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## THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The voting papers for the elections which will be held at the annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Friday, the 20th May, were issued towards the end of last week, and will be found, as usual, to contain formidable lists of candidates with the announcement that only a very limited number of vacancies will be available. Thus for

### THE MALE FUND—

which, however, has some slight advantage over the Widows' Fund, as the number of candidates is smaller and that of vacancies more considerable—there are 57 candidates and 14 vacancies, including the three deferred, there being 35 of the former remaining from the 1897 election and 22 whose names have been placed on the list during the time that has since elapsed. London is responsible for 18 and the Provinces and Abroad for the remaining 39. The highest on the list of the London contingent stands at No. 5, and has accumulated 1382 votes in the course of four previous ballots, and will have an additional 40 recorded in his favour. No. 8, who has been three years before the voters, starts with fair prospects on his fourth attempt, as there are 2618 votes already to his credit, and though we doubt not that the competition will be a very keen one, his friends and supporters ought to experience no great amount of difficulty in securing his election. No. 11, who has been the same length of time on the list, is even better circumstanced, with 3250 votes from May, 1897, and 20 additional to be recorded in his behalf, irrespective of what his friends may be able to poll for him. No. 15, who was a candidate for the first time in 1896, has 1167 to the good and 40 more to be recorded for him. Of the 10 brethren who were candidates last year for the first time, No. 18 has 222 votes to his credit; No. 20, 2360 votes with 40 to be added; No. 22, 870 votes plus 20; No. 23, 1366 votes plus 40; No. 24, 747 votes; Nos. 27 and 28, 255 and 774 votes respectively; and Nos. 30 and 31, 550 plus 40, and 44 plus 40 votes respectively; while No. 34 brings forward 563, and will have a further 40 votes recorded in his favour. The remaining candidates from London rank as Nos. 42, 44, 50, and 56 respectively. Of the 39 hailing from the Provinces and Abroad, Devonshire sends up six, namely, No. 2, who will make his 14th application next month, with no more than 277 votes to help him on the way; No. 3, who starts on his ninth attempt with 69 votes in hand; No. 6,

who brings forward six votes from his four previous attempts; No. 12, who has 54 votes from the last two elections; and Nos. 47 and 51, who will be candidates for the first time at this election. Cheshire, Kent, and West Yorkshire are each of them responsible for four cases, the Cheshire quartette ranking as Nos. 7, 14, 16, and 29, and having 13, 28, 19, and 15 votes respectively. Of the Kentish four, there are three that stand well—No. 9, who has 975 votes to his credit; No. 10, with 3412 votes from three previous elections; No. 17 with 800 votes from last October, and 20 to be recorded; and No. 25, who polled 78 votes last year; while the West Yorkshire four are new candidates, ranking as Nos. 41, 43, 48, and 53 respectively. East Lancashire has had three new applicants placed on the list since last election, namely, Nos. 45, 55, and 57, and Sussex two at Nos. 49 and 52. The two candidates from Somersetshire, namely, Nos. 37 and 40, and Nos. 38 and 54 from Dorsetshire are also new cases to be dealt with on their merits for the first time next month. The other 12 are distributed in singles as follows: No. 1 (Northumberland), who has 425 votes to his credit towards his 15th application; No. 4 (Nottinghamshire), with 65 votes from five elections; No. 13 (Suffolk), with seven votes from 1896 and 1897; No. 19 (Victoria), with 1808 votes from last year; No. 21, from the Western Division of South Wales, who starts with two votes; No. 26 (Norfolk), who has 935 votes in hand; No. 32 (Lincolnshire) 17 votes; No. 33 (Warwickshire), with seven and two votes respectively; No. 35 (Cornwall), who starts with 744 votes; and No. 36 (Oxfordshire); No. 39 (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight); and No. 46 (Surrey), the last three being applicants for the first time of asking. Considerably more than half of the brethren on the list have subscribed to a lodge or lodges upwards of 20 years, there being one who was a member for over 45 years and a second 42 years, and there are over 20 of them who have subscribed between 10 and 20 years, there being only two who were members for less than 10 years. Some few among them held office in Provincial Grand Lodge, and there are also a few who, in the days of their affluence, subscribed to or served as Stewards for this or one of the other Institutions.

