL SAVOY MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION resumed their meetings for the season on Sunday, the 3rd inst., at the Falcon Hotel, Highbury. Bro. Thomson Lyon was in the chair, supported by many eminent Mark Masons. Brethren of the Mark Degree are cordially invited, and will receive a hearty welcome. Bro. T. E. Edmonds is Precursor, Bro. A. McDowall, Treasurer, and Bro. W. Collins, Secretary.

IT APPEARS that the Town Council of Bournemouth spent close upon £6000 upon the Municipal Orchestra for the Winter Gardens and Pier during the year ending May last. In this however, is not included the large sum paid to artistes engaged weekly to give performances. The first of 60 symphony concerts arranged by the Corporation to take place under the direction of Bro. Dan Godfrey, jun., during the winter months took place on Thursday.

ACCORDING to Reuter's agency a severe engagement took place between the British troops and the rebels in Uganda on the 20th July, in which the King and his supporters made a brave stand, maintaining their position until charged by Major Ternan's force. Major Ternan was slightly wounded in the shoulder, while two Soudanese soldiers were killed and 11 wounded. The enemy's loss is reported to have been very heavy.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will lay the foundation-stone, on behalf of her Majesty the Queen, of the new Bluecoat School, at Horsham, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. His Royal Highness will be received by the Duke of Cambridge, President of the School, and the Reception Committee, and the boys of both the London and Hertford Schools will be present, and suitably entertained in honour of the event. The proceedings will commence about 1.15 p.m.

PARKHURST THEATRE.—Mr. Edward Lockwood's clever company in that most charming musical production of modern time, "La Poupee," by Ordonneau and Sturges, music by Audran, appears at the Parkhurst Theatre next week. "La Poupee" contains every element necessary to a complete success in a high degree of perfection—bright, tuneful music, racy dialogue, magnificent dresses, lovely scenery, and above all a novel, ingenious, and interesting plot.

MR. FRANK B. RENDLE, brother-in-law of the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, has taken Covent Garden Theatre for the winter months, and when the Carl Rosa Opera Company's season is over, intends continuing the series of fancy balls which proved so attractive under the management of Bro. Harris. Mr. Rendle was associated with his late brother-in-law in the management of these balls, and will therefore bring plenty of experience to bear in the management of the intended series.

LEADING STOKER HANNAFORD and Stoker Kennedy, who were killed last week by the explosion on the torpedo-boat destroyer Thrasher, were buried with full naval honours at Plymouth on Monday morning, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Admiral the Hon. Sir E. R. Fremantle and a large number of naval officers and most of the stokers and seamen gunners from the Royal Naval Barracks were present.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) the Lord Mayor will receive at the Guildhall, the Elcho Challenge Shield, which was won at Bisleby this summer by the English Eight. His lordship will also be presented with the Mackinnon Challenge Trophy, and the Volunteer Medical Ambulance Shield, which were likewise won by the English representatives. These latter will be presented at the Mansion House where, after the ceremony is over, the winning teams will be entertained at dinner by his lordship. The Elcho Shield will be hung, as usual, in the Guildhall.

THE SERVICES of Bro. Sheriff Dewar have quickly been enlisted in aid of charity. On Tuesday evening that most deserving of Institutions, known as the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, held its 30th festival dinner at the Cannon-street Hotel under the presidency of Bro. Dewar, who proved himself an able advocate. Unfortunately, this year the Society was without the support of an old and good friend Bro. Col. Lambert, who, owing to ill-health, was unable to be present. A goodly list of subscriptions was announced, including 50 guineas from the Chairman, and 50 guineas from Bro. Col. Lambert.

THE CALEDONIAN CLUB, 30, Charles-street, St. James's-square, has secured the services of Lord Walter Gordon Lennox as its Secretary.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, who is on leave of absence, is expected to resume his command at Aldershot about the middle of the present month.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) and Lady Halsbury have arrived at Castle Wenys on a visit to Lord and Lady Inverclyde.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF WHARFCLIFFE have been entertaining a large shooting party at Wortley Hall, near Sheffield, during the present week.

MR. THEODORE LUMLEY has been appointed by the Prince of Monaco to be Consul-General of that Principality, in succession to Mr. Piesse, who has resigned.

THE EARL AND COUNTESS BATHURST have returned to Cirencester from Glenmuick, where they had been staying as the guests of Bro. Lord and Lady Glenesk.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK and her children left town on Thursday for The Cottage, Sandringham, where her Royal Highness will be joined by the Duke on the conclusion of his visit to Houghton Hall.

SIR JOHN GILBERT, R.A., President of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, died at his residence, Vanburgh Park, Blackheath, on Tuesday evening, at the ripe age of 80 years.

IT IS AMUSING to be told that a prophet who has announced the end of the world for 1900 has recently paid a high premium in order to secure the lease of certain business premises for a term of 15 years.

COL. DOUGLAS DAWSON, Military Attaché at the British Embassy at Paris, was present, by her Majesty's command, at the ceremony of unveiling Marshal Canrobert's statue at Saint Céré, on Sunday last.

THE ENTRIES for the National Cat Club's Show, which will be held shortly at the Crystal Palace, have closed, with a total of 650, among which are some splendid specimens of all varieties.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF TRECK arrived from Belford, Northumberland, on Monday afternoon at Appleby Castle, Westmorland, on a visit to Bro. Lord Hothfield, Lord Lieutenant of the county.

