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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

We consider that Supreme Grand Chapter acted wisely in adopting the resolution, in its amended form as suggested by Comp. FENN, which Comp. STRACHAN, Q.C., Past Deputy Grand Registrar, submitted for consideration at its regular Quarterly Convocation, on the 3rd instant. The decision which it arrived at, on the advice of the Deputy Grand Registrar, in respect of an appeal from a companion in the District of the Punjab, in May, and confirmed in August, had caused an uneasy feeling among many companions. These appeared to be of opinion that this decision was at variance with the practice undoubtedly followed in many Provinces and Districts, of appointing, with a few exceptions, companions to office in Provincial and District Grand Chapter, independently of the rank, if any, which they held in Provincial and District Grand Lodge. On the other hand, there were those who rightly considered that a course adopted at one regular Convocation, and confirmed at the next, must not be lightly treated, and that Grand Chapter should before all things avoid doing what could in any way be considered as stultifying any of its past acts. The position was a delicate one, and Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on having cleverly extricated itself from the dilemma in which it was placed. Hence Comp. STRACHAN'S declaratory resolution, in its amended form as proposed by Comp. FENN, was adopted without a division, and the law on the subject is now made clear enough; the resolution declaring, as regards the future, that Regulations Nos. 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32—which relate to appointments to office in Grand Chapter—are not applicable to the appointment of Provincial or District Grand Officers; and, as regards the past, "that, therefore, Grand Superintendents who have appointed Provincial or District Grand Registrars or other officers who may not have been appointed to similar offices in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, have acted strictly in accordance with the law." All's well that ends well!

## THE QUESTION OF DEGREES.

In an article which appeared on this subject in our issue of the 23rd ult., we gave a short summary of the opinions expressed by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN in support of his theory as to there having been only one Degree in use prior to the Grand Lodge era. The bases on which he rests this theory are—the absence of all reference to "a plurality of Degrees" both from the Old

Charges and other ancient documents, whether in manuscript or printed; the like absence of such reference from the earliest minutes of initiation in England and from lodge minutes dating from before 1717; as well as from the Old Rules and earliest Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England; and the earliest mention of separate and distinct Degrees subsequent to the establishment of our Grand Lodge. All these opinions and the evidence in support of them will be found set forth in the paper he read before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, on the 24th June, while in the discussion that followed will be found opinions expressed by Bros. R. F. GOULD, Dr. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, and others, who are opposed to Bro. HUGHAN on this question or prefer treating his arguments on their own merits without reference to any rival theories that may have been formulated by other brethren. Bro. GOULD who opened the discussion upon the paper, differs from Bro. HUGHAN on the question, but there was no time for him, even if he had desired to do so, to indulge in a long counter-argument. He therefore contented himself with remarking, as regards Bro. HUGHAN'S statement—"As regards the 'Book of Constitutions,' I consider the regulations of 1723 and the alteration agreed to in 1725, concerning the 'Making of Masters,' are alone sufficient to prove that the three Degrees were known to the English Craft of that period"—that "what has satisfied his mind that three Degrees are referred to in the Constitutions of 1723, has carried conviction to my own that two Degrees only—not three—are plainly and unequivocally referred to in the Regulations of 1723." In support of this view he quotes from a rare pamphlet called "The Free Masons' Accusation and Defence; In six genuine letters: Between a gentleman in the country and his son, a student in the Temple, London, 1726," and other contemporary sources of information, evidence which, to his mind, appears to be conclusive as to the weakness of this portion of Bro. HUGHAN'S argument. In particular, he lays stress upon the discrepancy between the official minutes of Grand Lodge of November, 1725, and ANDERSON'S "Book of Constitutions" of 1738, pointing out that ANDERSON was not present at the Grand Lodge meeting in question, and therefore had not even any recollection of what passed to guide him in forming the version he gave in his 1738 Constitutions of the change in the laws of 1723 which Grand Lodge had sanctioned. There was only one other point to which Bro. GOULD gave his attention, namely, the stress which Bro. HUGHAN laid on Bro. MURRAY LYON'S concurrence with him in his theory. On this he quotes the following passage from Bro. LYON'S "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh"—"The Third Degree could hardly have been present to the mind of Dr. ANDERSON when in 1723 he superintended the printing of his 'Book of Constitutions,' for it is therein stated that the 'Key of a fellow Craft' is that by which the secrets communicated in the Ancient Lodges could be unravelled."

Bro. CRAWLEY, who followed Bro. GOULD, took a different course, putting forward no theory of his own, but contenting himself with scrutinising very closely the theory of Bro. HUGHAN. Thus, at the outset, he suggests that while "the historical data brought together in Bro. HUGHAN'S admirable summary are, beyond question, true," they "may not fully warrant the conclusion drawn from them." He then proceeds to remark that "speaking broadly, the arguments by which Bro. HUGHAN supports his contention that but one Degree was known to the Mediaeval Craft seems to fall into two main divisions. I.—The lack of direct evidence of any second secret ceremonial being known to the Craftsmen. II.—The corroborative evidence that no such

further ceremonial was known in the Scottish lodges." As regards the first he points out that it is "purely negative in its character, and therefore, not entirely satisfactory as it stands. To make it conclusive, it would be necessary to show that all possible sources of information had been exhausted or that the contemplated ceremonial was inconsistent with the evidence and requirements of the Craft. Neither of these propositions can be maintained." He attaches no importance to what he calls Bro. HUGHAN'S "subsidiary arguments that the Old Charges are directed to the whole body of the Craft without distinction on account of degree and that the early lodges required the presence of Entered Apprentices to render 'the making of Masters' complete," and he justifies this view by the course adopted at the installation of a Master in Ireland a quarter of a century ago and in his own case, where an esoteric ceremony took place, at which the Entered Apprentices were present the whole time," but in which they did not "take actual part." As regards the second line of argument "derived from the usage of the Scottish Lodges," he is not in favour of it. He considers it "involves two separate propositions," of which one—"that the Scottish Secret Ritual was reduced to a minimum"—he holds is "fully made out," but that the other—"that the Scottish practice was also the English—is not. This latter he regards as involving the following sub-proposition, namely, "that the development of the Craft Organisation preserved a parallel course in each country, unaffected by, or, rather in spite of, the widely different requirements imposed by widely different environments." This he thinks "will not prove acceptable, without qualification, to the modern philosophic student of History," who will not easily convince himself that "the dwindling Ritual that satisfied the unlettered operatives of Scottish provincial centres should also satisfy the learned ASHMOLE and the cultured Mainwaring, or the other 'gentleman Freemasons' of the London Acceptation."

Bro. G. W. SPEITH, an advocate of the bi-gradal theory, made some remarks, but reserved his main attack until he should have had time to marshal his arguments, at Bro. LANE and Bro. MACBEAN, whose contributions to the discussion were read, declared themselves in favour of Bro. HUGHAN'S theory, while Bro. RAMSDEN RILEY, though fully recognising the merits of the paper, found himself unable to adopt the conclusions it contained. Thus, while there can be no doubt that much additional light has been thrown upon the subject by Bro. HUGHAN'S paper and the discussion which followed it, it is clear that no definite result has been obtained. In the meantime, further papers on the subject are promised by Bros. GOULD and SPEITH, and all we can do is to wait and hear what they may be able to offer for our consideration.

#### THE WORTH OF A JEWEL.

We have no thought of attempting the well-nigh impossible task of appraising the value of the different jewels that are worn by persons of means for their own delectation, or of those which are worn as part of the insignia of the offices they hold, or the service they may belong to; of those worn by knights of the several orders of chivalry or by members of particular societies or orders of men and women. There are jewels, which from their rarity, size, and quality, are above and beyond all price; there are others, possessing little or no intrinsic value, which are yet for some special reason priceless in the estimation of the world or those who wear them. No one has a word to say against the insignia of knighthood or of the badges of office which people in authority are called upon to wear, while as regards the jewellery which persons don in their private capacity, these are regarded merely as evidence of means enough and to spare for purposes of personal adornment, and it is only when the metal is base and the stones imitation, or when there is a profuse display of these decorations that the world dreams of reproaching the wearer with vanity. In Masonry—with which we are more immediately concerned and to which the remarks that follow more immediately apply—and other Orders, opinions are divided as to the value of jewels and the propriety of wearing them. There are those who having in their time filled many offices and been presented with many outward and visible tokens of the service they have rendered in

lodge or chapter think they cannot do otherwise than adorn themselves with all the official and presentation jewels they are entitled to wear whenever they are called upon to appear in Masonic full-dress, while there are others who abhor the wearing of jewellery, and never sport those they have except, as it were, under compulsion. In former days, when little in the way of decoration was worn by the brethren at their lodge and other meetings, private members wore their aprons and officers their collars and aprons, while, for the most part, the only jewels were those of the officers, which were suspended from their collars. A few special medals and jewels, including the Freemasons' Hall medal, granted to certain lodges and brethren who had done service in connection with its erection, and those granted to particular lodges, the wearing of which was restricted to the actual members, were also worn, but as a rule brethren were undecorated; nor was it then the custom to vote Past Master's jewels to the retiring Masters of lodges or P.Z.'s jewels to retiring First Principals. Within the last 60 or 70 years, however, a different feeling has prevailed, and there is hardly a lodge or chapter in existence which has not its limited array of bejewelled members, most of whom have done yeoman service in some honourable capacity, which in the estimation of the authorities or their fellow members entitles them to wear these distinctions. There are also certain other jewels which brethren are permitted to wear at all Masonic meetings, the earliest of these being the Charity jewel, which was founded in 1838 by the late Duke of SUSSEX, M.W.G.M., with a view to encouraging brethren to support our Masonic Schools, and the privilege of wearing which was subsequently extended to the brethren who supported the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the privilege being restricted to those who had served as Steward for two of our three Institutions and at the same time qualified as Life Governors. In 1875 permission was granted to all brethren who served as Stewards at the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES as M.W.G. Master to wear a special commemorative jewel, the number who became entitled to the privilege being about 360 or 370. In 1888 the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls celebrated the centenary of its foundation, and the Prince of WALES, in consideration of the services rendered by the Board of Stewards on the occasion, accorded permission to the brethren composing it, to the number of between 1400 and 1500, to wear their Stewards' badges at all future regular Masonic meetings, the privilege of wearing an ordinary Festival Steward's badge being, by custom, restricted to the year in which the Stewardship is served. There are, in addition, the two special jewels authorised by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master to be worn (1) in commemoration of the Jubilee of the QUEEN'S reign in 1887, and (2) of her Diamond Jubilee in the present year, the brethren entitled to wear them being, in the one case, those who were subscribing members of a lodge or lodges on Accession Day (20th June), 1887, and, in the other case, those who were subscribing members on the same anniversary in the present year. It will be remarked that permission to wear these medals or jewels is not granted in respect of any service or services rendered to Freemasonry; but is commemorative of certain events—one of which is almost, while the other is absolutely, unique in English history. Moreover, it should be remembered that in thus commemorating these two events—which, after all, are casual, and might have occurred under other past sovereigns of this realm, and did occur, in the case of the Jubilee, under HENRY III., EDWARD III., and GEORGE III.—we, at the same time, commemorate not only the many great and good qualities, both of heart and mind, which have characterised our gracious Sovereign during the whole of her reign, and the efforts she has successfully made towards promoting the best interests of her people, but also the fact that, though, by her sex debarred from joining our Society, she is the daughter and niece of former Grand Masters and the mother of the present head of our Order; that it is under the auspices of her eldest son that Freemasonry in the British Empire has attained to its present position of weight and influence; and above all, that she has always taken a deep interest in Masonry for its own sake, and is Patroness or Grand Patroness of all our Charitable Institutions, as well as a generous contributor out of her own

privity purse towards the maintenance and support of them all. We say then that no brother who is qualified to wear either the Jubilee or Diamond Jubilee jewel need hesitate about doing so on the ground that it will be another in the series of personal adornments that testify to his inordinate vanity. Let him regard it for what it undoubtedly is—the outward and visible sign of his loyalty to the gracious lady who is the Sovereign of the British Empire and of his respect for her son, who is the chief of English Masonry. We will add that under these circumstances, whatever may be the intrinsic value of the jewel, its extrinsic value is very great, and that however many thousands of fellow-Masons may share with him the privilege of wearing it, it cannot be derogatory to any brother, whatever may be his rank in the Craft, to wear it with his insignia of Masonic office or service. There is no pandering to a vulgar taste for show in donning the symbol of loyalty and devotion to a beloved and revered Sovereign.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.**

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Narborough, near Leicester, on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, under the banner of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028. There was a very large attendance of brethren from the whole of the province. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Earl Ferrers, Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., presided.

On the roll of lodges being called, it was found that each lodge in the province was well represented.

The report of the General Purposes Committee showed that there were 752 subscribing members in the province (an increase of 22 on the previous year); that 62 had been enrolled, 56 of whom were initiates, and that 150 Degrees had been worked. A special meed of praise and of thanks was given to Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., P.P.S.G.W., for the extremely able manner in which for many years he has edited the Masonic Calendar. Seventeen present and past members of the province have died during the year, and details were given of the Masonic career of each.

Bro. G. NEIGHBOUR, P.G.D.C., Hon. Sec. to the Charity Committee, reported that Bro. E. Holmes, P.G. Sec., had taken up a list of £320 on behalf of the Girls' School, and that the Committee recommended the Boys' Institution for support this year with Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., P.P.S.G.W., as Steward, and, further, that Bro. Smith be again nominated for election on the Board of Management of the Boys' School. The whole of these recommendations were unanimously approved.

Bro. G. CARTER OLIVER, Prov. G. Treas., submitted his accounts, which were approved.

Bro. Oliver was thanked for his services and unanimously re-elected.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then invested as follows:

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| Bro. George Green, P.M. 1330                  | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W.         |
| " William Henry Key, P.M. and Treas. 2028     | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W.         |
| " Rev. Warwick Whiteley, M.A., I.G. 2028      | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Chaps.    |
| " Rev. Llewellyn W. Lloyd, M.A., J.W. 779     | ... | ... |                      |
| " George Carter Oliver, P.M. 1007             | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.      |
| " Samuel F. M. Stone, P.M. and Treas. 1560    | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg.        |
| " E. Holmes, P.M. 279 and 2429, P.P.S.G.W.    | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec.        |
| " John J. W. Knowles, P.M. 1007, S.D. 2429    | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D.         |
| " Charles Lakin, I.R.C.P., I.P.M. 279         | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D.         |
| " Henry R. Maynard, P.M. 25, I.P.M. 1330      | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.     |
| " George Neighbour, P.M. 523, I.G. 2429       | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C.         |
| " W. d'Auvergne Barnard, I.P.M. 1265          | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C.       |
| " John Young, M.R.C.S., I.P.M. 2028           | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B.         |
| " John C. S. Burkitt, M.D., P.M. 779 and 2428 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " Geo. John B. Woolley, P.M. 1391             | ... | ... |                      |
| " William Hurst, Sec. 2428                    | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.        |
| " Richard James Lulham, W.M. 523              | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst.      |
| " John Wootton, P.M. 2428                     | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst.    |
| " John Butcher, W.M. 279                      | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds.    |
| " John Wm. Bromley, I.P.M. 1007               | ... | ... |                      |
| " Frank Lambert, I.P.M. 1391                  | ... | ... |                      |
| " Isaac Henry Harrison, I.P.M. 1560           | ... | ... |                      |
| " H. Goodacre Marriott, P.M. 2028             | ... | ... |                      |
| " Edwin Charles Kilby, I.P.M. 2081            | ... | ... |                      |

Pursuant to the special authority of Grand Lodge, the rank of P.P.S.G.W. was conferred on Bro. John Lowe Hassan, P.M. 1265, P.P.G. Std. Br.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the chair, then proceeded to present a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing (both dress and undress), which had been purchased by the province, to Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.G. Chap., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec., and spoke in the highest terms of the great services which Bro. Wood had rendered the province, and said how delighted the brethren were at the high honour the M.W.G.M. had conferred upon him, and how glad they were to contribute for the clothing.

Bro. Wood, on rising, experienced a most hearty reception from all present, and, in very feeling and graceful words, acknowledged the kindness he had received both from the M.W.G.M. and the brethren of the province. The congratulations of the brethren were very dear to him, and the honour he had received would be an incentive to further work.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., then addressed the brethren on behalf of the Boys' School, and spoke of the special need for increased contributions owing to the expenses in connection with the new Schools.

At the close of Bro. McLeod's very earnest address, it was unanimously resolved to add £20 out of Provincial Grand Lodge funds to the £10 it had previously determined should be voted to the list of the Steward for the year.

Applications were received from Lodges 523, 1265, and 2081 for Prov. Grand Lodge to be held next year under their auspices.

Letters of apology and regret at inability to be present were received from 90 brethren, including Brcs. W. J. Hughan, R. Vassar Smith, R. G. Venables, T. B. Whythead, Percy Wallace, G. Beech, F. R. W. Hedges, and many others.

The annual banquet was held at the Narborough Hotel, under the presidency of the Dep. Prov. G.M., and a large number of brethren were present.

Great credit is due to the brethren of Granite Lodge, No. 2028, for the very complete manner in which the school was specially prepared, and for the general arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren.

**CONSECRATION OF THE RAVENSWORTH LODGE, No. 2674.**

On the 30th ultimo, the Prov. Grand Master of Durham, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., and the Prov. Grand Officers, consecrated a new lodge, to be called the Ravensworth Lodge, No. 2674, at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, Gateshead.