For

### THE WIDOWS' FUND,

the candidates are 62 in number, of whom 24 remain from last year's election and 38 have had their names placed on the list since, while the vacancies for competition amongst them, inclusive of the three deferred, are only eight. Here London is responsible for 20 of the applicants, and the Provinces and Abroad for the remaining 42, there being four of the London 20 who were on the list at last October election, namely, No. 17, with 1110 votes in hand; No. 18, with 350; No. 19, with 300 and a further 20 to be recorded on her behalf; and No. 21, who starts with 1674 votes to the good. Nos. 26, 27, 31, 34, 35, 40, 42, 45, 47, 48, 49, 53, 55, 57, 58, and 60 are new candidates. Of the 42 from the Provinces and Abroad, Devonshire sends three, namely, No. 4—an applicant for the 12th time—who has 233 votes, and Nos. 46 and 61, both new candidates; Lincolnshire three—No. 8, with 51 votes from five elections, and Nos. 30 and 33 new candidates; Warwickshire three—No. 10, with 449 votes from four elections; No. 14, with 15 votes from three, and No. 16, with 1211 votes from two elections; and West Yorkshire Nos. 29, 41, and 56, all new to the experience of the ballot. There are nine Provinces each furnishing two candidates, namely, Bristol, which is responsible for No. 5, who has

23 votes from the last 10 elections, and No. 23, with 514 votes from last year; Cheshire, No. 15 with 13 votes from 1896 and 1897, and a new candidate at No. 25; Cumberland and Westmoreland, No. 1, who starts with 614 votes towards her 15th ballot, and No. 7, with 22 votes from six years' efforts; Essex, Nos. 36 and 43; Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Nos. 37 and 51; Kent, No. 22, with 1698 votes to her credit from 1897, and No. 51; East Lancashire, No. 2, who has compiled a total of 415 votes at her 14 previous ballots, and No. 38; West Lancashire, No. 11, who has 16 votes to the good from four elections, and No. 62; and Staffordshire, No. 6, with 111 votes from nine ballots, and No. 9, with 116 votes from four. The following 12 hail from as many Provinces—that is to say, No. 3 (Durham), who has 84 to her credit from an experience extending over 12 years; No. 12 (North Wales), with 48, and No. 13 (Sussex), with 20 votes from three ballots; No. 20 (Middlesex), who has five votes, and No. 24 (Bedfordshire), with 270 votes from last year; and No. 28 (Antigua), No. 32 (North and East Yorkshire), No. 39 (Victoria), No. 50 (Suffolk), No. 52 (Gloucestershire), No. 54 (Cornwall), and No. 59 (Hertfordshire), who are all new candidates. In rather more than half of the cases, the late husbands were subscribing members of one or more lodges for over 20 years, there being four of them who subscribed for upwards of 40 years; but only two subscribed for less than 10 years, the membership of the others having ranged between 10 and 20 years. In some few cases the husbands had held Provincial office and in one he was a Grand Lodge officer, while sundry of them were supporters of our Institutions when they were in good circumstances.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The annual meeting of Grand Lodge for the installation of M.W.G. Master and the appointment and investiture of the new Grand Officers for the year was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, London. Earl Amherst, R.W. Dep. G. Master, presided. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Major-General J. Winburn Laurie, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for South Wales (W.D.), as Past Grand Master. The Earl of Portarlington, S.G.W., occupied his appointed seat, and Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., acted as J.G.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., performed the duties of G.D.C.. About 700 brethren were present.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in form, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 2nd so far as they related to the election of M.W.G.M. and of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. THOMAS FENN announced that Grand Lodge was honoured that day with the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tasmania, Bro. the Hon. Charles Davies, and he called on the brethren to salute their Most Worshipful Brother with nine.

