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## THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

Freemasons' Tavern was the scene of considerable excitement on Thursday and Friday of last week, when the autumn elections for the admission of children into our Scholastic Institutions were held. On both days the great hall was crowded with the friends and supporters of the different candidates, and the exchange of votes proceeded briskly, especially in the case of the Boys' Election, until the poll was closed. The election into

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took place at the Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, on Thursday, the 7th inst. Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart, M.P., Treasurer, presided, and when the regular business was over, the poll was opened for the election of 15 girls, from an approved list of 26. Success was pretty equally divided between London and the Provinces, the former carrying five out of its eight candidates, and the Provinces 10 out of its 18, the remaining girl, who had claims upon town, country, and abroad being among the unsuccessful. The London five were placed 1st, 11th, 13th, 14th, and 15th, No. 1 obtaining 6834 votes, or considerably more than 2000 in excess of the second successful girl; No. 11 obtained 3920 votes; No. 13, who brought forward 2157 votes from the April election, 3696 votes; and Nos. 14 and 15, 3336 and 2884 votes respectively. The 10 Provincial candidates who won vacancies were placed as follows: the Worcester-shire girl, No. 2, with 4645 votes; the Sussex, No. 3, with 4420 votes; two of the three West Yorkshire lassies at No. 4 and No. 6, with 4300 votes in the former case, and 4253 in the latter, the Gloucestershire candidate being sandwiched between them at No. 5 with 4280 votes, of which 2612 were brought forward from April. No. 7, with claims on the two Lancashires, stood seventh with 4212, and as this was her only chance of obtaining admission into the Institution, she is to be congratulated on the success achieved in her behalf by her friends and supporters. The next in order hailed from Oxfordshire, and polled 785 votes in April. On this occasion she increased her total to 4188, and thereby won the eighth place, while No. 9, from Kent, scored 4087 votes, and No. 10, from Norfolk and Suffolk, 3962 votes. The remaining Provincial, from Warwickshire, was placed 12th with 3705. The unsuccessful were 11 in number, the girl from North Wales and the Western Division of South Wales being at the head with 2873 votes, while the

next two, from London and Bengal respectively, will carry forward in the one case 2561 votes and in the other 2522. There were two other girls who polled upwards of 1000 votes and four whose total exceeded 800, the remaining two, of whom one was from W. Yorks. polling 199, and being a *last* case will have her name removed from the list, while the other was from Valparaiso. Two of the three *last* cases stood No. 1 and No. 7 on the poll, while as regards the third case, which we have just said comes from West Yorkshire, we regret her failure, but it is evident, from the smallness of her total, that the Province did not support her candidature. As regards the votes, there were 9088 brought forward from April and 76,155 issued for this election, making the total available 85,243, but of the number issued there were only 68,080 polled, so that there remain 8075 to be accounted for, the bulk of them, of course, being unused.

The election into

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took place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers which was held on Friday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., Chairman of the Board of Management. The number of vacancies was 16—one having been added since the issue of the voting papers, and the number of candidates competing for them 47—reduced by the withdrawal of two Provincial cases, from 49 as originally declared. Here the contest was an exceedingly keen one, as may be imagined from the large number of candidates, and from the fact that between the boys who emerged first and 16th on the poll the difference in the number of votes they respectively obtained did not greatly exceed 800, while the number of unused votes was only 3039 out of a total issued for this election of 84,524. As between London and the Provinces, the former, which furnished, 17 candidates, was successful in carrying only five, while the Provinces, elected 10 out of 28, one of the two remaining cases, with claims upon London and Kent being successful and the other, though a *last* case, and polling as many as 2318, being among those that failed. A boy from London who had only this chance left him of gaining admission and who brought forward 1922 votes secured the first place with 4616 votes, while the Kentish boy, who brought forward 1060 votes was a good second with 4414. No. 3 from London, who started with 1299 votes, polled in all 4329 votes, and thus was placed at No. 3, while one of the two lads from South Wales E.D., who had 32 votes from April came fourth with 4296. No. 5 from London, without previous experience of the ballot, scored 4281, and the Durham boy who was also a new case followed close with 4178 votes. One of the two West Lancashire lads, starting with only three votes in hand won the seventh vacancy with 4127, while another in which the same Province had an interest conjointly with Derbyshire, polled 4124. The East Lancashire youth stood ninth with 4110 votes, and the boy in whose success it had a part interest with Middlesex and Monmouthshire was 11th with 4086 votes, the case with claims on Guernsey, Hants and Isle of Wight, and Malta taking the intermediate place with 4109 votes. No. 12 from London and Kent, polled 3993 votes, of which 2131 were brought forward from April. No. 13 from Northumberland polled 3983 votes, and No. 14 from Cumberland and Westmoreland, who had compiled 1161 vote at four previous ballots, increased that number to 3908, while No. 15 from London, starting with 2023 to his credit finished up with a total of 3800. The last to win a vacancy had 1124 votes in hand at starting and

receiving further support to the extent of 2672, was thus able to secure the 16th place with 3796, a Londoner being very close up with 3638 votes, which will be carried forward to the election in 1898. Other unsuccessful candidates who polled well were three from London with 2884, 2544, and 2504 votes respectively; the Kent and London boy, with 2318 votes, and another Londoner with 2179 votes. There were also six other boys who polled upwards of 1000 votes, the highest of the six being from London and polling 1842, and five others polled each of them over 600. It should further be mentioned that the two candidates who were withdrawn came from Hants and the Isle of Wight and Middlesex, and had they gone to the poll they would have stood a capital chance of succeeding, as the former brought forward 2411 votes and the latter 2200, to which in the former case were added 61 votes, which were polled for him inadvertently. As already stated, one of the *last* cases was successful, and the other failed, so that his name will be removed from the list; but the remaining 30 will carry forward such votes as they have received to next year's spring election. As regards the votes brought forward and issued, the former numbered 20,169, including those which lapsed through the two withdrawals, and there were 29 added under Law 33, the number issued for this occasion being 84,524, of which, as we pointed out at the beginning, there were only 3039 unused.

#### PERPETUAL PRESENTATIONS.

A long and important discussion took place at the Girls' School Quarterly General Court on the 7th inst., upon a motion submitted by Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON to the effect that a sum of 1100 guineas be accepted from Bro. GEORGE HEATON as the price of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the Institution, and ultimately the Court, very wisely in our opinion, resolved, at the instance of Bro. RICHARD EVE "that the further consideration of the proposition be deferred for the present until the managing bodies 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." It is before all things desirable that upon a question of this kind, the benefits conferred by our three Institutions should be appraised at, as nearly as possible, the same value. Considering the very large amount which must be raised annually in order to enable them to fulfil the obligations they have severally contracted, the competition amongst them for the required donations and subscriptions is exceedingly keen. Yet, the three have always been found working together smoothly and harmoniously, and each in turn has been ready to assist the others in obtaining support. Moreover, as regards our Schools, ever since the right of perpetual presentation was first granted until quite recently, the same sum of 1000 guineas has been paid for it by each of them, while in the case of the Benevolent Institution which grants two classes of annuities—for men and women respectively—differing from each other in amount and terminable only by death in both classes, not only has a different price been charged for the right of presentation to each kind of annuity, but that price has been in each case regulated by considerations which apply specially to the nature of the benefit conferred. Thus the sum paid for a perpetual presentation to a male annuity of £40 has been 1200 guineas and for a female annuity of £32, 1000 guineas. Hence, so far as this right of perpetual presentation is concerned, it cannot be said that any one of our three Institutions has enjoyed any advantage over the other two. But two or three years since, the Board of Management of the Boys' School, conceiving that, in view of the greater cheapness of money in these days and the greatly improved education it was giving the pupils, the sum of 1000 guineas was no longer a fair equivalent for the right, increased the amount to be paid to 1200 guineas, while, if rumour speaks true, even this increased sum is looked upon as being insufficient. It is not surprising that, under these circumstances, the motion of Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON to accept 1100 guineas as the sum to be paid for the right of perpetual presentation of one girl to the Institution for Girls should have met with the most strenuous and, as it proved, successful opposition.

It is to be regretted that the discussion turned almost wholly upon figures. We do not suggest that this part of the question should be altogether lost sight of, or that there should not be something like a just proportion between the interest on the price paid and the cost of maintaining the child presented. But, in our opinion, there are more important considerations than that of figures, and chief amongst these is the one we have before referred to, namely, that in a matter of this kind all our Institutions should stand before the Craft upon, as nearly as possible, the same footing. It may not be easy, or, indeed, possible, to bring this about as between the Benevolent Institution, which grants life annuities to men and women, and our two Scholastic Institutions, which maintain, clothe, and educate children for a term of years. But as between the two Schools it will not do to have one charge 1100 guineas for a right which the other appraises at 1200 guineas, if not at a still higher figure. If it is considered desirable—at all events, in the case of our Schools—that perpetual presentations should continue to be granted, it is manifestly desirable that, as in the past, the terms on which they are granted should be the same. The first perpetual presentation was, if we remember rightly, granted in 1869, when the late Bro. STEPHEN BLAIR, Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, gave 1000 guineas to the Boys' School, and it was settled that the right of perpetual presentation in respect of this gift should be settled upon the said brother and his assigns as a just *quid pro quo*. It was not, however, very long before a similar gift was made to the Girls' School, the purpose being the same, namely, to establish the right of perpetual presentation of one child, the conditions being the same, and the sum paid for the right the same—1000 guineas. We dare say a Boys' School is more costly than a Girls' School, though the difference in the case of our two Schools is not very great—not great enough to justify a difference in the amount paid for the purchase of this particular right. At all events, whatever difference may exist now in the cost of maintaining these Schools existed formerly, when the Girls' School, with its smaller outlay per child, adopted the same price for the right of one perpetual presentation as the Boys' School with its greater outlay had considered sufficient. We maintain, then, that as between the two Schools, whatever sum may be considered a just equivalent for one right of perpetual presentation to the Boys' School must be taken as a just equivalent for the same right to the Girls' School; otherwise, if it is determined to be desirable that the grant of this right should be continued, the Institution which appraises it at the lower sum will have the advantage of that which charges the higher. On the other hand, we trust the sum charged for this right of presentation will not be inordinately increased, or it is possible we may find the grant of these rights discontinued because individual brethren or bodies of brethren consider the terms exorbitant. We trust that no time will be lost in organising a Committee of representatives from our three Institutions, so that it may be able to report the conclusions it arrives at as early as possible.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron, Chairman of the Board of Management, was voted to the chair. Among other brethren present were Bros. C. E. Keyser, R. Wylie, S. K. Benson (Noth Wales), Herbert Green, Henry Smith, A. C. Spaul, W. G. Kentish, D. D. Mercer, W. Russell, James Willing, H. Nuding, H. A. Tobias, S. J. Attenborough, John Strachan, Q.C., J. W. Burgess, J. E. Le Feuvre, A. F. Robbins, J. Cleghorn, W. A. Scurrah, James Stephens, and R. Clowes.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the following resolutions:

(I.) That in addition to the premium votes conferred under Laws 26 and 27, every Steward at the Centenary Festival shall be entitled to premium votes in proportion to his or her personal donation, as follows, viz: *two* in consideration of the first 10 guineas, and *one* for every five guineas beyond that sum.

(II.) That for the purposes of the Centenary Festival, Law 28 be suspended, and that in lieu of the "List," votes conferred thereunder, every Steward of this Festival shall be entitled to *two* premium votes for every 20 guineas on the gross total of his or her list.

(III.) That in the case of personal annual subscriptions commenced on the list of a Steward at the Centenary Festival, and continued at intervals of not more than 12 months, the completion of every six guineas so subscribed shall entitle the contributor to all the privileges of a Life Subscriber of £5 5s. paid in one sum, notwithstanding such contributor shall have received votes as an annual subscriber in the meantime.

He said that the Board of Management had not arrived at the conclusion conveyed in the above resolution without due enquiry in London and the provinces and among large subscribers to the Institution. It had been felt by some persons to be undesirable to give extra votes when special objects were in hand, and the Board found that the time for giving double votes had passed away. But they felt that when some great effort was about to be made to increase the funds of the Institution a compliment should be paid to the Stewards for the extra work they would have to undergo to produce a good result rather than giving double votes to subscribers. The resolution was submitted after finding that there was a general consensus of opinion among the subscribers and it was not necessary for him to make many observations on the propositions because they must commend themselves to all the brethren. They, therefore, asked with all confidence to pass the alterations now before the brethren.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., in seconding the proposition, said the same thing was done at the centenary of the Girls' Institution 10 years ago. He thought it a fair and equitable arrangement and hoped it would induce brethren to subscribe largely next year without unduly encroaching on those who had been the Institution's constituents hitherto. The belief of the Board of Management was that as the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales was going to preside at the centenary festival a pecuniary result would be arrived at which would enable them to build a new school at Bushey worthy of the Institution and sufficient for the requirements of the Craft for many years to come. The motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN next moved that the following new laws be adopted:

20A. Any Masonic Charitable Association (whose rules must first have been duly registered in the books of the Institution), upon payment of donations amounting to 50 guineas shall have the privilege of nominating one of its executive officers as a Life Subscriber with one vote at each election of boys, and for every further completed sum of 50 guineas, he shall receive an additional vote, or in lieu thereof the Association may nominate a second executive officer for the like privileges.

24A. A subscriber of half-a-guinea shall have one vote at the next ensuing election.

In submitting the motion to the brethren, he remarked that a similar course had been adopted on Thursday at the Girls' Quarterly Court. It was first conceived at the Boys' Board of Management, but as the Girls' Court was the day before the Boys', the latter intimated what they were going to do in order that the Girls' Institution might do the same. He believed the new laws would be found suitable and useful to the Institutions.

Bro. S. K. BENSON (North Wales) seconded. The motion was carried.

Bro. H. THOMSON LYON, No. 2563, Life Governor, moved "That the words 'Board of Management' be substituted for the word 'Council' in the third line of Law 53." As the law at present stood if a vacancy occurred on the Board by death, disqualification, or resignation, it was to be filled up by the Council on a show of hands, previous notice having been given. Bro. Lyon wished it to be filled up by the Board of Management. There was no means of notice being given to the general body of members of Council, and therefore a vacancy was filled up by a few persons who might be present when the meeting took place. It was impossible to ascertain what was going on. One candidate might stand aside in favour of another. His proposition was that, instead of a vacancy being filled up by an irresponsible body like the Council, it should be left in the hands of the Board of Management, that Board being a responsible body, and notice being given to each member before the meeting. They could all safely trust the whole of their affairs to that body. The same thing was done on boards of directors of companies. The motion having been seconded,

Bro. W. RUSSELL, Prov. G. Treas. Kent, said the alterations, if made, would also have to be made in line 4. He was pleased to support the proposition, which, he thought, was a business-like one. On a board of directors they filled up a chance vacancy to the best of their ability, selecting a man who they thought would be of advantage by his services to the company.

Bro. Col. A. THRALE PERKINS, P.G.D., asked the Chairman to give his views on the question.

The CHAIRMAN said he never liked to take from a large body the power of expressing their views. (Hear, hear.) Although that proposition was made in favour of the Board of Management of which he was Chairman, that they should elect to a vacancy he felt that the Court should be very tender in any step which would derogate from the powers of such a large body of subscribers as the Council. It was no fault of the Board or Council that a small number attended the Council. He had not intended to take any part in voting on that question; it was for the brethren to decide as to limiting the powers of the Council and placing some of them in the hands of the Board of Management. The power no doubt had been used by corporations under their articles of association to carry on the business until the next period of election. However, it was in the hands of the Quarterly Court. If they thought it was a proper thing to do let them do it. If they thought it was limiting the powers of the Council, then in his view they ought not to alter the rules. He did not like to advocate an alteration of a rule like this.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER said as he was elected by the subscribers generally he was in a different position from his colleagues, but he was in favour of Bro. Thomson Lyon's motion. Under the present system no notice of Council meetings was given to every subscriber. It might not perhaps be advantageous always for one of two nominated candidates to whip up his friends to vote for him. If the power to fill up a vacancy was in the Board of Management, he thought more trouble would be taken to fill up a vacancy. In a company they elected an individual simply for the time they were on the board. On one occasion he did speak up for the privileges of general subscribers not being curtailed, but he supported the proposition of Bro. Lyon. He might mention that there had been a vacancy on the Board, and the Council elected Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., P.D.G.K., and they could not have made a better choice.

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH thought they should zealously watch the Council. Bro. Keyser said a candidate might whip up his friends. Let him whip them up; it gave increased interest in the Institution, and all increased interest was for the benefit of the Institution. He had something to do with drawing up the laws of the Institution, and he should be sorry to see any powers of the Council taken away.

A BROTHER from N.E. Yorkshire remarked, that as an illustration, a Board of Directors had been adduced. The election of a director for a time was put before the shareholders. The brethren were not shareholders; they were voluntary subscribers. Taking away any interest in the Institution would be a serious thing. As a Life Governor he objected to any more

power being given to the Board of Management; it would be extremely unwise. Bro. H. THOMSON LYON having replied,

A BROTHER observed that there might be some hole-and-corner work on the Council.

The CHAIRMAN said there had been no hole-and-corner work. Everybody was supposed to be at the Council, and if present they were entitled to vote. The motion was lost by 29 against 19 votes.

The CHAIRMAN, after the Scrutineers of votes for the day's election of candidates for admission to the School had been appointed said the plans for the new buildings at Bushey were now being proceeded with by several architects, and it was hoped they would be ready for the next Quarterly Court. He hoped that shortly afterwards arrangements could be made for laying the first stone. A brother asked if there would be a model.

The CHAIRMAN said No, they did not propose going to such an extra expense.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., thought a model would be advantageous as there were many people who could understand a model and did not understand a plan.

The CHAIRMAN remarked the Board of Management would be happy to listen to and adopt any suggestions which might meet the general view.

The election of 16 boys out of a list of 47 candidates was then proceeded with.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates. The successful appears in our advertisement columns:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Colwell, Francis Joseph ...	3638	Moir, Sydney Herbert ...	483
Thompson, Thomas James ...	2834	Moulton, Ronald Verlow ...	478
Carroll, Frederick Sheridan ...	2544	Hatchwell, Leonard Douglas ...	445
Mansell, Culston Thomas ...	2504	Delahaye, William Arthur ...	432
Hibbs, Ronald George (last) ...	2418	Pallot, Thomas Turner ...	444
Manley, Leonard Oliver ...	2179	Sherman, Harold Mackenzie ...	103
Calf, Reginald Frank ...	1842	Riscombe, Edgar Hardy ...	93
Roach, Lewis ...	1569	Nichols, Herbert Wilfrid ...	91
Oldham, George Harold ...	1547	Hartley, Bernard ...	19
Burnett, James Mardach ...	1316	Glover, Geoffrey Ravenhill ...	13
Potter, Charles George ...	1268	Price, Edmund Roy ...	9
Osmond, Frederic William ...	1084	Hardy, Harold Richard ...	6
Brinjes, Frederick Edgar ...	977	McLeod, Lewis Arthur Alexander ...	5
Colman, Ernest Charles ...	885	Broben, Gerald Grant ...	4
Blake, William Worthy Atkinson ...	687	Eales, Arthur Douglas ...	Withdrawn.
Downes, Gilbert George ...	661	Peel, Gilbert William ...	"
Wright, Charles Philip ...	623		

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BERKSHIRE.