The special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly opened by the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the other acting officers being Bros. T. Coulson, as P.S.G.W.; John Joel, as P.J.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; Rev. Edgar Bodington, M.A., and Rev. A. de Moleyns, M.A., P.G. Chaplains; W. J. Malcolm, P.G. Reg.; W. E. Moffett and W. Hutchinson, P.S.G.Ds.; A. H. Savier, M.D., and T. R. Short, P.J.G.Ds.; R. Brown, P.G.D.C.; William Watson, P.A.G.D.C.; John Robinson, P.J.G.W.; W. Sanderson and W. J. G. Odenough, P.G.Ps.; and T. Grieve, P.G. Tyler. Among the Past Prov. Grand Officers were—

- Bros. W. R. Staveley, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Sedcole, P.P.G. Treas.; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.D.; T. Atkinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; James Shaw, P.P.G.D.; T. A. Moffett, P.P.G.D.; A. Grundy, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. N. Patterson, P.P.G.D.; M. A. Lax, P.P.G.P.; N. Lee, P.G. Stwd.; C. F. Dawson, P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Brown, P.P.G.P.; C. Spencer, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. F. Allan, P.P.G.S.B.; C. W. Anderson, P.P.G.D.; A. Dodds, P.P.G. Stwd.; Thomas Purvis, P.P.G.R. Northumberland; George Harland, P.P.G.D.; D. Cameron, P.P.G.D.; D. Sinclair, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. R. Jobson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Jobson, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. Stafford, P.P.G.S. of W.; and W. Swales, P.P.G.O.

Among other officers of lodges present were:

- Bros. Robert Stewart, P.M. 424; H. Jackson, P.M. 48; T. E. Campbell, I.P.M. 2039; John Armstrong, W.M. 2557; Thomas Tindale, S.W. 424; C. T. Johnson, W.M. 940; Joseph J. Clegg, W.M. 1643; R. Madgsohn, P.M. 1119; J. Rigby, P.M. 1119; J. H. Elliott, P.S.G.W., 2164; A. H. McElwee, P.M. 819; J. J. Stark, I.P.M. 1672; W. C. A. Holzapfel, S.W. 48; George F. Pringle, P.M. 1009; Thomas W. Stokoe, S.W. 2462; M. Marks, Sec. 2557; W. Allon, J.W. 1970; J. P. Ousthwaite, W.M. 1712; W. Clarke, W.M. 1274; R. Harrison, Sec. 1664; E. L. Pashby, Sec. 1643; J. Burrell, W.M.; Wm. Heppell, I.P.M. 424; W. T. T. Phillips, J.W. 424; E. J. Gibbon, P.P.G.O. Northumberland; J. J. Stark, I.P.M. 1342; and others.

In opening the proceedings, the PROV. G. MASTER said that in the absence of the M.W. Grand Master he was deputed to act in his place. He then called upon the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. HUDSON, who read the petition and warrant for the formation of the new lodge, the Ravensworth, No. 2674. The founders of the lodge were: Bros. M. Corbitt, P.P.S.G.D.; T. R. Jobson, P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland; S. Brown, A. E. MacDonald, J. G. Smith, P.P.S.G.D.; W. J. Jobson, P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. Stafford, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Adam Dodds, P.P.G. Stwd.; Hugh Jackson, P.M.; Alf. Simpson, W.M.; R. Atkinson, John Carr, Robert Kelly, J. H. Grant, G. Gilhespy, J. T. Pragnell, J. T. Corking, A. W. Blacklock, F. J. Hastie, J. Moffat, and Anthony Dodds, all of 48.

Bro. Michael Corbitt, W.M. designate of the newly-constituted lodge, was presented to Bro. Alfred Simpson, W.M. 48, by Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S. Bro. A. Simpson, at the request of the P.G.M., duly installed Bro. Corbitt as W.M. of the Ravensworth Lodge.

Bro. M. Corbitt then invested the following as the officers of the new lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Simpson, I.P.M.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., S.W.; S. Brown, J.W.; Adam Dodds, P.M., Treas.; W. J. J. Robson, P.M., Sec.; R. Atkinson, S.D.; John Carr, J.D.; Wm. Stafford, P.M., D. of C.; Dr. Blacklock, I.G.; Anthony Dodds and Joe Moffet, Stwds.; and J. Curry, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony,

The PROV. G. MASTER expressed his satisfaction at the way in which the ceremony had been performed. He had seen several new lodges dedicated, but he did not think he had ever seen the ceremony performed in a more orderly and impressive manner. He congratulated the W.M. (Bro. M. Corbitt) of the new lodge, and said he appeared to have the good wishes of his fellow members, and it must be clear from the numerous congratulations which he had received from the lodges, some of them from a distance, and from one worthy brother from Northumberland, that he was most worthy of being congratulated on the proceedings of that day, and he concluded by praying that the Almighty would preside over and prosper all their undertakings. (Applause.)

The service of consecration was taken part in by the two Chaplains and other officers, and the musical portion of the proceedings was rendered by Bros. Lyall, Guthrie, Gibbon, and Craven, with Bro. R. Ferry, Organist.

THE MAYOR OF KINGSTON-ON-THAMES laid, on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of a large concourse of people, the foundation-stone of the Kingston Victoria Hospital, which is about to be erected in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on a site of about three acres, which has been generously given for the purpose by the Duke of Cambridge.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at The Old Hall, Gainsborough, on the 30th ult. Comp. W. Harling Sissons, J.P., D.L., Grand Superintendent, presided, and was supported by most of the Prov. Grand Officers, there being present Comps. Slata, P.G.H.; B. H. Russell, as P.G.J.; B. Vickers, P.G.S.E.; F. J. Sowby, P.G. Treas.; J. L. Rayner, P.G. Reg.; J. J. Sale, P.G.S.B.; B. T. Adlard, as P.G. Org.; and a large gathering of companions from the various chapters in the province.

Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last convocation held at Boston were read and approved. After the roll of Prov. Grand Officers, the roll of chapters was called, and proved very satisfactory.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions, and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering in the historical old hall of Gainsborough. He alluded to many interesting facts connected with the place of meeting, and congratulated Prov. Grand Chapter on its increased strength. He also alluded in warm terms to the valuable work done by Comp. Vickers, P.G.S.E., and offered him the cordial congratulations of the chapter on his promotion to the office of Past G.S.B.

Comp. F. J. Sowby was re-elected Prov. G. Treas., and the following Prov. Grand Officers were then appointed and invested by the Grand Superintendent:

Comp. W. G. Loveridge	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" F. Baines	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" B. Vickers, P.G.S.B.	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. O. Wormall	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. R. F. Morton	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Le Tall	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. E. Townsend	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" F. J. Sowby	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. L. Rayner	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. B. Swallow	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Oldham	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. F. M. White	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. T. Adlard	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Donner	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

It was decided that the next annual convocation should be held at Grantham on the invitation of the Doric Chapter.

After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been duly closed, the companions adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the banquet was served.

The Grand Superintendent presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### MASONIC SERVICE AT ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields having been recently re-opened after decoration, a Masonic service was arranged by the members of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, of which the Vicar is Chaplain, and took place on Sunday, the 7th instant. There was a good attendance of brethren and the public, and the sacred edifice—renovated and re-painted and lighted by electric light—presented an interesting spectacle.

The large number of members of the Craft present included Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Oscar Philippe, P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Stephens, D.G.D.C.; Geo. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; R. St. A. Roumieu, P.G.S. of Wks.; Rowland Plumbe, P.G.S. of Wks.; E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B.; E. Hobbs, P.P.G.D. Essex; W. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Vice-Pres. Board Gen. Purps.; Capt. E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.; W. T. Farthing, P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; W. F. Aldridge; E. L. Berry, Prov. G.S. of Wks. Bucks; Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, P.M.; W. T. Brickwell, W.M.; the Rev. J. F. Kitto, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields; G. W. Murnane, P.M., Sec. 2455; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Essex, P.G. Chap.; Jas. Connah, Org.; W. Fendick, P.P.G.D.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Lavington; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and others.

The brethren, wearing full Masonic clothing and jewels—for which a dispensation had been obtained from the M.W.G.M.—were marshalled in procession by Bro. James Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., and preceded the choir and clergy into the church. The service commenced with a hymn "Christ is our corner stone," and prayers having been said by Bro. Rev. J. F. KITTO, a sacred solo "Nazareth," was sung by Bro. Griffiths Percy.

A sermon was then preached by Bro. the Ven. ARCHDEACON OF ESSEX, P.G. Chap., who took for his text the 5th chapter of the 2nd Book of Chronicles. He said he did not think he could make better use of the short time he should speak to them than by carrying them back in thought as far as he could to that wonderful account in the Volume of the Sacred Law, recording the building and dedication of that first Temple made with hands for the worship and glory of the Almighty. They knew the building of the Temple was the crowning glory of the young Hebrew monarch's reign. His father being a man of war was not allowed to build that house, but only to gather together the materials, the timber and stone which the people offered, but it was reserved for the man of peace to be the builder of the Temple of the God of Peace. It was a great thing in those days that a Hebrew King should ally himself with kings of neighbouring nations, the King of Tyre and others and Hebrew workmen were found side by side with Tyrian, and amongst the artificers was Hiram, the son of a Hebrew widow. There was no hesitancy in working for the glory of God, and the rearing of a building worthy of His Great Name. It was raised in a different manner from ordinary buildings. The brethren would be reminded next month of the building of St. Paul's. Brethren worked together in raising that building, and it was recorded that in doing so no oaths or profane language were heard, and that there was one proof that it was raised by brethren of their ancient Order, for profanity would naturally not be allowed amongst members of their Order. The Great Temple was built silently, the stones were prepared in a quarry, and brought ready to be placed in the positions they were to occupy. There was no wrangling. The people gave their offerings willingly, and if there was one word that fell upon their ears pleasantly it was that word "willingly." As the people gave their offerings, so others worked with a will. It was not a question of hire, but they worked with a love and reverence for the object. They received their wages in the inner court, but

without scruple or diffidence, for there was mutual confidence between employer and employed. Would that the same spirit could exist in these days! The Temple was completed, the day had come for its dedication, and the young King had come down in his royal robes and had been met by an enormous concourse. Sacrifices were made, and the Ark of God was carried first between the two Great Pillars, then into the Holy Place, and thence into the Holy of Holies, where the symbol of Divine presence was placed upon the wings of the Cherubim. Then followed that wonderful prayer which showed the intensity of his religious connections and the humility of his heart—the first prayer recorded in the Temple on earth. There was much to make him proud, and thankfulness, they might have thought should be the key note. Then came the most solemn moment referred to in the verse specially chosen. At a given signal, when every eye was fixed upon the Conductor, the instrumental performers, musicians, and singers, burst out in that grand volume of praise. At that particular moment, when singers and players were one in making a song of praise to glorify God—then it was that the glory of God came down and a brilliant light shone in the temple, so that the priests could not see to administer. Never surely was there such grand harmony—a harmony not merely of music but of heart to heart and soul to soul. They did not sing because they had fine voices, simply for effect—the singing was nobler as everything else was—to render the glory to God worthy of His Great Name. There was a sympathy—heart with heart and soul with soul. It was not merely that there was no discordant sound heard—there was no discordant feeling amongst those who rendered praise. There was a lesson for them as Masons and for all. To them as Masons harmony was a word with which they were familiar, and harmony was one of the characteristics which marked the building of the Temple. Harmony throughout its building, and peace within its borders while it was built. When the Temple was raised it was then that the harmony reached its climax in the anthem of praise that God designed to come down to manifest His presence amongst His own. They as Masons had a work to do—that work was one of harmony and peace. There was going up from earth to heaven the great symphony and great anthem of praise from those who worshipped Him on earth. There was going up, alas! the discordant sound from the streets of blasphemy and foul language, which made it sound discordant as it tried to mount up. He was not sure it had not the key note—that heavenly anthem—of brotherly love. Brotherly love, if not the key note, was one that might be struck again and again and would never be out of tune. Brotherly love, relief, and truth, but brotherly love first. There should be brotherly love in the little sphere of each one's home: in the great world around them, and, as a nation, between class and class, between nation and nation. Freemasons might take a grand part in sounding this note again and again—"Let brotherly love continue," and Freemasons were not slow to strike this on occasion. They well remembered how nearly two years ago—just about Christmas—there was a war scare. Just a dread in this country that that most terrible of all wars might come about between England and the United States. One could hardly imagine anything more terrible than war between two English-speaking nations—brothers as they should be. At that time there passed many a message flashed between the countries, and their M.W.G.M. sent his message of peace to avert a great calamity. There was no message, however, that more thoroughly struck the key note of peace than the message sent from the Freemasons of England to the Freemasons of the United States. It was very simple and touching "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth peace, goodwill towards men." He ventured to think that message, sent upon Christmas morning, was not without effect in drifting aside that war cloud. To-day, they all had something to do at home to promote this brotherly love, this peace on earth, this goodwill between man and man. They looked for the time when the kingdoms on earth were in truth the kingdoms of our Lord, but this would not be until there was union of soul, and not only of voice, which was the case at the building of the Temple. There should be this union in their daily life. Not merely when they met in church as they had that day to join in worship, but make this the key note of their own actions—brotherly love to relieve the suffering of those around them. In their own sphere to try and bring about more of that harmony and peace which should characterise Christian men. So might they live that in the daily round and common task their voices would not be merely the voice of their lips, but it should strike this note. It might be very far off that the time would arrive when this note was not mixed with the discordant noises of the world of strife, but it was for them to do their little part for this end. As they looked back in thought to that grand wonderful harmony at the dedication of the first great Temple, might they soon again renew that song and keep in tune in Heaven.

The sacred solo "Jerusalem," was sung by Bro. Griffiths Percy, and the offertory which followed—and which will be apportioned between the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—amounted to £21 12s. 2d.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BLACKHEATH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1320.

This successful and auspicious event in the annals of this lodge of instruction took place at the Ship Restaurant, Charing Cross—a new departure, for hitherto it has been held at Camberwell. The occasion was signalled by the attendance of 45 brethren to do honour to Bro. E. A. Rice, W.M. of the mother lodge, who was supported by Bros. T. Holey, S.W. 1320; W. King, J.W. 1320; T. R. Cass, P.M.; R. A. Stunt, P.M.; Pike, I.P.M. 1320; J. Hooper, P.M.; T. Grummant, P.M.; Wm. Dawson, W.M. 1622; J. Loader, P.M.; S. J. Derham, P.M.; S. Ballard, P.M.; F. W. Bate, P.M.; W. R. Barr, P.M.; Harry Wood, P.M.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M.; H. Hardman, P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; H. Cornford, Wm. Wright, Snell, Hesekeil, Tempest, C. W. Stone, J. Whiteman, Cranch, P.M.; C. Plant, P.M.; Woodward, Weare, W. Jeffery, Crisp, E. Clarke, Wright, W. Clarke, Sobel, Sims, P.M.; Faull, Richards, Morris, McIntyre North, P.M.; Roberts, Johns, D. Reekie, W. Hill, A. Court, Frank Swinford, and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507.

An excellent repast was thoroughly enjoyed by all the brethren, supplied by Bro. Bonaldi and Beltramo, the proprietors, for which they received special thanks.

The cloth removed, the PRESIDENT gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in right royal terms, which were received in a manner which becomes a loyal body of Freemasons.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was proposed and received in a most becoming manner.

Bro. G. C. PIKE, I.P.M. 1320, next rose and proposed the toast of "Bro. E. A. Rice, W.M. 1320, the worthy President of the Evening," and remarked it was a most pleasing duty to see him in such a position, presiding over so large and pleasant a gathering. It showed his popularity in having such support, which he had gained through the energy displayed in South London, in conjunction with others of the Blackheath Lodge, in founding the lodge of instruction attached to it, which had proved itself to be one of the most successful in the neighbourhood. The same energy and zest was shown in the mother lodge, and the duties were

being carried out in a highly creditable manner, and he hoped he would have a very successful year of office. He would ask the toast to be drunk in bumpers.

The toast was received most enthusiastically.

In reply, Bro. E. A. RICE said he was grateful for the kind words spoken by Bro. Pike and for the manner they had been received. It had been a great pleasure to him to take active part in conjunction with Bros. Cass, Pike, and J. Hooper in having a lodge of instruction attached to the Blackheath Lodge, and he was honoured in presiding over such a meeting, the sixth annual supper in connection therewith. The best thanks of the brethren were due to Bro. J. Hooper, P.M., who had retired from the Deputy Preceptorship, which office he had held from its commencement. Also he thanked the brethren present for the kind and cordial support they had always given him and for their attendance, and hoped that the worthy S.W. of the lodge, Bro. Thos. Hopley, would have a larger gathering next year.

The PRESIDENT next proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction." All knew what an excellent Preceptor it had in Bro. William Dawson, P.M., which accounted for the splendid attendance and through his quiet, careful, and urbane manner in imparting the splendid ritual. In fact his modesty was such that one hardly knew he was being instructed. The lodge had much to congratulate itself upon in having so admirable a Preceptor. Bro. T. R. Cass, P.M., Treas., was one of the best and who had done so much for the Blackheath Lodge, having quite resuscitated it. Much credit and thanks were due also to him in founding the lodge of instruction, in which he took such a deep interest. The funds were most safely guarded, and no greater delight could be afforded him than when he was signing a cheque for £5 5s. to be sent to either of the Masonic Institutions in the name of the successful brother who had drawn the ballot, and in which Charities Bro. Cass took the greatest interest. Bro. C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec., was one of the most zealous of brethren, and nothing was too great a trouble in order to advance the cause of Freemasonry, especially in that of the elections to the various Institutions, when there was not a single case in which the applicant was not successful the first time. That spoke much for his assiduity under excellent Presidents and Committees. The lodge was indeed proud of its permanent officers.

Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M., Preceptor, in reply, thanked the brethren for such a cordial reception. He was indeed proud of precepting such a lodge and words failed him in expressing his full appreciation of their kindness. The present session had certainly been most successful, and during the whole of the year there had been steady and careful progress. That was a cause of great gratification, and it had been mainly achieved through the great assistance he had received from Bros. Cass, P.M., Treas., and Stone, P.M., Sec., together with the brethren who had been very regular and punctual in their attendance which had given him great pleasure, and so long as he continued to receive such hearty support and co-operation he should be proud to remain its Preceptor.

