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A TRUMPERY APPEAL.

It is very desirable that the time of Grand Lodge should not be occupied with the discussion of petty questions. The body which represents the collective wisdom and experience of the whole English Craft of Masonry is not precisely the one that should be called upon to decide the difference "twixt tweedledum and tweedledee." The Grand Officers are the *élite* of the Craft chosen to receive the honours of the purple in recognition of the services they have rendered to Freemasonry, while the representatives of the private lodges who are conjoined with them in the government of our Society, whether they be perfect in the discharge of their lodge duties or not, are for the most part men of common sense who do not need the intervention of a legal adviser in order to decide a matter of petty detail. Yet, the brethren present in Grand Lodge last week, were placed under the necessity of considering a trumpery appeal, such as we venture to think would not have been allowed to be submitted to any other legislative body. It was not a question of principle that was involved; it had no relation to the different practices adopted by different lodges. It could not by the remotest possibility be interpreted as affecting in any way the general welfare of the body, Masonic or of any section thereof. There was no question of any body's prerogative or of the rights and privileges belonging to any lodge or lodges being endangered whichever way the question was decided. The appeal had reference merely to the minutest, the most trivial details it has ever been our misfortune to read of and by comparison with which the question whether two drops or three of rain fell upon a given square inch of the earth's surface in a given time sinks into the most utter insignificance. When a person offers himself as a candidate for initiation in one of our lodges, it is very just that the members should be in a position to learn something about him whom they are invited to admit to a participation in the rights and privileges they enjoy; and accordingly Articles 184 and 185 of the Book of Constitutions which relate to the question of electing such persons very properly require that particulars shall be furnished to the lodge affected as to his "name, age, profession or occupation, and place of abode." Hence when some time since three members of the naval profession offered themselves as candidates for initiation in the United Service Lodge, No. 1341, Hong Kong, their names, with what was considered to be the necessary

particulars respecting them, were entered in the lodge summons, the letters "R.N." being used to indicate not only their profession or occupation, but likewise their place of abode. One of the members of the lodge, however, held that these letters did not meet the requirements of the law as regarded their place of abode, but the Worshipful Master thought otherwise and on the question being put to the vote, there were 52 who voted with the Master and two, including the plaintiff member, against him. This decision by such an overwhelming majority did not satisfy the latter, and he referred the case to the District Board of General Purposes, which likewise decided in favour of "R.N." and against the plaintiff. But the collective Masonic wisdom of Hong Kong and South China did not suffice to carry conviction to the mind of the appellant, who resolved on submitting the question to Grand Lodge, the ultimate court of appeal in all cases of danger and difficulty to the honour and safety of Freemasonry. Hence, at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, held on the 1st inst. under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the question was gravely, not to say solemnly, considered whether the familiar magic letters "R.N." sufficiently describe the place of abode of members of the naval profession on a naval station where the ships are close to the Navy Yard and the naval barracks and Navy Yard are close to the ships. The Deputy G. Registrar, who is a Q.C., considered they were a sufficient description; the President of the Board of General Purposes, who is also a Q.C., was of the same opinion; and Grand Lodge, taking the cue from these learned brethren, dismissed the appeal with ignominy, the only suggestion worth noting that was made during the discussion being that the name of the ship should be stated as well as the letters "R.N." But is it not deplorable that the time of Grand Lodge should be occupied in seriously discussing a petty detail when the lodge itself was satisfied and had the full support of the District Board of General Purposes?

GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO.

This is one of the more-recently established Grand Lodges in the United States, having been founded only 30 years since. It is, therefore, the more interesting to note the course and character of its proceedings, the nature of the more important questions which have been considered, and the decisions in relation to such questions which have been adopted. In the main, the proceedings appear to be very much like those of other American Grand Lodges. The Grand Master's address occupies very properly the most prominent place in the report, while the matters with which he was called upon to deal were such as are usually referred to the head of a jurisdiction for him to settle, subject, of course, to the approval of the Grand Lodge. Sundry of these matters were of a very trivial character. Thus a brother, having been elected a joining member of one of the lodges, but not having presented himself—though notified of his election—for the purpose of signing the lodge by-laws, the Secretary writes to know if the brother is a member of the lodge, and is told, in reply, that he is, and should be censured for failing to attend as specified. In another case inquiry is made as to whether a brother, who had been appointed W.M. of a lodge when its charter was issued, but who had left the jurisdiction, could be installed by proxy. In a third case information is seriously desired of the Grand Master as to

whether a man with one leg shorter than the other, but otherwise sound and without blemish, is eligible to be admitted into Freemasonry; and there is yet another query as to whether it is the duty of the querist to help an old brother who, though in good standing, "seldom visits lodge, and has no means of support." But though such questions as these strike us as being absurd, there is notwithstanding some excellent good matter in other parts of the Address. Thus, under the head of "Official Visitations," the G. Master relates how, in the case of every lodge that he visited, he made a practice of examining its records, and though, as regards the majority, he found the books well and regularly kept, there were some in which irregularities were met with, and where the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge had not been obeyed. Some of these offending lodges had questioned the Grand Master's right to inspect their books without special instructions from Grand Lodge, but the G.M. had over-ruled these objections, and referred those who opposed his action to certain of the Grand Lodge by-laws. Then, in reference to the question of "Poor Attendance," it seems that during the past year, the lodges in Idaho have had no serious amount of work to occupy them, and consequently, the attendance has been exceedingly small, while many regular meetings were never held because the necessary quorum could not be formed. In these cases the Grand Master considered it his duty to administer a reprimand, pointing out that though there might be no work in the sense of there being no Degrees to confer, there was much that might have been done in the way of study with a view to the brethren making themselves more perfect in their knowledge of our mysteries. So, too, as regards the manner in which the work was done, the Grand Master found that in many instances there was great carelessness and considerable ignorance. Even where he had been at the pains of instructing the officers in their duties, there had been subsequently a falling off in the manner in which the work was done. In one case the Grand Master referred to particularly, a brother who professed to know the ritual declined to be instructed, but, said the Grand Master, "his blunders of speech were frequent, his knowledge of Masonry very limited, and when I refused to allow him to take charge and show us what he could do he refused to be comforted." On the whole, though the questions before cited show that too much heed is paid to trifles, the Grand Master—Bro. FRED G. MOCK, now I.P.G.M.—appears to have had a high sense of the duties and responsibilities of his office and endeavoured to discharge them conscientiously and to the best of his ability, while the reports from the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the Report on Correspondence compiled by the latter, show careful work on the part of those officers. Be it added that the number of lodges in Idaho, taking account of the vacant numbers, is 29 with an aggregate membership of 1020. The Grand Master for the current year 1897-8, is Bro. GEORGE M. WATERHOUSE, and the Grand Secretary, as for many years past, Bro. CHARLES C. STEVENSON.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Laverton Institute, Westbury, on the 1st instant, under the banner of the White Horse Lodge, No. 2227. There was a good number of members present, the whole of the lodges in the province being represented.

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Radnor, Prov. G.M., presided. The election of Prov. G. Officers took place as follows:

Bro. G. L. Palmer, 632	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Viscount Folkestone, 586	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. P. M. Smythe, 2227	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. B. Merriman, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. E. N. Browne, 355	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Bevir, 335-355	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Col. R. T. Gwyn, 335	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. W. Harris, 586	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" P. I. Leader, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" J. Chandler, 355	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. P. Martin, 663	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. Mead, 2227	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. S. Bambridge, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Hogarth, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. H. Hancock, 1271	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Dean	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The usual business of the meeting was transacted, and the sum of 50 guineas was voted towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Bro. the Earl of Radnor also consented to be Steward for the Institution. From the collection of alms a sum of £4 was given to the Westbury Cottage Hospital.

Dinner was afterwards served in the Oddfellows' Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., there being a large attendance of brethren from the various lodges throughout the county. Bro. H. C. Okover, D.P.G.M., took the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., his Grace the Duke of Devonshire. All the seating accommodation in the hall was utilised, and some of the brethren were obliged to stand.

The reports of the various lodges were submitted by the Worshipful Masters, and they showed that not only numerically, but financially, too, the province was in the soundest possible condition.

The Masonic Hall Committee of Management and the representatives of Provincial Grand Lodge on the Charity Committee were re-elected, and the latter Committee reported that during the past year the sum of £500 had been contributed to the various Masonic Charities.

The D.P.G.M. then invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Sir Henry Bemrose, M.P.	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Joseph Cook	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. S. C. Hayward	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Giles Andrew	...	...	...
" Arthur Eaton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. E. Fletcher	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Naylor	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Thornley	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. A. Little	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Dr. Rutherford	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Sheldon	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Hadfield	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" C. Brentnall	...	...	...
" H. M. Day	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Cutting	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. C. Bagguley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Hill	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" L. W. Wiltshire	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" W. W. Bothamley	...	...	...
" E. T. Ann	...	...	...
" J. W. Gandy	...	...	...
" Henry Edwards	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. C. Riley	...	...	...
" A. Slunn	...	...	...

The annual banquet followed, and the usual Masonic toast list was gone through.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The half-yearly communication of the above District Grand Lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on Saturday, the 27th ult., under the banner of Lodge St. John and St. Paul, No. 349. The following District Grand Lodge officers attended in their official capacities:

Bros. Major-Gen. J. F. Owen, R.A., Dist. G.M.; Capt. C. G. Robinson, R.N., Dep. Dist. G.M.; J. W. Starkey, P. Dep. Dist. G.M.; W. A. Adams, Dist. S.G.W.; W. S. Robinson, Dist. J.G.W.; S. G. Yeoman, P. Dist. G.W.; W. E. Cook, P. Dist. G.W., Dist. G. Sec.; W. Pariente, P. Dep. Dist. G.M., Dist. G. Treas.; T. Castello, P. Dist. G.W.; D. M. Bates, P. Dist. G.W.; C. H. Horsfall, Dist. G. Reg.; W. J. Norburn, P. Dist. G. Reg.; H. R. E. Woodthorpe, P. Bd. of Gen. Pur.; W. H. Davis, Dist. S.G.D.; Fleet-Paymaster Bell, R.N., Dist. J.G.D.; Major G. E. Weigall, R.A., Dist. G. Supt. of Works; B. E. Essex, Dist. G.D.C.; Asst. Paymaster. A. B. Hall, R.N., Asst. Dist. G.D.C.; Col. Bridgman, O.S.C., Dist. G.S.B.; Dep. Insp.-Gen. J. H. Martin, R.N., Dist. G. Std. Br.; E. H. Flower, R.N., Dist. G. Org.; Alfred Bumstead, Dist. Asst. G. Sec.; J. Horrocks, Dist. G. Purst.; R. C. Bates, P.D.G.P., Dist. G. Tyler; and A. T. Ogden, J. W. Rogers, H. W. Cocks, and A. Parker, Dist. G. Stwds.