The Masonic Hall, Windsor, was fixed upon as the place of meeting for the Royal Arch Masons of Berkshire in their annual Provincial Grand Chapter, and on Saturday there was a select and numerous attendance, including:

Comps. the Grand Superintendent, John Thornhill Morland, M.A.; C. E. Keyser, M.E.Z. 574, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G.H.; S. Wheeler, P.Z. 414, P.G.J.; J. W. Martin, P.Z. 414, P.G.S.E.; Capt. E. S. Heard, S.N. 1899, P.G.S.B.; W. Hickie, P. Soj. 414, P.G.D.C.; C. F. Dyson, P. Prov. G.O., P.G. Org.; W. Hemmings, 414, P.G. Janitor; G. T. Phillips (Mayor of Wokingham); E. Grisbrook, J. O. Carter, E. L. Shepherd, G. H. Powell, E. Margrett, C. Slaughter, E. Belcher, W. G. Nottage, Ernest Marshall, Edward Prince, Capt. Tupman, W. H. Gardener, S. G. Kirchhoffer, Rev. F. F. Penruddock, W. Ravenscroft, H. S. Hanington, S. Knight, H. d'o W. Astley, E. A. Stickland, E. C. A. Broquet, C. Howell, R. Nicholson, A. Turner, Lieut.-Col. G. Taylor, G. H. R. Holden, Lieut.-Col. Jocelyn Otway, F. A. Wells, F. King, W. A. Cocks, Arthur E. Preston, W. A. Hardy, J. F. Wolff, J. J. Simcox, F. Tunbridge, C. Mason, W. H. Reed, G. F. Slade, G. T. Phillips, J. Baynes, T. W. Turner, A. Foyer, W. T. Harvey, and A. A. Hardy.

After the usual preliminaries, the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. S. Wheeler, jun., P.Z. 414 ...	Prov. G.H.
" S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.Z. 1899 ...	Prov. G.J.
" J. W. Martin, P.Z. 414 ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. H. Gardener, P.Z. 771 ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" C. Stephens, 414 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. F. Slade, M.E.Z. elect 414 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" S. Knight, J. 574 ...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. Prince, J. 771 ...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" H. S. Hanington, S.N. 574 ...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" G. J. Phillips, S.N. 945 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. A. Wells, S.N. 1899 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. H. R. Holden, P.S. 414 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. F. Dyson, S.N. 771 ...	Prov. G. Org.

A vote of congratulation was unanimously passed to Comp. J. W. Martin, Prov. G.S.E., on the honour conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, selecting him as a recipient of one of the Grand Lodge appointments in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Provincial G and Chapter voted the sum of 10 guineas to the Grand Superintendent's list for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

After one or two other matters had been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

## CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA LODGE AT WINDSOR.

The holding of the annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Berkshire—reported above—was followed, after a short interval, by the consecration of the Victoria Lodge, No. 2671, the interesting ceremony being performed at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of a large and representative body of Masons, including some distinguished officers of the Grand Lodge of England.

The choice of the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge fell upon Bro. Edward Prince, who was initiated in the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, in

1881. After passing through the various offices, he was installed W.M. of his lodge 11 years later, and rendered excellent service as Steward at the Festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School, raising a most liberal amount for each Institution, the result being that in due course he was presented with the Provincial Charity jewel. Bro. Prince has also shown much interest in the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in Berkshire, and, as will be seen by our report, has just been advanced to an important position in the Provincial Grand Chapter. We may mention that Bro. Prince has spent about 30 years of his life mainly in connection with the chief engineering staffs of the London and South Western Railway Company and the Great Western Railway Company, and his present professional engagements demand his residence at Reading, where the Great Western Railway are carrying out important works, including the erection of a new station. He is supported by a body of officers who have had varied experience in Masonic work, and the Victoria Lodge has, therefore, been inaugurated under most favourable and promising auspices. A handsome jewel has been struck for the founders, and miniatures of the same have been presented to the Acting Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary. The W.M. has generously presented to the lodge a handsome silken banner, and all the brethren who have taken office in the lodge have, at their own cost, purchased their blue silk collars and silver jewels of office, to be handed on to their successors.

The founders gave the visitors a cordial reception, and those who assembled, in addition to the Royal Arch Masons mentioned in the preceding report, including the Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Letchworth), the Acting Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. T. Morland; the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. P. H. Ditchfield; and Bros. the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon, C. Batting, G. J. Cosburn, F. T. Stewart, W. Westmacott, A. C. Layton, T. Page, E. Lott, M. Wybourn, J. Ball, Simpson, Fendick, Veal, Price, Berry, E. Bryant, S. Smith, A. W. Moore, W. L. James, T. Pettit, G. H. Walker, Shrewsbury, Dyer, and others whose names did not transpire.

The consecration ceremony commenced at about five o'clock, the Acting Prov. Grand Master presiding, supported by Bros. C. E. Keyser, as S.W.; Slaughter, as J.W.; Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, as Chap.; J. W. Martin, as Sec.; T. Page, as D.C.; and E. Margrett, as I.G. Bro. Lott, Mus. Doc., ably presided at the organ, and the vocal portions of the ceremony were well sustained by Bros. T. W. Turner, M. Wybourn, E. Bryant, and Stanley Smith.

In the course of the imposing ceremony, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. P. H. DITCHFIELD, delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, which was listened to with deep interest and attention. The rev. brother said:

Brethren,—When the Great Architect of the Universe created man from the dust of the ground, He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. To-day we supplicate Him who rules the world to infuse the element of life into this newly-formed body, and to consecrate to His service that which but for His benign influence would be as lifeless as the clay. Under the shadow of the mighty castle for eight centuries the august home of our English Sovereigns, reared by the skill of the Masons and artificers of ancient times, ye have raised this new lodge to be the dwelling place of virtue, wherein brotherly love, relief, and truth are the solemn and serious obligations of all who aspire to come within its portals. Ye have called it after the name of the Royal lady who has so long governed our nation, whose love for all, and generous sympathy, reveal a character which all true Masons may well desire to copy. The name of the noble mother of the Grand Master of English Masons fittingly adorns this lodge, wherein truth, honour, and virtue are the brightest of our Masonic jewels, and all are pledged to live the happy life of love. It is my duty to-night to interpret these signs and symbols which we used in performing the ceremony of consecrating this lodge, and to address to you a few words on the nature and principles of the ancient Craft of Freemasonry. These symbols are no mere empty forms, but have a sacred and solemn meaning. The corn that is scattered on the ground is the symbol of plenty, for which we humbly pray, not that we may use it for our own benefit, ease, and comfort, but for the welfare of mankind and our brethren's good. May the Great Architect of the Universe, who causeth the corn to grow in the fruitful furrows of the field, scatter his gracious gifts of plenty on those who assemble here, and sow the seeds of knowledge and science, which shall bear fruit in that future life whither our steps are wending. Wine, that maketh glad the heart of man, is an emblem of joy and cheerfulness, and oil betokens peace, harmony, and love, and tells us of that unity of hearts and will, which is one of the chief characteristics of Masonry. Bitterness and wrath, and anger and clamour may rage in the world outside the door, amongst those who know not our mysterious secrets, but here peace reigns with plenty crowned. Nor must we forget our salt, which preserves from decay, and symbolises the quickening hope that the friendships formed within our lodge may ever exist, whole hearty, and entire, that our vows may ever remain fresh and vigorous in our minds, and that our lives may season and improve all those with whom we are brought in contact, and who know not the principles which guide our conduct and practice. And as the clouds of incense ascend on high, as in the great Temple of Solomon, we are reminded of our prayers that ascend to the listening ear of the Great Architect, and bring down blessings from the high and holy place, without which all our labours would be in vain, and our strivings after virtue and knowledge useless, it is this incense which gives the meaning to all our rites and ceremonies, and enfolds, as with one atmosphere, this new world, framed by wisdom, supported by strength, adorned in beauty, and consecrated to-night to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe. Brethren, your lodge, new born to-day, has an ancient and honoured lineage, one whose lustre time has not diminished, and whose vitality age has not impaired. Indeed, at no time has our ancient Order shown more vigorous life and activity than during the closing years of the nineteenth century. Its origin is veiled in the mists of bygone ages. We are accustomed to persuade ourselves that within the portals of King Solomon's temple at Jerusalem, Masonry sprang into being. Perhaps, it is older still and we may look for its origin in the shadowy realms of ancient Egypt and Assyria, and recognise in our first parents the builders of the Pyramids and the carvers of the Sphinx. We know not; but this we do know that the principles which guide us to-day are the same that governed the minds and swayed the conduct of the fraternities of old, which in dark days and dangerous times preserved the light of wisdom and knowledge, and placed the love of humanity as the guiding principle of their system. History tells us of the old guilds and brotherhoods that existed in Greece and Rome, of the *collegia opificum*, or colleges of workmen, existing in all the countries under the sway of the Roman Empire; they had their own property, their meeting house, their president, and governing body; the richer members helped their poorer brethren; and on certain days the whole company visited the common sepulchre in which the brethren were buried, and decked with violets or roses the tombs of their departed brethren. It was the fraternities, the guilds of craftsmen, and merchants, and priests, and soldiers that carried men through the

chaos that followed the wreck of the Roman civilisation. To them we owe our freedom, our municipal governments, our rights of citizenship, and that which gave to them their chiefest glory—the principle of brotherhood and mutual trust—has been bequeathed to modern Masonry to be preserved by us as a precious heritage, and handed down inviolate to our successors. Nor is the message which our Order preaches unnecessary in the present age. As it dethrones selfishness from our hearts, so does it strike at the roots of that materialism and atheistic dogmatism which cast a baneful shadow over the lives of many, depriving them of the hope of eternal life and of ever receiving, when called away from our labours here, the wages promised to those who work diligently in God's holy temple. Masonry is religion, for religion is the bond of union between man and his Creator, and Masonry tightens that bond; it appeals from the visible to the invisible; it purifies the heart and quickens the affections, and leads many a man to follow a godly, righteous, and sober life who might otherwise yield himself a prey to his passions or sink under the dominion of the devastating doctrines of materialism and infidelity. Masonry teaches us to raise our eyes from earth to heaven, to look onwards and upwards, and to strive for something higher and nobler than that which the standard of the world sets before us. To walk humbly in the sight of God, to do justice, love mercy, are the certain characteristics of a real Free and Accepted Mason, which qualifications it is humbly hoped he will possess to the end of time, making that golden precept the standard rule of his actions, which engages "to do unto all men as he would they should do unto him." Brethren, ye have fashioned this new house surely and well. It is composed, not of material stones wrought by the hand of the craftsman, but of living stones fashioned by the finger of the Almighty and made meet for His service. Ye are the stones of this spiritual house, found worthy of a place in the walls of this holy temple, some exalted on high having suffered the keen edge of the chisel in the process of being perfected for a position of rank and dignity, while others occupy a lower place, though ultimately perhaps destined to become a head corner-stone. But each one has a place; each one is part of this edifice; and of that position of honour and dignity, we doubt not but that ye will prove yourselves worthy, so that the world around, the uninitiated, by observing your conduct outside the doors of the lodge, may know the excellencies of Masonry by the bright examples of its professors. And by labour alone can this happy result be attained. When we gaze at the beautiful carved work in the chapel of your castle, we know that—

Many a blow of biting sculpture  
Polished well those stones elect.

So in our spiritual temple, the lively stones, best fitted for honour and usefulness, are those which, by the pains of hard study in acquiring knowledge and science, by the patient cutting off of excrescences, and careful shaping by the hard chisel of suffering, are most suited for the Master's service in that glorious building which He is now rearing—a holy temple meet for His habitation. Brethren, I trust that in this lodge, as often as ye enter it ye will ever find true happiness, that which ever springs where brotherly love prevails; a happiness which will grow as the years speed on, and find its completion and full realisation in that life Eternal, where love for ever rules, for God is love.

The impressive ceremony of consecration having been brought to a conclusion, Bro. Edward Prince was duly installed as the first W.M. of the lodge, and received the warm congratulations of the D.P.G.M. and other brethren.

The officers for the coming year were then appointed and invested as follows: Bros. A. Foyer, acting I.P.M.; John F. Wolff, S.W.; J. Baynes, J.W.; E. A. Broquet, Treas.; W. A. Cocks, Sec.; W. H. Reed, S.D.; Ernest Marshall, J.D.; H. W. Nicholson, D.C.; T. W. Turner, A.D.C.; A. A. Hardy, I.G.; and W. T. Harvey, W. H. Hardy, and E. J. Reed, Stewards.

The W.M., who was cordially thanked for a handsome silken banner, which he presented to the lodge, was chosen as the lodge representative on the Prov. Charity Committee.

A Committee having been appointed to frame the by-laws, Bros. Morland, Keyser, Slaughter, Ditchfield, Martin, Page, Lott, and Margrett were unanimously elected as honorary members of the lodge, in recognition of their able services in the consecration ceremony.

Bro. W. H. Reed, S.D., presented to the lodge a Charity-box (broken column), and was warmly thanked for his gift.

At the conclusion of the proceedings in the hall, an adjournment was made to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and the evening spent most agreeably.

The brethren who assisted in the musical portions of the consecration ceremony were joined at the festive gathering by Madame Alice Sampson, Madame Constance Martin, and Mr. Frank Peskett, and at both their performances were highly appreciated.

Owing to the lateness of the proceedings, a number of the most distinguished brethren were compelled to quit the banqueting-room before the speaking commenced, and the honouring of the various toasts devolved mainly upon the local brethren. Nevertheless, the *post-prandial* programme proved enjoyable and successful.

"The Health of the Newly-installed Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. J. BALL, P.M., was drunk with a special amount of enthusiasm.

The W.M. assured the brethren that he highly valued the great honour they had conferred upon him by choosing him to fill the position of first Worshipful Master of the Victoria Lodge, which he should endeavour to make a channel for the exercise of true Masonic charity.

"The Health of the Deputy P.G.M. and Consecrating Officer," with which was associated "The Health of the Assisting Consecrating Officers, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was heartily drunk, and Bro. Powell, of Wokingham, made a fitting response.

The W.M. expressed the great pleasure he felt in welcoming representatives of 10 out of 15 lodges in the Province, besides many old and esteemed friends from the provinces, and he proposed "The Health of the Visitors," for whom Bros. Moore (Somerset), Mercer (Royal Union), Skinner (Eton), Fendick (Ascot), and Cosburn (Newbury), responded, the latter facetiously remarking upon the good fortune that had attended the inauguration of the Victoria Lodge, for what he asked could possibly be more appropriate than that the lodge, named after the beloved Sovereign, should be presided over by a Prince, while the brethren of the sister lodge—the Etonian—were fortunate in having their lodge affairs directed by a King. (Hear and Laughter.)

The pleasant gathering did not break up until towards midnight.

THE ELCHO SHIELD, which was won by the English Eight at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley during this summer, was formally handed over to the custody of the Lord Mayor and hung up, as usual, in the Guildhall on Saturday evening last. A banquet was afterwards held at the Mansion House in honour of the occasion, at which the Lord Mayor presided.



## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the County Court House, Romford, on the 7th inst. The G. Superintendent, Comp. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, preceded by his officers, opened Prov. G. Chapter.

The following Prov. G. Officers were appointed :

Comp. G. Horble, P.Z., S.E. 453	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Harris Hills, M.E.Z. 2154	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.Z. S.E. 51 (15th year),	...	...	...
" P.G.S.B. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. K. Bull, M.E.Z. 1437	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Andrew Durrant, P.Z., Treas. 276	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Rev. Thomas Lloyd, M.E.Z. 2005	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Ramsey, H. 214	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" T. J. D. Cramphorn, M.E.Z. 276	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.P.S.
" T. Piper, I.P.Z. 2005	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.P.S.
" J. Spencer, S.E. 1437	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. C. Talbot, J. 2184	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas. 1000 (15th year),	...	...	...
" P.A.G.D.C. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. F. Lay, M.E.Z. 2501	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Boreham, Org. 1437	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. M. Butcher, H. 453	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. W. Martin	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After the business the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where banquet was served by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reynolds. The arrangements at Romford were made by Comp. John Spencer.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 2676.

There was a large gathering of brethren at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 5th inst., when the above lodge was consecrated.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. C. W. Tomes, A. J. Howard, J. Skinner, Dr. J. H. Ewart, Dr. A. P. Sherwood, C. Foran, F. Lawson Lewis, W. F. Trydell, Dr. A. Roberts, Captain C. de M. Franklyn, R.E., J. Senior, W. Burt, Rev. H. G. Jameson, A. H. Thomas, A. J. Hart, W. Lamb, H. G. White, E. R. Horne, C. I. Morris, V. Wormald, Fred Schreiner, Dr. C. O'Brien Harding, C. Haskins, P. Armstrong, and E. E. Pratt.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., Prov. G. Master, the consecration was conducted by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G. Master, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. A. Lloyd, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W., and Ben. F. Meadows, as J.W., while Bro. Owen Embling, Prov. G.D.C., officiated as D.C. The Consecrating Officer was supported by a large assemblage of Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers. The ceremony was impressively carried out, the effect being enhanced by the musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Chapman Marshall, Prov. G. Org. 243.

On the termination of the consecration, Bro. Captain C. de M. Franklyn, R.E., P. Dist. G. Std. Br. Gibraltar, Asst. D.C. 2434, W.M. elect 2621, was installed as first W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being admirably carried out by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle, P.G. Chap., P.P.G. Chap.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Dr. J. H. Ewart, I.P.M.; J. Senior, S.W.; Rev. H. G. Jameson, J.W.; A. J. Howard, Treas.; C. W. Tomes, Sec.; A. H. Thomas, S.D.; A. J. Hart, J.D.; W. F. Trydell, D.C.; J. W. Lamb, A.D.C.; V. Wormald, Org.; H. G. White, I.G.; Dr. C. O'Brien Harding, and E. R. Horne, Stwds.; H. G. White, Charity Steward; and W. Pennington, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, the catering by the hotel management giving the highest satisfaction.

The newly-installed W.M. presided and submitted "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were warmly received. He next gave "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bros. BALFOUR COCKBURN and F. WEST responded, the former remarking that the excellent example presented in the province by the Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, had borne fruit, as was evidenced by the effective manner in which Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott had carried out the consecration ceremony. (Applause.)

In submitting "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the W.M. said the lodge had been specially honoured by the Duke in being permitted to use his name and the Royal Arms. (Applause.) He had received a letter from his Royal Highness expressing regret that his military duties prevented him from being present. The Provincial Grand Officers carried out their duties in a very satisfactory manner, and had rendered the lodge great assistance in the consecration ceremony. (Applause.)

Bro. A. LLOYD responded.

The W.M. next proposed "The Consecrating Officers, the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., Past Grand Deacon; and V.W. Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain, P.P.G. Chaplain." The members of the lodge were much indebted, he said, to Bro. Marriott for journeying from London to consecrate the lodge, and all would agree with him that the manner in which the ceremony was carried out was as near perfection as possible. (Applause.) He also spoke in eulogistic terms of the impressive manner in which Bro. Currie had conducted the installation ceremony. (Applause.)

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT was warmly applauded on rising to respond. After indulging in several humorous remarks, he said it had given him great pleasure to consecrate the lodge—the second he had consecrated in the town—and expressed his belief that nowhere in Sussex was Freemasonry more

flourishing than in Eastbourne. (Applause.) He heartily wished the lodge every success and prosperity. (Applause.)

Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. CURRIE also acknowledged the toast, and alluded in feeling terms to the great loss the Freemasons of Eastbourne had experienced in the death of their late Bro. Morrison.

Bro. BALFOUR COCKBURN proposed, in fitting terms, "The Worshipful Master."

Bro. Capt. C. DE M. FRANKLYN, R.E., who was enthusiastically received, made a brief response.

The remaining toasts were "The W.Ms. of the Province," "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a pleasing programme of vocal music was sustained by Bros. H. G. White, H. Thwaites, W. Lancaster, and J. Baker Guy, Mr. Maynard, and Miss Hannah Hotten, the duties of accompanist being in the able hands of Bro. V. A. Wormald.

The gathering proved highly enjoyable, much of the success of the evening being due to the Stewards, Bros. Dr. C. O'Brien Harding and E. R. Horne, who spared no pains in promoting the comfort of those present.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. H. COWPER, G. STANDARD BEARER.

On Friday evening, the 8th instant, Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. G. Std. Br. Eng., was entertained at a banquet in the Freemasons' Hall, Middlesborough, by the North York (No. 602), Ferrum (No. 1848), and the Orde Powlett (No. 2391) Lodges, and was made the recipient of a magnificent silver cup subscribed for by the brethren of those three lodges on the occasion of his having been made Grand Standard Bearer of England by the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and in recognition of the invaluable services he has rendered to Freemasonry in Middlesborough.

