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## PERPETUAL AND LIFE PRESENTATIONS.

The subject of Presentations was discussed at considerable length at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 13th inst., and it is satisfactory to know that by the decision arrived at the question whether Perpetual and Life Presentations shall for the future be granted, and if so on what terms and conditions, has been referred back to the Special Committee appointed to inquire into it for further consideration and report. It will be in the recollection of our readers that at the Quarterly General Court of the same Institution in October last a motion was submitted by Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., that the offer of a sum of £1155 by Bro. GEORGE HEATON, of the Province of West Yorkshire, be accepted as the price of a Perpetual Presentation, but exception was taken to the offer on the ground that the sum was not an equivalent considering the character and extent of the rights and privileges secured by such presentation. It was therefore resolved that the question be referred to a Special Committee of three, to which the two other Institutions should be invited to furnish each an equal number of representatives. The Committee accordingly met, and having discussed the question in all its bearings, determined, not unanimously, but by a majority, to recommend that for the future there should be no more Perpetual Presentations. This report was delivered at the Quarterly Court on the 13th instant, and Bro. W. RUSSELL, Prov. G. Treasurer of Kent, proposed that it be adopted, basing his arguments in favour of this course on the grounds of expediency and finance. His main contention was that our Institutions would benefit more as the recipients of an annually-recurring sum "than of a single lump sum which would never recur;" but he also offered, as an alternative proposal, a sort of composite plan by which a total sum of £1356 was to be insured, £840 of this being devoted to the purchase of a life annuity of £40 for 32 years, while the interest on the balance of £516 invested in Consols, and yielding 2½ per cent., would furnish the sum to be paid as the annual premium for the assurance of £840 at £1 13s. per cent. A long discussion ensued, the general feeling of the Court appearing to be in favour of retaining these Presentations, and in the end an amendment, proposed by Bro. C. E. KEYSER,—"That the question be referred back to the Committee to report on the terms on which Perpetual Presentations can be accepted in the future"—was carried; but, on the suggestion of Bro. RUSSELL, with the addition of such words as would allow

of the Committee dealing with the whole question of Presentations, both Perpetual and Life.

There are many reasons why we should be pleased with the decision at which the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School arrived on this occasion. In the first place, it must be apparent to everyone that having regard to the present state of the money market the sum of £1155 is not an equivalent price to pay for the right in perpetuity to present one child to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which certainly expends at the rate of £40 per annum upon the education, clothing, and maintenance of each of the children elected to its benefits. In the next place, it is not so very long ago that the Province of Kent paid £1260 for the "Eastes" Perpetual Presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, nor are we aware of there being any such difference in the cost per child at the two Schools as would justify the difference between the 1200 guineas already paid by Kent to the Boys' School and the 1100 guineas offered by Bro. HEATON last year to the Girls' School for what are virtually equivalent rights. When these rights were created in 1870, the sum of 1000 guineas was deemed a sufficient price to pay for the purchase of one of them, but the value of money now is less than it was then and it is probable that even the 1200 guineas paid, as we have said some short time since, by the Province of Kent is too small. However, the whole subject will be carefully considered and we shall probably know in April next what are the recommendations of the Committee.

As for the contention that these Presentations exercise any influence upon the number of vacancies to be balloted for at the elections by Subscribers' votes, we must confess that we see in it no reason for abolishing them. There are not many of them to begin with, while a glance at the School lists of candidates during the last two or three years will suffice to show that candidates have been withdrawn from the ballot because they had been nominated under this or that Presentation. Moreover, the children and annuitants who are nominated must have the same qualifications as those who are balloted for, so that in both cases it is the same class of people who are benefited, while the advantages conferred are the same in both. But even assuming for the sake of argument that nominations do occasionally influence the number of vacancies to be filled by the ballot, we question seriously if this slight alleged detriment is not outweighed by the encouragement which the existence of the right of Perpetual and Life Presentations offers and the opportunity it affords to lodges and Provinces of securing for one or more of their own affiliated members or their families the benefits conferred by our Institutions, and at the same time perpetuating the memory of some distinguished brother, lodge, or Province. In short, it seems to us that on comparing the reasons in favour of the retention of this right of Presentation with those that have been urged against it, the former preponderate, and we trust, therefore, that while the sum to be paid may be increased, the right will under no circumstances be abolished.

## NEW ZEALAND.

The *New Zealand Craftsman* for last month contains a report of the semi-annual meeting of the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, on the 27th October, 1897, under the presidency of Bro. WILLIAM BARRON, M.W.G. Master. There appears to have been a fair attendance of Grand Officers, and all the

lodges in the Auckland District were represented. In the course of the proceedings, when dealing with the Report of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master referred to certain correspondence with Bro. the Right Hon. R. J. SEDDON, who had forwarded a letter he had received from Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, in the concluding paragraph of which occurred the following passage: "So far as I can foresee, there is no reason why, after the September meeting, the formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand should not be formally declared." Upon this the Grand Master is reported to have remarked that the passage in question "would seem to justify the belief that the present unfortunate relations between members of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and the brethren who had elected to retain their allegiance to the mother lodges working under the present Constitutions would shortly be terminated." He then continued his remarks in the following strain: "Personally, he was, and always had been, of opinion that in founding the Grand Lodge of New Zealand those who had inaugurated the movement had acted within their constitutional rights, and Masons in the adjacent Colonies of Australasia who had gone through the same struggle, and conquered the same difficulties, had been the first to extend a helping hand by according recognition, and Canadian and American Grand Lodges had not been slow to follow the example given. He trusted the time was now close at hand when the brethren of the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions would find themselves free to accept the cordial welcome which would always be extended to them when visiting lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand." We cordially echo the wish so kindly expressed by Bro. BARRON that the relations presently existing between the members of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand and those brethren who have elected to retain their allegiance to their parent Grand Lodges may be speedily terminated. We have, indeed, on former occasions, expressed ourselves to this effect. For the sake of Freemasonry itself, and apart from all other considerations, however weighty they may appear to be, it is most desirable that the present schism should be healed, and that as speedily as may be. Unfortunately, there appears to be a strong feeling on the part of some sections of the Craft in the Colony, to take any steps which may result in bringing about this consummation so devoutly to be wished, while it is not such a very long while ago that, in noting the proceedings at a Quarterly Communication of one of the English District Grand Lodges, we remarked and quoted certain figures, which showed that, while after the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, there were only a few lodges with but a small aggregate of subscribing members remaining in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, the number of lodges at the present time had somewhat increased and with it the number of subscribing members, the latter being greater to the extent of nearly 100 brethren. This, as we observed at the time, does not look as if this District Grand Lodge at all events were in any hurry to change its demeanour towards the members of the New Zealand Constitution. Still the close of the present discordant relations between the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and the brethren of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions may be nearer than is commonly supposed, nor do we see any reason why such a close should not be brought about at an early date, provided always that it can be so brought about with a due regard for the interests of Freemasonry—which are of paramount consideration—and in a manner that shall be honourable to both parties.

#### BRO. KLEIN'S ILLUSTRATIONS OF OUR HIDDEN MYSTERIES.

In the account we gave of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge meeting in our last issue mention was made of a demonstration by the Worshipful Master on a subject not only new to the Craft but new to science. The subject was treated in so interesting a fashion that we think our readers will thank us for giving *in extenso* Bro. KLEIN'S oration. To judge by the two addresses he has already given at the commencement of his year of office,

the series will be of unusual interest to thoughtful Masons. To understand them fully his installation address, which appeared in our Christmas number, should be studied carefully, as it is evident that he intended that to be his introduction to the demonstrations of Hidden Mysteries which he has promised to give at each of the meetings during his Mastership.

#### HIDDEN MYSTERY, No. 1.

"SYMPATHY, OR THE POWER OF FRATERNAL LOVE AS ILLUSTRATED BY  
THE MYSTERY OF PHYSICAL WORK BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY  
SYMPATHY ON THE MATERIAL PLANE."

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In accordance with the plan laid down in my Yuletide Greeting, and as stated in the summons of to-day's gathering, I propose, during my year of office, to demonstrate, at the close of each meeting, one of the Hidden Mysteries of Nature and Science. In Medieval Times, when ignorance of the simplest truths in Science played into the hands of charlatans, the experiments I propose to lay before you at our meetings would have been called magic and attributed to demoniacal agencies. The framers of our ritual, all honour to them, had a clearer conception of that which lies in the wonderful borderland between the Physical and Metaphysical, and strongly urged every Mason to study these Hidden Mysteries, that Truth and Fact might reign where falsehood and deception had hitherto been supreme. We are, in these days, living in a clearer atmosphere, begotten by conscientious scientific research, and are now able to see that all wonders around us are but the materials with which T.G.A.O.T.U. has been working. Let me now show you the experiment I have prepared to illustrate the subject of my to-night's demonstration:

Bro. Klein then set in motion the curious mechanism he had devised to illustrate that part of his installation address which dealt with musical sounds, and demonstrated again that, by means of a succession of puffs emitted from a single plane-nozzle, not only any note in the musical scale but the three principal triads and the fullest chords could be produced at will; he then showed that the same effect could be produced by a succession of explosions. These explosions were regulated by glass tubes of different lengths, the explosions taking place so rapidly that only a clear musical note was heard; in this way he produced the full major triad, the intensity rising and falling as the explosions were increased or diminished by the supply of ordinary gas. He then introduced two heavy iron bars, so rigid that no impression could be made on them by the hardest blow from the gavel. By means, however, of a short wooden handle with cork head, which had been brought into perfect harmony with the bars of iron, one or two soft strokes of the cork head threw the bars into such violent vibrations that a great volume of sound was produced; Bro. Klein here explained that although human sympathy, working on a different plane to that of matter, could not affect this heavy mass of iron without material contact, it was now possible to make this moving mass transmit, without contact, its force to another mass of iron provided they were in what he called perfect sympathy with each other, namely, that they could be thrown into violent vibration by the same generator and would, therefore, give out, when in motion, identically the same musical note. The second bar was now carried to the Secretary's table and still responded loudly, and even when transferred to the other end of the large hall near the Senior Warden's pedestal, the response was still so violent that the sound resulting therefrom was heard by all present. Bro. Klein then showed that this strange effect depended solely upon the perfect synchronising of the two bars, the smallest alteration in either being sufficient to destroy their power to influence. His next step was, perhaps, the most remarkable—one bar was thrown slightly out of sympathy, and both bars were then forced into simultaneous action; the result was that instead of a pure steady musical note, the sound now rose and fell in violent heavy throbs, strangely characteristic of a battle royal.

Bro. Klein concluded his demonstration with the following words: "The greatest aspiration of the human race is now, as it was in Plato's time, to gain knowledge of the Deity, the Great Architect and Builder of the world on which we live. Now, if we want to know the capability of an artist or a carpenter we examine his works, not only his masterpiece, but, in the case of a painter his rough sketches and studies, and, in the case of a carpenter, his very chips will teach us something regarding his aspirations and the power he possesses to carry them out. So with T.G.A.O.T.U. It is for us, as Masons, to study the Hidden Mysteries in His works around us, and, as we progress in that knowledge, we shall attain to a nobler and truer appreciation of those infinities of perfection, which are the very attributes of the Godhead.

In my installation address on Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty we found that in order to try and appreciate the Infinity of Omniscience we were forced to bring the Infinity of Time down to the level of finite material measurements expressed by years, hours, minutes, and seconds, and to get any distance towards the appreciation of Omnipresence we had to consider the Infinity of Space under the finite material measurements of miles, yards, feet, and inches. So also when we try to appreciate the third great subject, representing what we are taught is the highest attribute of the Deity—*Infinite Love*—we must start from the lowest material aspect of sympathy and try and work upwards as we did in the two former cases.

I have only shown you to-night one experiment, but it is a striking one; a heavy iron bar, which, with a man's greatest direct physical force, cannot be bent out of the straight, is by a few slight sympathetic touches made to bend about so violently and strongly that it not only gives out a loud musical note which can be heard more than 100 yards away, but will even continue these oscillations for five or 10 minutes before coming to rest; this was achieved by material contact though of the slightest description, whereas

my second step showed that this bar, when started, had the power of throwing another heavy inert bar of iron, at a distance, into the same violent movement, *provided* the two masses of iron were in perfect sympathy and could thus influence each other.

A startling proof that by sympathy alone, *without material contact*, physical work can be accomplished beyond that which a man, exerting all his strength directly on that mass of iron, can produce; you have seen that the slightest want of sympathy between the masses completely destroyed their power to influence each other, and, when the unsympathetic masses were forced to work together, the quarrelling was most distressing not only to themselves but to those who were looking on.

May we not see in this Mystery of *Sympathy* the reflection or evidence on the material plane of that wonderful Infinity expressed in those well known words Θεός ἀγάπη ἐστίν "God is Love." The whole object of a Human Soul, when using the words "*Thy Will be done*" is to bring itself closer and closer into perfect harmony with the Deity; when that is accomplished we may understand from our simile that not only must we and our aspirations be influenced by the Will of T.G.A.O.T.U. but that *then* our wishes, in their turn, must have great power with God and even mountains be removed and cast into the midst of the sea.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The January Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday, the 14th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., was voted to the chair, and there were also present, among others, Bros. W. Russell, H. Manfield, A. C. Chapin, C. H. Webb, Major John W. Woodall, Henry A. Tobias, W. F. Smithson, H. Massey, W. J. Everett, F. J. Grey, Charles E. Keyser, William C. Lupton, William Vincent, R. Clowes, J. P. Fitzgerald, Manuel, Trew, Pidduck, C. J. R. Tijou, W. H. Saunders, H. Pritchard, R. J. Tucker, C. Pulman, J. G. Stevens, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary).

The minutes of the Quarterly Court held on October 8th last were read by Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec., and confirmed, after which the minutes of the Council meetings of October 29th, November 26th, and December 31st were read for information.

Bro. J. M. McLeod next read a letter that day received by him from Bro. Hedges, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, reporting what had been done at the Quarterly Court of Subscribers to that Institution on the 13th instant with reference to the question of perpetual presentations; that the report of the special Committee against perpetual presentations had not been adopted, but had been referred back for consideration and report as to what sum should be received for perpetual as well as life presentations.