The District Grand Lodge was opened by the District Grand Master.

On the roll of lodges being called it was found that each lodge in the district was well represented, many visitors also honoured the proceedings by their presence.

After the usual business of District Grand Lodge had been gone through the DISTRICT G. MASTER addressed District Grand Lodge as follows: Brethren,—Everything has gone on so well and smoothly in the district since our annual communication in March last, that there is nothing unusual to dilate upon. Death has, unfortunately, been busy and has removed from this sublunary world to the higher sphere above several of our brethren whom we could ill spare, and whose loss we most deeply deplore. Bro. Captain Hole, A.S.C., died on service in Crete; Bro. J. Taylor, a Past Officer of this District Grand Lodge, passed away whilst at Athens; Bros. F. Clarke and W. Scholes both died in our midst; we also lament the death of a member of our sister Constitution, Bro. McCormack, of the Leinster Lodge, who was a very zealous Mason. Our busy season has now commenced, and it is hoped that the lodges will all show good work, so that a favourable report may be presented in March. I have had the pleasure of visiting several of our lodges during the past month, and have been much gratified at the work carried on and the zeal shown by the brethren generally. Our three great Charity Institutions are in a most flourishing condi-

tion, and I trust that this District of Malta will not be behind hand in supporting them, even more so in the future than in the past. There is nothing more, that I am aware of, to bring to your notice. I will only add that it gives me great pleasure once more to meet you here, and that I wish you success in the excellent work you all are determined to carry out for the welfare of Masonry in general and the District of Malta in particular. (Applause.)

The business being concluded, Dist. G. Lodge was closed. The usual banquet followed, when great enthusiasm prevailed, the occasion being availed of to wish God-speed and a pleasant passage home to Bro. Capt. C. G. Robinson, R.N., Dep. D.G. Master, whose period of duty in the Mediterranean had expired.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Priory was held at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Friday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., K.C.T., Prov. Prior. A good number attended, and a very successful meeting has to be recorded.

The Provincial Prior entered under the arch of steel, and opened the priory. After the reading of the minutes and a satisfactory Treasurer's report, the Provincial Officers of the year were appointed and invested as follows:

Sir Knight	Horatio Ward	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
"	Rev. H. Cummings	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
"	R. T. Wheeler	...	...	Prov. Chancellor.
"	S. J. Brice	...	...	Prov. 1st Constable.
"	R. Clout	...	...	Prov. 2nd Constable.
"	Col. A. S. Bircham	...	...	Prov. Treasurer.
"	A. H. Bateman	...	...	Prov. Reg. and Vice-Chancellor.
"	Lieut.-Col. F. A. Bowles	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
"	R. J. Voisey	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
"	F. Flood	...	...	Prov. Wdn. of Regalia.
"	S. Saunders	...	...	Prov. Herald.
"	J. E. Barton	...	...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
"	F. H. Sumner	...	...	Prov. 2nd Std. Brs.
"	J. D. Langton	...	...
"	W. Briant	...	...	Prov. Sword Br.
"	A. Jackson	...	...	Prov. Chamberlain.
"	S. Horsley	...	...	Prov. Capt. of Guard.
"	G. Wilks	...	...	Prov. Organist.
Frater	G. Harrison	...	...	Prov. Guard.

In appointing his officers, the PROV. PRIOR expressed his grateful thanks to his Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Horatio Ward, whose work for the province was simply invaluable, and also referred appreciatively to the long services of the Prov. Registrar, who was now appointed for the eleventh time in succession.

A vote of £5 5s. was made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The alms having been collected, the Provincial Priory was afterwards closed.

The members subsequently dined together at the Fountain Hotel, where, it is needless to say, the most complete and courteous hospitality was, as ever, experienced.

Prior to the meeting, a party of the members of the Order was accorded a rich treat by being taken to some of the inner chambers of the Cathedral, where, under the expert and kindly direction of Bro. Cross, a vast amount of most valuable and interesting information was compressed into a brief compass; and, together with a walk round the delightful, but decaying, Cloisters, and an inspection of the Kent Masons' window in the stately Chapter House, a too brief peep into the crypt, and a glance at Becket's crown and the tomb of their great ancestor, Edward, the Black Prince, made the 1897 meeting of the Order in Kent one not likely soon to be forgotten.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE DIVISION OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Division of Kent was holden on the 16th ult., at the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath Hill. The Intendant General of Kent, the Rev. H. Cummings, presided, supported by his Deputy, Sir Knight A. H. Bateman, and many Present and Past Divisional Officers.

The Divisional conclave having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a satisfactory financial statement was presented by Sir Knight Bryant, the Divisional Treasurer, who was re-elected to the post.

The Divisional Officers for the year were appointed as follows:

Sir Knight	A. H. Bateman	...	...	Dep. Intendant Gen.
"	R. J. Voisey	...	...	Viceroy.
"	G. H. Dowsett	...	...	Sen. Gen.
"	G. F. Traill	...	...	Jun. Gen.
"	Rev. R. Finlay, M.A.	...	...	High Prelate.
"	B. R. Bryant	...	...	Treas.
"	W. C. Taylor	...	...	Recorder.
"	W. H. Burney	...	...	Chamberlain.
"	W. Briant	...	...	Marshal.
"	R. Elgar	...	...	Prefect.
"	V. T. Murché	...	...	Insp. of Regalia.
"	W. A. Leaning	...	...	1st Std. Br.
"	W. J. Hewett	...	...	2nd Std. Br.
"	S. F. Mackway	...	...	S.B.
"	F. Sanders	...	...	Org.
Frater	Spinks	...	...	Sentinel.

The Jubilee rank of Past Viceroy was also conferred on the Divisional Treasurer, Sir Knight Bryant, in recognition of his many and valuable services.

The meeting having been closed, the Intendant General retired under the arch of steel, and subsequently presided at a banquet, in conjunction with the Saye and Sele Conclave, No. 122, which held its regular meeting prior to the above, and in addition to its formal business, elected three members as Knights of the Order, viz., Bros. J. D. Cleminson, Rev. R. Finlay, and Major J. A. Thornhill. Other propositions for membership were made, and it was decided to have a ladies' banquet in February.

A special meeting will be held on the 11th prox., when the Order of the Holy Sepulchre will be fully worked and conferred on several members.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

A preliminary meeting of the brethren who have kindly undertaken the office of Steward at the above-named Festival was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., and, as the number was unprecedentedly large, the Grand Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern had to be engaged for the meeting.

Bro. Richard Eve was elected to the chair, and amongst the 200 brethren who supported him were Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; J. Strachan, Q.C., P.D.G.R.; Col. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M. Dorset; Major L. Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; H. Smith, P.D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; C. E. Keyser, Treasurer of the Institution; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., C. Godson, P.G.D.; J. Stephens, D.G.D.C.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; Attenborough, P.A.G.D.C.; A. C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; Philippe, P.G. Std. Br.; Valeiani, P.G. Std. Br.; Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lucking, P.G.P.; Glass, Corble, Pritchard, A. H. Bevan, J. W. Burgess, R. D. Cummings, J. P. Fitzgerald, Manfield, G. Ward Verry, J. Bruton, F. Hughes, F. A. White, D. Mayer, C. W. Hudson, H. A. Tobias, F. A. Powell, and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN called upon the Secretary to report the negotiations with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in respect to the Festival over which he had graciously consented to preside.

It transpired that his Royal Highness had decided to hold the Festival at the Royal Albert Hall in June next, and would fix the exact date early in 1898.

The SECRETARY also reported that the number of Stewards up to the present time was over 1000, and comprised no fewer than 21 Provincial Grand Masters, 82 Grand Officers, and 40 ladies, with representatives from every province, and from nearly one-half of the London lodges, necessitating this early meeting in order that an Executive Committee might be formed to make arrangements for the Festival in accordance with the commands of his Royal Highness, the Chairman of the Festival.

A resolution thanking his Royal Highness for the gracious intimation of his presidency was adopted.

Bro. EVE then said he had a dual duty to perform, which was alike pleasing and yet most painful. In graceful terms he alluded to the eminent services rendered by the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, in negotiating with the Grand Master the matters referred to in the report presented by the Secretary, and he felt that their warmest thanks were due to his lordship. But they were all saddened at the terrible blow which had befallen his lordship so recently as Tuesday, the 23rd ultimo, when his beloved wife had met with a tragic death. The Countess of Lathom had proved herself a true friend to this Institution, amongst many other Charities, and it would ever be a pleasing recollection of his and of many there present of the happy and encouraging address her ladyship gave to the boys on the occasion of her graciously presenting the prizes at the School in 1891. He would therefore propose "That this preliminary meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys desires to tender to the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro Grand Master, its best thanks for the very important services he has rendered in the negotiations with the M.W. Grand Master on the question of his Royal Highness presiding at the Festival and as to the locality for holding the same, and further beg to express to his lordship their deepest and most respectful sympathy in the sad calamity which has befallen him, in which all lovers of the Institution feel they have lost one of the best and most sympathetic of its friends."

The resolution was seconded by Bro. SMITHSON and the meeting showed its sympathy with the Pro Grand Master in his affliction, all present rising in their places to give unanimous support to the motion.