Bro. Colonel S. A. Sadler, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. (Mayor of Middlesborough), presided, having on his right the guest of the evening and being supported by Bros. the Rev. J. W. Dales, P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. V. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Dr. Walker, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Williams, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Holloway, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and W. J. Bruce, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.

An excellent repast was served by Mrs. Skeen, of the Corporation Hotel. After dinner,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England."

Bro. J. V. COOPER proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master of England and the Grand Officers."

Bro. W. H. COWPER suitably responded.

Bro. R. SCOTSON, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Marquis of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; and the Prov. Grand Officers."

Bros. WINTERSCHLADEN, HOLLAND, and BOTTOMLEY responded.

The CHAIRMAN then rose to propose the toast of the evening. He said they had met that night to do honour to one who was a giant in the Craft to which they belonged. His services to the Masonic Order were very extensive, both in time and space. He (the Chairman) could have desired that the task had devolved upon someone abler than himself to do justice to it; but he was proud and gratified to be in that position, being one of Bro. Cowper's oldest friends in Middlesboro', and being adventitiously at that moment chief magistrate of the borough, this combination of circumstances gave him a peculiar fitness for the position in which they had placed him, and a further gratification was added by the fact that it was at Bro. Cowper's request that he was so placed. That he took as a mark of old friendship, and he liked old friends, and people who did not change their minds or their friends. They could say there never had been a man who stood out so strongly as a consistent, good citizen of Middlesboro' as Bro. Cowper. There was also no man in the Masonic world thereabouts who had devoted more time, pains, and expense to the furtherance of the glorious cause they all had at heart than his friend and brother—the man they were honouring. He then enumerated the various offices Bro. Cowper had held, and gave the following sketch of his Masonic career: In 1871 he was initiated in the Restoration Lodge, Darlington. Shortly after this he came to Middlesboro', and joined the North Lodge, of which he became Master in 1879. In 1880 he was one of the founders of the Ferrum Lodge, which had since been so successful. The members of the Orde-Powlett Lodge elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his great services to the Masonic Order. He was for the two following years First Principal of the Marwood Chapter. He was also W.M. of the Mark Lodge in his turn. Outside the town, in 1891, he was appointed Prov. G.R. of North and East Yorkshire, and in 1894 he was given the highest office obtainable in the Prov. Grand Lodge, viz., Prov. Senior Grand Warden. In 1880 he was made Prov. G.P.S. of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and in 1890 was made Provincial G.J. Since then the Grand Chapter of England had bestowed office upon him. In 1883 he was made S.W. of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge, and in 1891 G.I.G. of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. In the "higher" Degrees he was E.P. in 1887 of the Knight Templars and P.P. of the Knights of Malta. He was P.M.W.S. of the Rose Croix and other Degrees. The Royal Order of Scotland claimed him as one of the pioneers of the York Provincial Lodge, and last but not least they all know him as the Charity Representative of Provincial Grand Lodge. His valuable business like services in this capacity had earned him the admiration and high appreciation of the brethren in the province. Few men had done more on behalf of the Charities, few men had been more earnest and devoted to the work than had Bro. Cowper. The crowning honour of this very remarkable Masonic career came just lately, and they were all delighted to hear that the worthy brother had had the great honour conferred upon him of being made Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Lodge of England. It was thought that the bestowal of so well-earned an honour should not be allowed to pass by without some recognition at the hands of the local brethren of the life-long services that worthy brother had rendered. Then it was they decided to ask him to a banquet worthy of the occasion, and to ask him to accept at their hands a small index of their kindest feelings. The beautiful cup before him, charming as it was, did not in any commensurate degree mark the sense of gratitude which animated those present. As he (the Chairman) looked at it, it reminded him of the two girls who stood looking at the casket which the Corporation was going to present to him (the Mayor) and who were overheard to remark "It's very nice, but I'll be bound the darned thing's hollow." The cup was hollow, but they would ask Bro. Cowper when he looked at it to remember that, empty as it might appear, it was full of the good wishes, the high appreciation, and the gratitude of the brethren who had been associated with him for nearly 20 years. The Chairman then handed the cup and a magnificent bouquet to Bro. Cowper.

Bro. W. COWPER, who was received with loud cheers, said he had been in a good many difficult positions in his life, and he had had many things to do, but he never had such a hard task to perform as he had that night in finding sufficient words to thank them for their kind wishes, for their good intentions, and likewise for the handsome present they had been kind enough to give him. He referred to the kind things said of him by the Chairman, some of which might be exaggerated, but others were entirely true. In speaking of his progress in the Craft and Masonry generally, he asked if it was at all surprising that he should go on from step to step, and strive to get (he hoped not unworthily) to the top of the ladder, when they considered the ceremonies of Masonry, and the beautiful teaching inculcated therein. He had never lost his feeling of veneration for their Order, and he trusted it would be sustained while he had life and feeling. He was proud of the office that had been conferred upon him, it would spur him on, if need be, to further efforts in the future for the good of their cause. He took it that the honour had been bestowed in recognition of his work in connection with the Charities. Bro. Cowper then sketched his work in connection with the Charity Association in the Province, pointing out the great work it had done since it had been established. It was in 1889, that he had been asked by the Prov. Grand Master to undertake the work of Charity representative, and he had been re-appointed ever since. Bro. Cowper then gave the position the North and East Yorkshire P.G. Lodge occupied and the extent to which they benefited by the Charities. He gave figures showing the number of votes required for election, &c., and the number he had polled in various years. The brother then thanked them very sincerely for their gift, which he would always prize as testimony of the esteem in which he was held.

Bro. COWPER then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," which was honoured most enthusiastically. All endorsed the words on the programme "In faith he is a worthy gentleman."

The CHAIRMAN responded in feeling terms.

The other toasts "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Baker, P.M. Canterbury, Hodgson, P.M. Stockton, and Johnson, W.M. Stockton; "The Middlesbrough Lodges," and the Tyler's toast were also drunk.

Bro. JOB HOLLAND, P.M., Prov. D.G.D.C., who was the energetic secretary of the Presentation Committee, acted as toast master, and the musical selections were given during the evening by Bros. G. H. Anderson, F. Dunstan, T. Henderson, J. H. Hill, and W. F. Smithers.

Bro. J. F. Stewart, P. Prov. G. Org., acted as an efficient accompanist.

### GUY'S HOSPITAL RE-ENDOWMENT FUND.

The following subscriptions towards the endowment of the "Freemason's Bed" have been received since the list published in the *Freemason*, of March 20th; as not nearly one half of the London lodges have at present responded to the appeal issued at the beginning of the year, it is hoped that the sum of about £50, to complete the required amount of £1000 may now very shortly be obtained. In the event of any of the former appeals having gone astray, fresh copies can be had from the Treasurers, by whom formal receipts are given for all donations:—

The Kennington Lodge, No. 1381 (in two donations) ... £3 3 0

The following lodges have contributed £1 is. each:

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1716	1719	1767	1805	1891	1922	1996	2041	2045	2157	2191	2202
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Lodges of Instruction, £1 is. each:

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Bro. E. A. Bruce, Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158 ... 1 1 0

SIR JOSEPH C. DIMSDALE } Joint  
CHARLES E. KEYSER. } Treasurers.

### \*THE SECRET SOCIETIES OF ALL AGES AND COUNTRIES.

Mr. Heckethorn, in his Preface, says, "This is not so much a second edition of my book on Secret Societies, published in 1875, as an almost entirely new work." This being the case, it can only be regretted that the author has not seen fit to revise that portion of his work which relates to Freemasonry.

When he writes of the *Ancient Mysteries*, of *Chivalry*, of the *Inquisition*, or the various *Political* or *Friendly Societies* which are now so widely-diffused over the world, he can be read with respect as well as with interest, but the moment he comes to the subject of Freemasonry his personal bias is so obvious that his opinions have little value, whilst his "facts" are hopelessly wrong.

Why did not Mr. Heckethorn ascertain from some competent adviser the names of the Masonic writers whose works are recognised as authentic and accurate instead of relying on such a collection of "authorities" as those he enumerates on pp. xii.-xiii. vol. ii.? Amongst these are Carille, Abbé Barruelli, Clavel, Dermott, Findel, and Oliver, but where is Gould's great history? Where are the writings of Hughan, Murray Lyon, Speth, Rylands, and others who have so successfully laboured to place before the Fraternity a record of the facts instead of the tissue of fables indulged in by the older writers, who freely supplied all gaps in existing records from their own imaginations?

Had Mr. Heckethorn consulted these authorities he would have learnt that the "Charter of Athelstan" is a myth and the "Cologne" MS. a forgery.

Instead of this he calmly says, under the heading of *Masonic Literature*, "It is almost absurd to talk of Masonic literature; it scarcely exists (!). Except the works written by Oliver, Mackey, Findel, and Ragon, there is scarcely anything worth reading about Freemasonry of which a Freemason is the author." After this, need we quote more?

The statement that "Down to the present time the Grand Masters have been persons of Royal blood, sometimes the King himself," is a considerable exaggeration of the real facts; whilst Mr. Heckethorn's description of the interior of a "Modern Lodge" clearly proves that he has never been in one, unless it had been specially arranged and decorated for his personal benefit.

It is needless to follow Mr. Heckethorn further on the subject of Freemasonry, and it is really lamentable that he has been so prejudiced and misled concerning it, when other portions of the volumes are so interesting and readable.

\*George Redway, London, 1897.

### A WELL-DESERVED HONOUR.

The Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, has appointed Bro. WILLIAM WATSON, P.M., Leeds, P. Prov. S. of Wks. to the high rank of *Past Senior Grand Warden* of the Province, in appreciation of his labours, for so many years, as the Honorary Librarian of the famous Masonic Library and Museum, over which he has so ably and fondly presided ever since its origin, formed by the liberality of the late R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., and other distinguished donors. Bro. Watson has worked most incessantly on behalf of this extraordinary Collection (which has been scarcely any cost to the Province, compared with its great value and importance), and, therefore, such a well-deserved compliment will be much esteemed by his many friends, who know how extensive his services have been on behalf of West Yorkshire in particular and the Craft generally.

### Craft Masonry.

#### Lodge of Unity, No. 71.

The installation of the above lodge took place on the 7th inst., when Bro. H. Hunt, was installed W.M. by Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, D. Prov. G.M. The newly-appointed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Booty, I.P.M.; T. Horne, S.W.; S. Studd, J.W.; W. J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; W. B. Cooper, P.M., P.P. G. Reg., Treas.; F. Padgett, P.M., D.C.; George Versey, S.D.; T. W. Warner, Org.; E. C. Shipp, I.G.; F. Bray, Stwd.; and J. Symes, Tyler.

At the banquet which was subsequently held, the following toasts were proposed: "The Queen and Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Henniker;" "The V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.;" "The W.M.;" "The Installing Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M.;" "The Visitors;" "The W.M., the P.Ms., and the Brethren of Lodge St. Margaret;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The I.P.M., Bro. H. Booty;" "The P.Ms. of Lodge Unity;" "The Officers of Lodge Unity;" and the Tyler's toast.

#### Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

The installation meeting of this successful and flourishing lodge marks an epoch in its history inasmuch as it has inaugurated the 25th year of its existence, being founded in 1873, and having for its first W.M. the late Bro. Jas. Stevens. During the past year the lodge has undergone a change, and the I.P.M., Bro. Frank Bailey, is to be congratulated with the kind assistance of his officers in bringing about such, and leaving the lodge in so healthy a condition. There were present Bros. F. E. Bailey, W.M.; G. M. Fraser, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; Jos. H. Guyton, S.D.; Rhys Thomas, J.D.; F. G. Joy, D.C.; Jas. Boyton, I.G.; W. M. Parton and Alf. F. Randall, Stwds.; S. W. Newcomb, Org.; R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; Robt. Brookman, I.P.M.; J. W. Blackie, P.M.; John Seex, P.M.; D. T. Keene, P.M.; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; W. F. Featherstone, R. Simpson, C. E. Greenwood, F. W. Gale, J. Hill Hartland, F. Parker, H. Dottridge, H. S. Naser, W. Edwards, J. Thompson, and Thos. Halliwell. The visitors were Bros. W. M. Bywater, 19, P.G.S.B.; Jas. Ball, 505 (Tongariro, New Zealand, E.C.); Thos. Dane, P.M. 77, P. Prov. G. Std. Br. Kent; Jas. Stevens, J.D. 295, P. Prov. G.O. Cheshire; W. H. Gardiner, 771, P. Prov. J.G.W. Berks.; J. H. Savage, 2536; Alf. Scott, 55; D. T. Gillespie, Stwd., 869; J. H. Witheridge, 2549; E. A. Mueller, P.M. 167; W. A. Smith, 228; Chas. Garton, W.M. 192; A. R. Hipwell, 192; Mount Brown, P.M. 1997; E. E. Jenkins, 1446; A. Williams, P.M. 834; A. W. Lane, P.M. 167; E. Storr, P.M. 167; C. H. J. Viola, 1930; F. H. Beach, 1563; T. A. Beach, 1563; J. Chubb, 1706; John Ortnier, 1767; A. Wilson, 145; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.D. 1641.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Gwyn (by the desire of the W.M.) raised Bro. H. S. Naser in a very impressive and perfect manner. The W.M. resumed the chair, and a ballot being taken for Mr. Wm. Edwards, and proving unanimous, he was initiated by Bro. F. E. Bailey very commendably. Bro. Robt. Brookman, I.P.M., presented Bro. G. M. Fraser, S.W., to receive at the hands of the W.M. the benefit of installation, which was performed in a Board of Installed Masters, numbering 20, in a complimentary manner, Bro. J. W. Blackie, P.M., acted as the able D.C. The W.M., Bro. G. Mackenzie Fraser, invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. E. Bailey, I.P.M.; J. H. Guyton, P.M., S.W.; Rhys Thomas, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Boyton, S.D.; F. G. Joy, J.D.; W. Parton, I.G.; Alf. F. Randall, D.C.; S. W. Newcomb, Org.; T. Halliwell and F. W. A. Parker, Stwds.; and R. Potter, P.M. Tyler. The three addresses were ably rehearsed by Bro. F. E. Bailey, I.P.M. The report of the Audit Committee was deferred to the next regular meeting.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," which were received with acclamation.

The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Dep. G.M. the Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Bywater responded.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which gave him immense pleasure. He remarked that it was almost impossible to find one better. He had watched his steady progress and had succeeded him through all the various offices in the lodge which he had filled to the entire satisfaction of the various W. Masters and the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, heartily thanked the I.P.M. for his flattering remarks and the cordial reception of the brethren. When he was initiated it seemed beyond his aspirations to reach the proud position of W.M., but in creeping up the ladder he had never sought office from the various W.Ms., nor asked anyone in the lodge, but through the kindness of the brethren he had been exalted to the honourable position of being W.M. of his mother lodge, and he asked the kind and hearty co-operation of all to make the year most successful.

Bro. G. M. Fraser, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," said there was no more pleasing duty devolving upon him. There was yet another honour afforded him, which was the presenting and pinning on his breast of the handsome jewel unanimously awarded him by the brethren, and which he so well deserved, the jewel of which every brother who had received a similar one in the Great City Lodge was justly proud.

Bro. Bailey, I.P.M., thanked the brethren most sincerely for the reception of the toast. His year of office had been successful and happy and almost unique, not only in the influx of members, but also to the very eventful day which all enjoyed so much, viz., the summer outing. It was certainly the desire of the lodge that it would be repeated this year, and, if possible, with greater success.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Initiates," which, he said, was very important. Bro. Edwards was not only a true man, but would prove an ornament worthy of the Great City Lodge.

In reply, Bro. Edwards thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart. He hoped and trusted that, as he had entered upon the path that evening, so he might continue and become a respected member of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the W.M.

The toast was most cordially and ably responded to by Bros. Bull, Gardiner, Scott, Williams, and J. Stephens.

The toast of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, after which the Tyler's toast closed an eventful evening.

## Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. L. P. VALERIANI, P.M., P.G.S.B.

Each succeeding installation of this successful lodge brings forth a goodly crop of Masonic Charitable deeds, and the recent meeting held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 6th instant, was by no means an exception to that rule. A summary on the printed notice of meeting showed that since the formation of the lodge a sum of nearly £300 had been contributed from the lodge funds to the principal institutions, one of the most recent donations being 20 guineas to the Boys' School Scholarship Fund. All these figures were, however, entirely eclipsed at the meeting under notice, when, on the proposition of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Valeriani, a sum of 110 guineas was unanimously voted to the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School—this gift completing the amount necessary to make the lodge Vice-Patron of the Institution. The enthusiasm of the individual members in the cause of Masonic Charity may be gauged by the fact that no less than 17 brethren handed in their names as Stewards for the Centenary Festival. These items will be welcome news to the supporters of the Boys' School and may act as an incentive to other lodges to do likewise. Another interesting feature of the 1897 installation was the presentation of Grand Lodge clothing to Bro. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., the Secretary of the lodge, his recent appointment to Grand Office being naturally considered by the members as a great honour conferred upon the lodge as well as upon the recipient. The members present at the opening of the lodge included Bros. T. J. Bolton, W.M.; M. Wartmann, S.W.; J. H. Catten, J.W.; E. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. H. Barnes, S.D.; L. Verdier, J.D.; R. Ballinger, I.G.; Tito Mattei, Org.; E. Mills, Stwd.; W. A. Shaw, P.M.; W. C. Parsons, P.M.; F. Gallizia, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; C. E. Vaughan, J. Melroy, 2253; H. Saumier, P.M., 1423; T. Dibley, 180; G. Scott, 2332; C. Greed, R. Dipple, 1744; C. Colomb, 1363; G. Eade, 1677; F. Leppengen, 2187; W. H. Graham, 1728; R. M. H. Griffith, 1677; J. Musk, 2012; H. R. Boyles, 30; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

The minutes having been read, Bros. J. J. Mitchell and E. Bolton were raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. then informed the brethren that since the last meeting a great honour had fallen upon the lodge, although it had fallen upon the shoulders of one individual member. The lodge did not previously boast even a Provincial Grand Officer, but they had now gone at one bound straight to Grand Lodge honours. Their esteemed Secretary, Bro. Valeriani, was now entitled to place the letters P.G. Std. Br. after his name, and they all hoped he would live for many years to wear those honours which the M.W.G.M. had recently conferred upon him. He (the W.M.) was confident the members would wish to participate in the honour bestowed and in consultation with the W.M. elect and the Treasurer they decided to anticipate that wish by purchasing the Grand Lodge clothing for presentation to Bro. Valeriani. Bro. Parsons, P.M., then formally moved that the lodge should present the Grand Lodge clothing to Bro. Valeriani, and this having been seconded by the W.M. elect and carried unanimously, the presentation was made by the W.M. Bro. Valeriani, P.G. Std. Br., said his heart was too full for words, and he could only very sincerely thank them. Charity jewels were presented to the W.M. and Bro. Ballinger, those brethren having served as Stewards to two of the Institutions, and under a by-law were entitled to receive the jewel at the expense of the lodge. Bro. Valeriani, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec., then proposed that a sum of 110 guineas should be voted to the Boys' School Centenary Festival to make the lodge a Vice-Patron of that Institution. Besides being a charitable act this would be a good investment, as it would give the lodge 30 votes at each election. By this vote they would fittingly celebrate the coming of age of the lodge next year, also the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty, and support their M.W.G.M., who was the Duke of Rothsay, and after whom the lodge was named. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Gallizia, P.M., supported by the W.M. and carried unanimously. Seventeen brethren handed in their names as Stewards, amongst whose lists the sum voted will be distributed. Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, thanked the lodge on behalf of the Boys' Institution for this generous vote. The lodge set an example in reference to the Scholarship Fund, and they would be pleased to know that the first scholar on that fund had just gained a fine scholarship in Leeds Hospital in competition with about 300 others, which would place him in a successful medical career. It was fitting that the generous sum voted should come from a lodge bearing one of the names of the M.W.G.M., who would take the chair at the Festival. Their M.W.G.M. was making careful enquiries as to the progress being made. He apprehended that H.R.H. felt that this was the last big Masonic function at which he would preside, and it was gratifying to feel they had a M.W.G.M. who took such a keen interest in Masonry. He hoped the example set that evening would be followed by other lodges, not, however, to the detriment of other Masonic Institutions for he should be sorry for that to be the case. He hoped a splendid result would be attained which would be a lasting memorial of the great generosity and great devotion of their great Craft. He thanked those brethren who had consented to serve as Stewards. Bro. Parsons, P.M., the last remaining founder and father of the lodge, took the chair and installed Bro. Max Wartmann as W. Master. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. H. Catten, S.W.; G. H. Barnard, J.W.; W. Adams, P.M., Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; L. Verdier, S.D.; R. Ballinger, J.D.; E. J. Mills, I.G.; Tito Mattei, Org.; W. R. Butler, D.C.; A. H. Thomson, G. W. Duck, and L. Müller, Stwds.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. Messrs. A. A. Hope and T. A. Hooper were impressively initiated by the newly-installed W.M. Four initiates and one joining member were proposed, and the resignations of Bros. Green, P.M., and Davis were received with regret.