Bro. RICHARD EVE inquired whether the brethren would like to follow the example set by the Girls' Quarterly Court on Thursday and appoint a Committee of the Boys' Institution to consider the subject. He thought it would be well that such Committee should be appointed, as they would be adopting in principle what had been done by the Girls' Institution; it would be a right thing to do.

Bro. H. A. TOBIAS moved that it be referred back to the same Committee.

Bro. H. THOMSON LYON considered that it should be referred to the Council.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., believed the brethren did not quite understand what had happened at the Girls' Institution. The Girls' School appointed three representatives at the Quarterly Court on October 7th, 1897, to consider the question of a perpetual presentation. The quarterly meeting of the Boys' School was held the next day and the brethren then assembled came to the conclusion that the Boys' Institution should take part in the inquiry and they appointed representatives. All the Institutions were represented on the Committee, and it met and made a report. That report was not unanimous, and when it came before the Quarterly Court of the Girls' Institution on the 13th inst. it was not adopted, but was sent back for the Committee to report upon what sum might be accepted to purchase perpetual presentations. The reference to the former Committee was whether there should be allowed any perpetual presentations at all. The majority of the brethren, members of the Girls' meeting yesterday, thought that that was not right and they agreed with the minority of the Special Committee and deemed it proper that the question should be referred back with different instructions, and life presentations were also made part of the reference. Bro. Russell and he (Bro. Keyser) had been on the Special Committee as representatives of the Boys' School, and the brethren perhaps might consider it proper that they should again take that position on the joint Committee. If they had the brethren's confidence, the motion of Bro. Tobias would no doubt meet with their approval.

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. W. RUSSELL said the brethren were asked to concur in what had been done by the Girls' School. It was universally admitted that the Institutions should not be in competition on such an important matter. The brethren had arranged among themselves to let all the Institutions act in unison. They had seen what was done at the Girls' meeting, and what they asked that day was to let the representatives of the Boys' meet the representatives of the Girls' and the Benevolent.

Bro. RICHARD EVE remarked that the Committee to represent the Boys' was appointed by the Board of Management. If the brethren concurred with what the Committee appointed by the Board of Management did yesterday at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' Institution they would now confirm it by voting for the motion of Bro. Tobias.

The motion was carried.

Bro. W. RUSSELL, A.G.D.C., then moved "That Law 79" (Royal Masonic Institution for Boys) "be suspended." He said Law 79 put it in the power of any brother on presenting 500 guineas to the Institution to demand a life presentation. The other two Institutions had not such a law, and as the whole matter of the purchase of presentations was before a joint Committee, he thought the Boys' Institution should be protected in the interim. Seeing that by By-Law 45 no law could be altered or suspended without due notice being given, and that alterations did not become binding unless confirmed three months after the alteration or suspension had been agreed to, a long period must elapse during which the Institution should be protected against brethren obtaining a privilege which could be purchased by the payment of what was acknowledged to be a totally inadequate sum of money. It was solely with this object of protecting this Institution from selling life presentations too cheaply that he brought forward his motion. The whole question of presentations was before the special Committee. He was really proposing that this Law 79 should be inoperative until the Committee had decided by what amount the £525 should be increased.

Bro. Major WOODALL, P.G.T., seconded the motion.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., was not quite clear about the financial result. Would it not be better to leave the matter until the Joint Committee had reported? If they reported that 500 guineas were not enough that of itself suspended the law. Life presentations were very different from perpetual presentations.

Bro. H. THOMSON LYON wished to know what would be done if any one should give £525 now.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., said he should hold that if anybody presented 500 guineas for a life presentation the Institution would be bound to accept it. There was nothing to prevent anyone presenting 500 guineas to the Institution.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS thought the matter might be well left over until they were in possession of the report of the Special Committee.

Bro. RICHARD EVE informed the brethren that if the motion of Bro. Russell was carried it could not possibly take effect until after the next Quarterly Court in April, when it would have to be confirmed. The law remained *in statu quo*, and if 500 guineas were offered they must be accepted. If the Committee reported that £525 was not enough a larger sum that they named might be filled in.

Bro. Russell's motion was carried by 13 votes against four.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., next said the brethren would remember that at the last Quarterly Court he made the announcement as to what the Board of Management had done with reference to the new Bushey site for the Boys' School. He then informed them that six architects had been selected for the purpose of preparing plans for the approval of the Board. Out of those six, one of the firms declined to go further, and withdrew their name. The five remaining firms had prepared plans, and these had been examined by the Board of Management and their excellent assessor, Bro. Rowland Plumbe, Past Grand Supt. of Works. Bro. Rowland Plumbe had presented his report which would be read. Acting upon Bro. Plumbe's advice, and at the same time taking into consideration the views of those particular brethren who were on the Committee with reference to the plans, they came to the conclusion, which was unanimous, that the first in order of merit were the plans of Messrs. Gordon, Lowther, and Gunton, of Finsbury-buildings. He might say now that they were unanimously approved as first in order of merit in every way, and any one looking at them must remark what skill and ability had been shown in the preparation of the plans. The estimated cost was close upon £100,000. It was a large figure no doubt; still there were points with reference to the cost which might be slightly reduced upon consultation with the assessor. However, it was but fair to tell the meeting that the estimate was £99,000. There was on the ground plan—as would be seen—a very splendid erection of a chapel, but that was not included in the estimate of £99,000. Bro. Keyser had taken all that on his hands, and was going to put the chapel up for 5000 guineas; but that sum might not be sufficient. Everyone must admit that the chapel added greatly to the beauty of the plan. The buildings would provide for 400 boys to begin with. Everything was completed for 500 boys, except additional sleeping accommodation for 100; but they proposed to have 400 boys to begin with. He thought it would be well now to have read Bro. Rowland Plumbe's report on the plans.

Bro. J. M. McLeod read the report of Bro. Plumbe, after which, Bros. Gordon, Lowther, and Gunton, the architects, were here introduced to the Quarterly Court, and they were received with cheers.

Bro. McLeod said each partner was a Mason.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., congratulated them on being the distinguished architects whose plans had been selected; but he informed them that, of course, it was for the Board of Management to take further steps before anything was done.

Bro. GORDON, for himself and partners, said it was a distinguished honour that had been conferred upon them. When he said they did not expect to be the fortunate candidates, he bore in mind that although they had had very considerable experience in connection with large works, they had as competitors for the plans of the Boys' School, Sir A. Blomfield, Mr. Waterhouse, and other very distinguished men in the profession. They knew they were in very warm company, but they made up their minds to do their very best, and they set to work individually; they felt that in a great and important building like this, the greatest merit would be attached to the planning; so they set to work and made their separate plans. Under the circumstances, they thought that would be the best way. After they had made up their minds as to the plan, he might safely say it resulted in a portion of the plan of each of them being adopted, and they had a feeling of confidence that they would be honoured by the position of getting praise; they did not altogether expect to be chosen. They knew they were in excellent hands, and he might say on behalf of himself and his partners, that never was a competition instituted on fairer lines than this one; nothing could be more honourable; there was nothing to indicate the amount; they were told incidentally that certain gentlemen would be in their company; but, listening to the report of the assessor, as they had for the first time, and to hear the Chairman's remark, was eminently gratifying. On behalf of his partners and himself, he thanked the Board most heartily for the honourable position in which they had placed them. (Cheers.)

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., thought the Institution was very fortunate in having accepted these plans. They were no doubt the best, and had been very carefully worked out. They on the Committee had the opportunity of judging what every part of the building was to be. They agreed that the design was most masterly. The architectural point was very good; and when they looked at the figures more closely, they had no doubt they would be able to carry it out in its entirety. They believed they could do it for £99,000.

The brethren during the meeting examined the designs.

Bro. McLeod reported the withdrawal from the list of candidates for election on April 15th of Leonard Oliver Manley, who had been selected by the Board of Management to fill a further extraordinary vacancy.

The Court afterwards approved and adopted a recommendation from the Council of December 31st, 1897, that 27 boys be elected from an approved list of 50 candidates at the April Quarterly Court.

Bro. McLeod said he had now to report what the brethren had already heard from the minutes of the Council of December 31st—that the income of the Institution for 1897 was £23,303.

Bro. McLeod reported that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who would preside at the Centenary Festival of the Institution on a day in June to be hereafter fixed by him, had selected the Royal Albert Hall as the place of meeting.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS next brought forward the case of the boy Lapham, who had not been adopted as a candidate for the April election by the Petitions Committee, the late father having been returned as in arrear. He submitted that as the arrears had since been paid the boy was eligible.

Several brethren spoke on the subject, many of whom contended that it was a hard case, that the dues had been paid up, and therefore that the rules had been complied with. On the other hand, it was stated that it was in many of these instances only when it was found that something beneficial was to be got that arrears were paid up, and that but for this circumstance the arrears would still have remained. In the present case, when the father of the candidate died, and the boy was brought forward, the arrears were paid up to a date when the father had ceased to exist.

Bro. RICHARD EVE pointed out that it would be quite irregular to have the name put on now, because by the laws of the Institution the names must be passed by the Petitions Committee by a certain day for recommendation to the Quarterly

Court, and as Lapham's name was not in the recommendation it could not now go on the list. In answer to inquiries, he said a new petition could be presented, and if all the circumstances were found in order the candidate would go on the list for the October election.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS said that should be done.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings, which had lasted an hour and a quarter.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL OAK ARK MARINERS LODGE, No. 416.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich. A Royal Ark Mariners lodge was opened by Bros. R. Voisey, R.A.C., acting as C.N.; J. J. Pakes, as J.; Dandridge, as S.; Crook and Bugles, Deacons; and Tims, as Guard. Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Kent, attended by his Deputy and Prov. G. Sec., entered the lodge, and was saluted by the brethren.

The following brethren were elevated to the Ark Mariners Degree: Bros. A. H. Bateman, P.P.G.O. Kent; A. T. Dealer, P.P.A.G.S.; C. W. Fageant, E. S. Cockton, H. W. P. Makeham, and A. Akam.

The Prov. G.M. then assumed the chair for the purpose of consecrating the lodge, assisted by Bros. R. Voisey, R.A.C., as J.; Hughes-Hallett, D.P.G.M., as S.; J. J. Pakes, P.P.G.O., as Chap.; A. H. Bateman, P.P.G.O., as D.C.; A. C. Dandridge, P.G.I.G., as I.G.; and E. S. Cockton, as Org.

The address and ceremony of consecration was most impressively rendered by the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan.

After the consecration, Bro. J. J. Pakes, P. Prov. G.O., was enthroned as the W.C.N. for the ensuing year, and appointed the following officers: Bros. A. C. Dandridge, Prov. G.I.G., J.; W. F. Crook, S.; T. Bugler, Scribe; W. Penrose, S.D.; J. W. Tims, J.D. J. G. Thomas, Guard; E. S. Cockton, Org.; and A. Ball, Warder.

The W.C.N. proposed a most cordial vote of thanks to the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M.; the Deputy G.M., Bro. Hughes-Hallett; the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. J. G. Podevin; and Bro. R. Voisey, R.A.C., for their kindness in attending to consecrate the lodge.

This was seconded by Bro. A. C. DANDRIDGE, and carried by acclamation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure he had in attending to perform the ceremony.

Resolved unanimously that the Consecrating Officers be, and are hereby, made honorary members of the lodge.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the W.C.N., Bro. J. J. Pakes, who was supported on his right by the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G. Master.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, Bro. R. VOISEY, R.A.C., responding for "The Grand Officers."

In proposing "The Health of the Prov. G. Master," the W.C.N. expressed the feeling of sincere loyalty which every member of the lodge felt towards his lordship, their grateful thanks for his kindness in attending, and their sincere and earnest hope that his lordship might have a safe and pleasant journey on his contemplated tour in America and return to his province in health and strength.

Lord DUNGARVAN, when rising to reply, was received with continued applause from the brethren. He stated with what pleasure he consecrated their lodge; how great an interest he took in all Mark Masonry in Kent, how he hoped success would attend the lodge so happily constituted that day, and how he hoped that all lodges under his jurisdiction in Kent would continue to advance and prosper, and assured the brethren that as their Prov. Grand Master he would do all that he could to further this great end.

In replying to the toast of "The Dep. G.M.," Bro. HUGHES HALLETT expressed the pleasure it had given him to attend, and, although, owing to various reasons, the consecration had been delayed for some months, yet it was most gratifying to him as the Dep. Prov. G.M. to know that he had been the means of assisting to carry out the object.

Bro. A. H. BATEMAN, P.P.G. Org., in a very effective speech returned thanks for the Prov. G. Officers, Past and Present.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Viscount DUNGARVAN, in proposing "The Health of the W.C.N., Bro. John J. Pakes," spoke in the most kindly manner of Bro. Pakes's Masonic career, and expressed the hope, in which he was sure all would join, that the newly-enthroned W.C.N. might have a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. PAKES, in reply, thanked his lordship for his very flattering remarks, and explained to the brethren how very much he had been assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary, to whom he had written so many letters asking for advice and counsel, that he feared those distinguished brethren must have come to look upon him as a complete nuisance; but, in spite of that, they had rendered him very great and valuable assistance, and he was only too pleased to tender to them, in the presence of the lodge, his very sincere thanks.

Bros. A. T. DEALER, P.P.A.G.S., and E. S. COCKTON returned thanks for the toast of "The Founders."

Bros. DANDRIDGE, CROOK, BUGLER, and TIMS replied for "The Officers of the Lodge."

During the evening Bros. Bugler and Cockton contributed to the amusement of the brethren by some of their choice songs, for which these brethren are so noted amongst the lodges in this neighbourhood.

A very happy evening was concluded by the Tyler's toast, and the brethren departed well satisfied with the success of the gathering.

BRO. LORD AND LADY ALGERNON GORDON-LENNON have returned to Broughton Castle, Oxfordshire, from Warwick Castle.