The meeting then proceeded to constitute the Board of Stewards by electing the various officers.

It was resolved to invite Lord Lathom to take the position of President, and Lord Leigh that of Hon. Treas., these noblemen being the Senior Trustees.

The Provincial and District Grand Masters were appointed Honorary Presidents.

Bros. Eve, Sir J. B. Monckton, Fenn, Letchworth, Keyser, Col. Brymer, M.P., and Smithson were appointed Acting Presidents.

Bro. Le Feuvre was appointed Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards.

Bro. Keyser, Treasurer of the Institution, was appointed Hon. Acting Treasurer, and Bro. McLeod, the Hon. Secretary.

Twenty-one brethren—in addition to the Hon. Acting Officers—were elected as an Executive Committee—with power to add to their number—to make and carry out all arrangements for the conduct of the Festival, the elected members being Bros. S. J. Attenborough, A. H. Bevan, J. W. Burgess, G. Corble, George Everett, J. Glass, G. Graveley, G. B. Heming, C. W. Hudson, D. Mayer, O. Philippe, F. A. Powell, H. Pritchard, A. Remington, W. Russell, W. A. Scurrah, A. C. Spaul, J. Stephens, E. Terry, F. A. White, and J. W. Woodall.

It was decided that the Stewards' fee be two guineas, with usual limitation for ladies, Lewises, and foreign Stewards.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Ten of the pupils were entered last month for the School Examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music. It is satisfactory to learn that the whole of the girls passed—three in the Higher Division, five in the Lower Division, and two (quite little girls) in the Elementary Division, with Distinction. Miss Redgrave, the principal Governess and chief musical instructress, may well be congratulated on this pleasing result. The College of Preceptors' Examination is now in progress at the Institution, and next week will be entirely occupied with the Cambridge Local Examinations; for these upwards of 100 girls in all have been entered.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET AND PRESENTATION
TO BRO. J. R. CLARKE, P.M., P.Z. 18.

A representative gathering of members of the various lodges named below met at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, on the 24th ult. to entertain Bro. Clarke and make a presentation to him on his leaving Sutton Bridge. It was intended that Bro. H. F. Pollock, M.P., P.M., P.Z., &c., should preside, but owing to the death of Baron Pollock he was prevented from attending, and in his absence the chair was taken by Bro. G. S. Woodwark, P.M., P.Z. 31, P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G.H. Norfolk, P.P.S.G.W. (Mark) Lincs; the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. G. P. Hobson, W.M. 985.

The following brethren, amongst others, were present: Bros. S. S. Mossop, P.M., P.Z., 985; J. H. Carter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Lincs.; G. W. Whitehead, P.M., P.Z., Prov. J.G.W. Cambs; Wm. Patrick, P.M., P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. and P.P.G.J. Norfolk; Mark Cox, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W. Lincs.; C. E. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. (Craft and Mark) Lincs., P.P.G.S. Norfolk; C. W. Smith, W.M. 107; W. Gilling, P.M. 189; A. G. Russell, 95 and 107 (Craft), 427 (Mark); T. H. Hodd, 107; and A. Cousins, 985.

After a *recherché* banquet, put on in Bro. Clarke's best style,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "The M.W. Grand Master, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," both of which were drunk in the usual loyal manner.

Bro. J. H. CARTER, I.P.M. 985, proposed "The Navy, Army, and Auxiliary Forces" in a few well-chosen remarks, alluding to the sad loss of so many officers in India caused chiefly by the enemy being able to shoot them off through their dress being so conspicuous.

Bro. Major W. PATRICK, a volunteer of many years' standing, responded.

Bro. G. S. WOODWARK, 31, &c., in proposing "The Health and Future Prosperity of Bro. J. R. Clarke, 18, &c.," said this was a meeting of representative Masons to regret that Bro. Clarke had made such arrangements that will take him away from us but at the same time hoping that the step taken was for his good, and, whilst wishing him health and prosperity, to also present him, on the part of the subscribers, with jewels and an address, which read as follows:

"To W. Bro. J. R. Clarke, P.M., P.Z., &c., 18, P.P.G.A.P. Lincs. (Craft), P.P. G.R. Cambs. (R.A.), P.P.G.M.O. Lincs. (Mark). The undersigned brethren and companions in the lodges and chapters named below beg to express to you on your departure from Sutton Bridge after a residence there of 20 years, our high appreciation of your services to Masonry in the above province you not only having filled the offices of Worshipful Master of Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, in 1885-6, Secretary from 1888 to 1897; M.E.Z. of Etheldreda and founder of Edward Albert Chapters, and founder and Master of Nene Mark Lodge, No. 427, to the satisfaction of the brethren and companions and the good of the lodges and chapters but also of Masonry in general, in having served as Charity Steward and qualified as a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic for Girls, Boys, and Old, People, and the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund.

"We also wish to convey to you our high appreciation of the fraternal kindnesses we have received at your hands, to take the opportunity of wishing you every good wish and prosperity in the future, and to beg your acceptance of the accompanying Charity jewel and miniature jewels of Prov. A.G.P. Lincs., Prov. G. Reg. (R.A.) Cambs, Prov. G.M.O. (Mark) Lincs., and Rose Croix, hoping they will be a reminder to you of our fraternal regard and esteem."

Bro. S. S. MOSSOP, M.E.Z. 985, senior P.M. 985, felt bound to add that Bro. Clarke took with him the affection of every member of the different lodges with which he was connected, and the heartiest good wishes for his future prosperity. He knew it was a great wrench for Bro. Clarke to part from his Masonic friends, and also the brethren to lose one who had been so great a mainstay to the lodge.

Bro. J. H. CARTER, I.P.M. 985, endorsed the remarks of previous speakers, and hoped after Bro. Clarke had ended his wanderings round the globe he would settle near them again.

Bro. J. R. CLARKE regretted leaving the brethren, and was sure the kind manner in which the address and jewels had been presented, caused diffidence on his part, as he feared much would be expected from a Mason travelling in foreign lands with such an address, he considered himself second to none in his enthusiasm for Masonry, and what he had done in Masonry during the 18 years the lodge had been held at Sutton Bridge had always been done in that good brotherly feeling—"Do unto others as you would see them do unto you." That would be a red-letter day in his memory, as he appreciated the moments at ten times their intrinsic value, and from his heart he thanked them all for the beautiful address and jewels.

Bro. S. S. MOSSOP proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and whilst regretting the absence of Bro. H. F. Pollock, and more particularly the cause of that absence, was sure a good Chairman had been found, and the thanks of the brethren were due to him.

Bro. G. S. WOODWARK, in response, said that as 11-14ths of the brethren present were members of the Nene Mark Lodge, of which he was a founder and first W.M., he had the greatest pleasure in being Chairman when requested by Bro. C. E. Ward.

Bro. J. H. CARTER, I.P.M., proposed "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Chas. E. Ward and A. G. Russell," and praised the excellent arrangements made by them.

Bro. A. G. RUSSELL replied that the work had all fallen upon Bro. Chas. E. WARD, who, in responding, said he considered it a labour of love, and deeply regretted the loss of Bro. Clarke's valuable services.

The inscriptions upon the jewels were as follows, viz. --- Charity jewel: "Presented to W. Bro. J. R. Clarke, P.M., P.Z., on his leaving Sutton Bridge, after 20 years' residence, by Masonic friends, as a mark of their esteem;" on bar of miniature jewels: "Presented by members of the following lodges to W. Bro. J. R. Clarke, P.M., P.Z., November 24th, 1897: Craft, 985; R.A., 809; Mark, 427; Rose Croix, 87."

In addition, the members of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Sutton Bridge, at their recent installation meeting, presented Bro. Clarke with an 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel, with an inscription as follows, viz.: "Presented, October 11th, 1897, by the Brethren of Alexandra Lodge, 985, Sutton Bridge, to W. Bro. J. R. Clarke, P. Prov. A.G.P. Lancs., in recognition of his services as Honorary Secretary to the Lodge since 1888, W.M. 1885-6, and Steward to all three Masonic Charities."

WE REGRET to learn of the serious illness of Bro. C. J. Cuthbertson, C.C. Even under the most favourable circumstances, it is feared that Bro. Cuthbertson will be unable to resume his municipal work for between two and three months.

THE HON. SECRETARIES of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London have received from the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society of London a cheque for £1500, being the first instalment of the fund being raised by the board of the society.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE KIRBY LODGE OF
INSTRUCTION, No. 263.

The sixth festival of this distinguished lodge was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 30th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, J.P., Past G.D., &c. The rapid progress made since its formation, some five or six years ago, is one of the most remarkable evidences what can be done in working the different Sections as near perfect as possible, and its members may well be proud of the position attained. There was a good attendance of brethren.

Lodge having been opened, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bro. Chas. Lewis, Preceptor, P.M. 1706, 2508, P.P.G.D. Essex, assisted by Bros. J. Collett-Smith, Martin Kennaby, W. H. Oldham, Geo. Rankin, and F. W. Ward, all of whom acquitted themselves in a thorough and excellent manner. After the usual vote of thanks were passed, Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, Past G.D., was unanimously elected an hon. member. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A *recherché* banquet followed, Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, Past G.D., presiding. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts received full justice.

Bro. W. R. BENNETT, P.M. 1965, then proposed "The Grand Officers, Past and Present," and called on Bro. Clay Sudlow, Past G. Std. Br., to reply.

Bro. SUDLOW, in a few words, spoke of the value the Grand Officers set on lodges of instruction. They had amongst them that evening Bro. Keyser, Past G.D., who they all knew was a thorough worker, and Bro. Hy. Sadler, G. Tyler. As for himself, he spoke very modestly, but this he knew, that each and all members of Grand Lodge were workers.

Bro. Sir FORREST FULTON then proposed "The President, W. Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, P.G.D. England," and, in giving it, spoke of the sterling qualities of Bro. Keyser, his love for Freemasonry, and his works of Charity.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, who was cordially received, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be their President that evening. It showed a bond of union between London and country lodges. He took the greatest possible pleasure in lodges of instruction, and it was through such that a true knowledge of Masonic ritual could be attained.