Bro. Cass, P.M., Treas., thanked the brethren, and expressed his pleasure in being associated with the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction in which he took the liveliest of interest. It was indeed true what the President had stated, that nothing gave him greater pleasure than in writing cheques for the noble Institutions, connected with the honourable Order. It had been said of the service he had done the Blackheath Lodge he was proud of the same. It has been his good fortune to have initiated 10 or 12 brethren, who had proved themselves most worthy, and now the lodge would compare favourably with any one in London. His warmest thanks were due to the W.M., whom he had the privilege of initiating, for many kindnesses bestowed, and as long as he possessed their confidence, it would be his pleasure to serve them to the utmost of his power.

Bro. C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec., expressed his thanks for the renewal of their confidence. Bro. Rice at the inception of the lodge had waited upon him, and had asked him to accept the position of Secretary, and by so doing he (Bro. Rice) felt success would be assured. The most convenient time was selected, and he still remained the Secretary, and was pleased with the position. Whatever he had done, and could do, in every good work, he was delighted, and specially in the cause of Charity. The lodge had made rapid strides since its commencement. He gave the following statistics: Number of attendances, 648; times of meeting, 39; giving an average of 17. The highest number of brethren present was on May 29th, when the Fifteen Sections were rehearsed by Bro. W. Dawson, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren of the lodge, when there were 33 present; number of members made in the year 31, which was most encouraging. The third Charitable association had been started and during next year the sum which will have been sent to the various Masonic Institutions from this source would be about 500 guineas. That was the acme of Freemasonry and so long as the lodge of instruction was carried out on those lines it would be sure to flourish. It had done its share in other acts of benevolence which redounded to its credit, and he was proud to be the channel through which the business of the lodge had passed. He should like to take the opportunity of thanking Bro. President Rice, W.M., for his services to the lodge for the past year as Assistant Secretary. He was highly pleased and honoured at being associated with two such brethren as officers of the lodge of instruction as Bros. Dawson and Cass, and he heartily thanked the brethren for the trust reposed in him.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the PRESIDENT in most cordial terms, and ably responded to by Bros. W. S. WHITAKER, P.M., and D. REEKIE.

Some excellent harmony was provided, the artists being Bros. Hopley, Stunt, Hardman, Plant, Richards, C. W. Stone, T. Grummant (reciter), Arthur Court, and Frank Swintord Smith. Bro. Faulk very ably accompanied upon the piano.

VICTORIA, OUR EMPRESS QUEEN.

The following is copy of letter which Bro. Sholto H. Hare received some while since from the Queen's Private Secretary in acknowledgment of the sonnet—if we may be permitted to apply the term—which he wrote in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and which we have pleasure in publishing:

"Buckingham Palace,  
June 23rd, 1897.

"The Private Secretary is commanded by the Queen to thank Mr. Sholto Hare for his letter, together with the verses which accompanied it."

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY  
VICTORIA,

QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, EMPRESS OF INDIA.

Victoria, our Empress Queen,  
Who's "made a Realm and reigned,"  
And with us Sixty Years has been,  
Far greater lame's attained,  
Than any other Queen or King  
Who's worn the British Crown,  
And of no other can we sing  
"The Sixty Years renown!"  
We pray that blessed our Queen may be  
In this her Diamond Jubilee.

Litfield Place, Clifton, 1897.

SHOLTO HENRY HARE.

Knight Imperial, P.L.

Craft Masonry.

White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491.

What may perhaps be styled the Masonic season has now set in, and in West Yorkshire generally and in Sheffield particularly this festive time is duly and appropriately honoured. One of the first of the Sheffield lodges to hold its annual meeting has been the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, and right well has it maintained the reputation which it so deservedly enjoys. This lodge, it may be noted, was the first consecrated by the present Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire. Himself installed in the autumn of 1893, he was shortly afterwards called upon to discharge this his first official function, and great was the admiration and satisfaction which resulted. A full account of the proceedings appeared in our columns at the time and year by year we have not failed to report the enthusiastic gatherings which have assembled as each installation meeting has come round. Another feature, perhaps unique, may be mentioned in this connection, viz., that it has been our privilege to present to our readers a portrait of the several Worshipful Masters of this eminently flourishing lodge. There have hitherto been only four, and on Friday, the 5th inst., another was added, one, too, who, judging by the capable way in which he conducted the proceedings, is not likely to fall short of the high standard which his predecessors—all difficult to follow—have set up. Like the four previous occupants of the chair, Bro. C. A. Hahn, whose portrait we append, is essentially a business man, and to this capacity for business and administrative power is doubtless owing the successful management of the lodge's affairs. Bro. Hahn, though not a native of Sheffield, has lived there for many years. He now holds the responsible position of Director in the Company known as Jonas and Colver, Limited. This Company carries on three immense and separate undertakings, variations, and branches of the staple trade of Sheffield. These are severally styled the Continental Steel Works, the Universal Steel Works, and the Pilot Works, and manufacture steel for almost every conceivable purpose from the main spring of a lady's watch to the heavy guns of a warlike power. The reputation of the firm is world-wide, as is shown by its large Continental trade and its constant employment in the manufacture of steel for small arms and ordnance by the British and foreign governments. To take a successful part in the direction of undertakings so large implies exceptional capacity and ability, steady and earnest devotion to business, and above all, hard and continuous work. Possessing all these qualifications Bro. Hahn brings them to bear in his relation to Masonic matters. Initiated in Britannia Lodge some 15 years ago, Bro. Hahn displayed no special ambition, showed no eager craving for office or distinction, but rose steadily by sheer merit. When the White Rose of York Lodge was projected he was invited to become a founder and was, in fact, its first Junior Deacon. From this office he went to that of Secretary, and after filling successively the Wardens' chairs he was on Friday, the 5th inst., in-



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

stalled as Worshipful Master. Numerous as have been the assemblies at the previous installations, and great as has been the interest shown, at none have the numbers and enthusiasm been greater than at this particular gathering. The four previous occupants of the chair were present, and the honorary Past Masters mustered strongly. There were 37 Installed Masters within the lodge, and the total attendance exceeded 100.

A special feature of the proceedings, which has now become characteristic of the lodge, was the music. This, through the initiative largely of Bro. Gadsby, occupies an important part in the ceremonies. They have many musical brethren on their roll, not the least distinguished of whom is Bro. T. W. Hanforth, who, besides being a Mus. Bac., is an F.R.C.O. Bro. Hanforth, it may be mentioned, has written music specially for lodge purposes, and when rendered as it was by Bros. Foxon, Gadsby, and others to Bros. Hanforth's own accompaniment on their beautiful organ, it added considerable effect to the installation ceremony, to form part of which it was composed. These brethren, together with Bros. Peasegood, Robinson, C. Stokes, Miner, and others, also contributed largely to the success of the proceedings by their efforts, vocal and instrumental, after the banquet.

It will be almost more than our space will allow to give a complete list of all present on this important occasion. The brethren of the lodge comprised Bros. W. Gunstone, W.M.; C. A. Hahn, S.W.; Dr. John Stokes, J.W.; J. Craven, Treas.; T. W. Hanforth, Sec.; C. Ariel Wright, S.D.; M. T. Miner, J.D.; W. H. Peasegood, Org.; A. B. Gunstone, I.G.; H. M. Elliott and J. K. Lister, Stewards; and T. Leighton, Tyler; also C. F. Brindley, I.P.M.; John Hunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Jackman, P.M., Prov. G. Deacon; T. H. Vernon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Simeon Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. D. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Arnison, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Wm. Gadsby, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Derbyshire; A. Macredie, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. W. Pawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Ruff, P.M.; W. Farrar, W. Birks, W. Sales, R. Hanbidge, A. E. Brooke, W. H. Skelton, A. S. Jarvis, A. J. Ward, A. W. Roberts, G. Heeley, E. Moore, C. A. Shaw, G. Wish, F. Cartwright, and W. Foxon; also two Honorary Past Masters and Grand Lodge Officers, viz.: Bros. W. H. Brittain, P.G. Std. Br., and Ensor Drury, P.G.D.; besides the Provincial Officers named above, were Bros. H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Matthewman, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Chas. Stokes, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Phillips, P.P.G.O.; and W. Wilde, P.P.G.S.B. The W.Ms. of the Sheffield lodges, except Furnival, were present each with a considerable following, and those from a distance comprised Bros. J. R. Thomas, P.M. 1802; H. E. Hewson, P.M. 2027; H. Shaw, W.M. 1061; J. Nodder, W.M. 1309; W. R. Coe, 78; T. Morrison, 2078; W. S. Hepper, P.M. 1085, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Hindle, P.M. 884; E. W. Herbert, 1547; W. L. Cox, 19; N. M. Day, 882; and many others.

On the lodge being opened, and the usual formalities gone through, the installation ceremony, which was carried out by the retiring W.M., Bro. Gunstone, was proceeded

with. The able and earnest way in which this work was done was the admiration of all who witnessed it. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. A. Hahn, was presented by Bro. John Hunt, P.M., and the working tools in the several Degrees were given by Bros. C. F. Brindley, P.M.; John Shaw, P.M.; and T. H. Vernon, P.M. The investiture of the officers afforded the W.M. an opportunity of showing his qualifications, and of this he did not fail to take advantage. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren were recited by the Installing Master in an able and interesting way, and the proceedings closed with a beautiful musical setting by Bro. Hanforth, to the words "So mote it be." The installation completed Bro. Hunt was re-elected Charity Steward, and Bros. Macredie and Gadsby were appointed Auditors. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., also from the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John C. Malcolm, who had a previous engagement; from Bro. Rev. G. Ford, W.M. 2558, together with numerous apologies from others. After fraternal greetings from all points, east, west, north, and south, all of which he duly reciprocated, the W.M. closed the lodge.

The after proceedings were on the usual bounteous scale, the viands good, the wines excellent, and the decorations and attendance all that could be desired. The programme was a long one and dinner over, was at once entered upon.

In proposing the first toast, "The Queen," the Worshipful Master said: "We are proud, brethren, and indeed have cause for exultation that we are subjects of a Sovereign who stands so high in the affections of her people as does her Majesty. The beneficial influences of a life like hers are of immense advantage to the whole world, a benefit to the present generation and an example for those of the future, and our posterity will linger with pleasure and pride over those pages of British history which record her illustrious reign, a reign that is matchless for grace and for glory, for progress and for prosperity, and they will envy us the gratification which we at this moment enjoy of drinking her Majesty's health. Brethren, I call upon you heartily and loyally to respond to the toast."

This, it is needless to say, the brethren did, joining lustily in the National Anthem, the solo of which was sung by Bro. Wm. Foxon.

The next item was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England; the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Next to her Majesty, said the Worshipful Master, the Prince of Wales is entitled to our loyalty as a most worthy successor to the Throne, and to our fidelity and devotion as the head of our Craft. All honour to the Prince, who for upwards of 20 years has not only encouraged our Order—as, indeed, he does all efforts in a good cause—but has actively co-operated with us as our leader; to him we are largely indebted for the prestige and honour which our Brotherhood enjoys. The other Officers of Grand Lodge—from the Pro Grand Master, the M.W. the Earl of Lathom, to the most recent appointment—we know to be men conspicuous for ability, integrity, and worth, men upon whom we can rely, feeling assured that they will faithfully safeguard the lofty character of our Order, which all good Masons are anxious to preserve. We are proud to number amongst our honorary Past Masters two Officers of Grand Lodge, both of whom have always shown a kindly interest in the proceedings and progress of the White Rose of York Lodge. They have favoured us this evening with a visit, for which we are all of us greatly indebted. They are Bro. W. H. Brittain, P.G. Std. Bearer—who has been as highly distinguished by his fellow citizens of Sheffield as he has been honoured in the Craft—and Bro. Ensor Drury, P.G. Deacon of England. I cannot let this opportunity pass without congratulating Bro. Ensor Drury upon the great honour which has so recently been conferred upon him, and I am sure that you, brethren, will heartily join in that congratulation. In doing this I only echo the impressive words spoken by our Prov. Grand Master at Salthair the other week—words received at that meeting most warmly—when he said that no Masonic Jubilee honour could have been received with more gratification by the brethren than that of which Bro. Ensor Drury had been the so worthy recipient. But, brethren, the evening is short and our programme is long. Join, therefore, with me in drinking the toast I have proposed, coupling with it the names of the brethren I have mentioned; may they long live to enjoy the honours they have received, and may they frequently delight us by their presence at our meetings.

The words of the Worshipful Master evidently touched a sympathetic chord in the brethren, for the toast was received with great fervour.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. Wm. Gadsby, the chorus being heartily taken up, after which Bro. Ensor Drury was called upon to respond. After regretting the temporary absence of Bro. Brittain,

Bro. Ensor Drury expressed the great pleasure he had in replying to a toast proposed with such sincerity and received with such heartiness. He hoped he would not be deemed egotistical—and even if he were, he begged they would let him continue in his fool's paradise—for he could not help taking to himself the compliment that the warmth of their reception of the toast arose to some extent, at least, out of personal regard towards himself. It was most gratifying to think that the honour bestowed upon him by the Grand Master met with their complete approbation. He believed the Prince of Wales had the interests of Freemasonry at heart, and he (Bro. Ensor Drury) trusted the M.W.G.M. might long be spared to preside over its destinies. As to Bro. Brittain and himself, if it lay in their power to advance the interests of the brethren or the Craft in Sheffield or elsewhere, but especially and naturally in Sheffield, they would be equally glad to do what they could.

The W.M. next submitted No. 3 on the programme—"The R.W.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.; the W. Dep. P.G.M., Bro. John C. Malcolm; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Past and Present." He said that the name of the Prov. Grand Master had an honoured place in the records of their lodge, even from the day of its consecration, when he launched the little craft upon its course, and charged them to steer it straight. At that, their annual meeting, their minds naturally reverted to that never-to-be-forgotten day. It was brought home to them more fully on that occasion that Freemasonry was not merely a Society for the relief of the needy, but that its aims and objects were of a far higher order, and well worthy of the attention, consideration, and co-operation of great minds. The good work done by the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy for the advancement of Freemasonry in that province commanded the respect and high appreciation of all. The difficulties of high station like theirs were great, and the popularity they enjoy is the best proof that they attend to the duties of their respective offices in a manner that redounds to their credit. In no Order is distinction more the reward of merit than in Freemasonry, and for a brother to be worthy of Provincial honours demands good work, work which has been of benefit to his lodge. He must, in fact, be a good man and true, and above all a good Mason. It was matter for rejoicing that there were many such amongst them that evening and he (the W.M.) was convinced that whilst the banners of the Craft were upheld by such good hands, the affairs of the province must necessarily be well and beneficially administered. All respect was due to these brethren, and the toast would receive at their hands the honour it deserved. With it he would associate the name of their Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Herbert Green.

The brethren drank the toast right heartily and joined with equal gusto in "Worthy Freemasons all."

The Tyler's toast followed, a toast looked forward to in Lodge 2491, as only after it is given is smoking permitted.

There was introduced, as an agreeable change, a pianoforte duet, "Foreign parts," by Mosskowsky. This was brilliantly executed by Bros. T. W. Hanforth and W. H. Peasegood, to the great delight of their audience.

Bro. Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec., in reply to the toast of the province, said that after the foretaste they had just had of the music prepared for their enjoyment it was desirable that he and others should be brief in their remarks. After complimenting the I.P.M., Bro. Gunstone, on the high character of his work, Bro. Green expressed his opinion that the honour conferred upon the W.M. that evening was well and richly deserved. He was convinced that Bro. Hahn would do his duty faithfully and would achieve a reputation for good work and devotion to duty equal to that of any of his predecessors, and that was saying a great deal. He was delighted to be with them on that their annual festival, to meet so many old and well-tried friends, and he thanked them for the gratifying reception they had given to the toast and for the honour of permitting him to respond.

"The Worshipful Master, Bro. C. A. Hahn," was most ably proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Gunstone. The cheers which greeted Bro. Gunstone's announcement were loud and continuous, showing that the popularity of Bro. Hahn, not only inside his own lodge, but throughout Sheffield and its neighbourhood, was as genuine as it was universal.

Bro. Gunstone said that Bro. Hahn, though a young man, was by no means a young Mason; that he was one of the founders of their lodge. In the installation ceremony it was stated that the W.M. "ought to be exemplary in conduct, courteous in

manner, easy of address, and steady and firm in principle." Bro. Hahn was all that and more. By perseverance and steady progress he had attained a position of which any man would be proud, and which he (Bro. Gunstone) was sure Bro. Hahn would adorn. He had already shown by his addresses to his officers on investiture, as well as by the able speeches he had made since dinner, that he was capable of discharging all the duties of the chair, and when his year of office closed, he (the I.P.M.) was convinced that Bro. Hahn would be ranked as one of the most distinguished Masters their lodge had known.

The toast was applauded to the echo, taken up again and again, and followed by "Prosper the Art."