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

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothsay, M.W.G.M.," were loyally honoured.

Bro. Bolton, P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," and referred in congratulatory terms to the appointment of Bro. Valeriani to Grand Office rank. He claimed that this honour belonged solely to the Rothesay Lodge, which was Bro. Valeriani's mother lodge, and first and only love.

Bro. E. L. Valeriani, P.G. Std. Br., in response, said that was the first time he had been called upon to answer for the Grand Officers, and he would do his best. They might depend upon it he should no more disgrace the Grand Officers than he had disgraced the Craft or the Rothesay Lodge. He had done his best for Masonry generally, and that lodge in particular, and whatever work he had to do in Grand Lodge he would do with as much energy as he worked now. If he felt proud for the honour conferred, it was more for the sake of the lodge than for his own. When he was informed of the appointment, he received a letter of congratulation from the I.P.M. within 24 hours, who thus cheered him up in his recent illness. He (Bro. Valeriani) was the W. Master of the Fellowship Lodge, which was a handsome lodge, working well and very generous, and which carried out their good example. He should not be satisfied until there were more brethren associated with him in the lodge wearing Grand Lodge collars.

Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., next submitted "The W. Master," alluding to the excellent work done by the W.M. against difficulties in contending with their mother tongue. That did not astonish him (the I.P.M.), for Bro. Wartmann called upon him last week, and released the ceremony. No words would be necessary to ask them to receive that toast with enthusiasm and as the ruler of their lodge deserved. By his hard work the W.M. had overcome almost insurmountable difficulties and had earned their respect.

Bro. Max Wartmann, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren. He had done his utmost to be prepared to do his work, so that he could follow the I.P.M. and do almost as well in the chair, and if he had only partly succeeded he was more than satisfied. There was not his mother tongue, although he would not say he was a foreigner, as such a word was unknown in Masonry. He was very pleased if he had succeeded in his endeavours.

Bro. A. A. Hope, replying for "The Initiates," said he was reminded that silence was golden, and perhaps the less he said the better. A wish extending over many years had then been gratified. He felt deeply grateful to be one of them, and thanked them for the welcome he had received.

Bro. T. A. Hooper said the ceremony had made a deep impression upon him, and he would do all he could to uphold the Rothesay Lodge.

The W.M. next submitted "The I.P.M. and the Installing Master," remarking upon the excellent work done by Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., during the past year which had been the most successful in the history of the lodge. He had to present the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel as a reward for the excellent work done. He thanked Bro. Parsons, P.M., for the excellent manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony.

Bro. T. J. Bolton, I.P.M., returned sincere thanks for the jewel which he should honour and respect for the sake of the givers. It was said "always be off with the old

love before you are on with the new." He had another love in his eye but he asked them to believe that he should never be "off" with this lodge.

Bro. Parsons, P.M., expressed his great pleasure as the oldest P.M. to attend and witness the installation ceremony, and he thanked the I.P.M. for so kindly affording him the opportunity. The W.M. had asked him to propose the next toast "The Masonic Institutions," with which he coupled the name of Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., in reply, said the vote in the lodge showed that the brethren did not need any pleading. His remarks would only be of encouragement for the future. He was going to find fault with the Secretary of the lodge for putting on the toast list "the Masonic Institutions," which seemed to allude to the three Institutions only. The "Masonic Charities" appealed more forcibly to all that was told them of Charity. They were always trying to do a lot of Masonic Charity, for there was that Charity they were always associated with so long as they subscribed to a lodge—part of which went to relieve distress. In the provinces there were local Charities doing good work, and in every lodge and Mason's heart there was always the same good Masonic Charity going on which they professed at their initiation, and tried to carry out afterwards. The brethren had been most generous that evening, and it was the culminating point in the history of the lodge. He had never yet heard of the Rothesay Lodge having any claim on any portion of their Charities, and he hoped it might be long before there was a single claim. It would be a great feather in the cap of the lodge if they continued in the direction they were taking, because it showed they were doing a good work year after year in the true spirit of Masonry, and not for the hope of any reward for any member belonging to the lodge. He had no need to tell them what they were doing in the three Institutions. With reference to the Boys' School, a greater number year after year sought admission than they could possibly receive, which necessitated the removal of the School and a large expenditure of money. They hoped to carry that scheme into effect when they celebrated the centenary by the generosity of the Craft. It could then be said that 2300 boys had passed through the Institution, being educated, clothed, and maintained. This was the work they were engaged in supporting so nobly. The lodge would be Vice-Patron of the Boys' School by the vote that night, and he hoped it would do the same for the other two Institutions, for they undoubtedly deserved it. So many brethren coming forward as Stewards would help to swell the total, and those who could not contribute so much, their smaller contributions would be gladly welcomed and appreciated. They had the finest President they could get—his Royal Highness the M.W. G.M.—who, no doubt, wished it to be the climax of what he had done hitherto in Freemasonry, and was looking forward to the largest amount of money announced at any Masonic Charity festival, or any festival in the whole country.

Bros. Sonyer, P.M.; Lee, P.M.; and Griffiths responded for "The Visitors," which was followed by other toasts before the proceedings terminated.

Bro. Tito Mattei, Org., presided at the piano with his well-known ability, and amongst the other contributors to the programme was Mr. Harlestone, a pupil of the late Signor Alsepi (concertina), who proved a worthy follower of his talented tutor.

## Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039.

On Monday afternoon, the 4th inst., the annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland. There was a large attendance of officers and brethren, and the lodge was honoured with the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., who presided over part of the proceedings, and expressed his satisfaction with the lodge. Bro. Thomas E. Campbell, W.M., officiated as Installing Master, and in a very able manner installed his successor, Bro. Thomas Naisbitt, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair. The other officers present were Bros. Victor Williamson, P.G.W. Eng.; A. McFadden, P.P.S.G.D. Ayrshire, Grand Steward of Scotland; John C. Moor, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Cutter, P.P.G. Treas.; F. Wade, P.P.G. Treas.; J. D. Dodd, P.P.G.S.B.; F. S. Cowper, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; John Mitchinson, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Wantless, P.P.G.S.B.; Nicholas Lee, P.G. Stwd.; James Lee, P.M.; William Scott, P.M. 2039; W. J. Robinson, W.M.; Thomas Robinson, P.M. 97; John Armstrong, W.M. 2557; E. Lautebach, P.M. 919; James Hudson, P.G. Org.; John Nicholls, W.M.; H. Brown, S.W. 1389; R. E. Womfrey, S.W.; M. Marks, Sec. 2557; Wm. Winstone, P.P.G. Org.; W. M. Render, S.W. 97; J. W. Brodie, S.W. 80; S. Peacock, J.W. 80; Thomas Naisbitt, S.W.; H. Havelock, J.W.; Earnest Hooper, Sec.; F. S. Cowper, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Willis, S.D.; J. G. Paillips, J.D.; James Lee, P.M., D.C.; Wm. J. Oliver, I.G.; and T. Grieve, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

After the installation, the P.G.M. before leaving congratulated the newly-installed Master, Bro. T. Naisbitt, on being Master in so excellent a lodge, and on having such excellent officers. The W.M., Bro. Naisbitt, afterwards appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Henry Havelock, S.W.; E. Hooper, J.W.; F. S. Cowper, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Willis, Sec.; John G. Paillips, S.D.; W. J. Oliver, J.D.; J. Lee, P.M., D.C.; T. H. R. Meriton, I.G.; W. Winstone, P.P.G.O., acting Org.; G. W. Clark, T. E. Graham, G. W. Davison, and J. R. Sedgwick, Stewards; and T. Grieve, P.M., Tyler. Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was elected representative on the Charities Committee of the province.

After the close of the lodge, the W.M. and Mrs. Thomas Naisbitt received their guests, the annual festival being celebrated with a high tea and entertainment. The programme of music at the entertainment was provided by Bro. L. Winstone, P.M., P.P.G.O., and friends.

Later in the evening dancing was held in the banquet hall, the M.C. being Bro. W. Scott, I.P.M., when the music was provided by Bro. L. A. Nicholson, A.C.O.

In the course of the evening, a concert was given in the large room, in which the following took part: Mrs. Scott, Miss Carmichael, Bros. E. Hooper, J. G. Scott, J. G. Phillips, M.B., E. J. Willis, recitations being given by Bros. W. J. Robinson, W.M. 97, and W. G. Strother. An amusing musical sketch was most successfully given by Bro. Winstone.

The following acted as Stewards during the latter part of the proceedings: Bros. W. S. Oliver, J. R. Sedgwick, and J. G. Scott.

In the course of the festival, the toasts of "The Queen" and "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princesses of Wales" were proposed by Bro. W. M.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. T. Naisbitt," was proposed by Bro. J. Lee, P.M., and that of "The Installing Master and I.P.M., Bro. T. E. Campbell," by Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M.

## Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

A meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Woking, when there were present Bros. Capt. J. Hoey, W.M.; J. W. H. Littleboy, I.P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Shaw, P.M., as S.W.; J. Tomlinson, J.W.; R. Clamp, S.D.; G. J. Woolridge, I.G.; H. W. Gloster, Steward; C. F. Passmore, P.M.; A. Althorp, and A. M. Kennett. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.C.D.; A. G. Clinton, 723; and W. G. Jones, 2521.

Before opening the lodge, the W.M. said he had a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. J. W. H. Littleboy, I.P.M., with the full and undress clothing of an Assistant Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, to which office he had been appointed at the recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey. Bro. Littleboy had been the first initiate of the Bisley Lodge, and among the subscribers who had in the presentation were not only members of the Bisley Lodge and Chapter, but also the W.M. of the Bisley Mark Lodge and the W.M. and Past Masters of the Galen Lodge, No. 2394. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. J. H. Askham, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, expressing his inability to attend for installation on account of serious illness. A cordial vote of sympathy with Bro. Askham was passed by acclamation, and Bro. W. A. Shaw, P.M., was unanimously elected to fill the vacant position; the installation, therefore, stands postponed until the November meeting. Bro. Captain Hoey was elected Treasurer, and Bros. A. Montague Kennett, 2475, and Charles Findon Waters, 2101, were elected joining members. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. At the previous meeting the usual Past Master's jewel had been voted to the W.M., but having expressed a wish that the money granted for the purpose should be devoted to securing votes for one of the Masonic Institutions in perpetuity, it was resolved, in accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee, that five guineas be added to the amount ordinarily spent for the jewel, and that votes in perpetuity be secured as suggested, the aforesaid sum to be drawn from the Benevolent Fund. It was further resolved that a vote of thanks to Bro. Capt. Hoey for his generous action be recorded in the minutes. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and several letters were read from members who were unavoidably prevented from attending.

All business being concluded, the lodge was then closed, and the customary banquet followed, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.



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At a QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of October, 1897, V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron and Trustee (P.G. Treas.), in the chair, a Ballot took place for the Election of 16 Boys from an approved list of 49 Candidates, the following being declared

No. on Poll. SUCCESSFUL:

No. on Poll.	Names	Votes.
1	Britten, Charles Wells (last)	4916
2	Bowman, Harrison	4114
3	Sanderson, Alfred	4329
4	Parsons, Bertram Eugene	4296
5	Sparks, Walter Waring	4381
6	Mitchinson, Stanley Dixon	4178
7	Howson, Thomas Richard	4127
8	Ainsworth, Stuart	4124
9	Bleakley, John Kay	4110
10	Webb, Bertie Frank	4109
11	Stephenson, Claudius	4086
12	Brand, Richard Austin	3993
13	Watson, Richard Stanley	3988
14	Johnstone, Walter Latimer	3908
15	Morris, Alfred Daniel	3800
16	Lyle, Arthur James	3796

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the office.

J. M. MCLEOD,

Secretary.

\* \* The CENTENARY FESTIVAL will be held in 1898, H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M., President of the Institution, in the Chair. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this all-important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Re WALTER WARING SPARKS.

The President (Bro. GEO. R. LANGLEY), and Members of the Election Committee desire to express their sincere thanks to the very large number of Subscribers who so kindly placed their votes at the disposal of this deserving case. The Mother of the Candidate also desires to express her very grateful thanks.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1897.

**Masonic Notes.**

A regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (N.Z.) was held at the Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 15th July, under the presidency of the new District G. Master, Bro. R. Dunn Thomas. No business of importance was dealt with, but in the correspondence, which was read and approved, mention was made of a circular letter addressed by order of the Dist. G.M. to the Worshipful Masters of lodges in his jurisdiction, calling attention to the recent addition to Article 189, Book of Constitutions, which requires that brethren initiated under other Constitutions, before joining an English lodge, shall make a declaration in open lodge of obedience to the Grand Master and the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge. It was further ordered that the said addition should be entered in the minutes of the lodges for future reference.

The *Pacific Mason* having mentioned the case of a father and three sons being members of one and the same lodge in Seattle, the last of the latter to join the Order having the Third Degree conferred upon him by the three who had preceded him, the *Saturday Mail* of Boston caps the statement by announcing that among the members of the lodge in St. Martin, New Brunswick, are a father and five sons. The father, who was made in Ireland, has been a Mason 58 years, and Treasurer of the lodge ever since the time when he quitted the Master's chair, while his eldest son William

is its Secretary. Four of the five sons are Past Masters, the fifth, who is a master mariner, being unable, by the exigencies of his calling, to attend the meetings of the lodge. It is further mentioned that eight years ago, when Bro. Walker, now Grand Master of New Brunswick, was presiding in Grand Lodge, he was supported right and left by Bros. Henry Duffield and Andrew Skillen, who had both of them been Masons for half a century. The former of these died a short while since, the latter is still hale and hearty, and is, with his five sons, still a member of St. Martin's Lodge.

The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of North Dakota, held their annual meetings, the former under the presidency of Bro. William T. Perkins, G. Master, on the 8th and 9th, and the latter under Comp. Albert B. Herrick, G.P.H., on the 10th June last. In both cases we gather from the addresses delivered by the respective presiding officers and from the reports both statistical and financial that were presented, that Freemasonry in this jurisdiction is well established and its future prospects most encouraging. The Grand Lodge, of which Bro. Frederick M. Carothers is the G. Master, has 48 lodges on its roll with an aggregate subscribing membership of 2702, while the G. Chapter, of which Comp. David E. Morgan is the new G. High Priest, has 14 chapters with 813 subscribing companions. Bro. and Comp. Frank J. Thompson is the G. Secretary of both bodies, and in the case of the Grand Lodge is reported to have made many valuable suggestions concerning the library, the compiling of the constitution, by-laws, resolutions and approved decisions, and the completing of the Grand Lodge register. In the Grand Chapter, Comp. Herrick, who presided and delivered the customary address, complimented Comp. Thompson on being "an ideal Grand Secretary."

We have been requested to announce that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridge will be held at Newmarket on Thursday, the 18th proximo, at the invitation of the Etheldreda Lodge, No. 2107. We have every reason to believe that the reports which will be then submitted will show that the past year has been a successful one.

A respected correspondent takes exception to a statement which appeared some while since in our columns to the effect that the "application" of the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of New Zealand "for recognition from our Grand Lodge was refused and Masonry in the Colony has ever since been most bitterly divided against itself." He considers the word "bitterly" should be deleted so far as the new organisation, of which he is a very distinguished member and in whose behalf he claims to speak. He says "In all our intercourse, and in all our publications we have most carefully refrained from any such spirit and we do not think we have done anything to deserve such reproach. We have been careful to remember that our brethren heretofore, are those with whom shortly—when they will—the tie of Brotherhood will again unite us to each other and so endeavour—successfully, I think—to avoid any exhibition of rancour that we shall have to regret when the right hand of fellowship is extended to us."

We do not doubt for a moment that our brother is sincere in his statement and that he firmly believes he is right in claiming for those in whose behalf he writes exemption from all sense of bitterness. Doubtless the leaders of the movement for establishing an independent Grand Lodge in New Zealand would avoid all exhibition of ill-feeling against those who held aloof and refused to take part with them in the course they adopted. Yet the "bitterness" may have existed to a very large extent among the general body of seceders. The statement which our correspondent makes is by no means the only one that has reached us as to the character of the feeling that divided the Masonic body in the Colony. We readily give credit to our brother and those with whom he acts for being influenced by the best of motives in what they did. We feel sure that when they set up the banner of secession they thought they were acting for the best. Even the lower motive of self-interest would impel them to act discreetly and with the utmost forbearance towards those they were separating themselves from. But we had evidence at the time that Masonry in the Colony was "bitterly divided against itself," and we are glad to know that the feeling is dying out, though it may still continue to exist for a time in the minds of those who adhere to the old order of things.

We repeat that we have the most perfect faith in the sincerity of our correspondent's opinions, and we can well believe that he and those with whom he acted did everything in their power to avoid any expression of ill-will towards those from whom they differed. No doubt, too, they were as firmly convinced that in what they did they were "acting aright," but we cannot go so far as to say that "events have justified" their action. In the fulness of time we shall probably see a Grand Lodge of New Zealand which has been recognised by our Grand Lodge, but it does not follow that because the newly-constituted body has gone on increasing and multiplying, the course which its promoters took was the best that could have been taken, or that those who promoted the course which has since been adopted were the right men. But whether the course adopted was the best and the leaders of the movement the safest guides in a question of great delicacy, there can be no doubt that the harmony of Freemasonry in New Zealand was seriously disturbed by the establishment of the new body.

Till the event took place, the three Constitutions worked together harmoniously. From time to time, no doubt, differences arose, but they were never of a serious character. When the new Grand Lodge was started, discord arose not amongst English, Irish, and Scottish brethren; but between them on the one hand and the seceders on the other. Moreover, as we well remember to have pointed out as a salutary warning before anything like a serious secession had been undertaken, there were many conflicting local interests to be thought of and safeguarded. In the Colonies of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, there was but a single District or Provincial Grand Lodge to be thought of; in New Zealand there were some nine, of which five held under the Grand Lodge of England, three under that of Scotland, and one under that of Ireland.

Is it to be wondered at that under these circumstances there should be a difficulty in bringing all these various bodies each with its separate and distinct interests to look to into line and inducing them to adopt one uniform line of policy? Hence, when the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was launched into being there were found to be only some 32 lodges which cast in their lot under its banner, nor does it in any way justify the action of the leaders of the secession when we find that the 32 lodges now muster close on 120, including those newly constituted, while the lodges adhering to the old system have very greatly diminished, so that there are now about one half of the English, Irish, and Scottish lodges than there were when the scheme for providing an independent Grand Lodge was first mooted.

However, let us hope the time is not far distant when we shall find the Grand Lodge of New Zealand recognised, and the relations between its lodges and those of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions of a friendly character. If, as we have before remarked, there was no difficulty in adjusting the differences between "Ancients" and "Moderns" in the early years of the present century, there ought to be no difficulty in adjusting the less serious and prolonged differences existing in New Zealand.