AT THE inaugural dinner of the Corinthian Club in Dublin on Saturday night, at which Bro. Gerald Balfour was present, Bro. Lord Roberts, in responding to the toast of "The Army and Navy," said it was a satisfaction to him to know that affairs in India were receiving the attention they deserved. He had a firm belief in the good sense of the British public, and felt confident that they would be guided aright in these matters; and, if they wished to have an efficient Army, they must have soldiers able to undergo hardships such as they had to bear in India. If they desired to have peace on the Indian frontier, they must have control over the 20,000 fighting men of that country.

## Craft Masonry.

### Derwent Lodge, No. 40.

There was an unusually large attendance of brethren at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 10th inst., to witness the installation of the popular and esteemed managing director of the hotel, Bro. Henry Boyce, S.W. The W.M., Bro. E. J. McCormick, presided, and amongst those present were Bros. C. E. Botley, P.M. 1976, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D. Treas.; P. Beer, Sec.; T. Southcombe, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; H. A. Stratford, I.G.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; G. Randell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., A.D.C.; J. B. Guv. Org.; H. E. Smith and W. J. Bourn, Stwds.; L. J. Jukes, I.P.M.; J. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; F. C. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. J. Ticehurst, P.M.; J. H. Cole, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Tomlin, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Gaze, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; F. J. Sawyer, P.M.; W. R. Griffin, I.P.M. 2483; F. J. Foster, 1362; G. Smith, W.M. 1183; T. H. Beeny, W.M. 1797; F. Duke, 1842; C. J. Fletcher, W.M. 341; W. B. Sims, 1208; H. C. Wilson, 1842; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; E. L. Voysey, 1947; H. Collinson, W.M. 2201; J. M. Jenkins, P.M. 341; F. Giderleeve, 917; W. N. Oldham, 2483; E. Attenborough, P.M. 2348; J. B. Sutton, P.M. 1110, Prov. A.G.D.C.; A. A. Oakden, W.M. 1110; R. Vicaji, W.M. 916; J. H. Haine, W.M. 2434; W. Grayson, 862; G. H. Carey, 2483; A. G. Telling, J.W. 870; E. Clark, 2343; A. E. Todd, P.M. 27; G. Bungard, W.M. 315; J. Olliver, W.M. 1829; T. Wilson, S. Burnstead, J. Trinder, J. E. Bonner, A. S. Randle, W. E. Brown, A. J. Hickman, E. A. Hocking, J. T. Piper, S. Spencer, F. Bruce, L. O. Glenister, S. T. Weston, R. L. Jones, F. G. Tyrrell, A. G. Smyth, C. H. Cartright, R. W. Redman, B. J. Majmudar, and C. Reinmann.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and the balance sheet adopted, Bro. Boyce was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the outgoing W.M. in the same able manner that has characterised his work throughout the year. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. J. McCormick, I.P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M. 1976, S.W.; T. Southcombe, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Treas.; P. Beer, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; H. A. Stratford, J.D.; H. E. Smith, I.G.; G. Randell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; G. H. Gaze, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., A.D.C.; J. Baker Guy, Org.; and W. J. Brown and T. Wilson, Stwds. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. J. McCormick, as a token of the regard of the brethren and in recognition of the ability with which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at which Bro. Boyce in his dual capacity of W.M. and caterer gave the greatest satisfaction to all present.

The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. J. Baker Guy, Org., were highly appreciated.

### Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

There was a large muster of the Fraternity at the meeting of this old lodge on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, to witness the installation of Bro. John Helenus Moyes (a son of the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master), as W.M. for the current year, many of the guests coming from different parts of the country, and the proceedings passed off with great *clat*.

The attendance included Bros. W. Sindall, W.M.; A. E. Chaplin, I.P.M.; John H. Moyes, S.W.; H. S. Davison, J.W.; J. Bester, Chap.; B. W. Beales, jun., Treas.; Oliver Papworth, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Moden, S.D.; W. James, J.D.; Frank Piggott, P.M., D.C.; A. R. Hill, I.G.; J. Morley, Org.; B. Chennell, P.M.; T. Hunnybun, P.M.; J. V. Pryor, P.M.; W. Purchas, P.M.; W. P. Spalding, P.M.; C. H. Banham, P.M.; J. L. Rutter, P.M.; W. H. Jarrold, T. Lucas, C. F. Charlton, J. M. Logan, A. H. Langridge, J. West Knights, A. J. Moyes, T. T. Moyes, H. A. Chapman, J. Brown, J. D. Dawson, H. C. Pullin, F. H. Aves, E. G. Bell, C. Jones, G. F. Hawkins, M. D. Bradford, F. W. Bird, J. T. Waldoek, R. Moore, S. J. Freeman, H. Whybro, and J. Burrow, all of the lodge. The visiting brethren included Bros. Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Std. Br. England; W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br. England; W. d'A. Barnard, P.M. 1265, P.A.G.D.C. Leicester and Rutland; Thomas Watts, P.M. 441, P.G. Treas.; H. J. R. Gaskoin, late P.M. 6 and 858; W. H. Francis, P.M. 859; R. T. Scarr, P.M. 2103; Wm. Liddall, P.M. and late Sec. 157 and 1719; G. W. Whitehead, P.M. 809; J. Royston, P.M. 441; J. Sheldrick, P.M. 441; J. Vail, P.M. 441; J. Catling, P.M. 441; P. H. Young, P.M. 441; F. Dewberry, P.M. 441; J. S. Wilkinson, J.W. 1285; F. R. Leach, W.M. 441; F. W. Potts, I.P.M. 441; R. J. Sharman, 809; J. Dimpster, 441; F. Griffiths, 340; J. H. Foster, S.W. 809; G. Ball, 441; E. Bowman, 441; Sidney Miller, 441; W. H. Berridge, 441; F. W. Miller, 441; F. Cole, 441; G. W. Bindloss, 475; E. F. Bindloss, 441; J. Quail, 2125; W. T. Bowman, 441; L. Hosegood, S.W. 441; C. E. Gray, 441; O. T. Hammond, 441; and J. Owen, 441.

The duties of Installing Master were efficiently fulfilled by the outgoing W.M., Bro. W. Sindall, and the ceremony was wound up in excellent style by the senior P.M., Bro. B. Chennell, who delivered the three charges in a most impressive manner. There were 30 present at the Board of Installed Masters. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers in a manner which gave promise of good work in the future. Subjoined is a list of the officers for the year: Bros. John H. Moyes, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; W. Sindall, P.P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; H. S. Davison, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; F. J. Moden, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; John Bester, P.P.G.P., Chap.; B. W. Beales, jun., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; W. James, S.D.; A. R. Hill, J.D.; F. Piggott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; C. F. Charlton, P.P.G. Stwd., I.G.; John Morley, Org.; F. West Knights, Std. Br.; B. W. Beales, sen., P.P.G. Treas., Stwd.; and G. A. Allen, Tyler. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was of a very satisfactory character. Five guineas were voted to the widow of a deceased brother; and the annual subscription to the R.M.B.I. was ordered to be paid.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. B. Chennell, on behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. Sindall in felicitous terms.

Nearly 100 brethren sat down to the banquet, at which Bro. J. H. Moyes, W.M., presided in an efficient manner.

After the toast of the "Queen and the Craft," The National Anthem was sung.

Bro. G. J. McKay, in responding for "The Grand Officers," said he was much touched by the reading of the letter from Lord Lathom in acknowledging the vote of condolence passed by the brethren of No. 88 on his lordship's sad bereavement. It had been his privilege to be associated with the Prov. Grand Master for a quarter of a century, and there was not a better Mason in England. He (the speaker) believed the Grand Officers did their best for the prosperity of their noble Craft.

Bro. W. P. Brown also responded to the toast, and said his visit to that ancient lodge (No. 88) had been well repaid. Their work was admirably done, and would gladden anyone. The Installing Master was a little nervous, but their dear old friend, Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., wound up the proceedings in splendid fashion, and he loved very much to hear the old conventional ritual which was used in the charges. The lodge showed the true spirit of Masonry, and if the same prevailed all over England and the world, how much happier would man be.

Bro. J. V. Pryor, P.M., proposed "The Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Colonel R. T. Caldwell), the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." He regretted that neither the Prov. Grand Master nor his Deputy could be with them that day, but in their leading lights the province had two good and worthy Masons.

Bro. T. Watts, P.M., P.G. Treas., acknowledged the toast, and took the opportunity to thank the brethren for electing him Treasurer of the Province for the second time.

Bro. W. Sindall, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was received with the liveliest enthusiasm. The brethren had already had an opportunity of seeing how efficiently Bro. John Moyes could do his work, and they could have no doubt but that he would be a credit to his worthy father, their late D.P.G.M.

The W.M., in the course of his response, said there was a time when he little thought he should become the W.M. of that lodge. When he was offered the I.G. chair he consulted his father, who replied—"Jack, I should like to see you Worshipful Master of the lodge." Well, he had at length attained to that honour; but, in regard to his father, the Great Architect of the Universe had willed it otherwise, as he had not lived to see that day. He could assure the brethren that he would do his best, and he

trusted that any shortcomings would be overlooked by them. In conclusion, he proposed "The Health of the Installing Master and the Past Masters."

Bro. W. Sindall having suitably replied,

Bro. B. Chennell likewise acknowledged the toast as senior P.M., and in very feeling terms alluded to his dear old friend Bro. Andrew H. Moyes. There was a time when each expressed to the other a fervent wish to see his son installed in the chair of K.S. He (Bro. Chennell) had not long ago the privilege of installing his own son, but unfortunately it was otherwise with the late Bro. Moyes. With regard to the complimentary reference of Bro. W. P. Brown to his "old conventional ritual" in the Charges, it was indeed a pleasure to have praise from such high places. He might mention that both his father and grandfather were Freemasons, and he inherited much of his work from them. Some of it, too, was derived from a former W.M. of that lodge, the late Bro. J. Neal York. It was, indeed, a pleasure to find that the old ritual gave satisfaction to a Grand Officer of England.

Bro. W. T. Spalding, P.M., in a happy speech, gave the toast of "The Visitors." This was responded to by Bros. F. R. Leach, W.M. 441; W. H. Francis, P.M. 559; W. d'A. Barnard, P.M. 1265; R. T. Scarr, P.M. 2103; and J. S. Williamson, J.W. 1280.

The W.M. was heartily congratulated upon being called upon to rule a lodge which his worthy father had successfully presided over, and everyone wished him a prosperous and happy year of office.

Bro. Barnard remarked that the archaic way of working the charges was a perfect treat, and he could wish that it was embodied in the Emulation work.

It should be stated that the harmony of the evening was much enhanced by the vocal efforts of three artistes—Miss Florence Venning, Miss Jessie Hotine, and Mr. W. Driver, with Bro. F. Dewberry, Mus. Bac., at the pianoforte.

### Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130.

The members of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on the 13th instant, when Bro. C. J. Sharp, S.W., was installed as W.M. in the presence of a large gathering. The Board of Installed Masters was made up of Bros. A. J. Leach, W.M.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.G.D.; R. Sharps, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg.; R. W. Lees, P.P.S.G.D.; B. Harfield, P.P.J.G.W.; L. Steele, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Boughton-Smith, and C. T. Penny, of the lodge; T. E. Smith, W.M.; J. Adams, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Cross, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Patstone, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and A. J. Blackman, P.P.G. Stwd., of 359; A. Doggrell, W.M., and H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D., of 394; A. Paris, 785, P.G. Reg.; R. C. W. Dixon, P.P.S.G.D., and W. Pearce, of 1112; W. Chapman, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Fowler, and J. Martin, of 1461; Prowse, W.M., and H. Hussey, of 1730; and Harrison, W.M. 1883.

The ceremony (which was shorter than usual, as the W.M. elected had already passed the chair of the Twelve Brothers Lodge), was ably performed by Bro. J. Cole, who was heartily thanked for his services. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. A. J. Leach, I.P.M.; Rev. F. J. Ashmill, S.W.; T. A. Cleveland, J.W.; R. W. Lees, P.M., Treas.; J. Cole, P.M., Sec.; A. J. V. Bagshaw, S.D.; J. M. Soper, J.D.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.M., D.C.; J. Brierley, I.G.; J. E. Dawe and C. A. Emanuel, Stewards; and W. Vane, Tyler. The after-business included a vote of thanks to the retiring Master, Bro. Leach, who was voted a Past Master's jewel from the lodge funds, and the report of grants to the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association. A letter was announced from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Le Feuvre, P.P.G.D., who is a P.M. of the lodge, apologising for non-attendance, owing to his being away in London.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Biggs.

The new Master presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, all the speakers cordially wishing the Chairman a happy and prosperous year as the ruling spirit of the old lodge.

A musical programme was interpreted by the Misses Ethel, Ida, and Evelyn Cross, Miss Racine, and Master Grainger, a very pleasant evening being spent.

### Unity Lodge, No. 132.

The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Ringwood, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when a large company of brethren, including several visiting brethren, assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Fred Hibbs, the retiring S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. C. T. Miles, P.M. 195, 2158, 2208, P.P.G.S. of W., who was assisted by Bro. Pearce, P.M. 2208, who presented the working tools, after which the following officers were invested: Bros. J. J. Fisher, I.P.M.; H. A. Wooff, S.W.; A. Macklin, J.W.; F. A. Lane, P.M., Chap.; A. T. Hicks, P.M., Treas.; W. Farrance, P.M., Sec.; J. C. Webber, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Abbott, S.D.; J. W. Davis, J.D.; R. Homewood, I.G.; W. P. Stickland and D. Galbraith, Stwds.; and C. Bursey, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to the I.P.M. for his services during the past year, which has been a very successful one in the history of the lodge, and a similar compliment was accorded to the Installing Master and his assistant. An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation, through the lodge, of a valuable jewel to Bro. W. Farrance, Secretary, by some unknown brother or friend as a mark of esteem and respect and for his valuable services to the lodge. Bro. Farrance thanked the unknown donor through the Worshipful Master for the valuable present, and said he should always treasure it with a great amount of pride and hoped that he should long be spared to render all the assistance he could to the lodge and the brethren generally. The whole of the proceedings passed off most successfully.