The next toast—"The Kirby Lodge of Instruction"—was given by the PRESIDENT. He spoke in high terms of the late Bro. Kirby, their late worthy Preceptor. He also thanked Bro. Lewis and the several brethren for the perfect way the different Sections were worked.

In reply, Bro. C. LEWIS said there was no difficulty in getting brethren to work the different Sections when Bro. Kirby was Preceptor. The by-laws showed that that lodge should be one of work, and they were simply carrying it out.

Bro. H. SADLER, G. Tyler, then gave "The Bank of England Lodge," and said he had no doubt that the brethren would wonder why he proposed that toast. It was for this reason—no lodge of instruction could meet without the sanction of a regular lodge. He regretted not being able to devote more time to the Kirby Lodge of Instruction. His duties were many, and it gave him great pleasure to be with them that evening.

"The Working Officers," proposed by Bro. SUDLOW, P.G. Std. Br., and the Tyler's toast brought this very pleasant meeting to a close.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EVENING STAR
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1719.

The annual festival of this young, but strong, lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 30th ultimo, at St. George's Hall, Carholme-road, Catford. The chair was filled by Bro. James Speller, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. Essex, who for upwards of four years has been the Preceptor, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. John Coote, who is Worshipful Master of both 1259 and 2379.

The company numbered nearly 100, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The hall was profusely decorated, the Brothers Laing, the eminent florists, of Forest Hill, who are members of the lodge, supplying a large number of palms and chrysanthemums.

After ample justice had been done to an excellent repast,

Bro. SPELLER gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." After this had been heartily received,

Bro. JOHN COOTE proposed "The Chairman," and, in doing so, said he was quite sure the toast needed no words from him to convey to the brethren the way in which it should be received. In their Chairman they had a brother of extremely high standing in Freemasonry, one who was known to everyone present, and one who was dearly beloved, not only as a Freemason and the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, but also in private life. He had only recently received distinguished honours in connection with Grand Lodge, and no brother was more worthy of the honours which had been conferred on him. He (Bro. Coote) had derived a considerable amount of Masonic knowledge from Bro. Speller and a great amount of kindness while that brother was acting as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. He had never known an occasion on which Bro. Speller had pronounced an unkind word to anyone. (Hear, hear.)

The toast was honoured with enthusiasm, and, before Bro. Speller's reply,

Bro. S. REICHENHEIM, on behalf of the members, presented their Preceptor with a handsome epergne. He said he had the honour of moving in Bro. Speller's society in private as well as in Masonic life, and he had learned to appreciate him. He was a pattern to Masons and men in every sense of the word. The members of the lodge of instruction were a select number of brethren in character as well as in spirit, and they were proud to have so worthy a brother as their Preceptor. Bro. Reichenheim also presented Bro. G. W. Beste, P.M., the Secretary and Treasurer, with a taltalus as a mark of the sense of appreciation in the way he had carried out the duties of his office.

Bro. SPELLER said the few years he had spent with the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction had been a very happy time, but he did not think he was deserving of the handsome testimonial which had been presented to him. It was always a difficult task to respond for oneself, but if a brother had told him he was to receive the gift, he would have chosen a few appropriate remarks. In thanking the brethren heartily and sincerely, he hoped that his connection with them would last for many years to come.

Bro. BESTE also replied.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "Success to the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction," coupled with it the name of Bro. G. W. Beste, P.M. 507. The society had been in existence about five years, and when he became a resident

in the neighbourhood, he was invited to put in an appearance. They were very small then, and could not find a Preceptor; but ultimately he was asked to take the post. Their lodge was not one that could boast of working Sections; but they got through the plain ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising. They had made steady progress, and many brethren on leaving the chair said what they knew they had learned from him. That was a very kind compliment; but they must know there were more keen and hard-working Masons than himself. He might mention Bro. Beste, who had filled many a gap. It was to that good brother they must give the credit for the success of the lodge of instruction.

Bro. BESTE, in response, said he should like the opportunity of stating a few facts about the lodge of instruction. It was founded about five years ago, when the Evening Star Lodge was kind enough to take them under their wing. They had now on their books about 120 members, and the average attendance that season had been 19. Brethren acquainted with lodges of instruction would know that was a highly satisfactory average. He had been in many lodges of instruction where it was with difficulty the different positions were filled. The fact of their success was due to having such a worthy Preceptor as Bro. Speller, who was the personification of everything that was courteous. During his year of office he had five initiates, and four of those were members of the lodge of instruction and attended regularly. Bro. Speller had been kind enough to make a few remarks with regard to himself (Bro. Beste), and he could only state that as long as the brethren continued to support Bro. Speller and himself, they would put all their energy into the lodge of instruction.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed. The brethren who responded were Bros. WALTER MARTIN, Grand Pursuivant; and the Rev. W. H. W. CASELEY, P.P.G. Chap. Herts; KING, P.M. 1719; and DANCYGER, 205.

There were also present Bros. T. C. Edmunds, P.M., P.Z.; Land, Major West, and many others.

The toast of "Vice-Chairman," was ably proposed by Bro. SPELLER.

Bro. JOHN COOTE, in responding, referred to his position of W.M. of two lodges in one year, and said he could not have got to that honourable position if it had not been for the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction in which he had got his Masonic tuition.

"The Musical Brethren," "The Lay Members," and "The Stewards" toasts were duly honoured, as was also a cordial vote of thanks to the Bros. Laing for the decoration of the hall.

A charming musical entertainment was arranged by Bro. C. Spencer West, who was heartily enjoyed for a flute solo. The brethren assisting were Bros. Wills, Page, Arthur Sarjeant, Will Edwards, and Frank Heywood, while Bro. J. H. Maunder was an able accompanist.

"Auld Lang Syne," brought an exceedingly pleasant evening to a close.

NORTH KENT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2499.

The above lodge, which has become very popular and is held at the Masonic Hall, Bexley Heath, Kent, the permanent officers of which are Bros. O. O. Dale, P.M. 299, Preceptor; W. G. Weaving, Treas.; and T. G. Baynes, Sec., had an intellectual feast on Monday, the 29th ultimo, at the working of the 15 Sections under the able presidency of Bro. Walter Martin, A.G.P., assisted by Bros. J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 879, S.W.; J. M. Wimble, P.M. 1901, J.W.; J. S. Pointon, S.D. 1901; and J. Ellinger, P.M. 2222, J.D.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and resumed in the First, and the following brethren worked their respective Sections: Bros. J. M. Wimble, 1st; Simmons, 2nd; De Wally, 3rd; C. Adams, 4th; C. J. Pointon, 5th; H. Cornford, 6th, and J. G. Milbourn, 7th. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the Sections were rehearsed as follows: Bros. C. Morris, 1st; Chapman, 2nd; Collins, 3rd; J. G. Milbourn, 4th; and Hy. Cornford, 5th. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the Sections rehearsed as follows: Bros. Penrose, 1st; Gray, 2nd; and J. G. Milbourn, 3rd.

Bro. NEWTON DUNN, W.M. 2499, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Walter Martin, A.G.P., for his very great kindness in presiding in so excellent a manner and supported by so able a set of Section Workers. The evening had been most pleasurable and highly instructive, and the manner in which the splendid ritual had been rehearsed redounded to the credit of the visiting brethren and it had been a great privilege to listen to them. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. W. Martin very ably responded and stated the great pleasure it had given him and his co-workers to attend. The Sections had been rehearsed in a very admirable manner by the brethren, and he thanked them much for their very kind support. On behalf of himself and his co-workers he thanked the brethren for so kind a reception.

The lodge was then closed.

There were present Bros. Thos. Jenkins, P.M. 299 and 2499, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Marshall, J.D. 2499; J. Ellingham, 2499; T. G. Baynes, 1837 and 2449; W. E. Lucas, P.M. 1837 and 2499; T. B. Green, 2499; E. R. Boulton, 2499; F. Corbett, S.W. 2449; F. R. Greenway, J.W. 1973; D. J. Pitt, S.D. 2499; J. Smith, 20; A. Clark, 299; R. Marshall, 2499; W. J. Light, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S.; J. G. Turner, P.M. 299; F. K. Hinton, 34; R. H. Rogers, I.P.M. 2499; H. L. Fry, Chap. 2499; G. R. Steel, P.M. 2499; J. G. Blanchard, P.M. 1275; W. G. Simmons, P.M. 1155; J. Hills, W.M. 1441; A. Collins, W.M. 2041; W. Stevens, 2499; A. Gill, 2499; J. J. West, P.M. 548; E. Whomes, 2499; G. B. Chapman, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S. of W.; and W. Royle, Tyler.

Craft Masonry.

Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165.

This old established lodge held its regular meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. Frank E. Rosher, W.M.; A. P. Gabb, S.W.; F. H. Rosher, J.W.; J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey Sykes, I.G.; H. G. Rosher, H. Times, P.M.; T. J. Angus, A. Spencer Ellam, H. Bearman, C. J. Andrews, B. B. Van Praagh, W. M. Thompson, H. W. Clarkson, and Goddard, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Geo. Mickle, P.A.G.D.C.; Alex. Smith, 1716; H. Wharton Wells, S.W. 946; J. Harris, 176; W. A. Piggott, 1670; W. M. Wilkinson, 2652; T. C. Cole, I.G. 2047; F. J. T. Horsey, P.M. 1861; Ben Cox, W.M. 1425; F. H. Callingham, 1769; Alex. Bowie, Henry J. Coburn, Reginald Groome, 1929; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read, the W.M., Bro. F. E. Rosher, initiated Mr. Henry W. Clarkson, and he afterwards gave the antient charge. The W.M.'s working of the ritual was performed in a manner that it would be impossible to excel, and it was greatly appreciated by the members and visitors. Subject to some enquiries to be made by the Treasurer and Secretary, a sum of money was voted from the lodge funds to an indigent brother. In eloquent and feeling terms Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., referred to the death of Bro. Lemon,

who he observed was a kind friend to all, an accomplished lawyer, a thorough Mason, and respected by all in and out of Masonry, and he moved a proposition expressing the members deep sense of the great loss the lodge had sustained in his death and condoling with the relatives. Bro. G. E. Wainwright, P.M., also paid a tribute of respect to their departed member, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business the lodge was closed.