We regret exceedingly that in our recent report of the annual meeting, at Cardiff, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (E.D.), the name of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, should have been omitted. It will be in the recollection of our readers that Bro. Lord Llangattock, the Grand Master of this Province, presided as Chairman at the Festival of this School in May, when the donations and subscriptions exceeded £16,000. It was to exhibit his appreciation and that of the Committee of the great service rendered to the Institution by the Provincial Grand Master on this occasion, that Bro. Hedges visited Cardiff in order to be present, and, as ill-luck would have it, his name was omitted altogether. Perhaps it may make some amends, to find that Lord Llangattock, referred in one of his speeches to the success of the Girls' School Anniversary held under his auspices and the pleasure he had derived from that success.

BRO. LORD ROBERTS and his daughters have left Corbachy Castle, and gone on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin at Clondeboye.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and Princess Victoria are extending their stay at Copenhagen, and will not be back in England till next week.

## Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

## CANVASSING AND TOUTING AT ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"P.Z." commences by stating "all good Masons are agreed that canvassing and toutting at elections constitute improper conduct," and he seems to think Bro. Lamony's motion relates only to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Has "P.Z." ever attended Grand Lodge on a night of election of members of the Board of General Purposes?

Was he present at Grand Lodge at the last election of such members?

Did he receive, in his Province in the North, cards of request to vote for a particular candidate?

If he answers all these questions in the negative then one would understand his letter.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

## COURTESY TITLE—"WORSHIPFUL BROTHER."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

The letter of "Secretary, P.M." is "a startler!"

I take it the really correct mode of address is "Worshipful Past Master Smith"—"Worshipful Bro. Smith" being more colloquial, but equally correct.

I cannot suppose an "old and experienced Preceptor of a North London Lodge of Instruction" would correct a Lodge he was visiting without very strong reasons.

"Secretary P.M." seems not to have asked for his authority, which would have been his better course before asking your readers' opinions.

As, however, the Preceptor mentioned, is no doubt one of your readers, I would ask him to be good enough, through your columns, to tell us on what he bases his dictum?

Feeling sure he will willingly respond to my challenge, I will at once give him four reasons for my disputing his statement.

1. The Book of Constitutions, 1884, Ed. Art. 6, Note. "The title, or address of *Worshipful*" (W.) is "to be used by . . . the present and Past Masters of Lodges."

2. In 1888 The late Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke (no mean authority!), in enumerating to a Correspondent some of the "many privileges attending Past Mastership," commenced with

"1. Right of Title of *Worshipful*."

3. The Book of Constitutions, 1896, Edn. Art. 6, Note, in the same words as in 1894.

4. The Official Reports of Grand Lodge Proceedings, up to date, which should be a correct guide.

Anxiously awaiting the Preceptor's reply.—I am, yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

## ANOTHER CLASS LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the earnest suggestion of several influential Welsh Masons, I beg to invoke your valuable paper's co-operation in urging the desirable addition of a Welsh Masonic Lodge to the number of class lodges in existence. In the columns of the press last week, a report of the recent consecration of a Cornish lodge has appeared. This is as it should be, and we heartily congratulate our Cornish brethren on their patriotism, wishing the new-born lodge God speed and prosperity. But assuredly gallant little Wales must not be found failing in this healthy spirit of emulation, and the need of a Welsh Masonic lodge to represent our well-loved principality is so obvious, I feel confident, as a Cambrian myself, the suggestion only needs publicity to speedily entail the formation of a Cambrian lodge. I shall be most happy, as a P.M. as well, to lend my personal services in its initiative, and my Welsh brethren who wish to become members of the same I shall be glad to hear from at my private address given below.—I remain, Sir, yours fraternally,

J. BRINDLEY JAMES,  
P.M. 1441, P.M. 2410.

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Hammersmith, W.,  
October, 13th.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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## HISTORY OF No. 526.

In the *Freemason* for January 2nd, 1897, will be found an appropriate review of the "History of the Lodge of Honour, No. 526," Wolverhampton, by the Editor. The handsome little work is by Bro. Thomas J. Barnett, P.M., &c., and was published for private circulation only. Since then the author has prepared and had printed, with the same interesting volume, an Appendix, completing the account of the lodge to date, with a full report of the memorable jubilee celebration of the lodge, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G.M., attended, with his Deputy, Colonel Bindley, P.G.D., and the R.W. Bro. A. F. Giddson, Q.C., M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, and several other Grand Officers were also present, with a large number of brethren belonging to the Province of Staffordshire and visitors, including Bro. Benjamin Hicklin, J.P., the only survivor of the founders. By desire and vote of the members, Bro. Barnett has had his portrait engraved and inserted as the Frontispiece to this important addition to his excellent History. The meeting was of a most satisfactory character, and is ably described by the author. Amongst the capital illustrations which enliven the book are two depicting the W.M.'s and the I.P.M.'s chairs. They are very fine old specimens, and Bro. Barnett has discovered they belonged to the "Lodge of Friendship," King's Lynn, Norfolk, which was warranted 9th June, 1762, and erased in 1838.

W. J. H.

THE INFANT SON of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough will be baptised at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, to-morrow (Saturday), when the Prince of Wales will stand sponsor in person. The Rev. Edgar Sheppard, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, will officiate.

## Craft Masonry.

## Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. C. Garton, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; Rev. T. Selby Henrey, J.W. and Chap.; T. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Robeson, S.D.; T. Stokes, J.D.; J. Smith, P.M., D.C.; C. C. Welch, I.G.; C. Couchman, Tyler; J. Smith, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; Goodes, P.M.; Mower, P.M.; Abbott, P.M.; Lockett, Williams, Page, Rawkins, Collins, Francis, Fishlight, Lloyd, Farr, Bassett, Hipwell, Fergusson, S. Rippin, Wotton, Purbrook, Franklin, Roche, A. J. Rippin, Doody, Cranshaw, and Dixon. Visitors: Bros. Copestake, 869, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; D. D. Reid, 15; E. Anderson, W.M. 715; D. Harlow, P.M. 65; H. Brown, 2024; W. A. Beer, 2547; C. M. Randall, P.M. 1799; J. Rose, 102; and Whitehead, 250.

After the lodge had been opened, Bros. Francis and Page were passed to the F.C. Degree, and a ballot taken—which proved unanimous—for Messrs. Davies and Evans (to be initiated next meeting). A Committee having been appointed to carry out arrangements for ladies' night, notice of motion was given for 20 guineas to go on Bro. Garton's list for next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together.

## St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271.

This successful Metropolitan lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 7th inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., W.M., supported by Bros. J. Irvine, I.P.M.; C. Jacob, S.W.; T. Parkes, J.W.; H. Longman, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Matthews, D.C.; F. Cuzner, I.G.; J. Jefferson, Org.; R. G. Webster, M.P., P.M.; Wm. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; C. Woodward, P.M.; T. E. Mitchell, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Shelton Hooper, P.D.G.S. of W. Hong Kong; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; W. Powell, I.P.M. 2206; J. Wilson, P.M. 1328; W. Fitson, 1549; C. J. Veal, I.P.M. 1549; F. Walker, J.W. 1627; J. L. Apsey, P.M. 534; H. Absell, 87; R. Ward, 1744; J. Liscombe, P.M. 1818; C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec., 1744; J. Nicholson, P.M. 12; C. Ortnier, 1767; C. H. Lea, P.M. 49; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the Audit report adopted. The installation of Bro. Charles Jacob as W.M. was then proceeded with, the ceremony being impressively rendered by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., assisted by Bro. Wm. Stiles, P.G. Treas., as D.C. The following were appointed as officers of the lodge: Bros. Parker, S.W.; Rice, J.W.; Graham, M.P., P.M., Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Cuzner, S.D.; Matthews, J.D.; Higgins, I.G.; Woodrow, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Mitchell, Stwd.; J. Jefferson, Org.; and Whiting, P.M., Tyler. At the conclusion of the customary addresses, Bro. Scurrah, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his eminent services. The I.P.M. expressed his sincere thanks for the gift, which he would always regard with pleasure, especially as it bore an additional token commemorating his Mastership during the Diamond Jubilee year. He hoped that the happy relations existing between the Past Masters and the members would continue for many years to come.

Numerous letters of regret for non-attendance from distinguished brethren were announced, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the brethren had frequently heard how much the Grand Officers appreciated the kind manner in which the toast was always received, and particularly in that lodge. It was a pleasure to the Grand Officers to attend lodges and see the work done so well.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., said the Grand Officers did their duty, not only in attending lodges, but in hard work. At the Girls' School election, that day, if there was one Grand Officer present there were 25 at least, all hard at work securing the election of deserving candidates. That showed they were ready to work for Masonry, and several Grand Officers had asked him to make their excuses to the brethren for their absence, as they wished to wait and hear the result of the election announced. As he knew many of the brethren present were anxious to partake of the noxious weed, he would at once propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He had the honour of initiating Bro. Jacobs into Freemasonry, and had watched his progress from the commencement until the present time. The W.M. was not so conversant with the language as some of them, and it was, therefore, difficult for him to say all he would wish. Bro. Jacobs had done everything he could for Freemasonry in general, and their lodge in particular, having progressed step by step, and always performing his duty in any office with satisfaction and credit. The brethren would doubtless receive the toast with enthusiasm, and wish the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Charles Jacobs, W.M., thanked them one and all very heartily. He could assure them he was most proud, and was the proudest Master in the world. When he first came to London, and had seen a little of it, he thought there were two things he would look after. The first was an English lady for a wife, and the second was to be an English Freemason. He had obtained both his wishes, and it was his good fortune to be initiated in that most distinguished lodge. He was initiated by Bro. Scurrah, the father of the lodge, and he had now attained the position of Master. He was most proud to think he was now in the chair of an English lodge. He had always been received very kindly by the brethren, and he thanked them very heartily for the toast.

The W.M. then briefly proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and in response, Bro. Scurrah, I.P.M., P.G.S.B., said that whatever he did in Masonry he endeavoured to do to the best of his ability. He was always doubly careful when he had to install one of his own initiates and was naturally anxious to do his very best. If he had done it to the satisfaction of the W.M. and brethren he was amply repaid for any little trouble. He regarded this as a distinguished lodge. It was true it was small, but size did not always conduce to prosperity, and he looked upon the St. Pancras as one of the best under the English Constitution.

Bro. Longman, P.M., returned thanks, and said that as he had done so on so many occasions he would only thank them once again, congratulate the W.M. and wish him a successful term of office.

Bro. J. Irvine, P.M., also responded, expressing his pleasure at witnessing the progress of the lodge and at seeing the first initiate installed as W.M. The first Master of the lodge was a most respected fine old English gentleman and Mason, who had since departed, and the chair during the past year had been occupied by Bro. Scurrah, and a more worthy man they could not find. The working of the lodge was second to none, and they were proud of it.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec., proposed "The Visitors," giving them all a cordial welcome, and especially Bro. Shelton Hooper, from Hong Kong.

Bro. Shelton Hooper, P.D.G. Supt. Wks. Hong Kong, said that was the first lodge it had been his privilege to attend in the metropolis. He was initiated 10,000 miles away in the most distant dependency of her Majesty, which in 1841 was a barren island. In four years they were able to produce a lodge composed of men whom he would guarantee to do credit to any Masonic body in England. The science of Masonry he regarded as Charity, and although they had always subscribed to the Charities at home, they formed a fund of their own about six years ago to afford relief to cases coming before them from Masons passing through the Colony. In 1896 they had a credit balance of about £1200. That would show them what Masonry was in a place which 50 years ago was a barren island, and at the visit of the Duke of Connaught a few years ago a District Grand Lodge was called and 350 Masons invited to meet him. Wherever he had been he had always been cordially received as an English Freemason in the best sense of the word. Bro. Scurrah's name was known in Hong Kong, and therefore it was a great pleasure to be present at the St. Pancras Lodge as the guest of that distinguished member of Grand Lodge. He should take back the liveliest recollections of his visit, and wished every success and prosperity to the lodge.

Bros. Nicholson, P.M.; Lea, P.M. 49; Apsey, P.M.; and Captain Knightley, P.M., also acknowledged the toast.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" was cordially proposed.

Bro. Webster, M.P., replied.

Bro. Parker, S.W., also expressed his thanks for the kind words used concerning him. He looked forward to fill the Master's chair, which was a responsibility no man could feel without emotion. Bro. Woodrow, P.M., D.C., also responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a very successful meeting.

Bro. Jefferson presided at the piano, and Bro. C. Ortnier contributed several songs with his usual ability and success. Mr. Sydney Isom also assisted in the programme.

## Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, and was attended by a large number of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Major-General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Part Dist. G.M. Eastern Archipelago; Wm. Russell, A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Treas.; and many other Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. Captain Francis Powell, P.M., &c., was the Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a most satisfactory manner. The following are the officers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. W. Peart, W.M.; W. A. Phipps, I.P.M.; W. J. Beck, S.W.; J. J. Young, J.W.; S. E. Morgan, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Francis Powell, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Kay, S.D.; F. Hawes, J.D.; C. Lane, I.G.; A. F. King, D.C.; A. T. Sharman, Org.; E. Rock and A. G. Strutt, Stwds.; and J. E. Perkins, Tyler. Bro. Capt Powell was re-elected Charity Representative. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Sir C. Warren and other Grand Officers for their attendance, also to the Installing Master, which were carried by acclamation. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Phipps, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488.

It does not often fall to the lot of one to be Worshipful Master of two important Metropolitan lodges at one time, but this is the somewhat unique position of Bro. W. Singleton Hooper who was installed in this well-known and ever-growing lodge at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Friday, the 1st inst., and he is also Worshipful Master of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987. There were present Bros. J. A. Harrison, W.M.; Walter Clifford, I.P.M.; W. S. Hooper, S.W. and W.M. elect; John Foss, J.W.; W. J. W. Beard, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harris, S.D.; W. Sergeant Lee, J.D.; G. P. Hadley, I.G.; J. R. Cleave, P.M., D.C.; Arthur Tite, Frank Parker, F. Fraser, and W. E. Garstin, Stwds.; J. H. Hawkins, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; F. Osmond Carr, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Cambs.; F. Dangerfield, P.M.; J. Alec Atkin, J. E. Coulson, M.D., R. Green, Max Clarke, S. W. H. Dixon, J. W. Clark, A. J. Thomas, P.M.; E. S. P. Ludlow, H. Reece, A. H. Collings, J. Weiner, F. W. Sears, A. Ellis, M. J. Shepherd, A. Romano, S. Jousiffe, C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; C. A. Hooper, P.M.; R. W. Whyte, W. H. Baylis, P.M.; H. J. Horner, J. L. Kirby, C. E. Liles, R. S. King, J. Kift, W. J. Beard, H. T. Brickwell, and S. Ellis, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; R. G. Hall, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Montague Bates, P.G. Std. Br.; Hugh Cumberland, P.S.G.W.; Geo. Grant, P.G. Std. Br.; C. O. Burgess, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; E. J. Wood, 2466; A. Page, P.S.G.W. Notts; W. T. Holloway, 1319; C. L. Carson, I.P.M., 2190; Courtice Pounds, 2190; J. C. Hunting, 1987; E. W. Harris, P.M. 158 (I.C.); W. H. White, 55; Frank Harper, W.M. 2120; A. Ewen, P.M. 475; F. A. Gordyn, 935; J. McMurdock, 2387; C. Rider Noble, 1764; F. Page, W.M. 1613; S. J. Spurling, 83; A. E. Humphreys, P.M. 90; B. J. Webster Grieve, 176; R. Spencer, 1347; W. Dennis, W.M. 9; Orilton Cooper, P.M. 211; W. Humphrey, W.M. 1305; G. S. Beeching, 1305; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; S. H. Baker, 2065; J. H. Wildash, P.M. 1662; W. J. Rowe, P.M. 2021; C. F. Browne, P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; H. L. de Montmorency, 1; Templar Saxe, 2190; J. M. Owens, 2466; H. O. Winter, 2432; J. P. Nelson, 2581; J. W. Dimsdale, 2581; H. Bateman, P.M. 29; R. Davey, 176; F. W. Crookshank, 6; A. Bingham, 410; W. Churcher, 2467; A. Strugnell, 2264; H. Emblyn, 1348; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, a dispensation allowing the lodge to be held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, temporarily, was read, after which the minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings were confirmed. The Auditors' report, showing a balance of nearly £400 on the right side, was adopted, and the following unanimously elected joining members: Bros. H. T. Brickwell, 2455; Joseph Weiner, 1987; F. W. Sears, 1987; Auguste Oddeninn, 1614; Fredk. Dangerfield, 1260; Arthur H. Beard, 101; and Albert H. Collings, 211. A dispensation allowing Bro. W. Singleton Hooper to be installed W.M. was read, and he was then presented by Bro. J. R. Cleave, P.M., and installed into the chair by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. A. Harrison, in a most exemplary manner. During the ceremony the anthem, "Be thou faithful" was given by Bro. Courtice Pounds with marked effect, and was much appreciated by the brethren. The newly-installed W.M., in an impressive manner, appointed and with the exception of Bro. Will E. Chapman, P.A.G.D.C., who is in South Africa—invested the following as his officers: Bros. John Foss, S.W.; L. W. Harris, J.W.; Walter J. W. Beard, P.M., Treas.; Will E. Chapman, Sec.; W. Sergeant Lee, S.D.; G. P. Hadley, J.D.; T. Fraser, I.G.; J. R. Cleave, P.M., D.C.; J. Kift, Org.; A. Tite, Frank Parker, W. E. Garstin, and R. S. King, Stwds.; and S. Ellis, P.M., Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was very ably rendered by Bro. J. A. Harrison, and he is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony, and he closed his career as ruler of the lodge with *éclat*. It was unanimously resolved to remove the lodge from the Criterion to the Café Royal, Regent-street, and it will now be held at the Café Royal, where the lodge was consecrated. The next duty of the W.M. was, as he remarked, a very pleasing one—to present to Bro. J. A. Harrison, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel, as a very small pledge of the great esteem the members had towards him, and as a slight return for his great services to the lodge, which would never be forgotten. Bro. J. A. Harrison, I.P.M., in a few appropriate words, acknowledged the jewel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. J. A. Harrison, P.M., by the brethren of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, in appreciation of his efficient services as W.M. during his year of office—1896—97. Oct., 1897." Bro. Walter J. W. Beard, P.M., Treas., reported that out of the large balance in hand he had purchased stock for a substantial amount. Letters were read from the following, regretting their inability to attend: Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Thos. Fenn, Robt. Grey, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Vaughan Morgan, G. Treas.; Sir John B. Monckton, and Sheriff Green.

The W.M. intimated that he would go up as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Old People, and a gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

A superb banquet followed, which was well served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. Oddeninn.

The W.M., Bro. W. Singleton Hooper, on rising to propose the first toast, was received with much enthusiasm.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, in brief but eloquent terms.

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that they were honoured that evening with the attendance of several Grand Officers, who had taken a great interest in the Eccentric Lodge, and the members appreciated the compliment of Grand Officers so often coming there, and he associated the name of Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas., with the toast.

Bro. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas., responded. He said he felt with his colleagues present who wished him to convey on their behalf their hearty thanks for the way the toast had been given and received. Masonry was not the so-called fourth degree as some supposed it was. They worked for greater ends and while the good feeling existed between the Craft and Grand Lodge, Freemasonry would continue to flourish. That evening was more than an ordinary pleasure to acknowledge the toast because it had been given by a W.M. who would be able to do everything asked of him in the ritual, in a manner that it should be done. He had an idea that the W.M. considered it a great honour to preside over such an important lodge, and so well he might. He appreciated the kind remarks of the W.M. as to the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Will E. Chapman, P.A.G.D.C., who was in South Africa, but, although he was so far away, he was not forgotten by the members of that lodge and the Empress Lodge.

Bro. J. A. Harrison, I.P.M., on rising to propose "The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Singleton Hooper," was received with much warmth. He said it was his pleasing duty and privilege to propose the most important toast of the evening. Bro. Hooper was in the happy position of being W.M. of two London lodges. Those outside Masonry knew him to be one of the best in the world—a good fellow and a true friend. To those who knew him in Masonry he was everything good, and he had been a great success as W.M. of the Strand Lodge. They were all delighted to see him in the chair of the Eccentric Lodge, and wished him a splendid year of office.