The brethren next listened with enjoyment to Bro. Foxon's beautiful rendering of the song by Ward, "O flower of all the world," after which

The Worshipful Master, who was received with great enthusiasm, on rising to respond, said: "Brethren,—I have never encountered a greater difficulty than the one now before me, that of expressing to you all the intensity of my feelings of gratitude for your kindness. Bro. Gunstone, with characteristic generosity, has spoken of me in terms far too flattering. I must disclaim many of the virtues with which he has invested me, but my heartfelt thanks are due to him for the kind manner in which he proposed this toast, and to you, brethren, for the way in which you have received it. I could not help recognising in your cheers not merely the spirit of dutiful loyalty to the chair, but the true ring of personal regard, which I value most highly, and most heartily reciprocate. It forms the strong foundation upon which our lodge has been built; it gives strength to the chain which binds us together in harmony—and may harmony and concord never wane within these walls. I should be blind, indeed, if I lightly undertook the duties you have entrusted to my care; the task before me cannot be over-rated, and I approach it with great diffidence; but I am encouraged with the confident hope that I may rely on the ready assistance and support of the Past Masters, officers, and, in fact, all my brethren, and that I may also equally depend upon your kind indulgence for my shortcomings. It will be very difficult to maintain the high standard of efficiency set up by my predecessors, and yet, as I need hardly assure you, nothing shall be wanting on my part to do so to the best of my ability. Amongst the many lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, the White Rose of York plays, so to speak, but a small part in the show of flowers. Let us each strive to guard and tend it that we may develop it into a beautiful bloom, worthy to take its place in the foremost rank of all. I am deeply sensible of our obligation to the brethren who have come in such great numbers to-night to honour the lodge with their presence and support; and I would especially thank Bro. Wm. Gadsby, also those other brethren who have been so active in preparing such an admirable programme for our entertainment. Brethren, for me this has been a very happy day, the memory of which I shall treasure to the last hour of my existence. For your many great kindnesses I thank you again and again."

"The Health of the Installing Officer and I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Gunstone," was left in the hands of Bro. Hunt, a founder and first W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Hunt spoke of the able and workmanlike manner in which in every department Bro. Gunstone had discharged his duties during the year just expired, that he had spared no pains, had travelled hundreds of miles to get back to keep his engagements and had altogether put forth efforts which could be equally displayed by very few, and which demanded from them suitable acknowledgment. Bro. Gunstone had developed qualities for the possession of which he feared they had hardly given him credit, and now, after the exemplary discharge of his duties in the chair, to come forward and by his beautiful rendering of the installation ceremony to put, as it were, the top stone upon his work in so able a manner, reflected the greatest possible credit and merited from them the warmest recognition.

The music which came next was Sir Arthur Sullivan's beautiful part song "The long day closes," most effectively sung by Bros. Foxon, J. Atkinson, T. W. Hanforth, A. J. Ward, W. Sales, and W. Gadsby. Part singing is by no means a common feature on occasions of this kind and when it reaches the high standard displayed by the brethren of Lodge 2491, we can only hope that it will be more frequently illustrated.

Bro. Gunstone's reply, as soon as the applause permitted it to be audible, was like himself characteristic. He said it was quite true that in his desire to fully discharge his duty he had travelled hundreds of miles, that he had not missed a single meeting at lodge or instruction, and that he had always striven to be there at the time specified; that whilst the past had perhaps been the pleasantest year of his life, he was glad to be relieved from the very serious responsibility such a position entailed. He was a business man, and to occupy the W.M.'s chair in a lodge seemed like taking up a new branch, so much did it need the time, the care, and the constant attention of him who aspired worthily to fill it. He had tried to do his best, and it was very gratifying to find by the way in which his brethren drank his health that they recognised that at least he had done his duty.

Bro. Ernest Moore, a rising Sheffield artist and portrait painter, here displayed his versatile powers by giving an amusing recitation called "The Coster's race." It was received with roars of laughter.

"The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. T. W. Hanforth, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., P.P.G. Org., J.W. With characteristic Yorkshire heartiness, Bro. Hanforth welcomed all visitors, and called attention to the number and distinction of those who that evening had honoured them. The W.Ms. of all the Sheffield lodges save one were present, and as to the rest, they were numerous as they were welcome. Apart from the question of hospitality, he (Bro. Hanforth) thought that the presence of visitors at their lodge was desirable for many reasons; amongst others, that they inspired the W.M. and his officers to put forth their best efforts. It was usual to ask the W.Ms. of the oldest and youngest lodge in the town to reply, but as the W.M. of Britannia was Senior Warden of their own lodge and as the occupant of the chair of the Furnival was unfortunately absent, he would call upon Bro. Chadburn, W.M. of Ivanhoe, to respond for the lodges, and Bro. W. T. Hepper, 1035, for the visitors generally.

A duet from the dramatic cantata, "The Lord of the Isles," by Bro. Henry Gadsby, P.M. 1705, was the next item. This was entrusted to Bros. Foxon and Wm. Gadsby and interpreted in a style which met with much approbation.

Bros. Chadburn and Hepper briefly acknowledged the toast on the part of the visitors.

"The Masonic Charities" was warmly proposed by Bro. J. Jackman, P.M., Prov. G.D. He made a strong appeal to the brethren, and with advocates like Bro. Jackman it is not surprising that beneficial results ensue.

Mendelssohn's "Adagio"—an instrumental quartet: for violin (Bro. C. Stokes), violoncello (Bro. M. T. Miner), and pianoforte duet (Bros. Hanforth and Peasegood)—a most pleasing portion of the musical programme, was here introduced. So-called chamber music is not generally popular in such an assembly, and it spoke well for the excellence of the performance and the musical appreciation of the brethren that it was listened to with rapt attention, and at its close deservedly applauded.

Bro. John Hunt, P.M., P.P.G.D., Charity member for the lodge, replied on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

Other toasts and songs, &c., followed.

"The Past Masters and Hon. Past Masters" was given in humorous terms by Bro. John Stokes, S.W.

Bro. C. F. Brindley, P.M., responded.

"The Officers of the Lodge" rightly came from the chair.

The Junior Steward replied.

A musical finale—"Happy have we met"—written by Bro. Hanforth, concluded the proceedings, which throughout were of a most enthusiastic character.

Bro. Hahn is to be congratulated upon accession to supreme power in such a lodge, and we have much pleasure in thus putting on record particulars of this happy event; nor do we fail to add our felicitations to those of the many others which it has been his good fortune to call forth.

### Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 22nd ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S., W.M.; H. Barton, P.M., P.G.S., as S.W.; H. Debenham, P.P.G.D., G.S., J.W., Master elect; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., P.P.G.D., Sec; O. Polenz, S.D.; C. Robinson, J.D.; E. Slade, Stw. 1.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G.S.; and Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br., D.C. Among the visitors were Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Parrott, P.M., P.P.G.S.V.; E. Smith, W.M. 1479; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Barratt was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Bro. Debenham having been

presented, he was duly installed as W.M., the manner in which the ceremony was performed leaving but little to be desired. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. O. Polinz, S.W.; C. Robinson, P.M., S.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; White, S.D.; E. Slade, J.D.; W. Thomas, P.M., I.G.; Maj. Walls, P.M., D.C.; and Mecklenberg, Stwd. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. J. Lardner, and a vote of thanks passed to him as Installing Master. Bro. Dabenhaim, W.M., was elected to represent the R.M.I. for Boys at the Centenary Festival, and a sum of money voted to head his list. The lodge heard with great regret the illness of Bro. H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas., and it was unanimously expressed that his indisposition would not cause his retirement from the office of Treasurer which he had so long and faithfully held. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Young, P.M.; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.G.S.P.; W. H. Kempster, Junr., I.P.M., P.G.S.; H. Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet followed. The W.M. presided most ably.

Among the notable speakers were Bros. E. S. Lardner, H. Barton, H. J. Lardner, and W. Thomas.

A good and varied programme of music was arranged and successfully carried out by Bro. Kift.

The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character, and reflected great credit on the executive.

### Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.

The above lodge, which was founded 27 years ago for the convenience of members of the dramatic and musical professions, held its annual meeting for the installation of a new Worshipful Master on Monday, the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Samuel Johnson, being with Bro. Sir Henry Irving's Company in Manchester, was unable consequently to attend, and the presidency of the lodge and the performance of the ceremony of installation were generously undertaken by Bro. Ed. J. Hambleton, P.M.

The other brethren who attended were Bros. W. J. Holloway, S.W.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; C. Powell, J.D.; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; James W. Matthews, I.G.; Algernon Syms and Lewis Honig, Stwds.; Jas. Weaver, P.M.; A. E. Bishop, P.M.; J. D. Beveridge, P.M.; T. de B. Holmes, P.M.; C. S. Jekyll, P.M., Past Grand Organist; Charles C. Cruikshanks, P.M.; W. Lestocq, P.M.; Arthur Robert Evans, F. Hachenberger, Akerman May, Herbert Leonard, John Strachan, Q.C., Past Deputy Grand Registrar; Charles Frere, Ernest H. Paterson, Nicola Corrello, T. B. Thalberg, Herbert Budd, W. C. Cornish, C. J. Lockhead, John Le Hay, Herbert Willis, Ambrose Austin, A. J. Webb, F. Lister, E. Woolhouse, A. E. Maskell, S. Valentine, F. Boor, F. G. James, C. Kiefert, H. J. Calcott, C. M. Lourie, J. Ellison, H. Hinchliffe, J. M. East, G. W. G. Smith, H. Snyders, Franklin Clive, G. W. Bradfield, C. E. Hardy, F. G. Hambleton, G. Fenwick, E. Humphreys, E. W. Whitmore, J. Geary, A. Thomas, W. L. Barrett, A. W. Marshall, O. Grimaldi, John Solomon, Ernest Leicester, James Griffiths, F. Conquest, G. B. O. Conquest, James G. Hambleton, Jesse S. Birch, F. W. Davis, D. Gottlieb, R. P. Black, J. Baker, Wallace Erskine, and Geo. Conquest. The visitors were Bros. S. E. Atkinson, 2407; H. Williams, 1141; James Dodd, 571; E. Woodyatt, 286; Wm. W. Meade, J.D. 452; W. T. Dillon, W.M. 1569; T. Y. Strachan, W.M. 8, P.G. Stwd.; T. Risalke, 205; Edwd. Eies, Org. 2001; Thomas R. Miller, P.M. 58; G. Maxwell, S.W. 2127; H. Nicholls, P.M. 2127, W.M. 2190; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. Clifton Alderson, 48; B. Tree, 1706; Frank Robinson, W.M. 2032; H. I. Brickwell, W.M. 2455; J. H. Barry, 81; C. Stevens, W.M. 2661; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; Robert D. Cummings, W.M. 2168; A. Cash, W.M. 1348; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.C. North and East Yorkshire; Lionel Rignold, S.D. 2127; H. G. Denby, P.M. 1056; E. Whomes, Org. 2499; James Irvine, P.M. 862; J. P. Cash, 1348; Alfred C. Bradley, J.D. 1567; Henry Neville, W.M. 2127; E. W. Browning, S.W. 2455; Oscar Barrett, P.M. 2127; Geo. B. Smallpiece, 370, Prov. G. Treas. Surrey; A. J. Thomas, P.M. 227; Thomas Catling, P.M. 2127 and 2190; James Budd, 101; William Davies, 340; Frederick Bevan, P.M. 1706; Charles L. Carson, I.P.M. 2190; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Thomas R. Busby, S.D. 1599; George R. Ousey, P.M. 59; Thomas B. Sandercock, P.M. and Sec. 2530; Charles S. Bradberry, 1319; F. Osmond Carr, P.M. 859; Alfred J. Lewis, 149; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Thomas Meekham, P.M. 619 and 1288; C. Warwick Jordan, P.M. 2124; C. G. Sherwood, S.W. 2473; Henry J. Dutton, 1706; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; George Martin, 1706; William James Harvey, I.G. 2191; J. T. Woods, P.M. 999; T. H. Bolton, 2190; Dr. H. Martyn Jordan, 569 (S.C.); S. H. Jarvis, W.M. 862; and William Bradford, I.P.M. 862.

Bro. Hambleton installed Bro. William John Holloway, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The other officers of the lodge for the year were Bros. Luigi Lablache, S.W.; C. B. Powell, J.W.; Samuel Johnson, I.P.M.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; Akerman May, Asst. Sec.; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; Charles Frere, S.D.; J. W. Matthews, J.D.; Algernon Syms, I.G.; Louis Honig and Frank Wheeler, Stwds.; W. Lestocq, D.C.; and John Gilbert, P.M., Tyler.

The brethren partook of a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, after the closing of the lodge, and in the course of the evening honoured the usual toasts.

A beautiful musical and variety entertainment was given between the speeches, the executants being Master Percy Gough (treble), Bro. Henry Dutton (alto), Bro. William Davies (tenor), Bro. Edward Iles (baritone), Bro. Charles E. Tinney (bass), Bro. E. Woodhouse (violin), Bro. John Solomon (cornet), Bro. John Le Hay, Bro. Frank Wheeler, and Bro. Harry Nicholls. The conductors were Bros. Charles Stevens and Charles E. Tinney.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Cruikshanks, P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said when he came there that night he imagined that his work was over. The brethren had honoured him by making him their W.M., and he had performed his duty as I.P.M. That being so, he naturally thought he had nothing else to do. But Bro. S. Johnson not being present, it was his (Bro. Cruikshanks') duty and great pleasure to propose the toast of the evening, the toast of "The W.M."

He was very glad to have got the centre of the stage for that speech and all the lights on him, because he knew he should have a good reception. Their W.M., Bro. Holloway, was a member of their Fraternity who had been known to them for very many years, and anyone who had come across him in the bonds of Masonry, in private life, or professional life must have always found him the very best of fellows; and when he occupied the chair of K.S. that night, he (Bro. Cruikshanks) was sure he did so with the brethren's very warmest wishes. He trusted—aye, he was certain (he need not trust; he was certain) that Bro. Holloway in his year of office would meet with that support that it would turn out a great success in the annals of the Lodge of Asaph. The W.M. had told him that he had a golden opportunity; there was nothing like golden opportunities; always cuddle a chance; embrace the opportunity; and he asked the brethren cordially to drink to the health, wealth, and prosperity of the W.M., Bro. Holloway.

Bro. W. J. Holloway, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said since he joined Freemasonry in England it had been his one ambition to occupy the position the brethren had bestowed on him that day. He was, as they knew, an Australian Mason; and did not the fact that an Australian Mason was Master of the Lodge of Asaph, the most important in the United Kingdom of his profession and the sister art, prove that, although they were separated from Australia by thousands of miles of ocean, their brethren stretched their hands across the sea to them in love and unity? As a proof of that, it might interest the brethren to know that their brethren far across the sea in the land of the sunny south were even now at that hour drinking prosperity to the Lodge of Asaph, and the health of its W.M. He trusted that he should in the year to come prove himself worthy of the honour the brethren of the Asaph Lodge had conferred on him, and at the end of his term of office they would say he had retained their confidence.

Bro. W. J. Holloway, W.M., afterwards gave "The I.P.M., Bro. Samuel Johnson." He explained that the cause of absence of the I.P.M. was his professional duties with Bro. Sir Henry Irving's Company, then at Manchester. Bro. Johnson had endeared himself to the brethren of the lodge by the splendid work he had performed during his year, and had gained the love and affection of all by his genial and kindly nature. He wished to acknowledge the services of Bro. Hambleton, P.M., as Installing Master, who, when pressed, very modestly undertook the work of the I.P.M., with great inconvenience to himself.

Bro. J. E. Hambleton, P.M., responded.

Bros. T. H. Bolton, Danby, P.M. 1056; and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. C. S. Jekyll, P.M., P.G. Org., and E. Swanborough, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., to that of "The Charities;" and Bro. W. A. Tinney, P.M., to that of "The Treasurer, the Secretary, and other Officers;" and Bro. Gilbert having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated.

### Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501.

This lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. J. Simcox, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; C. Batting, S.W.; B. R. Wright, J.W.; W. Birch, S.D.; H. Flint, Stwd.; J. C. Coppock, I.G.; C. H. Hunt, P.M., Treas.; J. Bliss, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; F. Johncock, P.M.; W. Morris, P.M.; C. Rose, H. Hambling, P.M., S.G.D.; G. Little, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Prince, W.M. Victoria Lodge; R. Hill, W.M. 1894; G. Stratton, P.M.; J. Reader, P.M. 590; E. Marshall, P.M. 771; C. F. Dyson, W.M. 771; G. Boucher, 2228; R. Nicholson, P.M. 1566; J. E. Bowen, P.G. Sec., P.A. G.D.C. England; and others.

After the usual business was transacted, Bro. C. Batting was installed by the W.M., Bro. Simcox, in a very able and impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Simcox, I.P.M.; B. R. Wright, S.W.; W. Birch, J.W.; C. H. Hunt, Treas.; J. Bliss, Sec.; H. Hay, D.C.; H. Flint, S.D.; J. C. Coppock, J.D.; Jas. Williams, I.G.; Dr. Bradshaw, A.D.C.; J. Laurence, Org.; T. J. Rees and R. S. Woods, Stwds.; and J. Payne, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Simcox, for his services during the year, by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge.

The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the Wellington Room, at the Lion Hotel, where Bro. F. W. Miles put a capably served banquet on the table.

Grace having been sung, the Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft."

"The Grand Master and Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Bowen.

Bro. R. S. Woods next ably proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers," to which Bro. Bliss, P.S.G.W., responded.

The I.P.M., Bro. Simcox, next proposed "The W.M., Bro. C. Batting," in eulogistic terms, informing the brethren that Bro. Batting was initiated in the Ellington Lodge, No. 1566, in 1887, gradually rose, serving all offices, and was installed into the chair of that lodge in 1895. He joined the Wycombe Lodge in 1889, and has worked up to the proud position of W.M. Bro. Batting is a Life Governor of all the Charities, and has served many Stewardships. At the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution he took up a list of 150 guineas as Steward for the Province of Berks. He is a member of the Herschel and Wycombe Chapters in which he holds prominent office. He is the W.M. of Wycombe and the I.P.M. of Jersey Mark Lodges. He is also highly esteemed amongst the brethren generally and also in private life and has just been nominated for a seat on the Maidenhead Town Council. I ask you brethren to drink most heartily the health of your W.M., and join with me in wishing him a prosperous year of office.

They W.M. responded very feelingly, and thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren for their warm support.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master," to which Bro. Simcox responded.

Bros. Prince, Marshall, Hill, Dyson, Reader, and Force, responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. Bliss responded on behalf of "The Charities," mentioning the hope that a dozen or more Stewards would go up to the Boys' Centenary Festival and support their W.M.