The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet in the dining hall, when the newly-installed W.M. presided, the usual round of loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, "Hearty good wishes" being on all hands expressed toward Bro. F. Hibbs that his year of office might be a happy and successful one.

During the evening many capital songs were rendered, and a very pleasant time was passed.

Amongst those present were Bros. J. J. Fisher, W.M.; S. Minty, I.P.M.; F. A. Johns, P.P.S.G.D.; A. W. Ward, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Tarrance, Sec., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Webber, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. H. Rolis, P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Halliday, P.P.G. Stwd.; A. T. Hicks, P.M., Treas.; C. Wilkes, P.M.; S. B. Morse, P.M.; J. Phillips, P.M.; F. A. Lane, P.M., Chap.; F. Hibbs, S.W., W.M. elect; H. A. Wooff, J.W.; A. Macklin, S.D.; J. Abbott, J.D.; J. W. Davis, I.G.; Alexander, Frampton, Rose, Stickland, Baines, Roberts, Dymond, Kirby, Lloyd, Dixon, Bartlett, Owen, Morgan, Homewood, Smoker, Withers, Holmyard, Brookier, Galbraith, Lister, Grimmes, Lambert, Kitcher, and Cove. The visitors included Bros. C. T. Miles, P.M. 195, 2158, 2208, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 2208, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Smith, P.M. 137, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; C. Pearce, P.M. 2208; H. Youngman, P.M. 2208; A. James, 137; J. A. Crawshaw, J.W. 195; S. G. Whitcombe, 195; J. Cox, 2208; J. W. Manuel, 195; J. Selby, 319; A. C. Curtis, 2208; and others.

### St. James's Lodge, No 448.

The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 14th instant, when Bro. Arthur E. Spencer was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., and A. Robertshaw, P.M., P.P.G.D. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. H. Thompson, I.P.M.; Rufus C. Sykes, S.W.; G. Tinker, J.W.; S. Broadbent, Chap.; C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Jessop, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Ross, Asst. Sec.; E. Hanson, S.D.; J. Milligan, J.D.; Wm. Fielding, D.C.; Sutcliffe Hanson, I.G.; A. Haigh, Org.; G. Whitley, Asst. Org.; H. Wilson, Almoner; H. Batue, R. Town, Arthur Worsnop, Wm. Oates, J. S. Hartley, W. H. Kaye, and Morris Greenwood, Stwds.; A. Robertshaw, P.M., P.P.G.D., Charity Steward; J. Whiteley, Librarian; and Wm. Crabtree, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony, Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., presented to Bro. T. H. Thompson, I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of respect from the brethren and appreciation for the efficient way he had discharged the duties of his office as W.M. during the past year. Bro. Thompson acknowledged the gift, and returned thanks to the brethren for such a proof of their recognition of his services.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining-hall, where the usual installation banquet took place, Mr. T. Hind being the caterer, and providing a first-class menu, which gave every satisfaction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Amongst the guests were Bros. Malcolm, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; the Prov. G. Sec.; and many other Prov. G. Officers; sister lodges and lodges situated in other parts of Halifax being represented by their respective senior officers.

Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, P.G.M., and other brethren wrote, expressing deep regret at being unavoidably prevented from being present.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, a number of the brethren contributing to the harmony of the meeting. Special reference should be made of Bros. S. Broadbent, E. Hanson, and A. Alderson, while Bros. Haigh and Whitley were most efficient as accompanists.

### Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, presided over by Bro. J. A. Blount, W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. Cox, I.P.M.; E. J. Harrison, S.W.; C. Isler, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; E. Horst, S.D.; W. Taylor, J.D.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; G. E. Walker and J. Amand, Stwds.; E. H. Bury, Org.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; R. Loomes, P.M.; L. Danielsson, G. A. Hopkins, W. F. Roberts, W. Pannell, J. F. Wahlers, J. Johnson, F. Simmonds, E. A. Wagstaff, G. Fullbrook, A. Buckland, T. Spotswood, R. Blunden, J. R. White, W. Goring, J. H. Thurman, C. G. Spencer, E. J. Bury, A. Pope, G. Yexley, T. E. Newman, E. H. Yexley, and D. C. Attwater. Visitors: Bros. A. Duffon, 2218; B. J. Woods, 1278; and R. Eddie, S.W. 742.

The first business of the meeting was the raising of Bros. C. G. Spencer, J. F. Wahlers, and A. Buckland, which ceremony was ably performed by Bro. A. Cox, I.P.M. Bro. E. J. Harrison, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. S. Napper, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. G. Couchman, re-elected Tyler, for the ensuing year; in each case by the unanimous vote of the brethren. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the sum of five guineas voted to the widow of a late member. This terminated the business of the evening, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts and a very interesting programme of music.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362.

This successful volunteer lodge, which is in every way a credit to the old-established corps to which it is attached, held its installation meeting at the Headquarters, Chancery-street, W.C., on the 12th inst., and attracted a numerous gathering of members and visitors. The former included Bros. T. W. Mogford, W.M.; J. L. Miller, S.W.; G. W. Barter, J.W.; H. R. Myers, Treas.; G. Jackson Crow, Sec.; C. E. Gilbert, S.D.; G. Chandler, J.D.; A. Marshall, D.C.; C. E. Cowtan, Org.; G. Groome, I.G.; G. A. Mogford, P.M.; Claud Scott, P.M.; G. E. Grimes, P.M.; H. Sillis, P.M.; M. H. Hale, P.M.; W. A. Scurrell, P.G.S.B.; W. O. Welsford, P.M. 1321; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Vincent, G.S.B.; W. J. Mason, Vice-Pres. B.G.P.; E. L. Berry, P.M. 2473, Prov. G.S. of Wks. Bucks; H. Dehane, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; G. C. Butcher, 733; C. Burridge, 1326; R. J. Rogers, P.M. 733; W. Press, 2012; W. J. Hillyar, P.M. 2661; T. Phillips, P.G.D.; G. A. Knight, P.M. 1585; W. Kingshott, 1681; J. Collett Smith, I.G. 1965; R. Douglas Smith, P.M. 27; E. King, 215; W. Blackburn, P.M. 1365; F. Isaac, I.G. 227; G. W. Andrews, 2021; T. J. Bolton, I.P.M. 1637; F. J. Ashby Lincoln (New Zealand); W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. J. L. Miller was presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively and ably installed by the retiring Master, Bro. T. W. Mogford. The following officers were invested: Bros. G. W. Barter, S.W.; C. E. Gilbert, J.W.; H. R. Myers, Treas.; G. Jackson Crow, Sec.; G. Chandler, S.D.; A. Marshall, J.D.; G. Stevenson, I.G.; G. E. Grimes, P.M., D.C.; C. E. Cowtan, Org.; C. W. Steele and G. Groome, Stwds.; and S. Ingram, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. then proved his ability to occupy the chair by ably initiating Messrs. Godley and Healey into Freemasonry, after which the lodge was closed. After a substantial repast, the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. W. Vincent, G. Std. Br., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he was glad to hear from the remarks of the W.M. that the sympathy of the brethren had not flagged in reference to the intense bereavement suffered by the Pro. G.M. The G. Officers were those who had held offices in lodges or had been connected with the inner working of Masonry on Committees, whilst others had been zealous in giving instruction in this and other Degrees. Some G. Officers travelled about a great deal, and without speaking egotistically, he might say he had been all over Britain, and was an honorary member of 54 lodges. He was present at the memorable occasion of the consecration of that lodge, and had been present on two other occasions, once when they initiated, and again when they installed, that distinguished volunteer, Col. Smi h Richard. He regarded those meetings as memorable occasions, but that night he looked upon with higher pride. The W.M. and himself had been colleagues for nearly 30 years, and he hoped their friendship was as warm as it ever was. Bro. Miller was a good colleague, a careful worker in all duties, and an enthusiastic volunteer. They had had a sample of what the W.M. could do as a Freemason from the manner in which he initiated the two candidates that evening. It was a pleasure to see such a brother doing the lodge honour and credit, knowing how to do his duty and doing it in the right way.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. T. W. Mogford, I.P.M., who said it needed few words to recommend it. The members had seen the work done by the W.M. when he occupied the important office of Warden and as Secretary. There was another thing he need not bring to their recollection, and that was his good work done in founding their lodge, for there was no doubt that he was absolutely the father of the lodge. The W.M. was, moreover, the oldest Mason, not only in the lodge, but with them that night, having been initiated about 1851. The brethren had elected him to fill the chair, and would not regret their choice, and there was every assurance that his work in the future would surpass his past efforts.

Bro. J. L. Miller, W.M., said he could only thank them for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He fully intended to fill the office and carry out the duties to the best of his ability. As he had asked that the speeches should be brief, he would only thank them once again most heartily.

"The Initiates" was responded to by Bros. Godley and Healey, who said that the grandeur and solemnity of the occasion had exceeded their anticipations.

The W.M., in submitting "The Installing Master and Past Masters," said the hearty thanks of the lodge was due to the Past Masters. He thought their lodge was unique, for the first W.M. set a brilliant example which had been copied by his successors, and the high position of the lodge maintained. He would couple with the toast the names of the I.P.M. and their first Master, to whom they owed great respect and allegiance—Bro. Scott, P.M. He had an interesting ceremony to perform in presenting to the I.P.M. a jewel unanimously voted by the lodge. All the preceding Past Masters had been well and worthily entitled to the jewel; but no P.M. was more entitled to it than the I.P.M., who, as a young Mason, had worked hard and made great progress.

Bro. T. W. Mogford, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said he hoped he had succeeded in following the example set by the Past Masters. He thanked the officers for their support, for he had been heartily supported by all, and hoped they would do the same for the present W.M. He intended going up as a Steward for the Boys' School, and hoped the members would again give their cordial assistance.

Bro. C. Scott, P.M., also responded, and, as father of the lodge, expressed his delight at seeing his child growing so strong and well. He would continue to do his best for it, and, although some of the Past Masters had surpassed him, yet none had a greater affection for the lodge.

Bro. W. J. Mason, P.P.G.D., V.-Pres. B. of G.P., replied for "The Visitors," and said the meeting had recalled the pleasant experiences of a year ago, when the I.P.M. was installed by his brother. He was delighted with his visit, for he was always pleased to support unselfishness, for Volunteers were unselfish, and Freemasons should be so. He wished the lodge God-speed, and hoped it would maintain its reputation for hospitality and good working.

Bros. Dehane, P.P.G.D., and Ashby, N.Z., also replied.

Other toasts were given before the pleasant proceedings were brought to a close.

Bro. C. E. Cowtan, Org., presided over the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Miss Helen Saunders, Miss Emily Waters, Miss Nancy Miller, Mr. W. E. Kisser, and H. Walter, and Bro. Fred Isaac.

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**Masonic Notes.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1898.

It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere of the recent Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that it has adopted the same course as the Girls' School Court, held the previous day, with reference to the Report of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the subject of Perpetual Presentations, and referred the matter back to the same Committee, but with this difference, that it has, directly, offered no opinion upon the Report itself of the said Special Committee, which was not submitted for its consideration. However, a letter had been received from the Secretary of the R.M. Institution for Girls announcing what had been done at its Quarterly Court on the 13th instant, and the Boys' School has very wisely resolved on following the same course.

On the question of Life Presentations, which is now included among the terms of reference to the Special Joint Committee, the motion of Bro. W. Russell, Prov. G. Treas. of Kent, that Law 79 relating to such Presentations be suspended was carried by a majority of three to one. In the course of the discussion that took place, it was stated by Bro. Eve, the Chairman, that "he should hold that if anybody presented 500 guineas for a Life Presentation the Institution would be bound to accept it." He further stated that if Bro. Russell's motion were carried, it could not possibly take effect until after it had been confirmed at the Quarterly Court which will be held in April. Thus, during the next three months any brother who is so minded, or any body of brethren, may tender the sum of 500 guineas under existing Law 79 and obtain a Life Presentation on terms which are admittedly far too favourable to the purchaser. But if the minutes of Friday's Court are confirmed in April, then the present law will be suspended until, we presume, the whole question of Presentations both Perpetual and Life has been finally disposed of.

Another matter of the very greatest importance was likewise brought to the notice of the Court. Bro. Eve announced that the Board of Management, acting on the advice of their able assessor, Bro. Rowland Plumble, Past G. Supt. of Works, had unanimously resolved on accepting, as the first in order of merit of the five plans submitted for the new School to be erected at Bushey, that of Messrs. Gordon, Lowther, and Gunton, of Finsbury Buildings. According to this, the buildings would, as was explained by Bro. Eve, "provide for 400 boys to begin with. Everything was completed for 500 boys, except additional sleeping accommodation for 100, but they proposed to have 400 boys to begin with." It was also explained that the chapel was included in the design, but not in the estimated sum of £99,000, which the new School will cost if Messrs. Gordon, Lowther, and Gunton's plan is carried out, Bro. C. E. Keyser having promised to contribute 5000 guineas towards the erection of the chapel. We shall take an early opportunity of offering some remarks on this subject.

There was one subject dealt with at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the 13th inst., which appears to us to be worthy of notice. Under the new terms of reference, the Special Committee is to consider and report as to the amounts which, in its opinion, should be paid for the future for the two kinds of Presentations. But, on the motion of Bro. W. F. Smithson, the Court resolved by the narrow majority of 11 to 10 votes, to accept a renewed offer from Bro. George Heaton, of West Yorkshire, of 1300 guineas, for a Perpetual Presentation. This appears to us to be strikingly irregular and most unbusinesslike, to resolve one minute to refer the whole question of Presentations back to the Special Committee to determine what shall be the price paid for them in the future, and the next minute to accept a particular sum in payment for a Perpetual Presentation.

In the event of the Special Committee recommending 1200 guineas as the sum to be paid in future for a Perpetual Presentation, and the Quarterly Court accepting such recommendation, Bro. Heaton will have paid 100 guineas in excess of the price to be accepted in the future. Should the said Committee however, report in favour of (say) £1500, and the Court think proper to accept that figure, then Bro. Heaton will have obtained his right at £135 less than the market price of Perpetual Presentations as about to be paid in the near future. Indeed, it strikes us as being a very nice question for legal brethren to determine—whether, the Court having accepted the motion to refer the question of the price to be paid in future for a particular right to a Special Committee, such motion did not become binding *instantly*. If so, it would appear to us, that the Court, as Bro. Russell suggested, had no power to accept a particular price, when it had already, of its own motion, placed the question of price in abeyance.