Bro. W. Singleton Hooper, W.M., on rising to respond, had an ovation. He said blushes mantled on his maiden brow, as he never knew what a good man he was until he heard it from the I.P.M. that evening. The Treasurer had told them of the great balance standing to their credit, and it was a great honour and pleasure to him to hold the position of Master of such a flourishing and important lodge, of which he was one of

the founders and had filled all the offices. The lodge was only a young one, but he would do his utmost to maintain the great reputation it had.

The W.M., then gave "The Installing Master, Bro. J. A. Harrison," and said they would all agree with him that Bro. Harrison was one of the very best Masters the lodge had ever had. In the Eccentric Club and in the lodge he was a tower of strength, and the great success of the lodge was due entirely to his efforts. He could speak at length as to his many virtues and abilities, but it was needless to do so, as he was so well-known to them all.

Bro. J. A. Harrison, I.P.M., who was again received with enthusiasm, responded. He said the little he had done for the lodge was a great pleasure to him. The Eccentric Club and the lodge would go hand and hand together to do everything that was good. He left the chair with much regret, but might he say he had given satisfaction to them as Master? He felt he was more capable of then conducting the affairs of the lodge than he was 12 months ago; but he was succeeded by a very old friend in Bro. Hooper, one able to do everything in the ritual and well able to hold his own in Masonry and other spheres, and the members had done the right thing in electing him W.M., as it would have been impossible to have made a better choice.

The W.M. stated that the lodge, amongst its many eccentricities, had an eccentric Charity fund, and one Master tried to outdo his predecessor in increasing the amount of that fund. The Charity-box would be passed round, and he hoped the members would give freely.

This having been done, the W.M., who made an up-to-date auctioneer, then put up the contents of the box for sale, remarking that it was too heavy for him to hold up, and, after spirited bidding, he knocked it down at £25, amidst much applause, to Bro. B. Grieve, 176.

In proposing "The Health of Bro. B. Grieve," the W.M. observed that it was a great compliment to the lodge that Bro. Grieve should attend there as a visitor and purchase the contents of the box for the benefit of Charity.

In presenting the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. stated that they were honoured that evening with the presence of many eminent and distinguished Masons—in all about 50—and on behalf of the lodge he gave them all a very hearty welcome, remarking that no better compliment could be paid to a lodge by the quality and quantity of its guests. Time would not permit for all of them to respond, but he hoped to see them again during his year of office, and, concluding, he associated with the toast the names of Bros. W. Dennis, W.M. 9; and F. Page, W.M. 1613.

Bro. W. Dennis, W.M. 9, responded. He said that all the visitors would gladly come as often as they were given the opportunity. The working of the lodge was more than enough to get plenty of visitors and the hospitality of the members was lavish. He agreed that it would have been impossible for the lodge to have found a better W.M. and he had no hesitation in stating that the lodge would be a great success under Bro. Hooper's ruling.

Bro. F. Page, W.M. 1613, also acknowledged the handsome way the visitors had been received and entertained. The Working of the I.P.M. was excellent. He congratulated the lodge on being one of the finest in the West, and it had an excellent W.M. in Bro. Hooper.

Bro. E. W. Harris, P.M. (185 I.C.), said it afforded him much pleasure to be a visitor at that distinguished lodge, and he agreed with everything that had been said as to the working of the I.P.M., Bro. Harrison, and the hospitality of the members.

The W.M. in proposing "The Officers," said it was a very important toast and he considered himself exceedingly fortunate in having such a good staff. He mentioned each by name stating at length their many good qualities and he felt they would give him every assistance during his term of office.

Bro. John Foss, S.W., whose name was associated with the toast, responded. He said that he and his colleagues would do everything to keep up the great reputation of the lodge.

Bro. Walter J. W. Beard, P.M., Treas., whose name was also joined with the toast of "The Officers," also responded, remarking that all he did was a work of love, and he was only happy when doing something for the lodge.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant and happy evening, and one that will long be remembered.

An excellent entertainment was carried out under the able direction of Bro. James Kift, in which the following took part: Bros. Arthur Strugnell, Walter Churcher, who received a well-deserved encore; W. Sergeant Lee (recitation); Herbert Emlin; the veteran E. W. Mackney—encored; and Templar Saxe sang "Love's Prisoner," composed by Augustus Bingham, which was introduced in the production of a new comic opera last season, entitled "The Merry Monk."

The Eccentric Lodge commenced the fifth year of its existence on the 1st inst., and its great success has been quite exceptional in the history of new lodges. We have no doubt that under the reign of the W.M., with the assistance of Bro. Walter J. W. Beard, P.M., the genial and indefatigable Treasurer, who is also acting as Secretary in the absence of Bro. Will E. Chapman, P.A.G.D.C., the lodge will still go to the front, and in conclusion we beg to tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. W. Singleton Hooper on the high position he holds in the lodge.

## St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144.

One of the most successful gatherings of this very old-established lodge—which was consecrated in 1765 in the Parish of St. Luke's, Chelsea—took place at Anderson's Hotel, on the 4th inst., the occasion being the installation of Bro. T. A. Markland, a highly-esteemed member of the lodge, and, if any evidence was required as to his popularity, it was afforded by the enthusiastic reception he had on being installed. There was a good muster of members and nearly 30 visitors. There were present Bros. J. H. Beauchamp, W.M.; F. Thomas, I.P.M.; T. A. Markland, S.W. and W.M. elect; S. C. M. Austin, J.W.; E. Wits, P.M., Sec.; A. Marriott-Matthews, S.D.; W. H. Royle, J.D.; E. J. Winsborrow, I.G.; W. T. Morley and J. Weller, Stwds.; W. Murdock, A.D.C.; W. J. Forscutt, P.M.; A. Saunders, P.M.; F. Stutfield, P.M.; B. Bridgeman, P.M.; R. S. Illing, F. Pulling, P.M.; C. Mallous, G. E. Murrell, A. W. Thompson, T. J. Nicholls, G. Westron, F. J. Ingram, H. Hayward, H. A. Place, C. Ebborn, A. Dupree, J. Fletcher, G. S. Ellis, H. E. Sleep, C. L. Wright, F. H. Harman, W. Bowles, G. Danson, C. W. Jordan, C. S. James, G. H. Weatherall, J. Field, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Briscoe, P.M., 1929, P.P.G.O. Surrey; R. Kelsey, W.M. 1261; Wm. Ham, W.M. 1891; Geo. White, W.M. 2030; T. Middleweek, S.W. 1793, J.D. 1614; D. A. Ross, 2319; A. Ziegler, 1929; E. J. Green, J.W. 865; J. W. Robinson, P.M. 1585; R. Raymond, P.M. 1305; J. W. Facey, S.W. 1707; A. J. Dalton, 1284; E. Barwell, 1694; R. Cawley, J.D. 172; A. Carlstrom, 733; A. J. Anderson, S.D. 2466; J. P. Cash, 1348; A. Grace, D.C. 2521; Percy Cooper, I.G. 1694; G. C. Brooke, 2403; J. J. Mackay, P.M. 1707, 2310; W. J. Wall, P.M. 1743; W. Lowe, P.M. 2264; F. Cox, P.M. 1585; A. B. Stutfield, 1920; J. E. Lyndall, 1185; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and the Auditors' report adopted, the W.M., Bro. Harry Beauchamp, raised Bro. C. S. James to the Third Degree. Bro. Fred Thomas, I.P.M., then occupied the chair, and Bro. A. Saunders, P.M., presented Bro. Thomas A. Markland, the W.M. elect, and he was installed in a masterly manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. S. C. M. Austin, S.W.; A. Marriott-Matthews, J.W.; J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Wits, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Royle, S.D.; E. J. Winsborrow, J.D.; W. T. Morley, I.G.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., and W. Murdock, Stwds.; T. J. Nicholls, A.D.C.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was very ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Fred. Thomas, P.M. Afterwards the W.M., Bro. T. A. Markland—who is only 26 years of age—has gained a thorough mastery of the ritual, and his working of the initiation ceremony was performed in a manner which proved beyond doubt that he is a Master of the art. Bro. G. H. Weatherall, 2421, was unanimously elected as a joining member. Bro. Weatherall stated that he considered it to be a great honour of having been elected, and he hoped never to disgrace the lodge. Bro. E. Wits, P.M., Sec., referred to the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. J. G. Unite, P.M., which, he stated, was in consequence of the death of his eldest daughter, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to him.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which fully maintained the reputation of the establishment.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity.

Bro. Harry Beauchamp, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M., Bro. T. A. Markland." He said that it fell to his happy lot to propose the most important toast of the evening.



They had seen and heard the very able way in which he had carried out the ceremony of initiation, which showed he was of the best quality and he was positive that nothing would be found wanting on his part to carry out the duties of his high office with every satisfaction to them all. He thought the W.M. was following in the footsteps of his very much respected father—one of the most efficient W.Ms. the lodge had ever had—and he felt he was expressing the wish of all the members that the W.M. would be able to do as well, and if he did he would be one of the great successes in the annals of the lodge.

The W.M., Bro. Markland, on rising to respond, had an ovation. He stated that it gave him much pleasure to acknowledge the toast for the first time. It would be one of the delights of his life to do his official work as Master and to keep up the harmony of the lodge, and if he could have a year of office and be the great success the I.P.M., Bro. Beauchamp, had been, he would be more than gratified. He appreciated the reference made to his dear old dad, and he thought the Past Masters would look well after him, out of the great respect and esteem they had for his deceased father, who was a very old Past Master of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. stated that he had known him since he was a very small boy, and he hoped he would prove as good a Mason as he was a mate to him when they were at school together.

Bro. James Field, who was accorded a hearty reception, responded. He said he thanked them one and all for receiving him into their fold, and he wished he might live to be a good Mason, and to follow in the footsteps of the W.M., his very old and dear friend and school-mate, and after his experience that evening, which he should never forget, might he spend many more happy evenings in the lodge.

In giving "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master remarked they were always welcome, and they were honoured with their presence. The lodge had ever taken a pride in entertaining their guests, and might it always be so. He read out their names, with a kind word for each, but making special reference to Bros. R. Kelsey, W.M. 1261; G. White, W.M. 2030; W. Ham, W.M. 1891; J. W. Facey, S.W. 1767; and R. Raymond, P.M. 1305, whose names he coupled with the toast.

Bro. R. Kelsey responded. He said he had spent a very pleasant evening, but it was not his first visit, and he was very much impressed with the W.M.'s beautiful working of the ritual.

Bro. George White, P.M., stated at one time he thought of joining the St. Luke's Lodge. He was exceedingly pleased with the working of Bro. Thomas, the Installing Master, and the W.M.'s working that evening was perfect. He had known Bro. Markland for many years, but he had no idea he should find him such an excellent worker of the ritual.

Bros. Wm. Ham, J. W. Facey, and R. Raymond, P.M., also acknowledged the toast.

The toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Beauchamp," followed, and was proposed in very eulogistic terms by the W.M., who observed that Bro. Beauchamp had worked through the various offices in the lodge in a most fraternal manner, and he had always had a kind word for them all. He was one of the best of fellows and a splendid Mason, but it was not necessary for him to dwell on his many virtues. The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Beauchamp as a small token in recognition of the ability with which he had discharged his duties, remarking that he hoped he would live long to honour the jewel and be with them for many years to come.

Bro. Harry Beauchamp, I.P.M., on rising to respond, was received with great enthusiasm. He stated that many complimentary things had been said of him which he did not deserve, but he had done his level best during his term of office as Master, and if he had given satisfaction that was a sufficient return for his small efforts.

The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Thomas," and said that those who had been present in the lodge had had a great treat in the working of Bro. Thomas, and all the members endorsed everything that the visitors had said as to the installation ceremony, and, on behalf of the lodge, he thanked Bro. Thomas for his great services that evening.

Bro. F. Thomas, P.M., who was enthusiastically received, stated that he appreciated the very kind way the toast had been given and received. What he had done was to him a great pleasure; but he felt that he had made his last effort, and he must rest and go on the shelf, where he was placed 12 months ago.

In eloquent terms, the W.M. gave "The Past Masters," remarking that they had a goodly array of them, who were the foundation-stones of the lodge. He coupled the name of Bro. A. Saunders, P.M.—who had kindly acted as D.C. that evening—whom he asked to respond.

Bro. A. Saunders, P.M., on rising to respond, had a very hearty reception. He thanked the W.M. for the high honour of associating his name with the toast, and he congratulated the I.P.M. on his grand year of office. He was proud of his great success, because Bro. Beauchamp was Protégé. Then, as to the W.M., the Past Masters felt that he would be a great credit to the lodge, and would ever remind the members—not that it was necessary—of the great services rendered by his father, who had gone to the Grand Lodge above.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke in feeling terms of the great loss the Treasurer had sustained by losing his eldest daughter. The Secretary did his work as it should be done, thoroughly, and his ardent services were appreciated by the members.

Bro. E. Witts, P.M., Sec., responded. He was sorry to have to acknowledge the toast in the absence of Bro. Unite, who was second to none as a Treasurer in London. He had had the honour of being the Secretary for many years, and when he found that he could not do the work to his satisfaction, he would hand it over to someone else.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and since he could not speak too well of them, and if Bro. Austin, S.W., the Secretary of the Entertainment Committee, would give him the same assistance as he had done to his predecessor, he would be grateful.

Suitable responses were made by Bros. S. C. M. Austin, S.W.; A. Marriott-Matthews, J.W.; T. J. Nicholls, A.D.C.; and G. H. Wetherall, Org., acknowledging the honour done them, and the great pleasure in serving the W.M. and the lodge to the best of their ability.

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

An excellent programme was provided, the artistes being Bros. A. Ziegler, S. C. M. Austin, Percy Cooper (Prestidigitator), and G. H. Wetherall, but a word of praise is due to Bros. Ziegler and Percy Cooper for their great efforts. Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, acted as Organist in the lodge, and presided at the pianoforte with his well-known ability.

The W.M., Bro. T. A. Markland, was initiated in the St. Luke's Lodge in April, 1893, by Bro. A. Saunders, P.M., and was appointed I.G. at the first installation meeting after his initiation, and has since served as S.D., J.W., and S.W. He is a very young man, very enthusiastic, and must have worked very hard to have attained, as he has, a perfect mastery of the ritual, and under his vigorous rule the St. Luke's Lodge should continue to prosper.

## Royal Arch.

### Gallery Chapter, No. 1928.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., when the following companions were present: Comps. J. Hurdell, M.E.Z.; J. Read, P.G. Org.; P. W. Husk, J.; Peacock, P.Z.; Treas.; Herbert Wright, P.Z., S.E.; J. J. Fretwell, S.N.; Orilton Cooper, P.S.; Bell, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Shepherd, Janitor; Massey, P.Z.; Manning, P.Z.; Gwining, and Peacock. Comp. John Songhurst, M.E.Z. 720, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, the companions admitted, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. This being the annual period for installation of Principals, a conclave of Installed First Principals was formed, and Comp. J. Read, P.Z. 440, P.G. Org., was duly installed as M.E.Z., by Comp. J. Hurdell. This conclave being closed, a conclave of Installed Second Principals was formed, and Comp. P. Husk was installed by Comp. John Read, M.E.Z. into the chair of H. A conclave of Third Principals being opened, Comp. J. J. Fretwell was installed by Comp. John Read, M.E.Z., into the chair of J. On the re-admission of the companions, the M.E.Z. invested Comps. E. E. Peacock, P.Z., as Treas.; H. Wright, P.Z., as S.E.; Orilton Cooper, as S.N.; J. Manning, P.Z., as D.C.; H. Peacock, as Stwd.; and Shepherd, as Janitor. The

names of Bros. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass and Alfred F. Robins and E. A. Peachey—proposed by Comp. E. E. Peacock, P.Z., Treas., and seconded by Comp. H. Wright, P.Z., S.E., having been accepted on the ballot, these brethren were regularly exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masonry.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., thus bringing a successful evening to an agreeable close.

## Mark Masonry.

### Britannia Lodge, No. 53.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. J. FORSDIKE.

The anniversary festival and installation ceremony of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th instant, and was celebrated with the usual heartiness and enthusiasm. Britannia Lodge has taken for many years a prominent position amongst West Yorkshire Mark lodges, and it is very evident that it intends to maintain that advantage. It has had its years diversified, of course, sometimes very prosperous, now and then indifferently so, much depending upon the calibre of the W.M. to whom its destinies have been entrusted. During the year just closed under the capable hands of the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Rowbotham, it has regained all the energy which it had temporarily lost, and promises, as the report of the proceedings will show, under the equally able guidance of its new Master, Bro. A. J. Forsdike, to keep pace with the marked advance which Mark Masonry has of late years been showing in West Yorkshire. It is a delightful task to put on record events which have pleasurable associations, and no visitor to Lodge 53 on the night in question could fail to be impressed with the quiet, business-like tone of the meeting, the wonderful mastery of ceremonial detail which was shown, and last, but not least, the distinctly Yorkshire welcome which was extended to all guests.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Rowbotham, and, after the confirmation of the minutes and a unanimous ballot for a candidate for advancement, it was announced that the P.G.M. attended by his Deputy and other P.G. Officers, sought admission. The members of Provincial Grand Lodge comprised: Bros. C. Letch Mason, P.G.M.; J. Barker, P.G.I. of Wks., D.P.G.M.; G. H. Parke, P.P.G.W., G. Treas.; H. J. Garnett, P.P.G.W., P.G.D.; John Unwin, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.; M. J. Dodworth, P.P.G.W.; G. Wragg, P.P.G.O.; A. E. Kirkham, P.P.G.R.; J. P. Hewitt, P.P.G.R.; Joseph Matthewman, Prov. G. Sec.; and W. C. Fox, P.P.G.D.

The officers and brethren of the lodge were Bros. Thomas Rowbotham, P.G.S., W.M.; A. J. Forsdike, S.W.; Geo. Edwards, J.W.; W. C. Fox, M.O.; J. T. Thompson, S.O.; C. Stokes, J.O.; J. Barton, R. of M.; Wm. Johnson, Sec.; W. Walker, S.D.; W. Fearnough, J.D.; J. Hastings and E. G. Whiteley, D. of Cs.; J. A. Rogers, E. Rowbotham, W. D. Forsdike, G. T. Dickinson, H. G. Banethy, G. W. Wilkinson, J. Stringer, A. J. Birks, G. Nodder, W. Sissons, F. S. H. Nelson, W. Slater, W. L. Lindlar, J. Robertshaw, and W. Foxon. There were many visitors, amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. J. T. Allingham, P.P.G.O. Devon; Ensor Drury, an old P.M. and founder of Britannia; Wm. Gadsby, P.P.G. Org. Derby; A. R. Fox, and W. H. Peasegood.

After the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. G. Officers had been saluted and other business of a routine character completed, Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M., presented Bro. A. J. Forsdike for installation. The ceremony throughout was conducted by the retiring Master, Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, and was an earnest and conscientious rendering of what is one of the most beautiful offices in Freemasonry. Bro. Rowbotham fills the post of W.M. of the Wentworth Lodge (Craft), No. 1239, and has won for himself a well-deserved reputation as an able exponent of Masonic ritual, and all agreed that on this occasion he maintained that reputation to the full. The Board comprised 14 Past Masters, and the working tools were explained by Bro. H. J. Garnett. On the re-admission the investiture of officers took place, to each of whom the newly-installed Master addressed suitable and appropriate remarks. It was evident from his first utterance that the mantle of Bro. Rowbotham had fallen upon worthy shoulders, and that the best traditions of Britannia were being upheld by Bro. Forsdike. It is somewhat unusual perhaps, but speaks strongly as to the regularity in attendance, that every brother to whom office was offered, accepted; in fact, the promotion was simply one step for all concerned. The officers were Bros. G. Edwards, S.W.; W. C. Fox, J.W.; J. T. Thompson, M.O.; C. Stokes, S.O.; J. Barton, J.O.; W. Johnson, Reg. of M.; W. Walker, Sec.; W. Fearnough, S.D.; J. Hastings, J.D.; J. P. Hewitt and E. G. Whiteley, D.Cs.; J. A. Rogers, Org.; E. Rowbotham, I.G.; W. D. Forsdike and G. T. Dickinson, Stwds.; T. Leighton, Tyler; and G. W. Wilkinson, Assistant Tyler. This done, Bro. Rowbotham gave the addresses to Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, and thus completed the interesting ceremony of installation. The selection of a representative on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee was next proceeded with. On the motion of the I.P.M., Bro. F. Cleaves was re-elected unanimously, his proposer declaring that as an able, distinguished, and active officer his services were invaluable. Congratulations were tendered by the Prov. G. Master, the Grand Treasurer of England, Bro. G. H. Parke, by Bro. Ensor Drury, who was Master in 1863, and by Bro. Allingham in the name of the Province of Devon.