The banquet that followed gave every satisfaction, and was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. Frank Blackley.

At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave in brief, but happy, terms the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

Bro. Dr. Mickle, P.A.G.D.C., in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," stated that he was proud to have the privilege to acknowledge the toast, which was always kindly given and received in every lodge. The great efforts of Bro. Lord Lathom were well known, and the other Grand Officers were carefully selected.

Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., taking the gavel proposed "The Health of Bro. Frank E. Rosher, W.M." He said that in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. F. T. Baggally, he had the pleasure of submitting the most important toast of the evening. They all knew what an excellent fellow the W.M. was, a splendid worker of the ritual, and, without fear of contradiction, he was second to none who had gone before him.

The W.M., Bro. Frank E. Rosher, on rising to respond, had an ovation. He thanked the members for their great reception. It was a matter of considerable regret that the I.P.M., Bro. Baggally, was not present, but he felt he must be detained through some important business. He (the W.M.) had done his best and if he had given satisfaction to the brethren for his work that night he was gratified, but he felt somewhat handicapped because he had not time to attend lodges of instruction.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and said that it was a toast that was always received in the Lodge of Honour and Generosity with great enthusiasm. They had a good few present, and he gave them all a hearty welcome. Many more were expected, but they had received letters, regretting their inability to attend, from Bros. Sir John Monckton, J. M. McLeod (Sec. R.M.I.B.), H. C. Richards, M.P., Lawrence Kellie, Samuel Webb, T. Wholly, H. L. Holloway, J. H. Ford, Gerald Loder, M.P., Harry Pritchard, Henry Gough, Alfred Love, and Joseph Whitehead. The W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bros. W. M. Wilkinson, Col. J. Harris, H. T. Coburn, A. Bowie, A. Smith, and F. J. Terry Horsey, P.M., whom he asked to respond.

Bro. W. M. Wilkinson acknowledged the toast, observing that it would be difficult to respond if he was the only one, but there were others who would have to follow him. He had the honour of visiting the lodge 33 years ago, when he was received then just as well as he was received that day, and they had given him a welcome which made him eager to come again if given the opportunity. He congratulated the members on the great working of the lodge, and said that Masonry was continuing to do in the lodge that which was done there many years ago.

Bro. Col. J. Harris also responded. He stated that he had been a Mason for very many years, but that was the first English lodge he had ever visited. He had been in a country for 30 years where there were many antagonists to Masonry, and had been turned out of his lodge at the point of the bayonet. He was now 80 years of age, and had always met with every kindness in the Craft. He gloried in Masonry, and considered it was the duty of all Masons to support the Craft in every way, and when they arrived at an old age they could then say that they had done their duty.

Bros. H. J. Coburn, A. Bowie, Alex. Smith, and F. J. Terry Horsey also responded in some good speeches, bearing testimony to the excellent working, and the way the visitors had been received and entertained.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that out of a large number they had only three present, but they were good representatives of that important body. He felt he must refer to the death of Bro. Lemon, who was present when he (the W.M.) was initiated. His loss was irreparable to the lodge. His charming eloquence would be ever missed, and above everything, he was a Mason in the truest sense of the word. He joined with the toast the name of Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., who had kindly acted that evening as I.P.M.

In response, Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., said the Past Masters all felt the great responsibility that rested upon them, but they would uphold the high tenet of the Craft.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. H. Times, P.M., proposed "The Initiate." He said that Bro. H. W. Clarkson had had the W.M. and the J.W. for his sponsors, and he had been initiated in an admirable manner. They were all glad to receive the initiate, and he assured him that he was heartily welcome.

Bro. H. W. Clarkson, who was received with much enthusiasm, responded. He said it was the first time he had occupied his then position and he had been looking for a text for his speech, but he could not find one, as he did not know what were the canons of their law. He was very much impressed with their cordiality and the beautiful ceremony of his initiation, which he need hardly say he had never seen before. It was certainly a great surprise to him, but it was a grand experience and might have the benefit of all he had seen and heard that evening and might be a credit to the lodge of which he had the great honour of being a member. The remarks of Bro. Clarkson were given with much feeling and received with great applause.

In giving "The Officers," the W.M. remarked that he had a splendid staff, and in referring to the S.W., he said that when Bro. A. P. Grabb went into the chair he would surprise them all with his excellent working of the ritual.

Bro. Grabb, S.W., responded in eloquent terms, and the Tyler's toast ended a most happy and successful evening.

An excellent musical entertainment was provided under the able direction of Bro. Reginald Groome, in which the following well-known artistes took part: Miss Ethel Barlow, whose charming singing gained her two well-deserved encores; Mr. Arthur Barlow gave his songs in excellent style; Bro. Reginald Groome, also doubly encored, gave, by special request, that ever-popular song "Stars may forget"—his own composition—and his efforts, and those of the other artistes, were much appreciated. Bro. H. Wharton Wells, L.R.A.M., presided at the pianoforte with his well-known ability.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

A meeting was held of this lodge on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. C. Gorton, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; T. Selby Henry, J.W. and Chap.; T. Cohn, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Robeson, S.D.; T. Stokes, J.D.; Jas. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Hughes, P.M.; Collins, Hawkins, A. J. Rippin, Williams, Hipwell, Dixon, Lloyd, Bassett, Farr, Doody, Taylor, and Crawshaw. Bro. Brough, 1342, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, Mr. Frank Oliver Taylor was the one initiated, after which the lodge was closed.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

A meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when there were present 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., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. J. Woodbridge, J.D.; A. F. Gunning, I.G.; H. W. Gloster and A. Althorp, Stwds.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., D.C.; C. F. Passmore, P.M.; J. B. Walker, and J. M. Willins. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Guld, P.G.D.; G. H. Gale Crowdy, 177; and W. Jones, 2521.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. John B. Walker, who had previously been examined as to his proficiency, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. An explanation of the tracing board followed, which was admirably rendered, and listened to with the closest attention by the brethren. A letter was read from the Prov. Grand Secretary, expressing the desire of the Provincial Grand Master that each Worshipful Master in the province should attach his signature on the reverse side of the warrant of the lodge during his occupancy of the chair.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent dinner which had been provided for them.

The usual toasts followed, Bro. R. F. Guld responding for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. H. Gale Crowdy, a founder and P.M. of the lodge, for "The Visitors."

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the efforts of the W.M., Bro. Millward Wilkins, and other vocalists to entertain the company were crowned with the most perfect success.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1897.

Masonic Notes.

We have received several communications from brethren who experienced great inconvenience, and even no small amount of personal discomfort, from brethren who attended the grand "Masonic Service," as it has been called, on Thursday, the 2nd instant, as well as from others who started from home with the intention of being present, but found themselves unable to gain admission. The writers of these various letters complain greatly of the trouble and annoyance they were put to, and, we imagine, must have some idea floating in their minds that the airing of their grievances in our columns will be solace to them in

the hour of their affliction. We do not question the justice of this view, but, with all due deference to them, we take the liberty of pointing out that their grievances are past redemption, and in the meantime our Rev. Bro. W. M. Sinclair, D.D., the Venerable the Archdeacon of London, upon whom, as Chairman or President of the Chapter Committee of Arrangement, the main responsibility for what happened must necessarily have devolved, has addressed to the general public, through the medium of the daily papers, a most courteous and ample apology for the shortcomings which occurred in connection with the admission and seating of the brethren.

This being so, we fail to see why even the most seriously aggrieved brother should hesitate about accepting an apology, which, as we have said, is ample, courteous, and considerate, in the same kindly spirit in which it has been offered. Those who prolong their grievance after an apology has been made are to a certain extent guilty of churlishness, and hence, we have thought it desirable in the interests of Masonic and general courtesy, to refuse the necessary space for the publication of the letters we have received about last Thursday's shortcomings. We feel sure that when they consider the matter entirely, they will realise that we have acted justly in declining to publish in our correspondence columns their several letters of complaint.

While on the subject of this gathering of the brethren in St. Paul's Cathedral on the 2nd inst., we take the opportunity of pointing out that for what happened in the way of inconvenience and disappointment to individual brethren, neither the Craft itself nor the officials of the Craft are responsible and that those will be guilty of a very serious injustice who insist on fastening upon them the responsibility.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There was a full attendance of members, and the chair was occupied by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. The business transacted was of the ordinary character, there being as many as 15 petitions submitted for consideration, of which six were for the Male Fund and nine for the Widows' Fund. These were all accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the lists of candidates for the election of May, 1898. We will add that the widows of three recently-deceased male annuitants made application to be allowed each the half of her late husband's annuity, and that in each case the Committee acceded to the request.

The Lecture on "Canada" which we announced last week would be delivered before the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, by Bro. J. Woodall, Past G. Treasurer, proved most interesting. The lecture had the great advantage of being illustrated, and Bro. Woodall had the satisfaction of riveting the attention of his youthful audience throughout the whole of his lecture, well meriting the very hearty applause bestowed upon him at the conclusion of his paper.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that the Albert Edward Lifeboat which is stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, and which is one of the two boats presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in 1876, in commemoration of the safe return of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from his visit to India, has had the good fortune to render valuable service in connection with the gales which have recently prevailed along our coasts. On Thursday, the 2nd instant, the boat was launched in a heavy sea in response to signals of distress and was the means of rescuing 10 persons from the barque Thyra, of Frederickstadt, which had stranded on the Burrows Sand and was breaking up. The Albert Edward returned at 7 p.m., and an hour later was launched in obedience to further signals. No vessel, however, was found in need of any assistance and she returned to Clacton at 4 a.m. on the following day.