If, in dealing with the Report of the Special Committee appointed last October, the Court had contented itself with rejecting it, then it seems to us it would have been competent for it to accept Bro. Heaton's new offer of 1300 guineas. But instead of adopting this course, it referred the question back to its said Committee with instructions "to report on the terms on which Perpetual and Life Presentations shall be accepted in the future." The next moment, in the

very teeth of its own resolution, it takes the matter out of the hands of its own Special Committee and determines there and then that 1300 guineas is the proper sum to be accepted for a Perpetual Presentation in the future. This, with all deference to the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, is not business, but playing at business in a most unbusinesslike fashion, and we trust the matter will not be allowed to remain as it is, when the question is raised in April next of confirming the minutes of the recent Court.

There is yet another important point which must not be overlooked. Article 87 of the Laws of the Institution provides that "a properly qualified Girl may be placed in the Institution, provided such Girl can be conveniently admitted, by a lodge or Masonic body making an annual payment of 140 Guineas, and giving such guarantee for continuous annual payments as the General Committee may require." From this we deduce that the cost of each girl in the Institution is estimated to amount to £42 per annum, and the question arises—Will the sum of £1365 paid over in a lump sum suffice to provide such an annual cost in perpetuity? On this point we must be guided by the opinions of those who are familiar with this kind of calculation. To us it appears to be too small, having regard to the cheapness of money at the present time.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Sydney T. Klein, W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, has been invited by the Board of General Purposes to give an epitome of his paper on "The Great Symbol," with esoteric demonstration, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 5 p.m.

We have been asked to state that Bro. C. W. Hudson, who has already been twice a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, will be again nominated for the office in December next by his Province of Sussex.

Some years ago, when the question of forming an independent Grand Lodge of New Zealand was just mooted, and it was argued by those in favour of the movement, that what had been accomplished by the Colonies of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, ought not to be impossible of accomplishment in the case of the Colony of New Zealand, we took upon ourselves to point out that the organisation of Freemasonry was not the same in the four Colonies. In the three great Australasian Colonies, there was but one District Grand Lodge under the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions—in some instances, we believe, not even that, but only a few lodges scattered here and there—whose interests would have to be consulted in any reorganisation of the Craft—and in New South Wales and Victoria there were, in addition, local Grand Lodges, but unrecognised by the parent Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. There were, therefore, no serious difficulties in the shape of local jealousies, &c., to be overcome, and the amalgamation of the different Constitutions was accomplished almost as soon as it was proposed.

In the case of New Zealand, however, we pointed out that neither the English nor the Scottish Constitution was a homogeneous body, each with a District or Provincial Grand Lodge having supreme local authority over the interests under its charge that was co-terminous with the geographical limits of the Colony. On the contrary, under the English Constitution there were—as there are now—five, and under the Scottish, three District Grand Lodges, while under the Irish Constitution there was one Provincial Grand Lodge for the whole Colony. The consolidation of these nine bodies with a view to forming them into one Grand Lodge for the whole of New Zealand could not, we suggested, be accomplished with the same facility as that of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges of the three great Colonies already specified. Local interests would have to be reconciled and local jealousies adjusted. We argued that it would be far better to tackle this part of the question, and then, when the reconciliation of interests and the adjustment of rivalries had been brought about, to take in hand the question of forming the proposed Colonial Grand Lodge.

It seems that we did not at the time over-estimate the influence which those District jealousies are calculated to exercise. At the semi-annual meeting of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, at Auckland, last October, and so far as we are able to gather from the brief account of the Report of the Board of General Purposes, the question of establishing permanently the offices of Grand Lodge in some central position was debated at some length, the opinions in favour of a fixed central home for Grand Lodge being far from unanimous.

## 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 FAIR SUBJECT FOR INQUIRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to the leader in the *Freemason* of November 29th, 1897. As I am the District Grand Lodge Officer referred to, I hope you will kindly insert the following:

I most emphatically deny ever having received a letter from members of an English lodge in reference to obtaining a warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter; consequently I could not have recommended them to apply to the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

The facts of the case are as follows: In September, 1895, and some time before the formation of the District Grand Lodge, a letter was addressed to the Royal Arch Chapter in Kimberley, asking for information how to obtain the Royal Arch Degrees, to which letter, as Scribe E., I replied, and the brethren in due course received their Degrees. Since then others have applied to the Scotch Royal Arch Chapter for their Degrees and received them.

From the above I fail to see the reason for the remonstrance of October 29th, 1897, from the Principals of the English Royal Arch Chapters in Kimberley.

The remonstrance was duly forwarded to the R.W. District Grand Master, who at once communicated with me on the subject, and after explaining to him what had taken place, in compliance with his request, I agreed to abstain from taking any further action in the matter, as I was holding an official position in the District Grand Lodge.

These are the facts to which, on account of incorrect information supplied you, it has been thought necessary to give such prominence in your leader, and I feel in duty bound to put the matter straight in the interests of the Craft generally.

In conclusion, it is curious to note that the information upon which your leader is based should have left here prior to the remonstrance being received by the District Grand Secretary.—I remain, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

H. W. PETERS, D.G. Secretary,  
Central South Africa.

Kimberley,  
December 27th, 1897.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me space to reply to the letter of Bro. Smithett. The reason why the candidates appear year after year and make little or no progress towards success is probably that they never ought to have been there at all. Had due inquiry been made by the lodges endorsing the petitions what Province they come from, it is probable you will find they have the means to elect one or more candidates every election. I know one case, an old man, who will never have the votes of his Province, being deemed unworthy by those who know the case. This being so, why should any Committee have the power to admit these cases to the exclusion of more worthy old men?

Of course we must all regret to find candidates unsuccessful. Of the 58 men and 64 widows for election in May there will probably not be 30 vacancies, if so, there will be 90 left out in the cold. I see no way out of the dilemma unless the funds are greatly increased.—Yours fraternally

HENRY SMITH,  
P.M. 387, Vice-Patron.

St. Johns, Wakefield.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 1116] THE MARK GRAND LODGE CALENDAR.

I was in error in describing the R.W. Bro. C. L. Mason as the Chairman of the Benevolent Festival with the largest receipts, so far, viz., £2400, as the R.W. Bro. Col. Cook, last year, as the efficient Chairman, had the pleasure of realising a still larger sum—the largest yet—viz., £3100. It is to be hoped that both these sums will be beaten this year, in July, to the satisfaction of both Chairmen.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

"THE FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE PROV. G. LODGE AND PROV. G. CHAPTER OF KENT FOR 1898."—This excellent annual is now in its 21st year of publication, and so it is of "full age," and about as perfect and complete as it can well be. Our lamented friend, Bro. T. S. Warne, was the first editor, and adopted Bro. Hughan's Masonic Calendar for Cornwall as his model. He was an apt pupil, and very soon came abreast of his master, and so continued until his regretted decease. Since then Bro. Frank Hitchens has been the efficient editor, and has made an admirable successor, the work being well and most thoroughly done, and all the many details carefully attended to and excellently arranged. In its present form it has no rivals and few equals, as all are aware who are familiar with these valuable and useful publications. Full particulars are given of the 64 lodges, with a total of 4156 members, of the 28 Royal Arch chapters, the 20 Mark lodges, as also the two Ark Mariners lodges, four Rose Croix chapters, three Knights Templar preceptories, and four Red Cross conclaves. The Grand Officers of each organisation are also given, the by-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge and the Prov. Grand Chapter, with financial reports of each, and likewise that of the Mark. Besides all this, there is a series of tables as to the votes of the province in the Central Masonic Charities; 14,627 in number—a grand total truly—and rather more than as many pounds were subscribed during the past six years; and another table exhibits the cost of the pupils and annuitants during the past year to the Institutions, viz., £2608 4s. 6d. There are many other attractive features, and Bro. Hughan has again kindly assisted by contributing a paper on the "Regulations of the Grand Chapter." The manual is sold at 1s. per copy of over 200 pages; is printed and published by W. T. Wildish, of Rochester, in a very creditable manner, and is unusually early this year, making it all the more welcome.

"THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF EXETER," by Percy Addleshaw, B.A. (London). George Bell and Son, 1898.—This is the 6th of a remarkable series of "Bell's Cathedrals" edited by Messrs. White and Strange, and each successive issue serves to prove the value and interest of the various monographs, so ably written by gentlemen

fully informed as to the particular subjects treated by them, who are most anxious to make the handy volumes all that can be desired, or possibly expected in such tasty little books. This work on Exeter is one of the best of the series, undoubtedly, though it is difficult to make a selection for special praise when all are so good. The famous Devon Cathedral, however, with its attractive surroundings and glorious site, is so suggestive, and of such unique interest, in some respects unequalled, that Mr. Addleshaw has had abundant and rich material to draw from, and right ably has he done his part in describing the chief features of "the noblest monument of religious zeal of our forefathers in the West of England." The exterior has justice done to it with no sparing hand. Its position is duly appreciated, for "no Cathedral, not even Lincoln, boasts one more lovely and appropriate." The City stands on a hill of gardens, "gay with flowers and and fair apple orchards," and though "four distinct styles can be traced," yet the building is found not "to be a mere jumble, but a complete whole." The towers—a unique feature—naturally come in for a considerable share of attention, and so "the exquisitely traced windows, sculptured doorway, and titanic roof." The West Front, with "its Foreign appearance," and Grandisson's work above the Screen, as also the North Porch, by the same cunning hand, with other attractive externals, are duly detailed; the Cloisters and the Palace coming in for careful description. The interior is most carefully, thoroughly, and lovingly done, its beauties being sketched in a graphic manner, but so fully that any attempt to furnish sketches of portions would fail by reason of their interdependence and combined power, the necessary condensation being so complete that there is not an unnecessary word. The "Ever faithful City" is likewise referred to, and especially Rougemont Castle and the Guildhall. There are over 30 illustrations, mostly full page, from photos by the "Photocrom Co.," a few being reproductions of curious old prints, or charming sketches by Mr. H. P. Clifford. The book is quite a little treasure, and may be ordered through any bookseller for the modest sum of eighteen-pence. Already a second edition has been called for of one of the series.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board, presided. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. H. Garrod, P.G.P., acting as Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., G. Recknell, W. Dodd, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, representing the Grand Secretary's office; and also the following, viz.: Bros. William Fisher, George Graveley, Alfred C. Spaul, W. Kipps, S. H. Goldschmidt, Thomas Jones, John Ellinger, W. H. Caton, Charles Henry Stone, C. Pulman, Henry A. Tobias, John R. Dobree, Laurence Salt, J. Harrison, George Hobbs, Robert Colsell, W. H. Russell, E. Garnet Man, H. Jackson, E. L. Alford, C. Lincoln, H. Massey, H. Babe, Frederick H. Inman, Henry Stiles, Frederick Reed, J. Barry, Samuel H. Parkhouse, J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, and George R. Langley.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the last meeting, in December, 1897, to the amount of £450. On the new list were 32 petitions, which were qualified through lodges at Cyprus, Secunderabad, Ryde, Isle of Wight, Eye, Bury, Devonport, Cambridge, Aberavon, Stalybridge, Filey, Havant, Grand Lodge of N.S.W., Hastings, Plymouth, Tredegar, Old Brompton, Hong Kong, Wareham, Lowestoft, Barton-in-Humber, Hyderabad, Helston, Bristol, Jersey, Karachi, New Mills, Leeds, and London. Two of these cases were deferred. The remainder were voted and recommended a total sum of £850. One petition was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £75, and one for £50. There were three recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each and eight for £30 each. Eleven petitioners received £20 each, one £15, two £10 each, and two £5 each.

## Craft Masonry.

### Bedford Lodge, No. 157.

The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 14th instant at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. W. Dyne, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. R. C. Cork, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Hill, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Main, P.M., Sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; E. Cockerell, I.G.; Sam. J. Owen, D.C.; T. Walton, P.M.; Ernest Jones, P.M.; Layton Richardson, I.P.M.; Vincent Lerner, P.M.; John P. Morley, H. J. Balls, John P. Mann, Edward Thomas, John Hart, D. Warton, W. C. Dyne, H. T. Brickwell, J. B. Darton, J. J. Queerly, W. S. Hansler, C. A. Dyne, George A. Lesty, G. F. Ridpath, and E. Mallett, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. P. C. Walter, P.M. 2006; T. Collins, 486; C. Anning, S.W. 1602; G. C. Frith, 2409; C. Rowe, P.M. 1816; A. L. Sutherland, 2455; James Dobbs, 1310; G. G. Renisson, 1305; Peter Erbach, 820; F. Morgan, 2535; H. Massey, P.M. 610 and 1928; C. Martin, W.M. 65; John Loftus, P.M. 1306; George Archer, 1278; and several others.

Bros. Butler, Balls, Thomas, and Mann were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. A. C. Vickerstaff Foden was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas., moved "That in consideration of the valuable services rendered to the lodge by the W.M. during the past two years, the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the funds of the lodge to purchase a suitable present to mark the appreciation of the brethren for the work done." This motion was seconded by Bro. Vincent Lerner, P.M., and carried unanimously. The question of voting a substantial sum to the list of the Steward of the lodge for the centenary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. J. R. Hill, was deferred until the next meeting of the lodge. This, however, did not prevent the list being sent round after dinner, when it realised a considerable sum. Bro. Dyne, W.M., after performing the passing and raising, installed Bro. Robert Charles Cork, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. H. W. Dyne was invested as I.P.M. The other officers for the year were Bros. J. R. Hill, S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Main, P.M., Sec.; E. Cockerell, S.D.; Sam. Owens, J.D.; W. Jaques, I.G.; C. A. Dyne, D.C.; G. Davey, A.D.C.; V. Lerner, P.M., and D. Weston, Stwds.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered by Bro. Dyne, several names of intending initiates and joining members were given in, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a choice banquet.