"The Officers and Past Masters," having been given, the Tyler's toast ended one of the most successful evenings of the lodge.

The proceedings were enhanced by the vocal contributions of Bros. Hull, Johncock, Rose, and Weston.

### Claremont Lodge, No. 1861.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Monday, the 25th ult., when Bro. Thomas Bowler was installed in the chair of K.S. by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Fredk. West, in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers, which ceremony he carried out perfectly, as follows, viz.: Bros. J. Pointon, S.W.; T. House, J.W.; T. Horsey, Treas.; H. C. Francis, Sec.; B. Williams, D.C.; H. Rogers, S.D.; T. Dickason, J.D.; Faulder, I.G.; Greenland, Org.; Jaggard and Smith, Stwds.; and Mallett, Tyler. The three addresses were ably rendered by Bro. Francis, P.M., Sec., and three gentlemen were proposed for initiation by the S.W.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Sidney Pease, proprietor of the Greyhound Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Dep. Prov. G.M., in reply to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that it had afforded him great pleasure in coming that evening to fulfil a promise, viz., that of installing their present W.M., Bro. Bowler, who he felt assured would carry out the ritual in a satisfactory manner. The Province of Surrey had done well for two of the great Masonic Charities during this Jubilee year, and the Boys' Centenary, which was approaching, doubtless would beat the record, and he would like to see the Claremont Lodge take up the cause of that Charity, and also join the organisation for the Province of Surrey. In conclusion, on behalf of the Grand Officers, he tendered the W.M. every good wish during his year of office.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. T. Horsey, Treas.

In response, the W.M. said that he would be brief. He had one great object in view—the well-being and progress of the lodge—and to that end he must have the persistent support of the officers and members of the lodge. To learn the ritual effectually they must attend lodges of instruction. No effort would be wanting on his part to make the lodge a success in the future.

Bro. Dr. Thompson, 1556, P.S.G.W., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Francis," said that he had known him for 21 years as a hard-working Mason, who had had difficulties to contend with during the past. But now that those had been surmounted, he predicted a bright future for the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Jeffrey, P.M. 1227; Layton, and Richardson, P.M. 157, 1556, the latter stating that he was pleased to have been of some small assistance to the brethren in the lodge, and he congratulated the W.M. upon his having such excellent Wardens, who were thoroughly up to their work.

The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Thompson, P.M. 1556, P.S.G.W.; L. A. Richardson, 1556, P.M. 157; J. P. Parkes, P.M. 1538; T. Piper, P.M. 1507; F. A. Birk, 704; J. Frampton, 1901; W. Huleys, 1563; and C. A. Hooper, P.M. 1613.

### Harlesden Lodge, No. 2098.

The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 1st inst., at the National School, Harlesden. There was a good attendance of members who were anxious to support the lately installed W.M., Bro. Henry Cross, in his maiden initiation. Several of the old P.Ms. were present and took much interest in the labours of the evening—Bros. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., first W.M.; Dr. Atwood, P.M.; Ball, P.M.; Hazzledine, P.M.; Bell, P.M.; and Long, P.M. As soon as Bro. Cross took up the gavel, it was evident he had in him the making of a good working W.M., and as the ceremony of initiation proceeded, the first impression was fully sustained. Mr. Sidney P. Riorden, who was the initiate, may be congratulated on the impressive manner in which he was admitted a member of the lodge, the W.M. not only taking the whole of the initiation ceremony, but also the beautiful charge at the conclusion. The lodge gave a donation of £115 to the Home of St. Barnabas Building Fund. It was explained that there was no intention on the part of the promoters to establish a new Masonic Charity, the proposal was to make provision in a home already established for the reception of two poor Masonic clergymen, in fact, that two had already been received and saved from the workhouse, which was a strong claim upon the Charity of the Craft.

Labour having ended, a very pleasant evening was spent, the regular loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and great sympathy expressed for the sorrow that had fallen upon the Queen and Royal family in consequence of the death of H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck.

"The Worshipful Master's Health" was enthusiastically drunk.

The feature of the evening was the affectionate and enthusiastic reception of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Atwood, late vicar of Harlesden, and a P.M. of the lodge.

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His Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M., will be unable to be present in person, but he will be represented on the occasion by his *alter ego*, the M.W. Pro G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B. The Grand Officers of the year and the Past Grand Officers will also muster in great force, and to each of these will be accorded the privilege of introducing two ladies, for whom seats will be provided in the vicinity of the choir.

All applications for tickets must be addressed, in the case of the Present and Past Grand Officers, to the Grand Secretary at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., but in the case of all other brethren, they must be sent through the Worshipful Masters of their respective lodges to Bro. Vernon Taylor, Hon. Sec., the Chapter House, St. Paul's Cathedral, not later than Monday, the 22nd instant. A circular letter on the subject containing the necessary instructions has already been sent from the Grand Secretary's Office to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges in London and the Provinces, who will accordingly apply direct to the Chapter House for the number of tickets which may be required by the members of their respective lodges.

A very influential Committee of brethren has been organised to co-operate with the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's to make the necessary arrangements, among them being the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs who will attend in State, the Bishop of Marlborough, Dean Currie of Battle, P.G. Chaplain; the Dean of Gloucester (the Very Rev. H. D. Spence, D.D.), P.G. Chaplain; the Archdeacon of London, (the Ven. W. M. Sinclair, D.D., P.G.C.); the Archdeacon of Essex, (the Ven. — Stevens, M.A., P.G.C.); Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart.; Sir John B. Monckton, Thomas Fenn, and Robert Grey, Past G. Wardens; the Grand Treasurer, (Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan), Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, and Maj. Woodall, Past G. Treasurers; the G. Registrar, the G. Secretary, Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Sir W. Wilkin, K.C.M.G.; Alderman Sir David Evans, K.C.M.G.; John Aird, M.P., P.G.D.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., &c. The offertory will be set apart for the decoration of a panel, or bay, with mosaics, in accordance with the scheme in progress, under the direction of Sir W. B. Richmond, R.A., K.C.B., and will thus enable the Freemasons as a body to take a distinct share in the completion of Wren's great work.

A warrant has been granted for the establishment of a new lodge in connection with St. Mary's Hospital, which is likely to have before it a long, useful, and prosperous career. It will be known as the "Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682," and will be consecrated on Monday, the 15th inst., in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Hall. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, and a large attendance of Grand Officers and other prominent brethren may be expected. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has graciously consented to hold the office of W.M., and Bro. Edmund Owen will be installed as his first Deputy Master, the Wardens designate being Bros. Reginald F. Bootle Wilbraham and James Ernest Lane. The number of petitioners is 50.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution which was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. John Newton, P.G.P., Vice-Patron, the Secretary reported the death of one male and two widow annuitants, while 10 petitions (one male and nine widows) were considered, with the result that all were accepted save two widows' petitions, which are deferred for further information. There was a very fair attendance of members.

We have been requested to correct a slight error which occurred in our report of the meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter on the 3rd inst. Comp. S. R. Baskett did state that he agreed with Comp. Fenn, but he did not express agreement with Comp. Strachan to the effect that to reverse the decision arrived at by Grand Chapter in May, and confirmed in August, would stultify Grand Chapter. On the contrary, it is Comp. Baskett's belief that to adhere to such decision would do far more to stultify it than would its reversal.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, under the auspices of the Stortford Chapter, No. 409. The principal business will be the appointment of officers for the ensuing year.

The Report on Correspondence, appended to the Proceedings at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in May last, would appear to be more interesting than such Reports usually are. It has been compiled by Bro. Josiah Drummond, who is rightly deemed an authority on Masonry in the United States, especially as regards the statistics of the Craft.

From him we learn that at the date of his compilation there were in North America 57 Grand Lodges, with an aggregate subscribing membership of 804,706. Of these Grand Lodges, however, seven are in British Territory, namely, those of Canada (Province of Ontario), Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, and Manitoba. These probably comprise from 30,000 to 35,000 subscribing members, so that the 50 Grand Lodges in the United States muster altogether about 775,000.

Bro. Drummond also makes a very sensible pronouncement in reference to the physical question, his remarks, which are quoted in the *Voice of Masonry*, being well worth reproducing. "The whole aim of Masonry," says Bro. Drummond, "is intellectual, moral, and spiritual improvement. The old law of physical qualification had reference, in express terms, to ability to do Masonic work, and the perfection required was that degree, and that degree alone, which enabled one to do the work of a Mason; and as the physical work of Masons has changed, the qualifications for it have changed with it, and the ability to do the Masonic work of the present day is all that the law, sound sense, or Masonic usage requires." This is so plain and straightforward, and at the same time so sensible, that we should hope it will not be without its influence on the minds of those who hold that the physical qualifications of the Speculative Mason must be the same as those that were required in the old days of Operative Masonry.

In reference to the complaint which of late years has been so frequently made as to there being "a tendency to too much legislation," Bro. Drummond is of opinion from an observation extending over some 40 years that "the evil is not so much in the legislation as in the causes for it. Almost all Masonic legislation is caused by an abuse of privileges or an evasion of the existing law." On this we feel inclined to join issue with him. It is not that there are now so many more abuses of privilege than formerly, but that so many more things have been declared to be abuses. So, too, as regards "the evasion of the existing laws," we do not believe that the existing generation of Masons are more prone to evade the law than their predecessors. It is that the laws are nowadays so numerous and at the same time so comprehensive that it is difficult, we may go further and say, barely possible for anyone, how great soever may be his respect for the law, to take any step or turn in any direction without doing something which the extremists set down as "evasions of the law."

We have but to turn to the question of jurisdiction in all its many varieties for an illustration of our meaning. Thus there is the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of the private lodge, the jurisdiction over rejected material, and so forth. These are all new causes for legislation which have been created by American Masons themselves, and laws have, of necessity, had to be enacted in order to regulate these matters. In this and other instances which we could mention, if any advantage were to be gained by doing so, there has been an excess of legislation arising out of the creation of a number of questions which assuredly never had any place in the scheme of Speculative Freemasonry as promulgated by Drs. Desaguliers and Anderson, their associates and their immediate successors in legislation. Hence, though, in a certain sense, it may be true that excessive legislation in the American Masonic communities is due to excess in the number of causes calling for it, it must not be forgotten that in a very large number of cases the causes have been themselves created.

Much has been said of late about that very beautiful theory of Masonic Charity which has been originated by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and to the principle of which that Grand body has invited the adherence of the other American Grand Lodges. The Grand Master of Maine, in the address he delivered at the recent annual meeting of his Grand Lodge, mentioned that two claims for reimbursement of Masonic relief had been forwarded to him, one from the Board of Relief of San Francisco, which he had satisfied, and one from the Board of Relief of San Diego, which he had disallowed on the ground that the said Board had been notified by the lodge affected not to incur any expenditure. It seems that in this case the lodge itself had disbursed 172 dollars for funeral expenses and relief before notifying the Board not to spend more, but that the latter, notwithstanding this caution, had made a further outlay on behalf of the family amounting to 1070 dollars (£214). The very proper refusal by the Grand Master of Maine to allow so monstrous a claim may have the effect of placing the San Diego Board of Relief in a difficulty, and we hope it will have the further effect of putting an end to the Wisconsin theory of Charity.

## 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.

### THE QUESTION OF DEGREES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having read Bro. W. J. Hughan's article and your comments of the 23rd ult., with regard to "The Question of Degrees," I would call your attention to a lecture given by Bro. Dr. A. Churchward, P.M. and P.Z., in the South Norwood Lodge, in the early part of this year, in which he brings forward undoubted proof that "there were several Degrees in Freemasonry," many thousands of years ago. I understand that Bro. Dr. A. Churchward, who devoted, at least, 10 or 12 years to the subject of "Antiquity of Freemasonry," is about to publish the same with proofs, and that the *Freemason* will have the first refusal of publishing the same "with all rights reserved." Having been present at the above lecture, I can safely say that no Mason has hitherto brought forward the subject with such proofs in such a scientific form, and it was certainly most intensely interesting to those who take an interest in our past history.—Yours fraternally,

M.M.

206, Selhurst-road,  
South Norwood, S.E.,  
November 2nd.

### THE ENTERED APPRENTICE'S SONG.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Some of our musical brethren may be glad to have an additional verse to the Entered Apprentice's song for the purpose of impressing the newly-made Masons with the auspiciousness of the moment when they entered the Craft.

I therefore offer them the following for use during the remainder of this year:

We must make it quite clear  
In this sixtieth year,  
Since our Queen on the Throne took her place on,  
That the brother to-night  
Who first saw the light  
Is a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Mason.

Yours fraternally,

W.M. Justicia, 2563.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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The Templar Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Illinois has just been published, and makes a handsome and entertaining volume. It is written by our good friend and brother General John Corson Smith, of Chicago, in his usual happy and genial style. Under Michigan, reference is made to the bust of Carrara marble presented to Frater Hugh McCurdy, Past Grand Master of Knights Templars of the United States. The honour was well-deserved, and the gift was handed to the beloved recipient by General Smith, on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Grand Encampment. The orator was at his best—I refer to our *General*—and in his reply "our Hugh" was most appreciative. The special feature of this annual is a charming sketch, entitled "My winter in the Tropics," by our *General*. It is lavishly illustrated, most pleasantly written, and has a Masonic flavour from first to last all its own. Many of the opinions advanced by the Author in the ordinary portion of his report should have careful attention, especially his recommendation that brethren to become members of the K.T. Commandery, shall be subscribers to lodge and R.A. chapter, and to continue such membership in the K.T., must mean membership at the same time of lodge and chapter. There are many advantages to accrue from such a regulation, but I doubt its being generally acceptable. It might, however, be a *sine qua non* for joining at the first, if not as respects continuation. The perusal of the volume has been a source of much pleasure and instruction to me, as General Smith's writings always are.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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The "Masonic Token" for October 15th, 1897, edited by my esteemed friend, Stephen Berry (Grand Secretary of Maine), is practically Masonic History "in a nutshell," though, as respects size, it is only a quarto sheet of eight pages, and published quarterly. It is, however, brimful of information, in condensed paragraphs, and the news is carefully selected and ably arranged by a veteran Editor and Publisher. Bro. Berry is great on statistics, and his Templar Tables are a feature of his Reports. His estimate of Knights Templar for the U.S.A. is duly detailed in this number, and includes particulars of 1006 subordinate Commanderies in 43 Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment, returning the enormous number of 112,891 members, of whom 6424 were knighted during the year. For *Canada*, the figures are respectively, 36, 1548, and 216; *England and Wales* are given as 117 preceptories, and 2366 members; *Scotland* has 21, with 525 knights; and, *Ireland*, 43 and 968; also *Victoria*, 4, with 76 members. The grand total being 1227 subordinates, with over 118,000 knights. An extraordinary number, and particularly as respects the United States. In the same Paper are what is known as "Drummond's Lodge Statistics, 1897." The Table is by the Hon. Judge Drummond, P.G.M., and concerns 57 Grand Lodges in the U.S.A. and Canada. The membership of actual subscribers is given as 804,706.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

MR. BERTRAM DOBELL, of 77, Charing Cross-road, W.C., is now publishing in numbers the continuation of his "Catalogue of Books printed for private circulation." Parts I. to III., containing Nos. 1 to 12, can still be had, price *one shilling* each. These run to over 200 pages. It is anticipated that this remarkable work will be completed in some seven numbers, at *three pence* each. The collection has been made by Mr. Dobell extending over a period of many years, and each lot is duly priced, and most interestingly described, the bibliographical information being of a most valuable character.

## Craft Masonry.

### Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., as W.M., in the absence, through a domestic affliction, of Bro. W. Hopkins; P. Cronin, S.W.; C. Wheatley, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. Gale, S.D.; C. F. Davis, J.D.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Stwd.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; and E. H. Trotter, P.M., P.A.G.P. Middx.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Croxon and Barber were raised to the Third Degree. The ballot having been taken on behalf of Mr. Alfred O. Hemming, he was duly initiated by the acting W.M. in an impressive manner. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Tom Tagg, a founder of the lodge, as well as the widely-known retreat Tagg's Island Hotel, on the upper Thames. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved from the funds of the lodge. The name of a candidate for initiation having been handed in, apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Hopkins, W.M.; G. J. Tagg, I.P.M.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx.; H. Bright, A. Z. Schulze, and others.

The lodge was then closed.

A dinner followed.

Bro. H. Wheatley responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

In proposing the toast of "The Initiate," the acting W.M. mentioned the interesting circumstance that Bro. Hemming was the grandson of the distinguished Mason and clergyman after whom the lodge was named. The toast was most warmly received.

In his reply, the initiate said he had long desired to become a Mason, but it was quite recently that he had heard of a lodge bearing his family name. His grandfather was a P.G. Chaplain of England, and Chaplain to King William the Fourth. He hoped in time to fill the chair of the Hemming Lodge, and he felt delighted in being allowed to enter its portals.

Bros. George Ransford responded on behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bros. J. C. Jessett, P. Cronin, and C. Wheatley, for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

### Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.

The installation meeting of this lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 5th instant, attracted a goodly number of members and visitors. Bro. Heinemann, the retiring Master, is succeeded in the chair by Bro. Isidor Ehrmann—of the well-known champagne house of Ehrmann Frères—who was initiated in the lodge a few years ago, and has worked steadily through the various offices. The members present included Bros. O. Heinemann, W.M.; Isidor Ehrmann, W.M. clect; F. Walker, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; E. N. Glaeser, S.D.; F. M. Prince, J.D.; F. H. Jarvis, P.M.; E. Daoust, P.M.; J. P. Leith, P.M., P.G.D.; C. F. Bennowitz, P.M.; M. Ehrmann, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. H. Westcott, 1563; C. Wright, P.M. 1460; H. C. T. Hunt, S.D. 134; A. Rumsey, P.M. 1194; Walter Dennis, W.M. 9; H. Lewis, 2473; C. J. Coombs, W.M. 780; C. H. Bull, P.M. 1796; H. Webb, 1681; H. G. Walker, J.W. 1614; S. Very, 714 (New York); J. E. Hill, S.W. 1460; S. E. Firminger, I.G. 1559; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; W. H. Cannon, 858; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report adopted. Messrs. F. W. Sawyer, H. J. Palmer, and A. Tabor were then duly initiated. Bro. Isidor Ehrmann was next presented for installation by Bro. Jarvis, P.M., and was installed into the chair by Bro. Bennowitz, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. F. Walker, S.W.; E. N. Glaeser, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; F. M. Prince, S.D.; A. J. Wilson, J.D.; M. Ehrmann, I.G.; E. Delacoste, P.M., D.C.; C. J. Butler, Stwd.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Heinemann, I.P.M., was presented by the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel as a token of respect and esteem, which was suitably acknowledged. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., when the usual toasts were acknowledged.