A change in the government of the Craft in Jamaica took place on Thursday, the 18th ult., when a special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica was held in Kingston under the presidency of Bro. R. S. Haughton, Dep. Dist. G. Master in charge, and his Excellency Bro. Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G., the Governor of the Colony, was installed in office as District G. Master in succession to Bro. Major J. C. Macglashan, who has resigned the position. The

ceremony was performed by the Dep. Dist. G. Master in the presence of a large gathering of the brethren, among the visitors being Bro. S. C. Burke, Dist. G. Master of the Scottish Constitutions, and his District Grand Officers. We congratulate our brethren in Jamaica on having the representative of her Majesty the Queen as their new chief.

It does not frequently happen in Freemasonry that a father has the opportunity of initiating his two sons into Freemasonry. However, this is just what happened at the regular meeting of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The lodge met under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Bowers, W.M., but after the early business of the meeting had been transacted, Bro. Bowers vacated the chair in favour of our respected Bro. Stimson, P.M., Treasurer, that he might have the pleasure of initiating his sons into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The ceremony was most ably and affectingly carried out, and the lodge may feel proud of so unusual—or, possibly, the unprecedented—a sight having been witnessed within its portals.

The Alleyn Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 139, on the roll of chapters of that Degree under the Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Rite, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 8th instant, by Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, 33°, Lieut. G. Commander, assisted by Bros. Frank Richardson, 33°; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, 33°; J. H. Matthews, 33°; R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C., 33°; and others. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. W. J. Songhurst was installed in office as first M.W.S., and appointed and invested his officers for the year. The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. John Read, 30°, and everything passed off most satisfactorily, the Alleyn Chapter entering upon its career under the most encouraging circumstances.

GUY'S HOSPITAL RE-ENDOWMENT FUND.

The following subscriptions have come in towards the endowment of the Freemason's bed since the last list published in the *Freemason* of October 16th. Cheques for £242 10s. and £105 have been paid over to the Treasurer of Guy's Hospital, making up a sum £1050 contributed by the Craft, and one of the 114 beds, which had been closed for want of funds, has now been again brought into use and permanently endowed. Donations from those lodges which have not yet subscribed will be still thankfully received and duly forwarded to the Treasurer of the hospital.

The following lodges have contributed £1 1s. each: Nos. 9, 18, 19, 22, 25, 30, 55, 59, 79, 87, 157, 174, 186, 190, 198, 211, 238, 256, 263, 435, 507, 538, 554, 574, 754, 766, 780, 813, 898, 907, 933, 1196, 1227, 1269, 1278, 1321, 1328, 1364, 1445, 1507, 1571, 1584, 1599, 1607, 1608, 1673, 1677, 1704, 1731, 1745, 1803, 1804, 1818, 1901, 1969, 2012, 2033, 2076, 2108, 2190, 2192, 2233, 2243, 2308, 2323, 2397, 2409, 2455, 2456, 2488, 2589, and 2615.

A second donation from Lodge 2396. Corrections from former lists—Per Bro. C. J. Rowe, should be Lodge 1185; Lodge 141 should be Lodge 142.

One guinea each from—Lodge of Instruction 2012; Chapters 73 and 1601; Mark Lodge, Bon Accord (T.I.); and Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor.

Donation from Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., of £105; and Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., of £1.
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The Great Western Railway Company issue tickets at their principal City and West End offices, and this arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining tickets at a crowded railway station, particularly at holiday times, and the booking office at Paddington Station will be open all day for the issue of tickets on December 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 20th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days.

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In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcel traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford.

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.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be glad if you will allow me to make one or two corrections of, and additions to, your report of the proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. It was not Bro. Horton Smith, but I who rose to order during Bro. Richard Eve's speech; for it appeared to me that he was clearly inaccurate in asserting that the brethren had only four days' notice of the proposed increase of salary of the Grand Secretary, when it had been first broached four months previously at the Board of General Purposes, and, as I was informed, had been specially adjourned that it might be decided by a full Board. As Bro. Sir John Monckton afterwards stated, although that is also omitted from the report, on this occasion Bro. Eve was in a minority of one.

The R.W. Brother in the Chair passed over my point of order, and I would not for a moment suggest that there was anything absolutely out of order for a member of a Committee to re-open a question when it is placed before a full assembly. But Masonic regulations go further, and what I intended to imply was that Masonically Bro. Eve was out of order if only because he was transgressing that "ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by a majority of the brethren," which was enjoined on him as an example of obedience when he was initiated into the Order, and on such a ground, he would, I apprehend, have been stopped by the W.M. of any private lodge.

May I also point out that your report omits Sir John Monckton's reasons why, independently of the increase of work of the present Grand Secretary, owing to the increase of Masonry, the Grand Lodge could afford to give a larger salary, viz. That when the late Colonel Shadwell Clerke was appointed, a pension of £500 a year was awarded to Bro. Hervey. Moreover, that Colonel Shadwell Clerke was also in receipt of military half-pay, whereas Bro. Letchworth had forfeited, on acceptance of the appointment, a lucrative practice. Since your reports, generally so complete, are the only source of information to a large number of provincial brethren, and to others in more distant parts, I am sure you will be so good as to accept and publish these few words.—I am, yours fraternally,

LENNOX BROWNE, P. Dep. G.D.C.

December 8th.

Reviews.

"A PALESTINIAN SYRIAC LECTONARY. C. J. Clay and Sons, Ave Maria Lane, London. 12s. 6d. net.—This deeply interesting volume (in quarto) *Studia Sinaitica*, No. VII., is edited by Agnes Smith Lewis, with critical notes by Professor Dr. Nestle, and the Glossary is by Margaret D. Gibson. The Introduction, though brief, is to the point, not a word is wasted, and the particulars afforded of the important MS. (which is reproduced in the volume so carefully, as to be practically a facsimile) enable one to fully sympathise with the valuable discovery made by Mrs. Lewis, and to share her joy in becoming its purchaser in the spring of 1895, at Cairo. This gifted lady, prior to actually considering herself the owner of the Lctionary, made all reasonable inquiries from the Sinai Monks, so as to be assured it had not been stolen from the Convent of St. Catherine, and so now she may, and doubtless, does, feel that it is her possession, beyond dispute. Her previous experience as an earnest student of the Palestinian Lctionaries, one of which she discovered in 1892, and the other two, traced 1892-3, as stated—that the scant light thrown on their origin and history of the dialect by the rubrics of the present MS. are most welcome. Their caligraphy apparently belongs to a period when "Syriac held its own against Arabic as a spoken language." The critical notes by Dr. Nestle are most helpful and extensively useful, and so also is the exhaustive and invaluable glossary by Mrs. Gibson, sister of the Editor. The occasional divergent readings from most of the Biblical MSS. are most suggestive, and open up a wide field of enquiry. The beauty of the manuscript is evident from the frontispiece, which is devoted to a facsimile of Deut. xi., 7-10, from a photo by Mrs. Gibson, and the whole "get up" of the volume by Messrs. C. J. Clay and Sons leaves nothing to be desired.

"THE BOOKMAN" (*Hodder and Stoughton*, 27, Paternoster-row).—This monthly which is always interesting and full of valuable information and advice for the three classes catered for (viz., Book readers, buyers, and sellers), is particularly so in the Christmas Number, now circulating, and though a supplement is added, still published at the small sum of sixpence. It is the size of the *Freemason*, but No. 75 has 80 pages, with many illustrations, not a few of which are of a superior character, being specimens from the various works reviewed. A feature of this useful monthly is the magazine and entertaining style of the text, and the frequent articles of ability, concerning book-makers, as well as careful reviews of the current work which from their excellence, value and interest command extended notices. An alphabetical list of new books for the month, arranged in alphabetical form, as well as in subjects, is a real boon for ordinary book buyers, as the prices and publishers are appended, and particulars of sales for the previous month, and lists of books wanted and for sale leaves nothing to be desired in this department, the first mentioned being supplied and guaranteed by the leading booksellers named. The more this monthly is known the better for all interested in general study, as it is a never failing aid for students of all kinds.

Mark Masonry.

Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 309.

The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, on the 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. W. Campbell Taylor, presided, assisted by Bros. Greenway, S.W.; Turton, J.W.; and a good muster of officers and members. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Long was advanced to the Honourable Degree, and thereafter the D.P.G.M., Bro. F. Hughes-Hallett, P.G.D., entered, and was saluted. The W.M. elect, Bro. T. Turton, was presented by the senior P.M., Bro. F. Wood, and ably installed by the retiring W.M. The addresses were eloquently delivered, and the officers appointed as follows: Bros. Brooks, S.W.; Wood, P.M., J.W.; Robinson, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Bateman, P.M. (for the 12th consecutive year), Sec.; Corbett, M.O.; Messer, S.O.; Solkhon, J.O.; Greenway, R. of M.; Jones, S.D.; Long, J.D.; and Greig, P.M., acting I.G. The Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to the I.P.M., and was well deserved after the splendid way he had carried out the work of a busy year. Two candidates were proposed for advancement, and the lodge was closed.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 332.

At the last meeting of the above lodge the present W.M., Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M. 309 and 433, P.G.M.O. Kent, was re-elected W.M. for another year. This lodge—the oldest Masonic institution in East Greenwich—after a period of inactivity, is now becoming prosperous again, and has prospects of plenty of work for the new year.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALLEYN R.C. CHAPTER,
No. 139.

An important meeting of this august body was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at their Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., for the purpose of consecrating a new Rose Croix Chapter, 18°, to be named the Alleyn Chapter, No. 139, on the register of the Supreme Council, when the following distinguished members of the Order were present: Most Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, Lieut. G. Comr.; Very Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, 33°; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, 33°; J. H. Matthews, 33°; and R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., O.C., 33°, of the Supreme Council; also Ill. Bros. Sir G. Harris, 33°; Sir F. G. M. Boileau, 32°; E. Armitage, 32°; and G. F. Tower, 30°.

Letters of regret for inability to be present at this meeting were received from M. Ill. Bro. the Earl of Euston, 33°; Ill. Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., 33°; E. Letchworth, 33°; Fenn, 33°; W. M. Bywater, 32°; R. H. Thrupp, 32°; R. Clutton, 32°; H. Ward, 32; H. H. Shirley, M.A., 30°; A. Stewart Brown, 30°; F. Lawrence, 30°; and H. Clutton, 30°.