Subsequently the toasts were honoured, and a musical entertainment was given by Miss Phyllis Hope, and Bros. Oswald Sharpley and Harradine.

Bro. Dyne, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said it did not need much to be said by him in respect of Bro. Cork, who had been in the lodge many years, in fact many years before he (Bro. Dyne) came into it. They all knew Bro. Cork was a very good brother; he was not a noisy one; he was very reticent. But for all that, Bro. Cork had got something up his sleeve for the brethren. He invested his officers in a very admirable manner, and from what they had seen, he thought they would be delightfully disappointed with him. Bro. Cork would have some work before him, and he would be able to master it in an efficient manner. He had his (Bro. Dyne's) best wishes, and he would also have the brethren's assistance.

Bro. R. C. Cork, W.M., acknowledged the toast. He thanked Bro. Dyne for the kind words he had used concerning him. He thought they were very flattering. During his year of office he should do his best to make the brethren comfortable, and the Past Masters would do their best to assist him in this matter.

Bro. R. C. Cork, W.M., next proposed "the I.P.M., Bro. Dyne, the Installing Master." It was a toast, he said, which deserved a great deal more to be said about it than he could say. The brethren had all seen the very excellent work of the I.P.M. that evening; all of them were also cognisant of the manner in which he had performed the duties of the lodge during the last two years—very heavy duties indeed; they all knew he had performed them admirably. According to the minutes of the lodge

presentation had been proposed to Bro. Dyne. It took the form of a silver tankard and four silver cups. The presentation bore the following inscription: "Bedford Lodge, 157. Presented to Bro. Henry W. Dyne in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during his second consecutive year as Worshipful Master. January 1, 1898." Accompanying this were four symbols in which the I.P.M. would at any time be pleased to drink the health of the brethren if they would call upon him. The present was handed round for the inspection of the brethren.

Bro. J. C. Main, P.M., Sec., said he had the W.M.'s permission to say that the brethren had individually felt that they should show their recognition of the services of Bro. Dyne during the last two years by subscribing for a very handsome collar and jewel. That was a matter which had cropped up in the last year or two in that lodge. Of course, it was not part and parcel of the lodge presentation. Bro. Dyne had a richer jewel than the lodge had had before. That he deserved it went without saying, and he would wear it with credit to himself and honour to the lodge.

Bro. W. Dyne, I.P.M., in reply, said he assured the brethren that in Freemasonry that was the proudest moment of his life. He thought they had almost overstepped the mark in what they had done for him; but what they had done for him he assured them would be highly appreciated. It was not that he had passed the chair that all his interest in the Bedford Lodge had ceased; he should continue to work assiduously for the lodge, and he hoped T.G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to do that good work which he knew they all wished him to do. He should ever have occasion to remember his two years of office in the Bedford Lodge, because he should have something before him to remind him of them, because after his business was done and before he went to bed that he went through the ritual of Freemasonry. The reason he came into Freemasonry was he succeeded Bro. Terry Gilbert, who was a very hard-working Mason. He (Bro. Dyne) was not a Mason when he bought the house of Bro. Gilbert's widow. A lodge was consecrated there, and he thought it was advisable to become a Mason, and she told him her husband used to go into the cellar and work there. He (Bro. Dyne) took the tip, and many hours had he done it. When he gave up the cellar he had now a cellarette, and he would have to name one of his bottles his S.W., one his J.W., and one his I.G., and when he was having a glass he should remember Freemasonry. Therefore, he thought he should have plenty of chance of improving himself, and had to thank that cellarette. It would never be forgotten. With respect to the cellar, he should look upon it with a great amount of pleasure, and he should never go into a lodge without explaining to the brethren how he got it, and how it was given him. He hoped to be spared many years to be with the brethren.

The Charity-box was bought in for £3.

Bros. Walker, Reed, Sutherland, Collins, Erbach, Anning, and Fred. Morgan responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The other toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated.

### Plucknett Lodge, No. 1708.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Woodside Hall, Woodside Park, N., on the 13th inst. There was a record attendance of brethren, doubtless in celebration of the fact that the lodge attains its majority this year. The incoming W.M. was Bro. W. J. Batho—a highly respected member of several metropolitan lodges and chapters—who will represent the lodge as Steward for each of the three Institutions. The members present included Bros. Geo. Samuel, W.M.; W. J. Batho, S.W.; R. G. Minton, J.W.; G. J. Austin, Treas.; J. E. Overed, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Freeman, S.D.; J. Grisdale, J.D.; T. H. Palmer, I.G.; W. J. Boyce, Stwd.; W. J. James, P.M.; E. Holland, P.M.; C. Woodrow, P.M.; J. P. Hamilton, P.M.; C. A. Batho, G. Hooper, and many others. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; W. S. Hoyte, P.G. Org.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; E. Cutler, O.C.; P. G. Org.; C. W. Dyer, 1563; W. Lewis, P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts; C. Johnson, 2441; H. Catlysole, S.W. 2331; F. E. Wrigley, W.M. elect 73; D. Fairman, J.D. 73; T. Mellish, W.M. elect 92; C. Gee, 1620; F. W. Moss, W.M.; J. S. Crawshaw, 1898; W. H. Crawshaw, 2521; J. Welford, P.M.; J. H. Lewis, G. Std.; W. Curry, J.W. 485; A. Hicks, J. T. C. Winkfield, J. L. Syme, R. J. Steel, S. H. S. Austin, 1633; R. F. Martin, 2665; J. W. Truman, 2535; H. Crane, 34; Rev. S. B. Mayall, 228; J. Crane, 2477; W. J. Brown, 2128; H. Clark, P.M. 2012; C. H. Cooper, 1382; A. E. Rowarth, J. Russell, 8; J. Godfrey, 1432; C. B. Butcher, J.D. 788; T. S. Smith, I.G. 177; A. W. T. Steer, 69; W. H. Ayter, 186; T. Bishop, W.M. 1366; C. Rogers, J.W. 1337; E. Blandford, S.D. 2099; H. Cooper, 172; E. Apelt, P.M. 186; C. Dodd, W.M. 1194; J. A. Dowse, 1602; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and others.

After the opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Geo. Samuel installed Bro. W. J. Batho as W.M. in a very careful and impressive manner. The following officers were ably invested by the W.M.: Bros. R. G. Minton, S.W.; F. W. Freeman, J.W.; G. J. Austin, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Overed, P.M., Sec.; J. Grisdale, S.D.; T. H. Palmer, J.D.; W. Hollis, I.G.; C. Woodrow, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Hooper, Org.; W. J. Boyce and C. A. Batho, Stwds.; and Proctor, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Geo. Samuel, I.P.M., in recognition of his eminent services, and duly acknowledged. The W.M. signified his intention of representing the lodge as Steward for the three Masonic Institutions, and letters of regret for non-attendance having been announced, and several propositions for initiation received, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, the enjoyment of the visitors being considerably enhanced by the kind and courteous attention of the Stewards, Bros. W. J. Boyce, and C. A. Batho.

The customary toasts received ample justice at the hands of the W.M., and were heartily received by the brethren.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. made sympathetic allusion to the distressing calamity which had befallen the Pro G.M., and also referred to his valuable services to Freemasonry. With regard to the Grand Officers, they were always up to their work, and set the Craft a good example, which the brethren were not slow to follow. There were several Grand Officers present that evening who had come long distances, and whom they would be glad to welcome more often amongst them.

Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., said he was sorry that a slight superiority in rank should have entailed upon him the task of responding, because he was sure that Bro. Cutler, P.G. Org., would do it much better. On the other hand, as time was short, he would leave the major portion to Bro. Cutler. The W.M. had said the Grand Officers wanted to get away, but that was not so. Unfortunately, he lived 10 miles the other side of London, and if he missed the connection should not get home at all. It was with the greatest pleasure the Grand Officers had been with the Plucknett Lodge that night. When he received the invitation it ran somewhat to this effect: "I know you like good working—come and see some." He had had that inducement so often, and had often found it falsified, but on this occasion the W.M. was a man of his word, for every visitor would agree that better working it would be absolutely impossible to see. The W.M. entered his year under very happy auspices, having a hearty and enthusiastic lodge around him, a prospect of no less than four initiates, and with a marvellous balance at the bank. He did not know how they got that balance and should like to know how the trick was worked. In order to give the Prov. G. Organist time to say a few words he would only thank the lodge on behalf of the Grand Officers for their entertainment.

Bro. E. Cutler, O.C., P.G. Org., in response, said that anything he could say would sound tame after Bro. Speth's spirited speech. It was now a good many years since he got up to propose the toast to which he was called upon to respond. He used to look with admiration, almost with awe, at the beings covered with jewels and thought they lived in Grand Lodge and lived on nothing but ambrosia and nectar. He found, however, that the Grand Officers were married and given in marriage, and were, in fact, just like ordinary mortals and he had come to the opinion that the relations between the brethren and the Grand Officers were those of brotherly affection and harmony. He felt ashamed to think that during the whole time this lodge had existed—21 years—he had lived within five miles and never been present at one of these festivals before. He felt like Oliver, inclined to ask for more. He hoped if he asked them all to pay a visit to the next meeting of a lodge at Edgware they would not be inclined to refuse, and he was only prevented from doing so by the fact that the lodge does not yet exist at Edgware and when it did he hoped they would all go as his guests.

Bro. G. Samuel, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said it afforded him great pleasure to do so. They had seen the W.M. carry out the respective offices in the lodge, which he had filled with great credit, and they were perfectly certain that during his year he would continue to reflect credit upon the lodge. As Bro. Speth had remarked, the W.M. started his career under good auspices, there being four initiations and one raising for next meeting, which he would perform in a very satisfactory

manner. They had to thank Bro. Batho for the hospitable board and nice arrangements made for their comfort, and heartily wished him a successful year of office.

Bro. W. J. Batho, W.M., returned his sincere thanks, and said it would be his endeavour during his year to uphold the traditions of the lodge for good working, and he was sure he should be supported by his officers. He had not appointed a single officer who could not take the position of W.M., if necessary, and perform it satisfactorily. They would one and all endeavour to keep up the standard of working, and hoped the lodge would always continue to do so.

The W.M. then gave "The Installing Master," and said that Bro. Samuel, I.P.M., ought to feel very proud after the flattering way in which his work had been alluded to by the Grand Officers, and the lodge was proud of him. During his year the I.P.M. had performed his duties in a manner satisfactory to all, but that night had been the climax.

Bro. G. Samuel, I.P.M., replied, thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks and the members generally for their unanimous support during the past year.

"The Visitors" was then given, and responded to by Bros. Jenks and Trueman, after which "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Plowman—who was W.M. in 1883—and Graddage.

"The Founders and First Initiates" was similarly honoured, Bros. Daniels and Cooper returning thanks.

Bros. Austin, P.M., Treas., and Overed, P.M., Sec., responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and drew the attention of the members to the fact that he had decided to represent the lodge at each of the three Masonic Festivals, in order to celebrate the coming of age of the lodge, and asked for their cordial support.

"The Officers" was also given before the Tyler's toast closed a record meeting of this flourishing lodge.

Bro. Wheeler—Guildhall School of Music Lodge—had charge of the musical arrangements, and was ably assisted by Miss A. Sarjeant, Miss Wagstaff, and Bros. W. Rogers, W. Edwards, W. H. Wheeler, Rowarth, and A. Thompson.

## Royal Arch.

### Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 7th inst. Among those present were Comps. Major T. C. Walls, P.Z. 185, P.D.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; C. W. Mapleton, H., M.E.Z. elect; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1623, P.P.G. Std. Br., J., H. elect; W. J. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, S.N.; H. Nash, P.S.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; Radcliffe, P.Z.; Birch, P.Z.; and Stephens, P.Z. Among the visitors were Comps. Major E. Anderson, Nash, and Branscombe.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. installed Comp. Mapleton as M.E.Z., who subsequently inducted Comp. Lardner as H., and the latter installed Comp. Lieutenant-Colonel Hart as J. Among the officers invested were Comps. Collins, as S.E.; H. Nash, as S.N.; A. B. Spawforth, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Cooper, D. of C.; J. M. Campbell, Stwd.; and R. H. Goddard, P.Z., Janitor. Comps. J. J. Birch, P.S., and J. C. Pratt, 1st A.S., were absent. The I.P.Z., proposed, which was seconded and carried unanimously, "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the funds of the chapter and placed on the list of the M.E.Z. as a Steward for the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. Graves, P.Z.; Larcombe, P.Z.; J. Birch, J. Hemming, P.Z., Treas.; and others.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

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

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Comp. Major Walls. The M.E.Z., before sitting down, presented his predecessor with a very handsome Past Principal's jewel.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." followed. In his remarks, the proposer of the toast spoke of Comp. Mapleton's reputation as an excellent worker in the Craft ceremonies and a most indefatigable attendant at the Lodge of Emulation. The speaker therefore predicted a very excellent year of office for the First Principal and an instructive one for the chapter. In concluding his remarks, he laid stress upon the fact that the M.E.Z. would represent the chapter at the Centenary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, and it behoved those members of No. 3 who were not Stewards to support his list to the best of their ability.

The M.E.Z., having replied, gave the other toasts in quick succession.

During the evening Comp. Branscombe and others agreeably entertained the companions.

### St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

A convocation of this civic chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 14th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. W. H. Clemow, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1623, P.P.G. Std. Br. (hon. member), acting H.; Phillips, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; J. Longhurst, S.N.; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; and R. Evens, P.Z. Comp. J. O'Connell, P.Z. 1851, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Silverwood, the candidate for exaltation, was unavoidably prevented from attending. Comps. F. Farrington, P.Z.; W. H. Nuding, P.Z.; and W. Farrington, H., sent apologies for non-attendance.

The chapter was then closed, and refreshment followed labour.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been duly honoured,

Comp. R. Evens, I.P.Z., submitted the toast of "The M.E.Z." In the course of his remarks he regretted that their genial First Principal had had no work to do that evening. It was also a great disappointment to them all that the candidate could not attend. No. 1589 was a pleasant chapter, but far too small. He should like to see it as large again; however, he trusted that ere the First Principal quitted the chapter their numbers would be increased, if not by exaltees, by joining members.