After apologies, verbal or written, had been offered, and regrets for absence expressed by Bros. John Shaw, J. E. Darling, T. H. Vernon, and Fred Cleaves, the lodge was closed, and the brethren went down to refreshment.

Dinner was served in the hall, and the well-known reputation for culinary excellence, rapid ministration, and floral decoration, for which the Surrey-street management has been distinguished, was fully maintained, under the new Hall Steward. Music, it is needless to say, formed no small portion of the after proceedings, and an earnest of what might be expected in that direction was given by the excellent rendering of the "Grace" by Bros. Foxon, Edwards, Rodgers, and Gadsby.

In proposing "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty," Bro. Forsdike made reference to the Queen's recent visit to Sheffield, and the enthusiasm it evoked.

The toast was received with all loyalty, and the National Anthem was sung, Bro. Foxon taking the solo.

In submitting the toast of "His Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. referred to his visit to the Albert Hall, at the Jubilee Celebration, and the masterly and admirable manner in which the Prince conducted the proceedings. In all the various duties which he was called upon to perform, the son fully upheld all the dignity, and displayed all the gracious courtesy of his august mother. As Grand Master, they owed him service, and he was quite sure his brethren would join with him in loyally drinking to his very good health.

This the brethren did right heartily, joining lustily in the chorus to "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung by Bro. Wm. Gadsby.

The next toast was "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Dungarvan; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." With the mention of Lord Euston, the W.M., declared that they seemed to be coming nearer home. His lordship had paid Sheffield a visit in his official capacity so recently as May last, and the amount of interest that had called forth was shown by the magnificent and fully attended assemblage of brethren from all parts of the province to do him honour. From reports he had received at home, and information given to him whilst in London at the Mark Benevolent Festival, the W.M. was assured that the reception given to the M.W. Pro Grand Master and his officers had produced the greatest satisfaction. This was gratifying to the province and to Sheffield. Amongst the officers included in this toast, they in Britannia might claim several, but on this occasion he asked them specially to honour the Grand Treasurer. Bro. Parke was an enthusiastic Mason, and though he had many important engagements, one he believed in London, for that evening, he had decided in fulfilment of a promise to pay them a visit. He proposed, therefore, they should especially accord honour to him as the spokesman of the Grand Officers, whose healths they so heartily drank.

Bro. G. H. Parke, P.M. 110, P.P.G.W. Lancs. and W. Yorks., G. Treas. Eng., said it was an onerous task to undertake a reply to a toast so ably and warmly proposed by the W.M., Bro. Forsdike. Personally, he felt it a great honour to be elected Grand Treasurer of England. His gratification was increased as he believed was the satisfaction of the Pro Grand Master by the fact that, his appointment was made without a contest which virtually amounted to a unanimous selection. Bro. Parke went on to show that, emulating the example Lord Euston had set, they, the Grand Officers, would be delighted to visit the provinces and do anything to stimulate, encourage or strengthen the Order of Mark Masonry. After reference to the Charities connected with the Mark,



Bro. Parke concluded by offering his hearty thanks for the genuine character of the enthusiasm with which the toast had been received, and his congratulations to Bro. Forsdike upon succeeding to so estimable an inheritance and to Bro. Rowbotham for his excellent conduct of affairs during the year just past.

At this stage was introduced a song by Bro. Wm. Foxon—"Star of my Soul," Penza. Bro. Foxon's musical talent is of a very high character, and his rendering of the song was finished and pathetic. A universal favourite in Sheffield in Masonic as well as social circles, Bro. Foxon has recently joined the Mark Degree and was received, apart from his musical abilities, with great satisfaction owing to his personal qualifications. His services throughout the evening met with complete appreciation.

Bro. Forsdike, W.M., next proposed "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason, the W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Barker, and the Officers of Provincial G. Lodge, Present and Past." He said it was not only a pleasure but a privilege to be able to propose this important toast. In their Prov. G. Master they had a tried and familiar friend, one who had ruled them so long and so ably that it was impossible to do without him. The progress made in Mark Masonry under his gracious rule he was quite unable to describe. The present healthy condition of the Order was largely due to their Prov. G. Master, and that it was healthy and prosperous was demonstrated by the support which his province gave when their Prov. G. Master presided in 1896 at the Mark Benevolent Festival, and by the enthusiasm and attendance of the brethren at their not readily forgotten meeting last May. As to the Deputy and the rest of the Officers, they were honoured with a goodly array at the board to-night. They did not envy their preferment but extended to them hearty welcome. Some day, perhaps, they themselves might hope to follow in their steps and share in their gorgeous array, and they were convinced that the more they worked for the province, the more strenuously would they uphold the interest of the Order.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, after which the brethren were treated to a violin solo by Bro. C. Stokes, with piano accompaniment by Bro. Peasegood. Sheffield, like West Yorkshire generally, is eminently musical, and Bro. Stokes met with the applause which his undoubted talent demanded.

The P.G.M., his Deputy, and P.G. Officers on rising got a most flattering greeting.

Bro. C. Letch Mason said he was pleased to have that opportunity of returning thanks to his Sheffield brethren, not for the warmth of their reception that evening only, but for the noble way in which they supported the efforts of the executive of the province, fitly and properly, to receive the Pro Grand Master in May. The ready way in which Bro. Rowbotham and Britannia Lodge had supported them, and the efforts they had made to make the visit in all respects a success, he could assure them he gratefully appreciated. In their Secretary's report something had been said about their lodge numbers; they had increased in the year but by four only; well, he (the P.G.M.) was quite satisfied, as he preferred to see gradual advancement rather than rapid increase. If a lodge became too numerous, advancement was necessarily slower, and much patience and even more perseverance must be exercised before the chance of attaining the chair was within reach. He was glad to see with them that night two Masonic veterans—he referred to Bros. H. J. Garnett and John Unwin, whose regularity in attendance and devotion to the interests of the lodge have been most exemplary. They were firm and steadfast, and when joined by such earnest Mark Masons as Bros. Hewitt, Kirkham, Dodworth, Wragg, and others he might name, the lodge might boast of a backbone of exceptional strength. Bro. Mason pointed out also the beautiful teaching which underlies the symbolism of Mark Masonry, and concluded a very earnest speech by repeating his thanks.

To the outgoing Master was entrusted the task of proposing his successor, and when Bro. Rowbotham mentioned as his text "The Health of the W.M., Bro. A. J. Forsdike," the brethren applauded vociferously. This he, of course, announced as the toast of the evening, for, whilst loyal, if distant deference is paid to Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge, the W.M. is a little king in his own community. The harmony and prosperity of a lodge depend upon the choice of a suitable Worshipful Master, and he (Bro. Rowbotham) was convinced that in the selection of Bro. Forsdike no mistake had been made. He was assiduous, faithful, and competent. The chair, too, was left to him without any drawbacks. There was no friction, no unpleasantness with anyone. Bro. Forsdike's start was with a fair wind; he had manned his ship well; he had already a cargo on board; his voyage, there was every reason to believe, would be prosperous. Should clouds lower, rocks or shoals appear, he had only to call upon his Past Masters and they as faithful pilots would guide him to a harbour of safety. Under such circumstances, what more need be added? Let them join then in heartily drinking his health. This they did.

After a song by Bro. Nodder, the W.M. rose, and was most warmly received. He said: Bro. Rowbotham and brethren: There are times, perhaps, in a man's life when he wishes he had never been born. This is one; but the wish arises from the fact that I feel quite unable to rise to the occasion. Bro. Rowbotham's tone in respect to myself has been extremely kind, but I cannot take the flattering unctious to my soul that I deserve all the gracious things he has said of me. If, however, any efforts of mine have met with approval I am satisfied. Looking back upon my Masonic life, I may say that I have enjoyed the Mark Degree more than any other with which I have been acquainted. When only a young Mark Mason I cannot forget on one occasion being compelled to acknowledge inability to fill a post which was temporarily vacant. This acted upon me as a spur, and I determined henceforth not only to qualify myself to fill that particular chair, but any other to which I might be called. My interest in Mark Masonry was intensified, and I look back to my 11 years' association with it with much pleasure. To my officers, and to you, brethren, I confidently appeal in order to make the coming year a success. If you will support me as you have done others, no effort on my part shall be wanting. You have expressed your good feeling by your election of me to this chair, and I will do my utmost to merit your commendation. Without your cordial co-operation, mine is a minor office, but I count upon it and I don't doubt but I shall obtain it. I can only inadequately but sincerely thank you for your reception of my name.

In submitting the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," Bro. H. J. Garnett, whose long experience added weight to his words, spoke in glowing terms of praise of Bro. Rowbotham. His general ability, his rendering of the ceremonies, but above all, his grasp of and explanation of the Masonic cipher which his lecture some time ago had made clear, all impressed him (Bro. Garnett) as doubtless it did others, that in Bro. Rowbotham they had an exceptionally strong W.M. His work that evening also emphasised it. With respect to his explanation of the cipher he hoped that another opportunity would be afforded and timely notice given in order that a larger number of the brethren might be permitted to take advantage of it. He had the greatest possible satisfaction and confidence in giving the toast.

The popularity of Bro. Rowbotham was shown by the hearty way in which the sentiment of Bro. Garnett was received.

The next event in the programme was a song by Bro. Wm. Gadsby, who chose Molloy's "Gipsy John." Bro. Gadsby is popular as a worthy Mason, a staunch friend, and an excellent musician. He has made his mark in Sheffield by his introduction in conjunction with Bro. Handforth of a series of musical services in the Craft Degrees. This, he is following up by a similar course for the Royal Arch, and the publication of Bro. Gadsby's settings for this dramatic Degree are awaited with great interest. To say that he sang his song well is only faint praise, for Bro. Gadsby's efforts, being those of a true musician, are always sympathetic and genuine, and go straight to the heart. He got a very flattering reception.

Bro. T. Rowbotham, I.P.M., in reply, said that any thanks to which he was entitled had been tendered in the very satisfactory way in which his officers had done their work and supported his efforts. It was very gratifying to get words of praise from an old P.M. like Bro. Garnett, and he might tell them that in his control of the affairs of the lodge he had endeavoured to make the Mark Degree the one in which brethren from all the Craft lodges might meet and associate. With that view, he had six candidates in his year from six different lodges. They had now a seventh from still another lodge, and he would recommend the Worshipful Master to pursue that course. Referring to his somewhat desultory exposition on the subject of the Masonic cipher, Bro. Rowbotham said if the brethren wished it, he would be very glad to give them the benefit of his inquiry into the subject at any time suited to the general convenience. He had had a very pleasant year in the chair, and wished to express his obligation to every brother who had assisted him in carrying on the affairs of the lodge. He had done his best to succeed, and though he might have fallen short from time to time, yet upon the whole he could look back upon his past with satisfaction and with hope.

After a very pleasing pianoforte solo by Bro. Peasegood.

Bro. G. Edwards proposed "The Past Masters."

Bro. Wragg replied.

Bro. Foxon next delighted the brethren by his beautiful rendering of Sullivan's pathetic song, "The sailor's grave."

In the absence of Bro. John Shaw, to whom the task had been allotted, Bro. Chas. Stokes ably advocated the claims of the Charities of the Mark Degree, and proposed as a toast "The Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. Wm. Gadsby at this stage gave, in his characteristic style, Bevan's "Merry monk."

Bro. M. J. Dodworth made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Charity, and strongly emphasised the contrast between the extravagant expenditure in education and management in the case of the Craft Charities and the marvellous economy practised in those of the Mark Degree. He also pointed out that the excellence of the methods employed was flatteringly recognised by the institution in West Yorkshire of an organisation working on precisely similar lines to those of the Mark Benevolent Institution. Bro. Dodworth declared that a Charity so carefully managed and so readily available deserved the earnest support of all Mark Masons.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. A. G. Kirkham.

Bros. Ensor Drury, Joseph Matthewman, and J. T. Allingham responded.

"The Officers of Britannia" was entrusted to Past Master Bro. G. Wragg, who indulged in some very plain but wholesome suggestions, which were taken in the good spirit in which they were offered.

Bro. Edmund Rowbotham, I.G., replied, and expressed the hope that by strict attention and punctuality the officers would eventually receive the reward due to patient industry and merit.

This closed the toast list, after which the brethren broke up.

Meetings so successful are cheering indications of the growing popularity of the Mark Degree, and Sheffield is to be congratulated upon the excellence of its work in aiding this desirable result.

### Noel Lodge, No. 505.

The first regular meeting of the above lodge was held at The Jolly Sailors Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 20th ult. Present: Bros. T. Phillips, A.M. Staff, W.M.; J. D. Vicary, P.P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; E. H. Lewis, S.W.; J. Edgell, J.P., J.W.; F. Lockett, M.O.; G. H. Brooker, S.O.; C. S. Rogers, J.O.; A. M. Levy, Treas.; T. A. Collins, S.D.; G. H. Collier, J.D.; E. J. Packington, Org.; Dr. A. R. Oust, I.G.; J. H. Sumner, Stwd.; and G. Free, Tyler.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the emergency and consecration meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the following brethren for advancement to the Honourable Degree of M.M., viz.: Bros. H. C. Minnitt, 244; Charles Wells, 244; and S. H. Hope, 889, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bros. Minnitt and Wells were in attendance and were advanced by Bro. Captain T. Phillips, Worshipful Master, in a very impressive manner. It was proposed by the S.W. and seconded by the W.M. that an address of congratulation be sent to Bro. Idris Bey Ragheb (of this lodge) on his appointment as Dist. G. Master of N.E. Africa by I.R.H., the M.W.G. Master, which was carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 411, 451, and 311, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to banquet under host Bro. J. H. Sumner, Stwd.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. J. D. Vicary, P.P.G.S.B., responded for "The Province of Surrey" in a few chosen words, and congratulated the W.M. on starting so well, and that the brethren appointed to office were at their places and worked well.

The Advancers, Bros. Minnitt and Wells, each responded in suitable terms.

Bro. Levy, Treas., then asked the brethren to rise and drink "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. C. Crozier," who was in Egypt for a few months, which they did with musical honours.

A happy evening terminated.

## Allied Masonic Degrees.

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

This old council met for the dispatch of business at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 17th ultimo, when there were present, among others, Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M., as W.M., in the absence, through illness, of Bro. E. L. Shepherd; G. Graveley, P.M., as S.W.; J. J. Pakes, J.W.; George Powell, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Basil Stewart, Conductor; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., I.G.; Dr. J. Henry Frye, D.C.; and E. J. Mills, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, a convocation of the Order of High Priest was opened, and Comp. Dr. J. H. Frye, P.Z. 185, was admitted a member of the Degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the acting W.M. Bro. L. Steele, S.W., having intimated that he did not seek election as W.M., although exceedingly grateful to the members for desiring him to serve that office, the brethren unanimously elected Bro. J. J. Pakes, J.W. Bro. G. Powell was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. E. J. Mills, Sentinel. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. E. L. Shepherd.

Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Shepherd, W.M.; L. Steele, S.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; R. L. Loveland, P.M.; A. McDowall, P.M.; and others, after which the council was closed.

The dinner, as usual, was held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. George Powell, I.P.M.

## The Craft Abroad.

### Salem Lodge, No. 563 (S.C.).

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was specially held on Tuesday, the 24th August, at Ahmedabad, for the purpose of receiving Bro. Lord Sandhurst, G.M. A.S.F.I., and the members of a deputation from the Grand Lodge. Bro. K. N. Wadia, P.M., presided. Bro. Lord Sandhurst and the Grand Officers were then announced, and received with due and ample honours. After the W.M. had rendered an account of his stewardship, and handed over the Hiram and seat to the Grand Master, his Excellency complimented the lodge on its satisfactory condition, and the members on their Masonic spirit and charitable disposition. Bro. K. N. Wadia then requested his Excellency to unveil a likeness of Bro. Gilmour McCorkell, P.M., and honorary member of the lodge, which the brethren had ordered from the Fine Art Society, London, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge, and, in doing so, said: Their lodge was indebted to Bro. McCorkell for his valuable services, and, various and valuable as those services were, their value was greatly enhanced by the fact that they were always rendered willingly and spontaneously and at immense personal sacrifice. Their beloved brother was well skilled in their noble science. He was not what they called a "knife and fork" Mason, but was a model of a good Mason, and practised the Masonic virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice to the very letter. He joined that lodge in the year 1891, and they soon found that he was an acquisition to the lodge. They accordingly elected him R.W.M. in 1892, and again in the year 1894, and during the greater portion of the year 1896 he worked as their honorary Secretary. With his characteristic energy, he took up a firm grip of the business, and among other good things which he did while he was in Ahmedabad he organised lodges of instruction and gave them valuable advice and instruction in Freemasonry. That testimonial came from them as a mark of their great respect and affection for their worthy brother. It was sad to realise that their ceremonials then no longer had the dignity of his presence and the benefit of his advice, and in their hours of relaxation the accustomed sound of his cheerful voice and agreeable conversation. Although memory is tenacious of the images of those who were near and dear to them, a good portrait of a friend or relative served to bring him more palpably before them than any exercise of the mental vision. With that object in view, they had placed that likeness of their brother where they could pay their respects to it at every meeting. It only remained for him then, in the name of that lodge, to request his Excellency to unveil that likeness, and, in doing so, he begged to express a wish that R.W. Bro. Gilmour McCorkell—the substance of which that picture was the shadow—might live to a good old age, happy in the applause and affections of the brethren of Lodge

Salem—happiest in the memory of his own honourable and useful life. His Excellency, having unveiled the likeness, congratulated the lodge on its possessing as an honorary member a worthy brother like R.W. Bro. Gilmour McCorkell. It was then proposed by R.W. Bro. K. N. Wadia, seconded by R.W. Bro. Arnott, and carried unanimously and by acclamation, "That M.W. Bro. Lord Sandhurst be and is hereby elected an honorary member of Lodge Salem." After the lodge had passed, amidst prolonged and enthusiastic cheers, a vote of thanks to his Excellency for his kind and fraternal condescension in accepting the invitation of the lodge to honour it with a visit, and for the able and successful manner in which he had performed the ceremony of unveiling the likeness of R.W. Bro. McCorkell, his Excellency retired after thanking the brethren in suitable terms. In commemoration of Most Worshipful the Grand Master's first visit to the lodge, a sum of Rs. 150 was voted to the Joint Hall Building Fund, Bombay, from the lodge funds, to which individual members cheerfully added the sum of Rs. 550. These sums, when added to the amount previously paid by the lodge and its members to this Fund, will bring up their subscription to the Fund to the handsome sum of Rs. 1028. The brethren have also subscribed Rs. 150 to the S.M.B. Fund with a view to add this sum to the sum of Rs. 178 previously subscribed by them for purchasing votes in the said Fund in the name of R.W. Bro. Gilmour McCorkell, with a view to make him Vice-President of the Association.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. V. J. R. Longman, W.M.; J. E. Thomas, S.W.; W. F. Roberts, J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; E. J. Harrison, S.D.; C. T. Rayner, J.D.; S. Cload, I.G.; G. Gregory, P.M.; A. Oliver, P.M.; C. Smith, C. Nicole, A. L. Langton, J. Birks, C. T. Barlow, P.M.; L. Dennett, W. Ropley, Brooke, F. H. Johnson, A. E. Armfelt, C. Bone, and J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Dennett being the candidate. The lodge having been opened in the Second and Third Degrees, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. The balance-sheet for the year having been audited, was submitted and approved. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### BLACKHEATH LODGE, No. 1320.

The weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. E. A. Rice, W.M.; T. Hobley, S.W.; W. King, J.W.; J. Hooper, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; T. R. Cass, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec.; Hy. Cornford, J.D.; Tempest, I.G.; C. Lake, Tyler; Elgar, Richards, Woodward, Wal. Jeffery, Sobel, Hesekiel, Trotter, Walker, Conyers, Hurley, C. Plant, Stunt, Court, and Hy. Hardman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hurley being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Richards passed in due form. The W.M. invested his officers. Bro. Abraham Woodward, 1320, was elected joining member. Bro. Hy. Cornford was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Business of the lodge ended, it was closed.

The annual supper will take place at the Ship Restaurant, Charing-cross, on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 7 p.m.

### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. Mullins, W.M.; H. Raphael, S.W.; J. Goldstein, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; J. Leather, S.D.; W. Bowden, J.D.; C. W. Holmes, I.G.; M. Beedle, G. A. Sturgess, B. Pinnell, and L. Hammond.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinnell being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Beedle being the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Raphael, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the Officers to be in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 8th instant. Present: Comps. Wm. Dawson, M.E.Z.; Derham, H.; Cureton, P.Z., J.; Dawson, acting Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E., and P.S.; W. R. Smith, P.Z., S.N.; Lightfoot, Plant, Cass, Cope, Warren, P.Z.; Hurdell, Elgar, and Beecroft.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. A. H. Fraser personating the candidate. Comp. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. A. H. Fraser, 1st A.S. 1901, was elected a joining member. Comp. Warren, P.Z. 1343, was congratulated upon his being restored to health and his attendance at the chapter. The business ended, the chapter was closed.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D. of C., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and among those present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; H. W. Clarke; S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; John Hattersley, R. D. Cummings, C. Kempton, W. Baddeley, S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P.; Stanley J. Attenborough, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. H. Whadcoat; George Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; and many others, together with Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and confirmed and the Secretary having reported the death of a widow annuitant, the Warden's report for the past month was read, as also was that of the Finance Committee, which was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter was also read from the Grand Secretary enclosing a cheque for £1166 14s. 6d., being the proportion due to the Institution of the proceeds of admission fees to the Masonic meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on the 14th June. A cheque for £70 was also reported to have been received for supply of fuel to the inmates during the winter months.

The application from the widow of a recently-deceased annuitant for half her husband's annuity was acceded to.

A letter from Bro. Hedges, enclosing a copy of resolution passed by the Girls' School Quarterly Court, relating to Perpetual Presentations was read, and Bros. J. A. Farnfield, S. Brooks, K.P., and Colonel Durrant, J.P., were appointed to represent the Institution on the proposed Committee. Three petitions (one male and two widows) were considered and adopted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May, 1898.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, October 23rd, 1897.

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.****CRAFT LODGES.**

21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.  
185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.  
862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel.  
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.  
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.  
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.  
1694, Imperial, Cloat's Restaurant.  
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.  
2265, Barnato, Cafe Monaco.  
2489, Willesden, St. Andrew's Schools.  
2545, Iris, Rainbow Tavern.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
1366, Highgate, Gate House Tavern.  
2606, La France, Cafe Royal.

**MARK LODGES.**

173, Temple, London Tavern.  
234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.

Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Faddington, at 8.

Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.

Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.

St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.

Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30

United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.

Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.

Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 9.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-rd., N.W., at 8.

Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 19.**

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.  
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.  
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
104, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.  
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.  
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.  
2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.  
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.  
2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal.  
2500, Old Boys', Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.  
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
201, Jordan, Guildhall Tavern.

**MARK LODGES.**

284, High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel.  
418, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Erixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.

Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.

Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.

Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.

Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.

Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, The Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.

Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.

Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.

Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.

Kirby, Midland G-and Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.

Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.

New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.

Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.

St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.

Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.

Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.

Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.

Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.**

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.  
Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.  
140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.  
619, Beadon, Holborn Restaurant.  
1044, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings.  
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.  
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.  
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.  
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.  
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.  
1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
2266, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.  
2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.  
2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham.  
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
2361, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.  
2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.  
2589, Borough, Bridge House Hotel.  
2603, London County Council, Grafton Rooms.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.  
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.  
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.  
2190, Savage Club, 33, Golden-square.  
2489, Willesden, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGE.**

144, Grosvenor, Cafe Royal.

**ROSE CROIX.**

105, Cœur de Lion, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.

Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.

Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.

Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.

Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.

Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.

Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.

La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.

Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30

Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.

Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 29, Boro' High-street, at 8  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.

Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.

Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.

Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.

St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.

Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners', Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-rod Nunhead, at 7.30  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8

Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. at 7.30.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.

Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.

Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.

Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.**

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.  
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.  
109, Temperance, White Swan Hotel, Deptford.  
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.  
233, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.  
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.  
1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel.  
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.  
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.  
1681, Londresborough, Cafe Royal.  
1716, All Saints, Office of Board of Works, Poplar.  
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.  
2551, Clissold, Highbury Station Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.

**MARK LODGES.**

Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall.  
411, Ubique, Criterion.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.

Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand, W.C., at 7.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.

Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fetham.  
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.

Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.

Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.

Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.

Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.

Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.

Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

St. John's, Court House, Halesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.

St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
St. Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8

Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.

Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
Trudegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.

Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.**

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.  
569, Fitz-Roy, Head-Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.  
2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

2488, Eccentric, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.

Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8

Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.

Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.

Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford street, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.

Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.

Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8

Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.

St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.

Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.

Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.****CRAFT LODGES.**

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.  
1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1589, Loyalty and Charity, Frascati Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1662, Philbrick, Masonic Hall, Walthamstow.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., and Lady Lucy and Miss Hicks-Beach have concluded their visit to Sir Francis and Lady Jeune and arrived at Netheravon, near Salisbury.

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK (LIMITED), have opened a new branch which will be known as "The Wood-street Branch," the premises temporarily occupied being at 10, Gresham-street, E.C.

MRS. HUMPHREY WARD delivered the inaugural lecture at the Passmore Edwards settlement, Tavistock-place, St. Pancras, on Sunday evening last, the subject she selected being "Social Ideals."

THE REPORT as to the dangerous illness of Bro. Cecil Rhodes turns out to be unfounded. Bro. Rhodes has been ill, but Dr. Jameson reports that he has now completely recovered.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY and her children, who with her sister the Princess Elizabeth of Waldeck-Pyrmont, have been staying at Birkhall, Ballater, return to Claremont, Esher, before the end of the present week.

THE DUKE OF RONBURN, Captain Gordon Wilson, Colonel Saunderson, M.P., Mr. Joseph Pease, M.P., and Mr. H. M. Stanley, M.P., sailed for South Africa on Saturday last on board the Royal Mail Steamer *Norman*.

A RUMOUR has been in circulation to the effect that Bro. Lord Ludlow—more familiarly known as Lord Justice Lopez—is about to vacate his seat in the Appeal Court; but we understand there is no truth whatever in the report.

THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF RUSSIA visited Wiesbaden on Sunday morning last and attended divine service at the Russian Chapel. Their Majesties returned to Darmstadt after lunching with the Grand Duchess Alexandra Josephovna.

THE 1ST ROYAL DRAGOONS, which are quartered just now at Hounslow, have been ordered to furnish the escort for the incoming Lord Mayor—Bro. Alderman Davies, M.P.—on his way to the Royal Courts of Justice on Tuesday, the 9th prox.

"THE BERKSHIRE Masonic Register and Calendar for 1898," published by Bro. G. J. Ccshurn, of Newbury, will, we hear, be embellished by a portrait of the popular Grand Secretary for that province, Bro. J. W. Martin, of Reading, P.A.G.D. of C. England.

MAJOR TERNAN, the British Commissioner in Uganda, after defeating M'Wanga's army at Budu on the 20th July, pursued the enemy, and coming up with them at Morongo on the 24th of the same month, again put them to the rout, and finally dispatched them.

HERR STENTZEL, chief editor of the *Hamburger Echo*, was tried at Hamburg on Monday for libelling the King of the Belgians, and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment. The charge directed against the King was that of favouring gaming saloons for his own profit.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday evening was attended by an enormous congregation, but owing to the vastness of the building there was no attempt at floral display, there being only two small sheaves of wheat and the usual flowers on the altar.

A COMMERCIAL reading room has been arranged at the Imperial Institute for the free use of the general public. It is supplied with the principal British Commercial and Technical publications, and also with a number of similar prominent Indian, Colonial, and Foreign periodicals.

THE EARL OF ROSEBERY was presented with the Freedom of the Royal burgh of Stirling on Saturday last. The ceremony took place at the Town Hall under the presidency of Provost Kinross after his lordship had inspected the Wallace monument and several buildings of historic interest.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES witnessed a performance of "Francillon" at the Duke of York's Theatre on Saturday evening last. On Monday morning his Royal Highness left Marlborough House for Newmarket in order to join the Duke of Cambridge's shooting party at Six Mile Cross.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN is taking an active interest in the organisation of a Grand Bazaar, which will be held at the Albert Institute, Windsor, next month, in aid of the building fund, under the patronage of the Queen, T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family.

THE FIRST of the 42nd series of concerts at the Crystal Palace was held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday afternoon last, under the direction of the veteran Herr August Manns, and, to judge from the success achieved on this occasion, there is every promise that the new series then begun will prove an attraction.

MR. BLACKBURN, the great chess player, who had but just returned from the International Chess Tournament at Berlin, gave an exhibition of his rare skill as a blind-fold player at the City of London Chess Club on Saturday evening last, when he played simultaneously eight games without sight of board or men. The play lasted about five hours, and at the end Mr. Blackburne had won five and drew the remaining three.

A THIRD instalment of the reproductions of the most interesting autographs in the British Museum has just been published by order of the Trustees. It comprises 30 plates, and raises the number published to 90. Among those whose autographs are reproduced in facsimile are Edward IV., Henry VII. and his Queen Elizabeth of York, Henry VIII. and his first wife Katherine of Aragon, Lady Jane Grey as Queen, Sir Walter Raleigh, and Archbishop Laud.

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, having satisfied himself that the case is one of the most urgent need, has opened a Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers through the present epidemic of typhoid fever at Maidstone. Donations are invited to be sent to the Secretary, Mansion House, or to the bankers Messrs. Glyn, Mills, and Co., Lombard-street. In the meantime, it is satisfactory to know that the local Relief Fund, according to the reports made early in the week, amounted to fully £6000.

THE CITY of Brussels held a grand reception on Saturday evening last in honour of the members of the workmen's societies and syndicates, and the band of the 1st Northumberland Volunteer Artillery, which had been specially invited to be present on the occasion, played a full programme of music, which was most enthusiastically applauded. At the close of the performance, the conductor was presented with a medal, bearing the inscription—"Souvenir of the City of Brussels to the English Military Band."

THE BRETHREN of Victoria have erected two cottages in the grounds of the Charitable Institution of South Yarra, as a memorial to their late Grand Master, Bro. Sir William Clarke. The cottages were formally presented to Lady Clarke by Bro. Lord Brassey, the Grand Master, many other distinguished Masons taking part in the ceremony. An address was tendered to Lady Clarke, setting forth that the cottages were erected by the Masons of Victoria as a lasting memorial of the love, respect, and esteem in which the late Bro. Sir William Clarke was held by them.

BRO. COSBURN'S "Illustrated Directory for Newbury and One Hundred other Places in South Berks, North Hants, &c., for 1898," which will be the 25th year of its issue, will contain, as a frontispiece, a life-like cabinet photograph of Bro. C. E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., P.G.D. England, together with a view of his charming residence, Aldermaston Court, near Reading. The portrait will be accompanied by a biographical sketch of Bro. Keyser, who is not only a liberal and enthusiastic Mason, but also an accomplished antiquarian, as well as an active country squire.

THE REMAINS of the late Sir John Gilbert, R.A., were interred in Lewisham Cemetery on Saturday last. The service was performed by the Rev. F. G. Hamilton, and among those present in addition to the relatives of the deceased were Mr. F. Poynter, representing the President of the Academy, Mr. Sant, R.A., Mr. Alfred Gilbert, R.A., Mr. A. G. Temple, the Director of the Guildhall Art Gallery, who attended on behalf of the Corporation of London, to whose exhibitions the deceased had presented a number of paintings and drawings, the President of the Royal Society of British Artists, very many members of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, of which Sir John Gilbert was President, and Mr. John Lea of the Walker Gallery, Liverpool.

A GRAND CONCERT will be held in the Guildhall, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 17th November, in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. It will be given under the distinguished patronage of the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P.), and the Prov. Grand Officers and Worshipful Masters and officers of the lodges in the province. A dispensation has been granted for the brethren to appear in Masonic Craft clothing, and the Royal Naval String Band will, by permission, attend, and give their services. Tickets—reserved, 3s.; unreserved, 2s.; arcades, 1s.—may be had from Messrs. Turner and Phillips, and from the Worshipful Masters and officers of all the lodges in the Three Towns. The artistes will include Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Oxburgh, Bros. C. F. Hocking and R. E. White, R.N., and the St. Andrew's Quartette.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR J. WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., has been appointed the consulting surveyor to the London and South-Western Railway Company.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS of the Khedive of Egypt have decided that the Wady-Halfa Railway shall be extended from Abu Hamed to Berber at an estimated cost of £200,000. The construction of the line will be commenced forthwith.

A MEETING was held at the Mansion House on Monday in support of the British and American Mission Homes and Christian Associations in Paris. The Lord Mayor presided and apologies for non-attendance were received from Princess Christian, Lady Jeune, and Lady Battersea.

THE LATE MR. W. T. BEST.—The musical library of the late Mr. W. T. Best, the organist, will be offered for sale by auction at Liverpool, on the 3rd prox. Many of the works have been specially arranged by Mr. Best, in manuscript, for the organ, and there are also some original compositions.

THE CLAPTON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT resumed its labours, under the Preceptorship of Comp. G. W. Knight, P.Z., &c., at the Amherst Club House, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and the meetings will be continued weekly, every Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m., till the end of May, 1898.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY came to town from Hatfield on Wednesday, and in the afternoon was visited, at the Foreign Office, by Mr. Chamberlain, who had a long consultation with his lordship. Lord Salisbury also received the Italian, Turkish, Russian, Spanish, and German Ambassadors.

PRINCE CHRISTIAN, who has been on a visit to Balmoral since his return from the celebration of King Oscar's jubilee, will arrive in town on Saturday morning. Princess Christian, accompanied by Princess Victoria and suite, witnessed the performance of "The Liars" at the Criterion Theatre on Wednesday evening.

A MASONIC CHURCH SERVICE will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Holborn Viaduct, on Sunday afternoon, the 31st inst., at 3.30 p.m., conducted by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair; the collection will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, acting as Director of Ceremonies.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Brethren are invited to attend this lodge of instruction on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock, at the Station Hotel, Highbury, when the ceremonies will be carried out with full musical accompaniment under the direction of Bros. Hill, P.M., Preceptor, and Pocklington, P.M., Musical Director.

BRO. F. J. THAYRE, who has been for many years at the Savoy Hotel, has lately acquired the Ship Hotel, Halliford-on-Thames, Shepperton. We have paid a visit to the hotel, which is everything that could be desired for Masonic and other gatherings. Bro. Thayre is well known to us, and we wish him every success in his new undertaking.

BRO. THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF ZETLAND have returned from Aske Hall, Richmond, Yorks, from Kinrara, Inverness-shire. His lordship and his son, Lord Ronaldshay, have had capital sport on the Kinrara Moors and in the Glenmore Deer Forest, both shootings being rented on lease from the Duke of Richmond during the last two months.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will, on Monday next, the 18th inst., become the guest of the Earl and Countess of Albemarle at Quidenham, Norfolk, among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness being the Portuguese and Brazilian Minister, Viscount Coke, Bro. Earl Egerton of Tatton, Lord Valletort, Lord de Ramsey, Lord Herbert Vane-Tempest, and the Hon. George Keppel.

ALREADY A SUM of £661,000 has been raised during the current year in Mansion House Funds for the relief of distress and charitable objects generally. Of this the Indian Famine Relief Fund absorbed £550,000; the Hospital Sunday Fund, £40,000; the Princess of Wales' Jubilee Fund, £30,000; the Relief of Agricultural Distress in Essex, £30,000; the Lady Mayoress's Branch of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund £10,000; and the Montserrat Relief Fund, £1500.

IN RECOGNITION of the services rendered to the civic party on the occasion of their visit to Belgium, Bro. Sir Robert Hargreaves Rogers, who, in his capacity of Sheriff of London, accompanied the Lord Mayor of London to Brussels, gave a complimentary banquet to Mr. Louis Felbermann at the Tricadéro Restaurant on Wednesday last. Amongst those present were Alderman Sir James Ritchie, Emin Effendi, Imperial Ottoman Consul-General; Col. Ronald Taylor, Dr. Krasznay, Mr. Charles Perkins, Mr. T. Kaufmann, and many others.

THE DUKE OF YORK, having been asked to accept the office of Patron of the Boys' Brigade, has caused the following reply to be sent to Mr. J. Carfrae Alston, the Brigade President, at the headquarters in Glasgow: "York House, St. James's Palace, S.W., Oct. 11, 1897.—Sir—In reply to your letter of Oct. 6, I am desired by H.R.H. the Duke of York to inform you that it will afford his Royal Highness great pleasure to accede to the request of Field-Marshal Lord Roberts and yourself to become Patron of the Boys' Brigade, which he wishes a long career of prosperity and usefulness.—Faithfully yours, F. de Winton, Major-General, Comptroller."

BRO. EDWIN M. LOTT, Mus. Doc., F.R.C.O., entertained at dinner on Monday last, at the Holborn Restaurant, a party of friends on the occasion of the completion of an organ for use in the lodge room, which has been designed and erected under the direction of Bro. Dr. Lott. Electricity is the motive power which inflates the bellows, the old system of reservoirs being done away with and the bellows filled and maintained in blowing order automatically. Bro. Lott gave great pleasure to the party by playing the following organ solos: "Improvisation," "Adante from Quartette" (Mozart); "March of the Israelites" (Costa); "Spring song" (Mendelssohn); "Placido il mar" (Mozart); and "Gavotte" (Bach). Mr. T. W. Turner sang "My hope is in the everlasting" (Stainer), and Bro. Stanley Smith "King Henry the VIII's song" (Sullivan). Among those present were Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Captain N. G. Philips, J. Lewis Thomas, W. Thomas, Stanley Smith, H. J. Lardner, George Kenning, Henry Evill, N. P. Lardner, and Loxton Hunter; Edwin Ashdown, Esq.; W. Negus, Esq.; D. Norman, Esq.; W. O. Welsford, Esq.; E. Branscombe, Esq.; W. Witt, Esq.; T. W. Turner, Esq.; and Dr. W. A. Philpott, Esq. Bro. Dr. W. H. Kempster was unable to be present.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ESHER, Master of the Rolls, has tendered his resignation to the Queen, through the Marquis of Salisbury. Up to Wednesday evening the resignation had not been officially accepted. Lord Esher, who recently celebrated his 82nd birthday, having been born in Kent, on August 13, 1815, is the oldest judge on the Bench. Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn over 51 years ago, he has held judicial office for 29 years, having been appointed a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in August, 1868. In November, 1875, he was made Lord Justice of Appeal, and in April, 1883, he was raised to his present position as Master of the Rolls, on the recommendation of Mr. Gladstone, in succession to the late Sir George Jessel. Notwithstanding his advancing years, the Master of the Rolls, who seemed to take great personal interest in his work in the Court of Appeal, retained wonderful legal acumen, keen sense of humour, and rare power of reading into abstruse enactments that common-sense by which alone they can be satisfactorily interpreted. His retirement has been anticipated for some time. At a recent civic banquet Lord Esher said that it might be the last occasion of the kind upon which he would appear in his official capacity, and this was regarded as an intimation that his lordship's retirement from the Bench was not remote.

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