Founders: E. and P. Bro. William John Songhurst, 18°, Invicta Chapter, No. 10; Ill. Bros. John Read, 30°, P.M.W.S. Invicta Chapter, No. 10, St. George's, No. 42, Shadwell Clerke, No. 107; Fredk. Atkinson Powell, 18°, Ivor Hael Chapter, No. 34; Robert Coram Leversedge, 30°, P.M.W.S. Shadwell Clerke Chapter, No. 107; E. and P. Bro. John William Stevens, A.R.I.B.A., 18°, Shadwell Clerke Chapter, No. 107; and Ill. Bro. Capt. W. Portlock Dadson, 33°, P.M.W.S. Invicta Chapter, No. 10.

Visitors: Ill. Bros. H. Lovegrove 31°; G. W. Capel, 30°; N. Goodchild, 30°; and Geo. Powell, 30°; Ex. and P. Bros. P. Laird, 18°; and James Shilcock, 18°.

A Supreme Council was formed, and the following brethren were perfected to the 18th Degree; Bros. A. H. Thornton, 1383; A. Churchward, M.D., P.M. 890, 1139, P.Z. 890; J. P. Norrington, A.M.I.C.E., P.M. 2105; H. E. Herman, P.M., P.Z. 2601, 1293; W. H. Kidson, M.L.S.B., S.W. 2611; and J. F. Henley, 2647.

The ceremony of consecration of the Alleyn Chapter was then most solemnly and impressively carried out by the Supreme Council, the M.P. Sov. G. Commander in the chair. At the conclusion of this ceremonial, Ex. and P. Bro. W. J. Songhurst, 18°, was presented by the Ill. Bro. Sir Geo. Harris, 33°, G.D.C., for installation as M.W.S. of the chapter, V. Ill. Bro. F. Richardson, 33°, performing that ceremony.

The M.W.S. appointed as his officers Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, Prelate; Ex. and P. Bro. F. A. Powell, 18°, 1st General; Ill. Bros. R. C. Leversedge, 30°, 2nd General; and Capt. Portlock-Dadson, 33°, Recorder; Ex. and P. Bros. J. W. Stevens, A.R.I.B.A., Marshal; A. H. Thornton, Raphael; A. Churchward, M.D., D.C.; James Norrington, Herald; and H. E. Hermon, Captain of the Guard. Ex. and P. Bros. W. H. Kidson, M.L.S.B., was elected Treasurer; and a Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws.

A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to the members of the Supreme Council for their attendance on this occasion and consecrating the chapter, perfecting the candidates, and installing the M.W.S.

The Supreme Council were also pleased to accept honorary membership of the chapter.

All business being concluded, the chapter was closed in ample and solemn form and a most successful meeting terminated.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM J. JUBY.

Bro. William J. Juby whose sudden and lamented death we briefly announced in our last issue, was apparently in fairly good health. He was the highly respected head master of St. Mary's Boys' School, Charlwood-road, Putney, and the sad event took place about three o'clock on Tuesday morning, the 30th ult., the immediate cause of death being an apoplectic seizure. On the Monday, the day previous, he attended to his professional duties as usual, and in the evening was looking after the work connected with a Provident Bank, which was carried on at the schools, when at a few minutes after six he was seized with a fit, medical aid was summoned, and although all that was possible was done he passed away at the time stated without having regained consciousness to the intense grief of his wife and family, and the sincere regret of his many friends. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, and served all the principal offices, and was installed Master on the 19th ult., a full report of which appeared in our last issue. Bro. Juby was known to us personally for several years, and we tender our respectful sympathy to his bereaved wife and family and to the members of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, who have sustained a very great loss, and the memory of his services to the lodge will be cherished for many years to come. The funeral took place on Friday, the 3rd instant, the cortege proceeding from the late residence of the deceased, Charlwood-road, to All Saint's Church, Putney Lower Common. The chief mourners were the widow and son and two daughters. When the church was reached there was a crowd of several hundred of the inhabitants of Putney and about 80 members of the Craft. A special service was solemnly and impressively performed by the Rev. W. F. Shillito, assisted by the Rev. A. K. Henley. The choir was under the direction of the choir Master, Mr. Harry Dancy, who also presided at the organ and at the close of the service played the "Dead March in Saul." The cortege then proceeded to the Putney Lower Common Cemetery—where another big crowd awaited—the Rev. W. F. Shillito officiating at the grave. Many handsome wreaths were sent among others, the Rose of Denmark Lodge, Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Bro. W. R. Williams, P.M.; Bro. E. Clarke, P.M.; Bro. C. Cowland, P.M., and Mrs. Cowland; Bro. W. R. Woolgar, Bro. Arthur Duley, Bro. and Mrs. W. Bishop, Bro. and Mrs. A. Alderton and family, Bro. and Mrs. J. Porter and family.

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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

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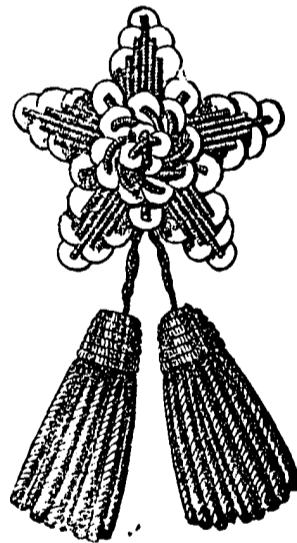
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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. EARL PERCY has sent a gift of pheasants to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park.

BRO. SIR WILLIAM WALROND, M.P., has gone to join Lady Walrond at San Remo, where they will spend Christmas.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GROCERS has given a donation of £250 in aid of the Sustentation Fund of Guy's Hospital.

THE LATE BRO. SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS.—A handsome figure memorial to the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris is now being placed in position in Brompton Cemetery.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, with the Princesses Margaret and Victoria Patricia, arrived at Windsor Castle on a visit to the Queen on Saturday last.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF ABERCORN and Lady Phyllis and Lady Gladys Hamilton have arrived at Hampden House, where they will remain for some days before they go to the South of France.

BRO. EARL EGERTON OF TATTON and the Duchess of Buckingham have a large party at Tatton Park this week for the Knutsford ball and the fancy dress ball which the Duchess gives there this (Friday) night.

THE FOLLOWING Masters of Foxhounds have been elected members of the Hunters' Improvement Society—Lord Fitzharding, Bro. G. C. Fitzwilliam, Mr. A. W. Foster, Mr. John Hargreaves, Mr. F. C. Swindell, and Mr. John D. Williams.

BRO. W. H. SHARP, for some years proprietor of the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, is taking possession of the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, Lincs. When he left Hampton Court he was presented with an illuminated address from his friends and neighbours.

THE COUNCIL of the Royal Military Tournament have issued the programme of the 19th Military Exhibition, to be held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, from May 10th to June 2nd next. Prizes to be competed for are of the aggregate value of £1191 7s.

CATHEDRAL FOR GOLD-DIGGERS.—Sir Gerard Smith, Governor of Western Australia, last week laid the foundation-stone of the Goldfields Cathedral, to be erected at Coolgardie. The ceremony was performed with Masonic rites, and afforded an imposing spectacle.

BRO. H. J. HITCHINS, P.M. 2347, who was honoured by being presented to the Queen on the occasion of a performance given by Royal command at Windsor Castle, by the Empire Theatre, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., has been the recipient of a gracious message expressing her Majesty's approval, accompanied by a magnificent diamond pin, the design of same being the Royal Cypher with Imperial Crown.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GOLDSMITHS has sent a donation of £100 to the United Kingdom Benevolent Association. Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar has notified her intention of being present at the reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol," which Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft has promised to give on Monday, the 13th instant, on behalf of this institution, at Grosvenor House, kindly lent for the purpose by the Duke of Westminster.

ON TUESDAY, Bro. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., one of the most brilliant officers in the British Army, completed his 58th year. Bro. Sir Redvers, who has just been succeeded as Adjutant-General at head-quarters by Bro. Sir Evelyn Wood, won his Victoria Cross during the Zulu War of 1878-9. He was promoted for distinguished service in the field in the Suakin expedition of 1884, and, in addition to seeing much active service elsewhere, has filled many important military positions at home.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, the Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, with other guests at Sandringham, attended Divine service on Tuesday last, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, in the Park. The Rev. Canon Hervey, Chaplain to the Queen and Domestic Chaplain to the Prince of Wales, officiated. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Creighton, Bishop of London, who is on a visit to their Royal Highnesses.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—Bro. the Right Hon. Horatio D. Davies, M.P., Lord Mayor, will preside at the annual general meeting of the constituents of this fund, at the Mansion House, E.C., on Monday, the 13th instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The business of the meeting is—To receive the report of the Council for the year 1897; to approve, if thought fit, and to pass the laws of the Constitution as now revised and recommended by the Council; to elect the Council for the year 1898; to determine the date of next Hospital Sunday; and to transact annual general business.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided on Tuesday at a meeting of the Council of his Royal Highness, held at the office of the Duchy of Cornwall, Buckingham-gate. There were present the Earl of Ducie, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Mr. Charles Alfred Cripps, Sir Nigel Kingscote, Sir Dighton Probyn, Mr. L. C. Probyn, and Mr. Holzmann. Later in the day the Prince, attended by Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, left town for Diddington Hall, Norfolk, for a few days' shooting with Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney.

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.]

MRS. KEYSER, wife of Bro. C. E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, near Reading, laid the foundation stone of a parish church room in that picturesque village on Saturday. A short dedication service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. R. Horwood, and Mrs. Keyser was presented with a mallet and silver trowel by the builders, Messrs. J. Wooldridge and Son, of Hungerford. The building will be erected from a design by Mr. E. Doran Webb, F.S.A., of Salisbury, at the cost of Bro. Keyser. It will provide a room, 60 feet by 18 feet, which can be increased by throwing in a corridor, as occasion may require. There will also be a kitchen, &c., rendering the building perfectly suitable for parochial gatherings.