The M.E.Z. having replied, gave "The Second and Third Principals." He said that Comp. W. Farrington, who occupied the second chair, was in Sussex on important business. He had shown his ability on previous occasions in minor capacities, and when his time came to be installed as First Principal, he would carry out the duties well. That day his place had been occupied by one who occupied the position of an honorary member, and to whom they owed much. The Third Principal—Comp. Phillips—was an old Past Master; but as yet he had had no chance of exhibiting his skill as a Royal Arch Mason.

This toast having been warmly received, Comps. Lardner and Phillips briefly responded.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. R. Evens, and "The Officers" with the names of Comps. J. W. Gaze, Treasurer, and J. Langstone, S.N.

The proceedings then terminated.

### Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488.

The installation meeting was held at 33, Golden-square, on the 7th inst., when there was a good attendance and some excellent work performed. The members present included Comps. J. H. Hawkins, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. Surrey, M.E.Z.; W. Sergeant Lee, H.; F. Dangerfield, J.; W. J. Beard, Treas.; J. R. Cleave, Scribe E.; J. A. Harrison, 1st A.S.; W. S. Hooper, C. E. Sadlov, W. E. Garston, J. Kift, J. A. Atkin, R. S. King, J. Woodhouse, Imre Kiralfy, J. W. Clarke, J. C. Hunting, A. H. Beard, J. Dangerfield, and several others. Visitors: Comps. G. F. Edwards, 165, P.P.G. Org.; A. Ewen, 549; J. Grant, jun., 176; J. H. Dimsdale, 1; R. Davies, 12; and W. W. Lee, P.Z.

Chapter was duly opened, and the minutes confirmed. Five brethren were then exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in a very impressive manner, each Principal and officer concerned being thoroughly acquainted with the ritual and rendering it in effective style. Comps. W. Sergeant Lee, F. Dangerfield, and J. R. Cleave, were inducted into the

chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J., respectively. Although this was the second annual meeting since the consecration, no installation ceremony has yet been necessary, all the Principals being P.Zs. The following officers were invested: Comps. J. H. Hawkins, I.P.Z.; W. S. Hooper, S.E.; Clifford, S.N.; Beard, Treas.; Henson, P.S.; Claude Hooper, 1st A.S.; Hadley, 2nd A.S.; Thomas, D.C.; Kift, Org.; King and Garston, Stwds.; and Austin, Janitor. The M.E.Z. consented to be elected as Steward for the Boys' School, and five guineas were voted to his list, which was increased to 45 guineas later in the evening. A miniature gold P.Z.'s jewel, set with diamonds, was presented to Comp. Hawkins, I.P.Z., in recognition of his able services, and the gift was duly acknowledged.

The chapter was then closed, and an adjournment made to the Eccentric Club, where a banquet was served, which reflected great credit on all concerned.

The customary toasts were afterwards given and heartily honoured.

Comp. J. H. Hawkins, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and asked the companions to cordially drink the toast, as it was Comp. Serjeant Lee's birthday. The manner in which the M.E.Z. had discharged his duties in the Craft, and as J. and H. of the chapter, was a good omen for the coming year, and for a renewed period of prosperity for the Eccentric Chapter.

Comp. W. Serjeant Lee, M.E.Z., said he was at a loss to express his thanks for the kindly manner in which he had been alluded to. It was an honour to be Worshipful Master of a lodge, but it was a higher honour to be the First Principal of a chapter, because in the chapter they found the cream of the members. He had to express his gratitude to the members for asking him to represent them as Steward for the Boys' School. He had sent in his name as an Unattached Steward, knowing the many calls being made upon the companions this year, but the members had voted him five guineas from the chapter funds, and had increased the total of his list to 45 guineas. That was an unexpected pleasure and privilege of which he was very proud, and he could assure them it had given him great gratification to represent the Eccentric Chapter.

"The Exaltees" was next given, the five new members replying.

In giving "The P.Zs.," the M.E.Z. referred in kindly terms to Comp. Will Chapman, the first M.E.Z., who is in South Africa, and who was doubtless with them in spirit. The only other P.Z. of the chapter was Comp. Hawkins, who had the whole of the Craft and Arch ritual, if not at his tongue's end, so near that little effort brought it forth in his working that night, there had been no hesitation and no halting, but it was beautifully done in every respect.

Comp. J. H. Hawkins, I.P.Z., having responded on behalf of Comp. Chapman, said he had to thank them for the handsome present made him that evening. As far as the work was concerned, if it was done properly it was very solemn, indeed, but if not, it was an unfortunate burlesque. The officers now at the head of the chapter were such that it assured well for the future prosperity of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The H. and J.," and said that Comps. Dangerfield and Cleave were already Past Principals, and were both ready and willing to perform any duties when called upon.

Comps. Dangerfield, H., and J. R. Cleave, J., briefly responded, and "The Officers," having been honoured, the proceedings, which had been throughout of a very pleasant and enjoyable nature, then terminated.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. Pinnell, W.M.; H. Mullins, S.W.; Beedle, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M.; Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M.; Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M.; Sec.; C. Coleman, S.D.; J. Isaacs, J.D.; G. Sturgess, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; and J. Cumming.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Paul. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Isaacs being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. H. Mullins, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. T. Rayner, W.M.; E. J. Harrison, S.W.; V. J. R. Longman, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M.; Preceptor; 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.; C. Isler, S.D.; C. C. Renaud, J.D.; S. Cload, I.G.; A. F. Hardymont, W. F. Roberts, J. C. Dennett, W. Fowler, C. Smith, E. Yexley, A. E. Hubsch, L. Danielsson, A. Oliver, P.M.; R. P. Upton, P.M.; W. Rapley, F. H. Johnson, E. P. Woodman, and R. Eddie.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Danielsson being the candidate. Bro. W. Fowler was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Harrison was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. H. G. Holland, P.M.; Preceptor, W.M.; R. H. Nicholls, Treas., S.W.; J. Hunt, J.W.; W. P. Neville, P.M.; acting Preceptor; H. Thomas Kobelt, acting Sec.; H. Ramsbottom, S.D.; C. G. Ridgway, J.D.; W. G. Read, I.G.; H. Aslett, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; T. Caseley, P.M.; W. Frankenberg, H. Roberts, Sec. 2593; C. T. W. Drake, J. H. Crispe, H. E. Williams, and J. Mayhew.

The lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. H. Crispe acting as candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. T. W. Drake acting as candidate. Bros. Henry Aslett, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; T. Caseley, P.M.; J. H. Crispe, and W. Frankenberg were unanimously elected joining members. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

### COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 2663.

This lodge of instruction held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., when there were present: Bros. Goulston, as W.M.; Beard, S.W.; Slater, J.W.; Moffatt, S.D.; Hubbard, I.G.; De Casseres, Preceptor; and J. Smith, Sec.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Holland, being a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was instructed. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Holland was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. then worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lectures. It was then proposed that the 15 Sections should be worked at an early date, of which due notice will be given. Bro. Beard was elected to take the chair at the next meeting.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 14th inst. Present: Comps. W. Wills, M.E.Z.; W. R. Barr, H.; H. Hardman, J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z.; S.E.; H. Cornford, S.N.; Latham, P.S.; Cureton, Longhurst, Eckersall, Beecroft, Frampton, Addington, and Cass.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Frampton personating the candidate. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Star Chapter—Comp. Wm. Eckersall. The installation of the second chair was rehearsed by Comp. W. R. Barr. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Royal Naval Chapter, No. 9.

The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, the 5th instant. Two candidates having received the Degree, the retiring M.W.S., Commander Giles, R.N., 30°, most impressively installed his successor, Ill. Bro. Captain G. Hearn, 31°, who invested the following as his officers for the year: Ill. Bros. Commander Giles, R.N., 30°, I.P.M. W.S.; the Rev. Norman Lee, Chap. to the Forces, 32°, Canada, Prelate; and R. S. Hillyer, 30°, 1st Gen.; E. and P. Bro. Bro. Major Thynne, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bros. W. Gillman, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; and J. T. Starkey, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. and P. Bros. Lieut.-Col. Kent, V.D., Marshal; and H. S. Duke, Raphael; Ill. Bro. E. E. Street, P.M.W.S., D. of C.; E. and P. Bros. W. Miller, Herald; G. W. Edmonds, Capt. of Guard; H. Austin Storry, Org.; and Dr. Edward Cooper, R.N., Stwd.; and Bro. G. Carter, Outer Guard. The chapter was then closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the old historical George Hotel in the High-street.

## Obituary.

### BRO. SIR POLYDORE DE KEYSER, P.G.D.

We regret to announce the death, on Sunday last, of Bro. Sir Polydore de Keyser, who had the honour of knighthood conferred upon him for his services as Lord Mayor of London during the year 1887-8. The deceased was initiated in the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, on the 9th May, 1862. In 1868 he assisted in founding the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, which is connected with, and meets at, the headquarters of the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers. He subsequently became a joining member of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, which was founded in 1879 for the convenience of members of the Corporation, and the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191. In the year of his Lord Mayoralty he was installed W.M. of his mother lodge, and in 1889 was appointed S.G. Deacon of England. It was during his Mastership and Mayoralty that the honour devolved upon him of laying the foundation-stone of the new Technical Schools at Stockport, a ceremony in which he was assisted by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, in 1863, and in 1869 held the office of S.N., and was also a Life Governor of both our Scholastic Institutions, and had served as Steward for that of the Girls. We tender our respectful sympathies to the relatives of our late brother.

### MR. FREDERICK WOLFE HENNAH.

The Canadian mail has brought the sad news of the sudden death, at the age of 24, of Mr. Frederick Wolfe Henna, from blood poisoning, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on the 16th December last, after an operation Appendicitis. Mr. Henna was the eldest son of the late Rev. W. H. Henna, F.R.A.S., an active member of the Islington Vestry and Board of Guardians, and Mrs. William Harris Saunders, of Carleton Queen's College, Tufnell Park. The sadness was the more unexpected as Mrs. Saunders had only a week before received a most satisfactory letter from him telling her how well he was succeeding in his appointment as manager of the optical department of Messrs. Henry Morgan and Co., Colonial merchants, at Montreal, also that he had made the acquaintance of many, who had been most hospitable and kind to him, and that he was about to send for his brother, Mr. Wm. Eady Henna, who was living at Vancouver, following the profession of a dentist, and just recovering from a severe attack of diphtheria. Mrs. Saunders has received most sympathetic and gratifying letters from the firm, giving full particulars of the sad event and testifying to his business ability, urbanity, and success while in their employ. Mr. Henry Morgan felt his loss deeply, and in speaking to a mutual friend, said "how sorry he was, and how much he was beloved by all in the place. I never knew anyone who in so short a time had made so many friends, and he was a young man who had a very brilliant career ahead of him—such a clever fellow." His musical talent and lovely voice made him very popular in some of the best society, and his sorrowing mother has had most sympathetic letters, not only from Montreal, but also from other parts of the great Continent, which he had made his home during the last four years.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that if anyone will send, by post, newspapers for the use of British troops in the desert, the Rev. A. W. B. Watson, Chaplain to the Forces, Sudan Expeditionary Force, Egypt, will be glad to attend to the distribution of all such as are addressed to him.

LIST OF FARMHOUSE AND COUNTRY LODGINGS ADJACENT TO GREAT NORTHERN STATIONS.—The Great Northern Railway Company have again arranged with Messrs. Hill and Coy, of 67 and 69, Southampton-row, W.C., for the preparation of a list of seaside, farmhouse, and country lodgings to be let during the summer months at places in connection with the Great Northern Railway. The Station Masters at the various Great Northern Stations are collecting the necessary information and will give full particulars on application. Enquiries can also be addressed to Mr. J. Alexander, Superintendent of the Line, King's Cross Station.

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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, January 29th, 1898.

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.  
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.  
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.  
902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel.  
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.  
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.  
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.  
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.  
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.  
2360, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
1004, Imperial, Clout's Restaurant, Victoria-street.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
40, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel.  
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
180, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
205, Ismel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
250, Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole.  
105, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.  
145, Ebury, Criterion.  
141, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
205, Empire, Criterion.  
2424, St. Stephens, Art Club, Lewisham.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.  
225, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.  
505, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel.  
1275, Star, Guildhall Tavern.  
1305, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.

**ROSE CROIX.**

- 135, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Cupper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 131, Borough High street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Embell, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, The Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30  
Antare Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.  
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.  
822, Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal.  
808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.  
1017, Montefiore, Trocadero Restaurant.  
1050, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.  
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.  
1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel.  
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.  
1818, Clapham, Criterion.  
2332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel.  
2416, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.  
2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.  
2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall.  
2502, Papyrus, Anderson's Hotel.  
2650, Christ's Hospital, Christ's Hospital.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
704, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.  
753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.  
1200, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel.

**ROSE CROIX.**

- 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall at 7.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-roz J Nunhead, at 7.30  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. at 7.30.  
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross,

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.**

- General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.  
34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
65, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.  
60, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
60, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.  
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.  
760, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.  
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Walham Green.  
871, Royal Oak, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.  
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.  
1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.  
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel.  
1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works, Catford.  
1608, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.  
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.  
1074, St. Mary Abbott's, Bayley's Hotel, Kensington.  
2102, Highbury, Cock Tavern.  
2102, Clough, Cannon-street Hotel.  
2300, Scots, Holborn Restaurant.  
2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2621, Military, Mark Mason's Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.  
544, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
548, Vane, Holborn Restaurant.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 363, Rusconi, Mark Masons' Hall.  
Rose Croix.  
97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.**

- Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.  
107, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
500, Fitz-Roy, Headquarters Honourable Artillery Company, City-road.  
1501, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.  
2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.  
2312, London Irish Rifles, Hotel Cecil.  
2648, Martians, Trocadero Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 1830, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
2621, Military, Trocadero Restaurant.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 300, Euston, Mark Masons' Hall.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

- 26, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.  
2047, Alleyin, Half Moon Hotel, Dulwich.