SIR FLEETWOOD EDWARDS has forwarded, on behalf of the Queen, a donation of £100 towards the funds of the Winchester Diocesan Society for promoting the Church work of various guilds in the diocese.

ON SATURDAY last, as two detachments of Portland Artillery were practising at Verne citadel, the breech block of a 40-pounder gun was blown out, and of the 20 men engaged on the gun eight were injured.

THE MOORE AND BURGESS MIN STRELS announce their 33rd Anniversary Festival for Wednesday, the 20th instant, when an entirely new programme is promised, accompanied with the gift of souvenirs to the audience.

THE 20-GUINEA silver cup given annually by the Queen for competition among the farmers at the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Show at Datchet, has been awarded to Mr. John Kinross for the best root crops generally.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein will arrive at Buckingham Palace to-morrow (Saturday) from Germany, while Prince Christian Victor has rejoined his regiment after visiting the Queen at Balmoral.

THE DUKE OF YORK left town for Sandringham early on Monday morning, and later in the day proceeded to Houghton Hall on a visit to Viscount Grey de Wilton, who had invited a number of guests to meet his Royal Highness, for partridge shooting.

THE SECOND ANNUAL entertainment of the West Hampstead and Kilburn Swimming Club, which was to have been held on Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., but had to be postponed on account of the building being flooded, will take place on Monday, the 18th inst.

THE BATH CITY COUNCIL unanimously decided on Tuesday to confer the honorary freedom of the city upon the Duke of Cambridge on the occasion of his Royal Highness's approaching visit to open the new Pump-room and lay the foundation-stone of the Victoria Art Gallery.

THE CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY having leased Covent Garden Theatre for a season of grand opera in England, the Queen has caused it to be made known to the management that she will be pleased to extend to them her patronage by subscribing for the Royal Box during the season.

THE OUTBREAK of typhoid fever at Maidstone is still in full force, and in order to meet the additional expenses to which the sufferers have been and will be put, the Mayor has opened a local fund for them which amounted on Wednesday to about £2000. Contributions from other parts are invited.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT of Ireland and Countess Cadogan, who have been paying a round of visits in Scotland, will return to Chelsea House on Sunday next. Next week they will be at Rutland Cottage, Newmarket, for the Second October meeting, and in November they will return to the Viceroyal Lodge, Dublin.

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT, Bro. Alderman Col. Davies, M.P., has appointed the Right Rev. A. Earle, D.D., Bishop of Marlborough and Rector of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, to be his Chaplain, and Bro. W. J. Soulsby, C.B., to be his Private Secretary. The latter has held the same office during the last 22 Mayoralties.

THE QUEEN has caused a telegram to be sent to the Mayor of Maidstone, expressive of her Majesty's sympathy with the inhabitants of that town in the severe visitation of typhoid from which they are suffering, and the Mayor has very gratefully acknowledged the message, which is fully appreciated by the townspeople.

THE KING OF SIAM, accompanied by his two brothers, arrived in Brussels on Saturday last, and on Sunday proceeded to Baden Baden. On Saturday he is expected to arrive at the Siamese Legation in Paris and will remain there *incognito* for a week, after which he will visit Lisbon, Madrid, and Florence, returning to Siam in December.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES is expected to terminate her visit to the King and Queen of Denmark next week, and will then return to England, attended by Gen. Sir Dighton Probyn. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has enjoyed excellent sport during his three days' visit to Clarendon Park, returned to Marlborough House on Thursday.

THE BATTLESHIP THUNDERER, which left Milford Haven for quarter-gun practice on Tuesday and returned to her moorings the same evening, has since been found to be in a leaky condition and the ship will have to be docked before the leak can be stopped. It is supposed that the shock caused by firing must have started some of the plates in the ship's bottom.

HER MAJESTY, for the third year in succession, has placed a suite of rooms in St. James's Palace at the disposal of the Duchess of Albany, President of the Middlesex Needlework Guild, for the exhibition of the work done by the members during the past 12 months. The display will take place on the 17th and 18th prox., under the superintendence of her Royal Highness.

THE FOOTBALL season at the Crystal Palace opens to-morrow (Saturday) with a match between the Old Carthusians and Old Foresters. A long list of fixtures has already been made for the ground, and other important matches are in process of negotiation. The season promises well, lovers of both the Rugby and Association games being well catered for at this popular place of resort.

THE COMMITTEE of the United Kingdom Beneficent Association have the pleasure to announce that at 3.15 p.m. on Monday, December 13th, 1897, in aid of the funds of the Association, Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft will give his reading, arranged by himself from the author's text, of Charles Dickens's "Christmas Carol," at Grosvenor House, kindly lent for the purpose by his Grace the Duke of Westminster, K.G.

THE KING OF SIAM before leaving, presented a handsome Siamese diamond and ruby pin of native workmanship forming the Royal monogram, to Mr. George T. White, Superintendent of the London and South Western Railway, in recognition of the great attention that was shown him when travelling on the line. Silver cigarette cases, engraved with the Royal autograph were also presented to Mr. J. H. Vickery, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. H. Holmes, the Superintendent's chief clerk.