BY PERMISSION of the Queen, the annual exhibition of the Berks and Bucks Needlework Guild, of which Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein is the President, was held on Monday afternoon at Frogmore House, near Windsor Castle. The necessary articles of warm and useful clothing were displayed in the drawing and dining-rooms of the Royal residence. Her Majesty sent a sage-green woollen scarf and pale-blue hood, trimmed with ribands to match, both having been tastefully worked by herself. These were exhibited upon a round table in the bay of the drawing-room, the windows of which overlook the grounds and lake. Princess Henry of Battenberg's contributions—a pretty pair of woollen shoes for a baby, a comforter, and other articles, as well as some clothing that had been collected by her Royal Highness—were exhibited upon tables arranged near the Queen's gifts.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT presided on Tuesday afternoon over a large gathering of officers at the Aldershot Military Society, when Colonel E. T. H. Huton, C.B., A.D.C. to the Queen, lectured on the German and French military manoeuvres of 1897. Comparing the French and German armies with our own, and dealing with our regular force particularly, he said we had no reason to fear comparison. The physique of our soldiers was not deficient if we excepted a small proportion of immature lads, and would compare more than favourably with the troops of Germany or France; while for officers Great Britain had good reason to be satisfied. What we had to consider was our defensive strength, and there a comparison between our own and foreign armies raised legitimate anxiety. In the course of the discussion which followed Colonel Talbot Coke, Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, and others took part.

THE THIRD LADIES' NIGHT of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 193, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 20th January next, under the auspices of

Bro. Charles Garton, W.M., who will be well supported by his officers and the members and very materially assisted by a strong body of Stewards, among whom will be Bros. H. Legge, P.M.; T. Cohe, P.M.; P. Prov. G.W. Guernsey and Alderney; F. Hughes, P.M.; T. W. Fisher, P.M.; and R. Sasson, I.P.M.; Bros. William Baker, S.W.; T. Stokes, J.D.; and others. The M.Cs. will be Bros. John G. Robeson, S.D., and A. J. Kippin, and the joint Secretaries Bros. James Smith, P.M., D.C., and T. J. Crawshaw, A.D.C. Tickets—10s. 6d., exclusive of wine—can be had of the W.M., Bro. C. Garton, Ivy Lodge, Grange-road, Gunnesbury, W.; or the Stewards, M.Cs., or Hon. Secs. Programme—Reception at 5.30 p.m., dancing at 6 p.m., supper at 8 p.m., carriages at 11 p.m.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, accompanied by the Princesses Margaret and Victoria Patricia, visited the display of the Queen's Jubilee presents at the Imperial Institute on Monday morning. The additions which have just been made to the collection include several items of great interest, and the magnificent scallop-shell-shaped pendant of diamonds, set off by a huge pearl, from the Thakore Sahib of Morvi, is conspicuous even among the other splendid jewels. The Hindu subjects of Bombay send a perfect model of a temple in solid silver, and standing 36 inches high. Within it is to be seen a tiny representation of Ganesh, and all details, even to devout worshippers coming up to perform their observances, are represented. The addresses are notable for their beautiful caskets and cylinders, and include a specially handsome one from the Chinese community in Burma, who say—"We know that the strength of England is ever used, not to oppress, but to protect those who live under the shelter of her flag." The Municipality of Poona send a huge silver casket, cleverly embodying English and Indian devices; the city of Bangalore forwards one in carved sandal-wood; and the Rajah of Khairagarh encloses his loyal sentiments in a box of ivory and gold. A remarkable ore is sent by the Eurasians of Western India, who have chosen a column formed of black wood and silver, upheld by the lion and unicorn, richly carved. The solid gold cylinder forwarded by one native gentleman is enriched at the ends with enormous uncut brilliants. In touching contrast to these splendid offerings are the simply-printed expressions of devotion and goodwill of the inhabitants of Sylhet upon a rough sheet of country paper. It was explained, however, to her Majesty that the more sumptuous case and illuminations that had been so affectionately prepared, were lost in the destruction wrought recently by the great and disastrous earthquake in Assam.

We have received the following letter at the moment of going to press:

MASONIC SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As we were not informed that we could take our hats, coats, and cases into the Cathedral, and as no attendants were appointed to look after them in the Crypt, my friend and I, together with many others, left before the completion of the service so that we might return for our belongings before the rush. In doing so, and much to my regret, I forgot the collection. I have much pleasure therefore, in sending a cheque for a guinea, which I trust you will kindly forward to the proper authorities.

Had the tickets issued been limited to the number of seats available; had the doors been opened some two or three hours earlier; had there been an "Order of service" on every chair the thousands of brethren present might have attended this unique celebration without the slightest discomfort.

In my opinion a great opportunity has been lost, as, by following the Albert Hall arrangements, a sum of 6000 guineas might have been obtained just as easily as the rather small sum of £800.

In conclusion, I may add that I have ever regarded it as a standing disgrace, that in a rich country like this our National Cathedral should have been left in an unfinished state so long.—I am, yours fraternally,

P.P.G.W. Oxon.

The Craft Abroad.

St. George's Lodge, No. 2402.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, Cyprus. The lodge was opened about 6.30 by the W.M., Bro. F. H. Parker, assisted by Bros. Morton, P.M., as S.W.; Cartwright, as J.W.; and the rest of the officers and brethren of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Longcroft, W.M., Aldred, W.M. elect, and Houry, all of 2277.

After reading of the minutes, Bro. F. O. Harvey, P.M., was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months by the retiring Master, Bro. F. H. Parker, and the newly-installed Master appointed the following brethren as officers: Bros. T. H. Dray, S.W.; Frank Cartwright, J.W.; Z. D. Pierides, Treas.; M. J. Louisides, Sec.; L. Pierides, S.D.; D. Augustin, J.D.; A. Morton, P.M., I.G.; and Natar, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room where an excellent repast was done justice to.

The usual toasts followed, a particular feature being made of the second term of the office of Bro. Harvey who was the first W.M. of the lodge.

The evening's proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Harvey, Dray, Cartwright, Parker, Aldred, and Houry, the last named brother's songs being of a very humorous description.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end a very successful evening.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277.

This chapter held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, Comps. F. O. Harvey, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Morton, P.H., as H.; and F. H. Parker, J.; the other regular officers of the chapter being present.

The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the rest of the companions were admitted, and after the regular business had been gone through the ballot was taken for Bros. F. Cartwright and T. H. Dray, which proved favourable. These brethren were then examined and admitted, and in a most impressive manner exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, the working of the acting Z., and of the P.S., Comp. Longcroft, being particularly commended.

The companions afterwards dined with the members of St. George's Lodge.

Marriage.

BALDING—WILLING.—On the 8th inst., at St. Peter's, Cricklewood, by the vicar, the Rev. J. S. Woodhouse, M.A., Arthur, youngest son of the late James Balding, to Beatrice May, second daughter of James Willing, jun., of Rock Hall, Cricklewood, N.W. No cards.

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Weavers' Arms, 17, London Wall, when there were present Bros. Kinipple, W.M.; Spencer, S.W.; Hillman, J.W.; D. Harlow, Preceptor; Meadows, Sec.; John G. Robeson, S.D.; Read, J.D.; Knight, I.G.; Thomas, P.M.; Emden, P.M.; Collins, C. Garton, William Baker, Williamson, Nicholls, Bush, Hammerton, and Jas. Smith, P.M., Asst. Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Nicholls acting as candidate. Bro. Emden was passed to the Second Degree. Lodge being resumed, the W.M. rose for the first time and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second

time and Bros. Nicholls, Williamson, and Hammerton were elected members. The Auditors' report having been read and adopted, the officers were elected as follows: Bros. Harlow, Preceptor (re-elected); Greig, Asst. Preceptor; William Baker, Treas.; Meadows, Sec.; and Smith, Asst. Sec. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Garton, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; Greig, J.W.; D. Harlow, Preceptor; Meadows, Sec.; J. Smith, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Langford, S.D.; Collins, J.D.; Dixon, I.G.; Neven, P.M.; Williams, Farr, Hammerton, Williamson, Newman, Read, Stevenson, J. G. Robeson, and Fuller.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Read being the candidate. Bro. Stevenson was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the brethren rehearsed the Masonic drill. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. E. J. Harrison, W.M.; J. Birks, S.W.; S. Cload, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. Rapley, S.D.; A. Oliver, P.M., J.D.; C. J. Roiter, I.G.; R. P. Upton, P.M.; W. A. Goring, W. Aldridge, A. Goodman, C. Guttman, and A. F. Hardymont.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Guttman being the candidate. Bro. Birks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

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LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. Raphael, W.M.; M. Beedle, S.W.; W. Bowden, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; M. Beedle, S.D.; W. Bowden, J.D.; R. Hatfield, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; C. Pinnell, T. Farrar, R. Bidgood, E. Bissell, L. Genese, A. Butcher, and B. Russell.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinnell being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Butcher being the candidate. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Beedle, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 3rd inst. Present: Comps. Wm. Wills, M.E.Z.; J. Lightfoot, H.; A. H. Fraser, J.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; T. R. Cass, S.N.; H. Cornford, P.S.; West, H. W. Noakes, E. E. Hawkins, Dr. S. G. McCormick, Derham, Braik, Hardman, Dawson, Cureton, and Lewis.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. S. J. Derham personating the candidate. Comps. H. W. Noakes, M.E.Z. 749, and Dr. McCormick and E. E. Hawkins, of 1507, were elected joining members. Comp. H. Cornford was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comps. Wills and Stone thanked the companions for their vote of confidence, and their being elected on the Board of Benevolence, which they esteemed a great honour. The chapter was then closed.

BRO. THE EARL OF ONSLOW presided on Monday night at the annual dinner of the head-quarter companies of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, at Guildford, and distributed the prizes. The guests, who numbered about 250, included Viscount Middleton (Lord-Lieutenant of the County).

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