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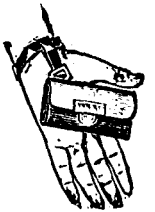
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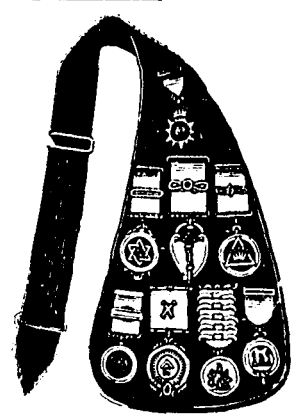
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## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN has arrived in town from Ireland. THE WESTMINSTER PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY hold their dinner on Wednesday, February 16th.

BRO. JAMES BISHOP has been unanimously elected Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company for the ensuing year.

THE QUEEN has sent a present of game to St. George's Hospital and 10 brace of pheasants to the Middlesex Hospital for the use of the patients.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES and the Duke of York, attended by Bro. Capt. Holford and Sir Charles Cust, left Sandringham on Monday evening for Newmarket.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has consented to preside at a festival dinner to be held on May 19th, at the Hotel Cecil, in aid of the North London Hospital for Consumption.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING has arranged to give two matinees of "Peter the Great," at the Lyceum Theatre, on the afternoons of Wednesdays, 2nd and 3rd prox.

DEATH OF THE QUEEN'S COACHMAN.—Mr. Charles Smith, who was for many years the Queen's State coachman, died at Slough on Thursday morning at the age of 88.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, the Princesses Margaret and Victoria Patricia, and Prince Arthur, attended by their suite, visited the Barnum and Bailey Show at Olympia on Saturday afternoon last.

BRO. SIR M. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P. (Chancellor of the Exchequer) was present on Monday night at the annual banquet of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce, and responded for the Houses of Parliament.

BRO. SIR F. SEAGER HUNT, M.P., who has been for some time indisposed, has, acting on the advice of Sir W. Broadbent, gone to the South of France for a lengthened stay. He is accompanied by Lady Seager Hunt.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE to commemorate the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg was held at St. Mildred's Church, Whippingham, on Thursday, at noon, and was attended by the Queen and members of the Royal Family and a full congregation.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, who, with her children, is now staying at Claremont, leaves at the end of the month for Cannes, returning to Escher in April. Her Royal Highness will pass the summer in Holland with her sister, the Queen Regent.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY will preside at the reading of the "Christmas Carol," which Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft will give at the St. James's Theatre on the 31st instant, in behalf of the East London District of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, with Princess Victoria, attended by Miss Knollys, General Sir Dighton Probyn, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, were present at Divine service at St. Mary Magdalen's, Sandringham, on Sunday the 16th inst.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has consented to become the Patroness of the Surrey Needlework Guild, of which the late Duchess of Teck was President, and has requested Lady Ellis, wife of Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, to undertake the active duties of President.

BRO. SIR JOHN E. GORST, O.C., M.P., and other Members of Parliament will take part in the discussion on the relations of capital and labour to be opened by Col. Dyer, President of the Employers' Federation, at the dinner of the United Club at the Criterion on the 6th prox.

THE QUEEN and the Royal Family, attended by members of the Household, were present at Divine service, at Osborne, on Sunday morning last. The Bishop of Ripon was the preacher. The guests at the Palace included Lord and Lady Churchill, who, on Sunday evening, had the honour of dining with her Majesty.

ON SATURDAY EVENING, February 5th, Handel's Oratorio "Athaliah" will be performed at the Queen's Hall by the Handel Society, under the auspices of the Regent-street Polytechnic. Bro. Sir Walter Parratt has kindly undertaken to fill in on the piano the accompaniments to the airs and recitatives.

THE LATE MR. VILLIERS.—The body of the Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers, the "Father" not only of the House of Commons, but of the "entire Parliament," was laid to rest yesterday (Thursday), in Kensal Green Cemetery, amid signs of sincere affection and regret. Many public men gathered at his graveside.

FRIDAY, THE 14th instant, was the anniversary of the death of the lamented Duke of Clarence, and a memorial service was held in Sandringham Church. It was attended by T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of York, General Sir Dighton Probyn, Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, and Miss Knollys. The Rev. Canon Dalton and the Rev. Canon Hervey officiated.

THE MERCERS' COMPANY and the Gresham Committee are having a niche prepared on the south wall of the ambulatory of the Royal Exchange for another mural decoration. This will make the fifth of the eight works which different donors have promised. The subject of the new panel is that of the opening of the Royal Exchange by Queen Elizabeth on horseback. The artist is Mr. Ernest Crofts, R.A., and the painting is the gift of the Mercers' Company.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, who was accompanied to London by Prince Christian, left Cumberland Lodge on a visit to the Queen at Osborne. Baroness von und zu Egloffstein and Major Martin were in attendance. Prince Christian returned to Windsor in the evening. Princess Christian, who remained at Osborne, has intimated her intention to visit the Hampstead Hospital and Nursing Institute on March 5th, to unveil the two beds which are to be maintained there in perpetuity, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

A SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL entertainment was given at Dalkeith Palace on Saturday last, by the members of the house party now staying as guests of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. The piece consisted of a one-act comedy entitled "The Wedding Belle," written by Lord Herbert Scott, the music being arranged by Major S. Taylor. The author, with the Hon. Wilfred Egerton and Lady Constance Scott, played the leading parts, and among those who heartily applauded the performers were the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, Lord and Lady Dalkeith, the Earl of Stair, and the Hon. Hew Dalrymple.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN SAILORS' SOCIETY, of which the Duke of York is Patron, and Bro. Lord Brassey President, call attention to the efforts which they are making to benefit the seamen visiting the ports of South America. Important work has been accomplished at Buenos Ayres, Bahia Blanca, Rosario, Monte Video, Rio de Janeiro, and Valparaiso. A sailors' missionary has been recently sent out to Tocopilla, while at Callao the captains and merchants have just subscribed £250 towards starting a sailors' home, and £113 in subscriptions towards carrying it on, and they earnestly appeal for the Secretary to visit the West Coast and assist in inaugurating the work. The directors, however, cannot at present respond to this appeal, and, what is further, the other South American stations are placed in jeopardy, because the society is passing through such a crisis that it is feared the grants must be reduced or withdrawn. In either case it would mean a most serious blow to one of the best and most necessary works ever begun. When the Duke of York visited Monte Video he spoke of how some of his bluejackets were cramped. It is to counteract such evils and to show their sympathetic interest in such ports that the directors venture to bring the urgency of this appeal to notice. Donations or annual subscriptions may be sent to the society's bankers—Messrs. Prescott, Dimsdale, and Co., Cornhill, London, E.C.

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.]

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, was present at the Globe Theatre on Thursday evening.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, who is staying with the Queen at Osborne, is expected to return to-day (Friday) to Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. W. G. GULLY, O.C., Speaker of the House of Commons, arrived at Dover from the Continent on Wednesday, and proceeded to London.

THE DUKE OF YORK has consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, to be held at the Hotel Metropole on Monday, 9th May.

THE QUEEN WILL, according to present arrangements, leave England on Tuesday, March 8th, for Cimiez, where her Majesty will arrive on the 10th for a month's stay in the Riviera.

THE QUEEN has graciously sent 20 pheasants for the inmates of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, West Hill, Putney Heath, S.W. Her Majesty has forwarded a similar gift for the use of the patients of the Samaritan Free Hospital.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between the Hon. Derek Keppel, second son of the late Earl of Albemarle, Esquerry to his Royal Highness the Duke of York, and the Hon. Bridget Harbord, youngest daughter of Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, who is the guest of Mr. Frank and Lady Eva Dugdale at Snitterfield, paid a visit on Wednesday to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Warwick, at Warwick Castle. The visit was a private one, and there was no public demonstration.

WE REGRET to learn that while Bro. the Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of New Zealand, was assisting, on Sunday last, to unharness two horses attached to his buggy, the animals plunged forward and knocked his Excellency down. Both horses and the wheels of the buggy passed over his body. Lord Ranfurly, however, escaped with a severe shaking.

POSTMEN'S SICK AND BENEFIT SOCIETY.—The annual concert of the North-Western men took place at headquarters, the Mansfield Hotel, Gospel Oak, on the 10th inst. There was a large muster, under the presidency of Mr. Walter Ward, who was supported by Mr. H. M. Wilson, Secretary Postmen's Federation, and Mr. H. Boaler (Mutual Benefit Society).

THE FIFTY-NINTH annual general meeting of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution will be held at the Memorial Hall, on Tuesday, February 15th. The President, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Glenesk, will take the chair at seven o'clock. The annual festival dinner will be held at the Hotel Cecil, on Wednesday, May 11th. Mr. Cecil B. Harmsworth will preside.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) has written to the Hardwicke Society from Folkestone as follows: "There is nothing which gives me so much pleasure as association with my brethren of the law, and my membership of the Hardwicke Society is one of the earliest, as well as pleasantest, memories of my commencement in the profession. I very gladly accept your most kindly-voiced invitation to dine with the Society on Thursday, Feb. 17."

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY is organising an International Exhibition of Photographic Apparatus and Photographs, which will open at the Crystal Palace on April 27th. There will be extensive Loan Collections, illustrating not only the history of Photography, but its enormous scientific and commercial applications, Photo-mechanical Processes, Photographs in Colours, Photographs by means of the X rays, and kindred exhibits.

A REMARKABLE and interesting gathering took place at the Hotel Cecil on Friday night, the 14th inst., when about 500 gentlemen sat down to dinner on the occasion of the first annual re-union of the combined staffs of three famous business houses identified for many generations with the rise and progress of art in the home, viz.: Waring, Gills, and Collinson and Lock, now formed into one company and trading under the name of Waring and Gills (Limited). The Great Hall of the Hotel Cecil, in which the dinner took place, was a fitting theatre for such a gathering, being one of the earliest decorative triumphs of the house of Waring.

IT IS INTENDED to make a collection of the sketches and drawings of the late Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood, and to exhibit them in one of the Halls of the Inns of Court or in some other suitable place, and to devote the proceeds of the admission money to the excellent purposes of the Barristers' Benevolent Association. Any one who has in his possession any example of Sir Frank's delightful humour, whether it be in pen or pencil, and whether framed or unframed, is earnestly invited to forward it to Mr. E. Macrory, O.C., Hon. Sec. of the Barristers' Benevolent Association, 7, Fig-tree-court, Temple, E.C., where a receipt will be given for it, as well as an undertaking to return it at the close of the proposed exhibition.

THE BURGHEY PARK Polo Club ball, at Stamford, on Wednesday, was largely attended. The company included the Burghey house party—the Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter, Lady Louisa Cecil, Miss V. Cecil, Lord and Lady Bertie, Lord and Lady Lilford, Lord Burghey, Bro. Beach, M.P., and Mrs. Beach, Mr. C. Peacock, Mr. Hugh Whichcote, Mr. A. Sartoris, Captain R. and Miss Tryon, Mr. Noel Villiers and Miss Villiers; Bro. Captain the Hon. A. Greville's house party—the Hon. A. and Mrs. Greville, the Countess of Westmorland, the Hon. L. and Mrs. Greville, Mr. and Mrs. H. Eaton, Major Wickham, Mr. Callender, and Mr. H. Peacock, Lord and Lady John Joicey-Cecil, Mrs. Hornsby, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hornsby, Mr. Blundell Williams (Hon. Sec.), Col. and the Misses White, and Major Young.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT presided on Wednesday evening at a lecture on Co-operation between the Army and Navy, given by Vice-Admiral P. H. Colomb before the Aldershot Military Society. At the close of a discussion on the points raised by Admiral Colomb, his Royal Highness expressed the thanks of the meeting to the lecturer. In the course of his comments, the Duke of Connaught remarked that in co-operation, both in defence and in attack, one important consideration for the two services was that they should know their strong and weak points and combine for the good of their country. It was unfortunate that in the past a little foolish jealousy had been shown by the Navy and Army one to the other, but they had now risen above that, and the services had one object in view, and the more they worked together and the more they knew of one another the better it would be for the country.

THE ANNUAL BALL in aid of the St. Pancras Female Orphanage in Hampstead-road and the St. Pancras Almshouses in Southampton-road is one of the most interesting and popular events in the social and philanthropic life of the parish. Indeed, so strong a hold has it obtained upon the sympathies of the benevolently-inclined, irrespective of party differences, that it has long been regarded as one of our prominent local institutions. Fourteen of these pleasant gatherings have been held, and as a result nearly £1500 has been realised for the two excellent charities named. The one held on Thursday, the 13th instant, in the Portman Rooms—the 15th of the series—was no less brisk and enjoyable than any of its predecessors, and though the attendance fell slightly short of last year, the present chairman, Bro. Bangs, who has been connected with them from the very start, is none the less hopeful of making the financial result as good as anything achieved in previous years. When dancing began, shortly after 8.30, to the strains of Mr. H. R. Johnson's Quadrille Band, the company was already large, and the fact that ladies and gentlemen were about evenly balanced tended to make the party even jollier than usual.

PRINCESS LOUISE visited Shrewsbury on Wednesday at the invitation of the Girls' Public Day School Company, to open a new school, which has been erected at a cost of £7000, and will accommodate 200 scholars. In accordance with the wishes of her Royal Highness the proceedings were of a somewhat private character, but the crowds which lined the streets, and the decorations which were visible almost everywhere gave evidence of the utmost enthusiasm and loyalty. The Princess was accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, M.P., and the Duchess of Westminster, and the Royal party was met at the railway station by the Mayor, the Earl of Powis (the Lord Lieutenant), the High Sheriff, and others. The Mayor presented an address of welcome, which was acknowledged by the Marquis of Lorne, who expressed her Royal Highness's thanks for the cordial welcome. The visitors then drove through several crowded thoroughfares to Shrewsbury Schools, and thence to the new High School for Girls, which Princess Louise formally opened, subsequently distributing prizes. The return journey to the railway station was by a circuitous route, which, from end to end, was thronged with an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. The Royal party left for Chester, and upon their arrival at Rossett Station drove across Eaton Park to the Hall. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne conclude their visit to Eaton Hall to-day (Friday) when they proceed to Birkenhead and Liverpool, afterwards returning to London.