Bro. J. Percy Leith, P.G.D., replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and said that those distinguished brethren did their utmost to merit the approval of the Craft by paying due attention to all matters for the welfare and success of the Craft.

Bro. O. Heinemann, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed his confidence that in Bro. I. Ehrmann they had a Master who would do credit as a ruler of the Craft, and carry out the traditions of the Royal Kensington Lodge.

Bro. Isidor Ehrmann, W.M., in response, said: I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the very kind way in which you have received the toast of my health. Our I.P.M. has told us that he has full confidence in my capacity for upholding the traditions of the Royal Kensington Lodge. I can assure you, brethren, that it is my firm intention to uphold the traditions of this lodge to the very best and the very utmost of my power, and may its success long continue and its sun never set. I thank the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he has proposed my health, and you, brethren, for the enthusiastic manner in which you have drunk it.

In giving "The Initiates," the W.M. said he would not forget the motto with which he started—that of brevity—and would simply say he believed the three initiates would be valuable acquisitions to the lodge, and were most excellent Masons in embryo.

Bros. Sawyer, Tabor, and Palmer replied, expressing gratification at their reception and their admiration for the ceremony through which they had passed.

The W.M. next submitted "The Masonic Charities," remarking that he wished he possessed eloquence sufficient to tell them of the good work done by the three Institutions. He would call upon Bros. Terry and McLeod to reply, who would tell the brethren what was being done in the present and what would be done in the future.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., acknowledged the compliment paid him, and also the pleasure of seeing yet another Master installed in the chair of this lodge. Referring to the Boys' School Centenary Festival, he desired that they should have the greatest festival known, but whilst they were thinking of the young of both sexes, they should not forget the aged of both sexes, who also deserved their sympathy. The sum of £16,500 paid in annuities was no inconsiderable sum to be raised, leaving the working expenses out, and these were payable in advance, being handed over within three weeks after the election. The Institution was doing an incalculable amount of good, and they must remember that aged people were not like young children, who were more able to take care of themselves as time passed. Children were frequently adopted by friends, but it was a rare thing to hear of an old man or widow being adopted also.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., responded. They had now 279 boys on the books of the School, and a great number seeking admission, for whom they wanted extended premises. It had been decided, after full discussion, to remove, and that step was a wise one, and they were happy in the knowledge that they were being supported, and had been supported, in past years to enable that scheme to be brought forward. They hoped it would be satisfactory to all who had the success of the Institution at heart. He did not know which way the support of that lodge would go during the coming year; but he was content to leave that to the W.M., who would, if he thought fit, support the M.W.G.M. He should be delighted if the W.M. saw fit to do what he could for either of the Institutions, for all were worthy of support, and he trusted none would suffer from any special effort given to one or other of the Institutions. The Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, and the others suffered, and for the greater success of the Benevolent Institution, the Boys' and Girls' Schools suffered, and it was possible that in the coming year the "glamour" of the Boys' School which had been referred to, might cause the others to suffer. After that he hoped they might go on evenly and peaceably.

Bro. W. Dennis, W.M. 9, replying for "The Visitors," said it would ill become him after the example of the W.M. to make any lengthy remarks. He would briefly but sincerely thank them for the manner in which the toast had been received. They read in the Book of Constitutions that it was the duty of a W.M. to avail himself of every opportunity of visiting other lodges. The conduct of this lodge in extending such a hospitable reception made it easy for brethren of other lodges to conform to that particular law laid down for their guidance.

Bros. Wright, P.M. 1460, and Woodrow, P.M., also replied.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said that although not numerically strong the Past Masters were a great strength in the lodge. The Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Stevens, P.M., and Hay, P.M., were excellent Past Masters and were always willing to help the W.M. He thanked Bro. Bennewitz, P.M., for the excellent manner in which he did the installation ceremony.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., Treas., reported that the finances were in a good condition, and Bro. Hay, P.M., Sec., expressed the hope that the lodge would prosper under the present W.M.

Bro. Bennewitz, P.M., said that although leaving London he should not sever his connection with the lodge, but should endeavour to attend as many meetings as possible.

"The Officers," concluded a most successful meeting, which augurs well for the lodge during the ensuing year under the Mastership of Bro. Ehrmann.

Bro. Charles Butler was assisted in an excellent musical programme by Miss Clarissa Talbot, Miss Mabel Hester, Miss Millicent Prince, Bro. Septimus Marsland, and Mr. Broughton Black.

**Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.**

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Lord Brooke Hotel, Shern Hall-street, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. W. J. Short, W.M.; F. Keblell, S.W., W.M. elect; W. C. Lane, J.W.; Geo. Keblell, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Garrard, J.D.; W. W. West, D.C.; E. Alexander, I.G.; J. Felsenthal, Org.; W. H. Garrett and A. G. Hopkins, Stewards; Marx Gross, Tyler; T. Probert, P.M.; H. C. Turner, P.M.; J. H. Wildash, P.M.; F. J. Hallows, P.M.; R. W. Pettit, E. E. Philpott, S. C. Botten, E. R. Kidman, A. Neilson, G. Granger, F. B. Amos, R. Attewell, W. A. Sims, T. Maynard, J. Kelf, G. W. Le Fevre, J. Griffiths, W. Bosley, F. J. Short, A. J. Escott, F. Croft, and W. Gower, Prov. G. Treas. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Shurmer, P.G.S.B.; J. Bruton, 228; H. Willmsmer, 1567; F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326; G. Clark, P.M. 1679; H. Dean, 1298; G. Wales, 1602; Leo Taylor, J.D. 2501; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Short, W.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wm. Shurmer, P.G.S.B., who initiated Mr. F. Croft in a most exemplary manner. Bro. Short resumed the chair, and Bro. W. Gower, Prov. G. Treas., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. Short vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. C. Turner, P.M., who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Keblell, in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. W. J. Short acting as D.C. Bro. F. Keblell, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Short, I.P.M.; W. C. Lane, S.W.; W. J. Garrard, J.W.; W. Gower, P.M. 2374, Prov. G. Treas. Treas.; G. Keblell, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Jarrett, S.D.; E. Alexander, J.D.; W. W. West, I.G.; A. G. Hopkins, D.C.; F. Felsenthal, Org.; A. A. Sims and F. J. Short, Stewards; and Marx Gross, Tyler. The addresses were most effectively rendered by Bro. H. C. Turner, P.M.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital supper, supplied by Bro. Hallows, the proprietor.

The cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, after which Bro. Short proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was a great privilege for the first time in his life. He called the attention of the brethren to the extract from *Dombey and Son* "I came all the way to see him in his new clothes." The W.M. now appeared in his new clothes which became him, and he felt confident that he would prove one of the best Masters the lodge had ever had.

In reply, Bro. F. Keblell, W.M., said he had not much time to meditate and his heart was full of overflowing, but he would assure the brethren he accepted most cordially their kind sentiments. When he was initiated it was one of the proudest moments in his life to be admitted into such an august body, and now that he was installed it was the happiest moment. His earnest desire was that as time advanced the present year would prove one of peace, love and harmony in the Beaconsfield Lodge, and which should always characterise Freemasonry. He hoped that the brethren would accept the few words spoken from his heart.

The W.M. next proposed "The Initiate."

Bro. F. Croft, in reply, stated he was proud of such a reception, and specially felt highly honoured in being initiated by a Grand Officer. He tendered his heartfelt thanks for their great kindness in receiving him into so honourable an Order.

In giving the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. H. C. Turner, P.M.," the W.M. said it was one which deserved his best thanks. He would assure the brethren he was gratified beyond measure at the able manner he (the W.M.) had been installed. Bro. Turner had taken him by the hand when he was initiated, and now he had reached the summit of his ambition.

Bro. H. C. Turner, in reply, said it was most gratifying to him at having been so kindly spoken of by the W.M. and also for the manner in which the brethren so heartily received the toast. Since his initiation, he had always striven to perform the duties devolving upon him to his best ability, and he hoped so long as he remained a member he should do his very utmost for its welfare.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," which was an honour and pleasure. It needed no commendation; their great deeds were enrolled among the archives of the lodge, and the success of the lodge was through their untiring energy and indefatigability, and the praise of the lodge was due to them. The I.P.M. had done his duties during the past year with very great credit, and the brethren had voted him the handsome Past Master's jewel, together with a Jubilee jewel, as a mark of their appreciation, with the earnest desire that he would be enabled to wear the same for many years in the lodge.

At this juncture Bro. H. C. Turner, P.M., was deputed, in the name of the eight initiates of Bro. G. Keblell, P.M., Sec., to present him with a Past Master's collar and jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. G. Keblell by the eight initiates of his year of office as a token of regard—1895 G." Bro. Turner expressed the hope that Bro. Keblell might long live to wear the same.

Bro. Short, I.P.M., in reply to the toast, said he could not express his feelings adequately; it had been the proudest year in his life. The brethren had presented him with a Past Master's jewel and also the Jubilee jewel, for which he thanked them from the bottom of his heart.

Bros. Wildash (the father of the lodge), Probert, G. Keblell, and H. C. Turner, also very ably responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most pertinently placed before the brethren by the W.M., and most cordially received.

This was ably replied to by Bros. Dunstan, P.M.; Clarke, P.M.; Stone, P.M.; Taylor, Dean, and Willmsmer.

"The Officers" toast having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a very happy and successful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was provided under the direction of Bro. W. A. Sims, very efficiently assisted by Mrs. McFarlane Sims, Miss Alice Keblell, Miss Mary Spicer, Mr. Warwick Buckland (reciter), and Bros. C. H. Stone, W. A. Sims, and Francis Donald. Mrs. McFarlane Sims (Guildhall School of Music), ably presided at the piano.

**Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150.**

This successful lodge held its installation meeting at the Frascati, Oxford-street, on the 2nd inst., when there was a large attendance. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Stratton, P.M. 753, was supported by Bros. F. Schmitz, P.M. 90, W.M. elect; W. Godson, J.W.; J. Turk Lacey, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C. Sec.; W. R. Carpenter, S.D.; A. Craddock, J.D.; W. J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, Vice-Pres. Board of Gwn. Pur.; W. T. Farthing, P.M.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., P.G.S.B.; F. Schreiber, P.M.; E. P. Moore, T. Way, W. Levy, and H. E. Weston, Stwds; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W.; W. R. Yates, P.M. 1732; F. Fischer (Berlin), R. J. Godson, 2455; E. Lyons, 205; G. B. Godson, 1328; R. Jennings, P.M. 907; E. Morson, P.M. 1996; T. Griffiths, P.M. and Sec. 907; H. Northcroft, 33; T. Shillitoe, P.M. 1008; E. F. Philippe, W.M. 65; B. Morrison, 2535; Geo. Davis, P.M. 167; J. Strickland, 1602; A. G. Duck, P.M. 898; H. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; C. G. Baker, A. Badeker, W.M. 907; H. J. Sarson, 2000; T. W. Heath, P.M. 1642; S. Groner, P.M. 1613; H. T. Gomin, S.D. 780; R. Manuel, P.M. 1196; J. Miller, P.M. 173; R. Barnes, P.M. 1261; S. J. H. Chandler, W.M. 753; A. J. Naughton, 2531; F. Miller, 1767; C. Hollingsworth, 1329; T. A. Renwick, 179; J. Hutton Haylor, D.C. 2535; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Felix Schmitz was presented

as W.M. elect by Bro. Farthing, P.M., D.C., and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Stratton. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. Godson, S.W.; W. R. Carpenter, J.W.; J. Turk Lacey, P.M., Treas.; J. Stephens, D.G.D.C., Sec.; A. Craddock, S.D.; E. P. Moore, J.D.; T. Way, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; N. Levy and H. E. Weston, Stewards; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The Auditors' report was unanimously adopted, and the lodge is to be congratulated on having a balance in hand of £200, after making several charitable donations during the year.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet followed, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Kalla and his assistants.

The customary toasts were afterwards given, interspersed with items from a charming musical programme rendered by Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Florence Venning, Bros. C. Chilley, Barry Lindon, and W. T. Miles.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said that the brethren, in their small spheres, had to give their undivided attention in attending to business; but what must the burden be that rested upon the shoulders of the Grand Officers? They could not be too grateful that men of culture, eminence, and position came forward to take their share of the work. They were peculiarly favoured that evening by the presence of Bro. Sir John Monckton, and they had also two Grand Officers in their own ranks—Bros. Jas. Stephens and J. J. Thomas.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., said he was not responding to this toast for the first time by a good many, and it was very difficult indeed to vary the expression of one's thanks. He should weary them were he to tell all he knew of the Grand Officers present or the Grand Officers generally. None the less heartily he responded to the toast so kindly and feelingly proposed by the W.M. It was an honour to stand up with such brethren as Bros. J. Stephens and J. J. Thomas.

Bro. W. J. Stratton, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said they all knew how assiduously Bro. Schmitz had worked since he joined the lodge and were proud to see him attain the high position of the chair. He congratulated the lodge on having such a W.M.

Bro. F. Schmitz, W.M., said that from his heart he thanked the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast and the brethren for the generous reception given it. He assured them he should never regret the day he joined their lodge, for since then he had received nothing but the greatest kindness. He had also succeeded in gaining some personal friends amongst them. What he had been able to do for the lodge he had done with the greatest pleasure, and he had found his reward in their generous appreciation. Whatever he could do during his year would be done with pleasure, so that when he relinquished the chair he should carry with him that regard and esteem which he hoped and trusted he held that night. With these few words he asked them to accept his most grateful thanks.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who said that before Bro. Stratton reached the chair he had endeared himself to every member, but he had considerably enhanced his reputation during his year of office as a thoroughly earnest Mason. In some evenings the Three Degrees had been worked, which was no small feat of memory. He (the W.M.) had the greatest pleasure in pinning on Bro. Stratton's breast a jewel as a mark of esteem and regard from the brethren, and they hoped he would be spared for many years to remain a revered and respected P.M.

Bro. W. J. Stratton, I.P.M., in response, said he felt highly elated at the handsome jewel presented to him. He had always received kindness and assistance from the P.Ms. and members of the lodge, and he hoped to wear the jewel for many years to come.

Bro. Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., replied for "The Masonic Charities," and having referred to the claims of the three Institutions, said the Tivoli Lodge had done well for those Charities in the past and would continue to do so in the future. The W.M. had stated his intention of representing the lodge at the next Boys' School Festival when he was sure to be sent up with a handsome list.

In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. drew attention to the advantages derived from interchange of visits between members of different lodges, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Badeker and Monckton, who made suitable responses.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and "The Officers," were duly honoured before the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and pleasant meeting.

**Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.**

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., and the following are the officers for the year: Bros. W. A. Shaw, W.M.; J. Tomlinson, S.W.; R. Clamp, J.W.; Capt. J. Hoey, I.P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Whitburn, S.D.; G. J. Woolridge, J.D.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., D.C.; A. J. F. Gunning, I.G.; H. W. Gloster and A. Althorp, Stwds.; and W. Chapman, Tyler. There were also present Bros. C. F. Waters, H. Wilkins, Kennett, Honnor, and Walker, together with the following visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; G. B. Smallpiece, Prov. G. Treas.; C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; W. A. Latham, Prov. A.G. Sec.; S. C. Knight, P.M. 1395; Wellington Lake, S.W. 777; R. E. H. Goffin, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Davis, 1194; F. Harper, W.M., W. Brooks, S.W.; A. McCormack, J.W., and H. J. Bidwell, Sec., all of 2120; E. A. Brown, W.M. 2521; A. H. Gale, J.W. 2521; J. R. Rutter, W.M., E. Halfside, S.W., and F. Miller, J.W., all of 1360; T. L. Smith, W.M. 1564; F. Theobald, J.W. 1564; W. H. Twort, W.M. 1714; D. G. Norman, P.M. 2745; H. B. Osburn, 2745; E. J. Eastes, Org. 2394; W. Broomhall, 2466; W. Macklin, 2234; F. J. Pullan, S.W. 216; E. Head, 1681; G. W. Smith, 1681; and James Whitburn, 1564.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. John Baker, which proving satisfactory, he was admitted and initiated. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Shaw, P.M., was placed in the chair in a very impressive manner by the retiring Master, Bro. Capt. Hoey.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed and the brethren partook of a choice banquet under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Shaw, W.M.

The usual toasts followed. Bro. R. F. Gould replied for "The Grand Officers" and Bro. G. B. Smallpiece, Prov. G. Treas., for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music, in which Bros. Wilkins, Head, Smith, Theobald, Rutter, Harper, and Eastes took part.

The Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable evening to a close.

**Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.**

The first meeting of the present season was held at the Frascati, Oxford-street, on the 1st inst., and proved of an interesting character. During the short and brilliant career of the lodge, three of its members—Bros. W. H. Bailey, Jas. Stephens, and E. L. Valeriani,—have been promoted to Grand Lodge rank, and a further addition is probable in the coming year. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, who it will be remembered, retired from the Grand Treasurer's contest on the last occasion in favour of Bro. Vaughan, will be nominated at the proper time, and his friends and well-wishers have no doubt as to the result. The members present included Bros. E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., W.M.; W. Thomas, P.M., S.W.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., P.M., J.W.; Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., Sec.; Maj. E. J. Reed, S.D.; B. Carter, J.D.; W. H. Making, P.M., I.G.; M. S. Rubinst in, Org.; J. Hutton Haylor, and W. H. G. Rudderforth, P.M., D.Cs.; S. Hussey, P.M., and W. J. Batho, Stwds.; Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, B. A. Griffin, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. J. Eadie, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; F. S. Priest, I.P.M. 1637; F. Dowdall, 1708, C. H. Peacock, 1984; W. J. Styles, J.D. 91; Donald Munro, 2310; A. Gray, I.G. 2310; J. M. Ensell, 1541; and W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. W. A. Grosutt and J. Stevens were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. J. W. Ward was passed to the Second Degree.

Several apologies were received from distinguished brethren, and the lodge was closed.

During the banquet—which was well served, under the personal supervision of the courteous manager, Bro. Kalla—the following telegram was sent to Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., who was absent on account of indisposition:

"Brethren of Fellowship Lodge regret your enforced absence, and unite most earnestly in the hope for your speedy restoration to excellent health, and kindly wishes to Mrs. Bailey."

The usual toasts followed. Bro. J. Stephens, D.G.D.C., answering for "The Grand Officers," said it would ill

become him to detain them, having regard to the nice programme of music before them. Their lodge had a right to be proud that in the course of its brief existence it had been able to number no less than three Grand Officers amongst its members. He was pleased to see amongst them—and he wished he came more often—their excellent Bro. Clifford Probyn. Many of them would remember how magnanimously that brother stood on one side on behalf of Bro. Vaughan Morgan. Although they had three Grand Officers in the lodge, he hoped yet a fourth would be added in the person of Bro. Colonel Clifford Probyn, and he hoped the members would do everything possible in order to bring about that successful result.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he did so with every possible degree of pleasure for several reasons. First, because in Masonic life obedience was one of the first tenets of the Craft, and he had had his instructions from the Dep. G.D.C. His second reason was that he had been for many years identified with the W.M., and anything he could do to afford honour and pleasure to Bro. Valeriani was always willingly done. He had known the W.M. a great number of years, and whether he shone in the Rothesay Lodge—his mother lodge—or the Fellowship Lodge, of which he was a founder and its present W.M., he was at heart a thorough good English Freemason. That fact had been recognised by Grand Lodge and his merits appreciated by the authorities. In conclusion, he asked the brethren to drink in the heartiest, kindest, and best Masonic manner to the health of the W.M.

Bro. E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., W.M., in reply, said he could not find words to express what his heart felt for their kindness and generosity since he had known them. In his own language he could find words to express what he felt but in theirs it was impossible. Whether he deserved what had been said of him or not he had always done his very best in performing any duties he had undertaken. He was very proud of the dignity and reward the M.W.G.M. had thought fit to give him. He held the record in the lodge for a list for the Charities, his total being £425. He did not do this for ambition, but knowing the good men to follow him he thought he would set them an example. They all intended to do their best to secure the election of Bro. Col. Clifford Probyn as Grand Treasurer, not because he was a member of their lodge, but rather because he was a good man and a good Mason.

"The Visitors" was given and acknowledged by Bros. F. J. Eedle, P.P.G.S.W. Essex, and F. S. Priest, I.P.M. 1637.

Bro. Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., replying for "The Masonic Charities," referred to each of the three Institutions and said there was no Society could boast of such splendid charities. There was, however, no reason to preach charity in the Fellowship Lodge, for in three years they had sent up in round figures £1100. He regretted that having been asked to officiate as D.C. at the Masonic Service on the following Sunday, he should be unable to do so having already promised to go to Yarmouth, but he hoped the brethren would attend in goodly numbers as the collection would be divided between the Masonic Boys' and Girls' School.

"The P.Ms., Treas., and Sec.," and "Officers," were duly honoured before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The following artistes assisted in a very enjoyable programme of music: Miss Edith Yorke, Miss Marian Blinkhorn, and Bro. Herbert Emlyn, and Barry Lindon.

## Royal Arch.

### Moir Chapter, No 92.

The November meeting of this ancient chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., Comp. G. Greiner, M.E.Z., occupied the chair, and among those who attended were Comps. E. D. Oppert, H.; J. Mitchell, J.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.Z., as Scribe E.; W. H. Hooker, P.Z.; and R. W. Tweddie, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. alluded in feeling terms to the loss which the chapter had sustained by the death of Comp. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., I.P.Z., Scribe E., and concluded by moving the following resolution, which was carried by acclamation: "That the companions have heard with deep sorrow of the death of Colonel Sir N. W. D. Pringle, Baronet, I.P.Z., and they desire to place upon record their high appreciation of his eminent public and Masonic services, and of the skill, energy, and fraternal kindness with which he has ever performed his duties."

The chapter was then closed and a banquet followed.

### Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Comps. Buxton, M.E.Z.; C. Sims, P.Z., as H.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., as J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; C. Smith, P.S., J. elect; Wolsey and Clay, A.Ss.; George Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas., Treas.; C. H. Kohler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Salter, P.Z.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.A. C.H.C. Surrey.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. C. Smith was installed as J. by Comp. Major Walls. The S.E. reported that he had forwarded a copy of the resolution of condolence passed by the chapter to the widow and family of the late Comp. C. Colwell. Comp. C. H. Kohler, P.Z., was elected to represent the chapter at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. A. Lundie, H. Lingley, I.P.Z.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed; refreshment followed labour.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Comp. George Everett, P.G. Treas.

In his response, Comp. Everett spoke of the great strides the Order had made during recent years; but he did not think so many chapters were necessary. There were many chapters languishing for the induction of fresh blood. One lodge could not keep a chapter going; it required several. No. 1381 was a prosperous one; but still he should like to see a few more members in it, especially if they came from the mother lodge. In conclusion, he felt proud of being the father and Treasurer of so happy a Masonic body as the Kennington Chapter undoubtedly was.

The M.E.Z., in giving the toast of "The Past Principals," spoke in very high terms of their respective merits. He said that amongst them were some of the best exponents of the ritual in London. He coupled the toast with the names of Comps. H. J. Lardner and H. Salter.

Comps. Lardner and Salter duly responded.

Comps. H. Higgins, S.E.; Whitney, Wolsey, and Clay acknowledged the toast of "The Officers."

During the evening the M.E.Z., Comp. R. B. Hopkins, and others entertained the companions.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Shadwell Clerke Chapter, No. 107.

The installation meeting was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on the 27th ultimo, when there were present Bros. W. M. Stiles, M.W.S.; A. Scurrah, M.W.S. elect; H. Lovegrove, 31<sup>st</sup>, Treas.; J. Read, 30<sup>th</sup>, Recorder; C. H. Fry, G. W. Capel, J. W. Stevens, J. Purrott, T. Parker, H. Graham, M.P., W. A. Scurrah, 30<sup>th</sup>; and J. H. Buxton.

After the preliminary business, Bro. A. H. Scurrah was installed into the chair of M.W.S. by his uncle, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, 30<sup>th</sup>. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. G. W. Capel, Prelate; J. William Stevens, 1<sup>st</sup> Gen.; J. Purrott, 2nd Gen.; H. Lovegrove, 31<sup>st</sup>, Treas.; J. Read, 30<sup>th</sup>, Recorder; T. Parker, Marshal; H. R. Graham, M.P., Raphael; Buxton, D.C.; Metcalfe, Capt. of Guard; and G. Austin, Outer Guard. A handsome jewel was presented to Bro. W. M. Stiles, and the chapter was closed.

A banquet at the Criterion followed.

## Mark Masonry.

### Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

An ordinary meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 25th ult. The W.M. Bro. Sir T. Carmichael, Bart., presided, and was assisted by his officers Bros. J. R. Reep, H. Lovegrove, P.G. I. of Wks; Chas. Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; J. Campbell Johnstone, W. F. Bates, P.M.; C. J. Axford, P.M.; J. Smith, I.P.M.; J. Read, P.G. Org.; and others. The only visitor was Bro. H. Thomson Lyon.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Page, of the St. Ambrose Lodge, and he was duly exalted.

The members afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

## Cryptic Masonry.

### Grand Masters' Council, No. 1.

A meeting of this distinguished council was held on the 20th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall. Among those present were Bros. and Comps. J. J. Pakes, T.I.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.D.M.; H. P. Hay, P.C.W.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.T.I.M., Recorder; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., G. Chap., Chap.; Rev. C. E. Wright, P.G. Chap., Asst. Chap.; J. J. Thomas, C. of C.; B. Stewart, 1st Marshal; G. Briggs, 2nd Marshal; H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M.; W. H. Toye, and O. Heinemann.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were read from Comps. Baron de Ferrieres, P.I.I.M.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.T.I.M.; G. Powell, P.T.I.M.; G. Gregory, J. N. Frye, John Smith, C. Slater, H. Higgins, W. M. Stiles, and others.

The council was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant. The T.I.M. presided in a genial and humorous vein.

The toast of "The Past Thrice Illustrious Masters," was coupled with the name of Comp. H. J. Lardner, who in his response regretted that there appeared to be a dearth of candidates for the interesting Degree of Cryptic Masonry. He remembered the time when scarcely a meeting passed without the admission of brethren eager to master the mysteries of the Order. However, although new members were rare, yet the Grand Masters' Council was yet a strong and influential body, and long might it remain so.

Bros. Hay, Fillingham, and Stewart, responded on behalf of "The Visitors." The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

## Obituary.

### BRO. J. J. E. WILLMOTT, M.D., P.G.D.

The Australian papers announce the death, from paralysis, of Bro. Julius J. E. Willmott, M.D., Past Grand Deacon, E.C., at the comparatively early age of 48. Our late brother had been for nearly 20 years in practice in Melbourne. As a Mason, he was initiated in an Aberdeen lodge whilst at the University in that city, and in due course was advanced in the Mark Degree and exalted a Royal Arch Mason in an Aberdeen chapter. Coming to England, he practised as a physician in Weston-super-Mare, and while in that town joined the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, eventually becoming W.M. Not long after his arrival in Melbourne, Bro. Willmott joined the Combermere Lodge, No. 752 (now the only remaining English lodge in the Colony of Victoria), and in 1882-3 was its W.M. He was a P.Z. of the Combermere Chapter, a P.M. and founder of the Combermere Mark Lodge, No. 336, and a founder and P.S. of the Melbourne Conclave, No. 143, Red Cross of Constantine. In 1887, on the recommendation of the late Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., at that time District Grand Master of Victoria, E.C., our deceased brother was honoured with the rank of Past Grand Deacon of England, also of Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in Grand Chapter. He was further Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Grand J. of the defunct District of Victoria. On the first movement being set on foot for the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge of Victoria, Bro. Willmott strongly opposed it, in conjunction with the late Bro. Dr. St. John Clarke, Deputy District Grand Master, E.C., and subsequently Past Grand Warden of England. They were both equally strong in their opposition to the formation of the present United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and, to the last, held aloof, being content to belong to an English Lodge.

### BRO. THE REV. SAMUEL HOUGHTON, M.A., F.R.S.

Freemasonry, as well as Science, has received a blow in the demise of Bro. the Rev. Samuel Houghton, M.A., F.R.S., probably the best known of the Dons of Trinity College, Dublin, where his obsequies were celebrated with academic pomp on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Our lamented brother was a warm-hearted Freemason, whose interest in the Craft lasted all his life. He actively assisted the late Professor Galbraith, and Bro. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D. (who happily survives to us), in organising the Trinity College Lodge, No. 357, I.C., of which he was P.M., and continued a member till his death. Bro. Dr. Houghton had the singular distinction, of which he was very proud, of holding Doctor's Degrees, each in a separate faculty, from the three sister Universities—M.D. from Dublin, LL.D. from Cambridge, and D.C.L. from Oxford, besides innumerable distinctions from learned bodies of lesser pretension.

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
- 185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.
- 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
- 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
- 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
- 1657, Skelmersdale, Albion Tavern.
- 1694, Imperial, Cheet's Restaurant.
- 1728, Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel.
- 2000, La France, Cafe Royal.
- 2180, Willesden, St. Andrew's Schools.
- 2545, Iris, Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street.
- 2563, Justicia, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
- Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
- 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.
- Kegent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
- 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.
- South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.
- 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, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
- Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
- North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.**

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.
- 102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
- 704, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.
- 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall.
- 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2022, Haven, Public Hall, Ealing.
- 2408, Hampstead, Vestry Hall, Haverstock Hill.
- 2500, Old Boys, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 933, Doric, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
- 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1004, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 238, Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel.

**ROSE CROIX.**

- 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square, W.

**RED CROSS.**

- 122, Saye and Sele, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, The Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
- Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 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 Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
- Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
- Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
- Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, 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.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.
- Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.**

General Committee of Grand Lodge, and Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall.
- 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
- 140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- 702, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
- 909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1044, Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel.
- 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1278, Burdett-Coutts, London Tavern.
- 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
- 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
- 1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1077, Crusaders, Cock Tavern.
- 2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.
- 2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common.
- 2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 2301, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
- 2450, Chancery Bar, The Hall of Lincoln's Inn.
- 2509, Borough, Bridge House Hotel.
- 2601, Holloway, Beale's Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 2489, Willesden, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGES.**

- 198, Croydon, Greyhound Hotel.
- 199, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel.

**ROSE CROIX.**

- 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
- City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
- Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
- Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
- Derby Alcroft, 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., at 8.
- Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
- Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
- Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
- Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
- London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
- Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
- Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
- Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
- Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
- Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.
- Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
- St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
- Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
- Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
- Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-ros 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.
- Domatic 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, NOVEMBER 18.**

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
- 55, Constitutional, Cannon-street, Hotel.
- 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
- 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel.
- 181, Universal, Albion Tavern.
- 657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
- 735, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
- 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1227, Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1365, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lavender Hill.
- 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1598, Ley Spring, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
- 2310, London Scottish Rifles, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 0, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
- 834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.
- 1085, Guelph, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone, E.

**MARK LODGES.**

- 357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- 301, Onslow, Cafe Royal.
- 451, Bolingbroke, Railway Hotel, Battersea Rise.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

- 154, Shadwell Clerke, 33, Golden-square.

**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, 205, Strand W.C., at 7.
- Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Crecent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
- Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
- Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
- Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.

- Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
- Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.
- Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
- 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, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
- St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
- St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
- Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
- Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
- Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Critchdri 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, NOVEMBER 19.**

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
- 075, Rose of Denmark, Horns Tavern.
- 1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel.
- 2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2349, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 469, Savage Club, Mark Masons' Hall.

**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.
- 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.
- Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
- The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and and 4th Friday, at 7.
- Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
- Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
- Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
- 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1767, Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel.
- 2308, Viator, Anderson's Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
- 1720, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

OWING to the heavy demands on our space, we are reluctantly compelled to hold over till next week several reports, amongst others, the installation meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF DERBY have been entertaining a numerous and distinguished party of guests at Knowsley during the present week, in connection with the Liverpool race meeting.

THE QUEEN and the ladies and gentlemen of her Court will leave Balmoral for Windsor Castle this (Friday) afternoon, and are expected to arrive at their destination about 9 a.m. to-morrow morning.

PRINCE FREDERICK HENRY OF PRUSSIA and his suite left Victoria Station on Saturday morning last on their return to Berlin. Lieut.-Col. A. Davidson, Equerry to the Queen, and the staff of the German Embassy were present at their departure.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE visited Windsor Castle on Saturday last, and inspected the Royal vault where lie the remains of his late sister, and afterwards proceeded to the Albert Chapel and saw the wreath and other floral tributes sent by the Queen and Royal Family, and others.

OWING to the hard condition of the ground which lately existed in Lincolnshire, and which is so dangerous to hunting, there have been almost as many cyclists as horsemen attending the meets, among the former being many ladies, who regularly follow the hounds.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Queen's Commemoration Fund for the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was held at Grosvenor House, under the presidency of the Duke of Westminster, on Saturday last, when it was announced that the Fund had reached a total of £70,000.

THE GOOD PEOPLE OF DUDLEY presented a magnificent silver cradle on Monday to Earl Dudley, in order to mark the birth of a daughter during the term of his Mayoralty. In the evening his lordship entertained a party of over 200 guests at a Mayoral banquet in the public hall.

THE QUEEN'S visitors at Balmoral on Saturday last included Bro. Lord and Lady Blythswood and the Rev. Dr. Macgregor, who had the honour of dining with her Majesty, while on the same day Earl Grey and Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Edmund Monson, British Ambassador in Paris, left the Castle on the conclusion of their visit.

MESSRS. J. AND M. L. TREGASKIS, of 232, High Holborn, W.C., have a remarkable collection of antiquities, art objects, and curiosities, and are now issuing a catalogue fully illustrated, of a portion, copies of which may be had, post free, on application. They are the well-known dealers in old books and manuscripts, Mrs. Tregaskis having long been described as the "Lady Quaritch."

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND WELSH EDUCATION.—At a meeting of the Council of the South Wales and Monmouthshire University College, the following message was read from the Prince of Wales, Chancellor of the Welsh University: "The Prince of Wales is much pleased to hear that the candidates for degrees have come out so extremely well, and he considers it reflects great credit on all concerned."

THE DUKE OF SAXE COBURG GOTHA, attended by Capt. the Hon. D. J. Monson, arrived at Sandringham on Monday, and the Duke and Duchess of Fife the following day in order to take part in the private celebration of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday. Bros. Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., and C. Sykes, and others concluded their visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales on Monday, while among other visitors have been Lady Suffield, the Duke of Sutherland, and Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

THE KHEDIVÉ'S first reception was held at Cairo on Saturday last, and was very numerously attended. In the afternoon his Highness and his Ministers went to the railway station to meet the King of Siam, in whose honour a State banquet was held in the Abdeen Palace on Sunday. On Monday his Majesty left for Luxor and Assouan to attend the opening of the Nazhamadi Bridge. The Khedive and Prince Mohammed Ali have been decorated by his Majesty with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the White Elephant.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, the Duke of Teck, and Prince Adolphus of Teck, attended a service at Kew Parish Church on Sunday last, in memory of the late Duchess of Teck. The Royal party occupied seats in the pew of the Duke of Cambridge, who was present. The vicar in his sermon, paid an eloquent tribute to the kindness of the late Duchess on behalf of the parish, as evidenced by the church which had been completed and the Voluntary Schools which had been erected, mainly through her late Royal Highness's instrumentality.

MR. FREDERICK JACKSON, leader of the late Jackson-Harmsworth Arctic Expedition, was present on Monday evening in the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, and gave a vivid description of the labours of himself and companions during the three consecutive winters spent in Franz Josef Land. Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical Society, occupied the chair, and among the audience were Admiral Sir George Nares, Bro. Admiral Sir Leopold M'Clintock, Sir George Robinson, and many others interested in geographical discovery.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by the Princess Victoria and attended by Miss Knollys, General Sir Dighton Probyn, Major-General Sir A. Ellis, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, attended divine service in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Sandringham Park, on Sunday morning last. The Rev. Lord W. E. R. Cecil, Rector of Bishop Hatfield and son of the Marquis of Salisbury, preached the sermon, in which his lordship made eloquent and touching reference to the loss recently sustained by the Royal Family through the death of the Duchess of Teck.

ON JANUARY 1ST, 1898, *The African Critic* will be incorporated with a new paper to be called *The Critic*, which Mr. Henry Hess will issue from 156 and 157, Leadenhall-street, London, E.C. As the title indicates, the objects of the new journal will be to extend the field of criticism into other directions. Politics, Finance, and Sport are to form the main features of the new production, but Music and the Drama, Literature, and Art, and Woman's Sphere will not be neglected. *The Critic* will be issued on Saturdays, price 6d., and will consist of 64 pages, in form and shape similar to its well-known parent.

MONDAY was an exceedingly busy day in the City. Firstly, Lord Mayor Sir G. Faudel Phillips unveiled in the Royal Exchange the picture representing the visit of Charles the First to the Guildhall to demand the surrender of the Five Members, which has been painted by Mr. S. J. Solomon, A.R.A., and presented by Bro. Sir Samuel Montagu, Bart., M.P. Then, at the conclusion of the business in the Mansion House Justice Room, expressed his thanks to the officers of the court and the representatives of the legal profession present for the unvarying kindness and courtesy he had received from them during his Mayoralty. He subsequently joined the Lord Mayor elect (Bro. Alderman Davies, M.P.), in entertaining at luncheon at the Mansion House, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, Under Sheriffs, and High Officers of the Corporation, together with the Masters, Wardens, and Courts of the Spectacle Makers', Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers', and Shipwrights' Companies, among them present being Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P.; Sir William White, K.C.B.; Bro. B. L. Cohen, M.P.; Sir W. Pearce, Bro. Col. and Ex-Sheriff Cowan, and Ex-Sheriff Clarke. Lastly, the Lord Mayor elect, attended at the Guildhall and entered upon his office with the accustomed formalities, while the retiring Lord Mayor, before vacating the chair, addressed a few words of thanks to his brother Aldermen and the High Officers of the Corporation. The weather throughout the day was of the kind we ordinarily look for in the month of November, but can hardly be described as "brilliant."

EVERY MASON should read "Volo, or the Will," what it is, how to strengthen and how to use it. By Arthur Lovell, author of "Ars Vivendi." Crown 8vo., cloth, 3s. 6d. net; by post, 3s. 9d. Many curious and interesting facts are given about ancient and modern initiations. Catalogue post free. Nichols and Co., Publishers, 23, Oxford-street, W. *Light*, Sept., 1897—"The Author's theories seem to us reasonable and valuable." *The Glasgow Herald*, Sept., 1897—"Mr. LOVELL has much that is valuable to say on the subject of the Will. The advices which he gives as to the training and disciplining of the Will and its practical cultivation are excellent, while the central principle of his philosophy is beyond question."—[ADVT.]

THE COUNTESS OF KINTORE and the Ladies Keith-Falconer are going abroad for the winter.

BRO. LORD AND LADY BURTON will have a large party at Rangemore, near Burton-on-Trent, next week for Derby Races.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF WARWICK have arrived at Warwick Castle for the winter. Her ladyship is hunting with the Warwickshire this season.

THE AMOUNT REALISED at the recent Masonic service at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn Viaduct, for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, exceeded £40.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF BEDFORD return to Woburn Abbey this week from Cairnmore, Kirkcudbrightshire, where they have been spending the last two months.

SIR FLEETWOOD EDWARDS has forwarded, on behalf of the Queen, her Majesty's 60th annual subscription of 100 guineas, in aid of the funds of the Royal Scottish Hospital.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE announce that they have arranged with the Princess's Theatre Company to give another matinee performance of "Two Little Vagabonds" on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

CHATIAM was on Tuesday gaily decorated in honour of the installation of the borough member as Lord Mayor of London, and at night the town was illuminated.

THE DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA will return to Clarence House, St. James's Palace, to-morrow (Saturday), on the conclusion of his visit to T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

BRO. J. M. KLENCK entertained a number of Masonic friends at his chambers in Bishopsgate-street on Tuesday. In the course of the day a telegram was sent to the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating him on the occasion of his birthday. A gracious reply was subsequently received.

WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 17th inst., will be "call night" at the four Inns of Court, when 45 students will become barristers-at-law. Of this number 24 are entered at the Inner Temple, 11 at the Middle Temple, seven at Lincoln's Inn, and three at Gray's Inn. The total number for the corresponding term last year was 63.

AMONG THE exhibitors at Bournemouth Chrysanthemum Show, opened by Lady Willis, was her Majesty, who took first prize for 36 Japanese cut blooms, Lady Theodora Guest being second. For 12 Japanese blooms Lady Theodora Guest was first, and the Queen third. Her Majesty also won third prize for six cut blooms.

FESTIVITIES in connection with the coming of age of the Earl of Ronaldshay were continued on Wednesday, when a ball was held at Aske Hall, near Richmond. Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland invited the majority of the county families, and it was a brilliant gathering. The interior of the hall was decorated with palms and flowers.

THE COUNTESS OF JERSEY laid the memorial stone on Monday, of the new public offices recently erected at Southall. The chairman of the Urban District Council who presided, having delivered a brief address, the ceremony was performed by her ladyship, to whom a cordial vote of thanks for her kindness in attending was passed by acclamation.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will visit Lambton Castle on the 22nd instant, where he will be the guest for a few days of the Earl of Durham. On Friday, the 26th instant, his Royal Highness will visit the city of Durham, where he will receive an address from the Mayor and Corporation, after which he will be conducted over the Cathedral and the Castle by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE, as Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne, were busily engaged during Wednesday. In the morning there was a meet of the Eastbourne Fox Hounds at Compton Place, the Duke being present to welcome the members of the hunt, who partook of refreshments; in the afternoon the Duchess of Devonshire opened the Chrysanthemum Show at Devonshire Park.

NEW YACHT FOR H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.—Messrs. Henderson, ship-builders, Meadowside, Glasgow, have booked an order to build, from designs by Mr. Watson, an 80-ton racing cutter for the Prince of Wales, to replace the *Britannia*, recently sold by his Royal Highness. The *Britannia*, which was built in 1893, and has been the most successful racing yacht built for over 40 years, has won 143 matches and cups, and money valued at £10,000.

THE NEW St. Ronans Lodge, No. 856, was consecrated at Innerleithen, Scotland, on Saturday, the 30th ult., when office-bearers were also installed by a deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren assembled at Traquair Arms Hotel, and, headed by a band, marched in procession along the streets to the lodge room in the Parish Church Hall. After the installation the brethren dined in the hotel under the presidency of the first R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Rev. Henry Norman Ballantyne.

SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association was held in the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Saturday evening, the 30th ult., Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe presiding. It was reported that grants of about £100 had been made during the year. Bros. James Cole and H. Lashmore were appointed to fill the vacancies in the list of trustees, and Bros. C. W. A. Jellicoe and James Lemon were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Bro. Morris Miles retired from the Hon. Secretaryship, after 22 years' service, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him, Bro. H. Lashmore consenting to take up the work. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Treasurer.

AN ADDRESS of congratulation to the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Davies, M.P., from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors, of the Municipal Borough of Chatham, and the Chairman and Councillors of the Gillingham Urban District Council, formed an agreeable prelude to a dinner at the Mansion House. The constituency above mentioned is represented by the Chief Magistrate in the House of Commons, and, in briefly responding to the kind sentiments expressed in the address, his lordship assured his guests that it had ever been the pride and pleasure of the Corporation of the City of London to cultivate friendly relations with the provincial municipalities. Old as the Corporation was, the records of the Court Leet of Gillingham proved that the latter body could even claim a year or two's seniority over the City.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, on Fridays, the 19th and 26th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Lodge opens at 8 p.m. The Section workers will be as follows: Friday, the 19th instant.—First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. W. Hide, P.M. 1275; 2nd, Bro. P. Cronin, S.W. 1512; 3rd, Bro. R. Phillips, W.M. 834; 4th, Bro. L. J. Powell, J.W. 2246; 5th, Bro. W. J. Coplestone, P.M. 834; 6th, Bro. W. W. Williams, P.M. 834; and 7th, Bro. R. Reid, S.W. 1275. Friday, the 26th instant.—Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. J. Banks; 2nd, Bro. A. J. Clayton, Org. 865; 3rd, Bro. W. J. Coplestone, P.M. 834; 4th, Bro. R. Reid, S.W. 1275; and 5th, Bro. F. Craggs, P.M. 834. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. A. Williams, P.M. 834; 2nd, Bro. W. Hinds, W.M. 185; and 3rd, Bro. W. W. Williams, P.M. 834.

DR. BARNARDO'S "Night and Day" for November repeats the story that so many public charities have had to tell, namely, that owing doubtless to the many funds now making their drafts upon the benevolent, receipts have seriously fallen off, and that there is urgent need of immediate help to maintain the efficiency of the work. Severe retrenchments have been effected, and yet the well-known Homes, which have rescued 32,000 boys and girls, and which have nearly 5000 children now under their care, are crippled for lack of the needful income. It is an interesting and suggestive story, however, of beneficial work that Dr. Barnardo has to tell. The late Mr. Mundella devoted his last public utterance to a warm eulogium of the boarding-out methods of the Homes, although he admitted that at first he had "grave doubts" about these methods. Yet his conclusion is: "Would to God the same methods were introduced into the system of the administration of the whole of the poor law children of the country." These words occur in a fully illustrated report of the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Homes, presided over by the Duke of Marlborough. The article on "Wait Saturday" will interest the hundreds of towns and villages whose contributions are recorded. We observe that a "Self-Denial Week" for the benefit of the children has been fixed for the third week in November. During the year the Homes have emigrated 664 trained boys and girls to Canada and the Colonies, making a total of 9396. A copy of this issue of "Night and Day" will be sent post free to any applicant who writes for it to 18 to 26, Stepney Causeway, London, E.

# DISEASE, THE CAUSE, PREVENTION, AND CURE.



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FOR generations past people have been drilled into the belief that every symptom of disease, such as inflammation, suppuration, the various forms of fever, pain, &c., is produced by a different cause. Such is not the case. All disease is decay, or in other words, fermentation of the blood and tissue. This fermentation, which gives rise to the various symptoms of disease—viz., inflammation, fever, pain, nervousness, &c., &c., has been proved by Mr. Radam and leading scientists of the day to be caused by the presence of microbes in the body. The microbes causing consumption, influenza, whooping cough, erysipelas, skin diseases, typhoid fever, cancer (Scheuerlein), leprosy, tetanus, pneumonia, &c., &c., have actually been photographed, through the microscope, by Mr. Radam; and these photographs (enlarged) may be seen daily (free) at 111, Oxford Street, London, W. The propagation of microbes is rapid and enormous, some calculations having led to the belief that in one hour less than half a dozen may, under favourable conditions, increase to fifty millions. The minuteness of such bodies is well nigh inconceivable.

Microbes vary in character. One form produces one disease, another variety causes quite a different ailment. One attacks one part of the body, another goes to a different part, thus producing different symptoms. But as the blood circulates they go along in the blood all over the body. There is no organic structure known to us which is not subject to attack by some form of microbe; in other words, everything is subject to fermentation and death. To cure disease, to prevent decay, to stop fermentation, is to do one and the same thing. The microbes which cause it must be destroyed. The only known remedy that can be administered sufficiently freely to old or young to kill microbes, without injuring even the most sensitive patient, is WM. RADAM'S MICROBE KILLER. It is a powerful antiseptic, and will, if drunk freely, destroy the microbes of all disease. It accomplishes what has not hitherto been successfully attempted in the treatment of disease. It simultaneously eradicates the cause of disease and permeates the system with a health producing principle. It is assimilated by the brain, the kidneys, the lungs, the heart, the liver, by fibre and tissue, and by all parts of the human frame, as a health producing and nourishing element. It should never be asked whether a remedy will cure any one particular disease. All diseases, no matter by what name known, is caused by microbes; when the microbes

are killed, therefore, the disease will be cured. The human body is not built like a house, with pipes and taps, by means of which the medicine can be sent direct to every part diseased. MICROBE KILLER enters the stomach, and from thence the blood, purifying it from all disease germs, and so curing the heart, the lungs, the kidneys, the liver, or whatever part is diseased. When the blood is free from microbes there can be no sickness. It can now be understood why the cutting away of a diseased part of the body, as in cancer, will not effectually cure disease; the microbes of the disease are in, and circulating with the blood, and the cause therefore remains. The cancer itself is merely an outlet for the accumulated fermentation. To attempt to cure cancer, &c., by an operation having for its object the closing of the outlet for the fermented matter is evidence of profound ignorance. We must strike at the roots of the evil, and purify the blood by destroying the microbes that produce the disease, and when that is accomplished the fermentation will cease, the cancerous discharge will disappear for good, the wound will heal, and the trouble will be entirely ended; the cause having been removed the cancer will not come back or "grow again" (as it is called). This is equally applicable to all disease, whether known by the name of Cancer, Tumour, Ulcers, Consumption, Bright's Disease, Skin Disease, Asthma, Bronchitis, Fevers, Diphtheria, Rheumatism, Gout, &c. WM. RADAM'S MICROBE KILLER positively cures all disease by killing the microbes which cause it.



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## TOO PLAIN FOR A RIDDLE.

IS pain "a riddle to which the earth can give no answer?" In his address at the recent Boston (U.S.A.) celebration of the semi-centennial of anaesthesia Dr. S. Weir Mitchell said that it is. If he means that the very existence of evil and trouble in this world is a "riddle," it is not worth while to argue the point with him. The theologians and metaphysicians have hammered away at that conundrum for centuries without making head or tail of it. But allow the existence of evil in shape of disease (as we must) it is not hard to spell out what pain is for. Any schoolboy (dull boy at that) can see through it.

A tipsy man sits down before the fire to dry his boots and warm his feet. Five minutes later, in a sudden sleep he sticks out his legs and deposits both feet on the red hot coals. Before you can count twenty he yanks his boots off the grate with a yell.

Now, what conveyed to the unconscious man the information on which he acted—thus saving himself serious injury? It was what Dr. Mitchell calls a riddle—Pain.

At this stage of the argument I beg to introduce our good friend Mr. May, of Ramsgate. He is a well known florist there, and the story he tells may be trusted in every particular and will lead us straight to the conclusion we want to come at.

"In the early part of 1893," he says, "I began to feel ill and out of sorts. I felt low and dull as if something had come over me. I had a bad taste in the mouth, a poor appetite and all my food lay like a lump of lead on my chest. I had a sinking sensation at the pit of the stomach which made me feel wretched.

"I passed restless nights, and soon got so weak and dejected that I wished to have no company. I got about my business, but it was in pain and misery that I did so. In this state I continued for six months, getting worse and worse, until I thought I should have died. I saw a doctor, but his medicines did not suit my case.

"Mr. Longley, plumber, St. Lawrence, then recommended me to try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. I got a bottle of this medicine from Mr. Saunders, chemist, and after taking it I found

great relief. My appetite improved, and the food agreed with me, and I felt brighter and stronger. When I had taken two bottles I was as well as ever, my friends asking what had wrought the change.

"I tell all that Mother Seigel's Syrup restored me to sound health. My wife who suffered for a long time from indigestion, took the same medicine and soon was completely cured. You can publish this statement and refer any one to me (Signed) R. May, Manstone Cottage, St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, January 27th, 1897."

If the sleeping man with his feet on the hot coals (assuming that he was alone in the room) had not been warned by the pain of the burn, he might have been crippled for life in ten minutes. The obvious purpose of pain, then, is to let us know when things are going wrong with these bodies of ours. Distress, discomfort, misery, the observed failure of some great organ to perform its duty, the interruption of the customary habits and workings of the body—all these things, and others, are in the nature of messages or notifications to the mind that there exists a condition we call disease; which must be attended to at once if we value our lives. In medicine these sensations are called *symptoms*; by their variety and relation to one another enabling the doctor to judge what ails us.

This is the common sense of pain. It is no more a "riddle," if Dr. Mitchell please, than the clouds that tell us when to expect rain.

The disease from which Mr. May suffered, whereof he feared he might die, was that prevailing and dangerous complaint dyspepsia. His weakness resulted from his inability to digest sufficient food to maintain his strength. Now suppose there had been no other sign of ill-health about him save mere weakness. That would have been bad enough, but it was the pain and misery, the positive wretchedness caused by the disease, that impelled him to continue seeking a cure until he fortunately found it in Mother Seigel's Syrup.

No, no, pain is not a "riddle." It is one of Nature's most merciful agents, as Mother Seigel's Syrup is one of her greatest remedies.

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