The salute was accordingly given, and Bro. Davies bowed his acknowledgments.

Bro. THOMAS FENN then proclaimed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as duly installed M.W.G.M., and

On Bro. Earl AMHERST announcing that the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint the Earl of Lathom as Pro G. Master,

Bro. FENN proclaimed the Earl of Lathom as Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

Bro. Earl Amherst having been re-appointed R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. FENN proclaimed him, and the customary salute was given.

The following is a list of the other Grand Officers:

Bro. Lord Burton...	...	S.G.W.
Viscount Folkestone	...	J.G.W.
Very Rev. the Dean of St. Asaph	...	G. Chaps.
Rev. Brooke Lambert	...	G. Treas.
Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn	...	G. Reg.
J. Strachan, Q.C.	...	Dep. G. Reg.
Herbert A. Rigg	...	G. Sec.
Edward Letchworth	...	S.G. Deacons.
Sir F. Dixon Hartland, Bart., M.P.	...	J.G. Deacons.
John Houlding	...	G. Supt. Wks.
Charles L. Fry Edwards	...	G.D.C.
Reginald J. Mure	...	Dep. G.D.C.
H. W. Kialmark	...	A.G.D.Cs.
John Haviland	...	G.S.B.
Henry L. Florence	...	D.G.S.B.
Sir A. W. Woods	...	G. Std. Brs.
E. L. Marshall	...	G. Org.
Berra d F. Edyvean	...	A.G. Sec.
John F. C. Winkfield	...	A.G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
Henry Neville	...	G. Purst.
Capt. George Hearn	...	A.G. Purst.
John H. Rutherglen	...	G. Tyler,
John Read	...	
Arthur Stubbs	...	
Alfred King	...	
William Lake	...	
Cesar Kupferschmidt	...	
George Graveley	...	
Lewis Lazarus	...	
Henry Sadler	...	

Earl AMHERST, after he had announced the re-appointment of Sir Albert Woods as Grand Director of Ceremonies, said that the Prince of Wales had, at the express wish of Sir Albert Woods, appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn to wear the clothing of, and to act as, Grand Director of Ceremonies when Sir Albert Woods was not able to be present.

Bro. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., was appointed by the Prince of Wales as a P.G.W.; Bro. R. Horton Smith, Q.C., as P.G. Registrar; and the Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Colonel Horatio Davies) as P.G.D.

Bro. LETCHWORTH read out the names and lodges of the following brethren who had been approved of by the Grand Master as Grand Stewards for the coming year: Bros. Hervey L. de Montmorency, 1; Francis Stanhope Hanson, 2; Wm. R. Tew, 4; Edward Hey Hartopp, 5; R. C. W. Currie, 6; William E. Sanger, 8; Harry Keep, 14; Charles W. Sawbridge, 21; James W. Matthews, 23; Edward John Leveson, jun., 26; Edgar L. Waterlow, 29; Frederick Preke Palmer, 46; Thomas Cameron Tanner, 58; Otto C. L. W. Polenz, 60; Ventura B. W. Zanchi, 91; Robert Percy Hughes, 99; Charles Edward Barry, 197; and Alfred Constano Mitchell, 259.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a beautiful banquet was provided by the following Stewards: Bros. W. H. Propert, 26, President; Fred. C. Ivey, 99, Treasurer; W. H. C. Payne, 2, Secretary; Ernest M. Morriss, 1; W. G. Fenn, 4; John Chandler, 5; W. H. Neville Goschen, 6; John H. Jenks, 8; Rev. H. H. Lowe, M.A., 14; H. L. Truman, 21; J. B. Verity, 25; G. Grant, 29; A. M. Hooper, 46; Thomas W. Noad, 58; A. H. Debenham, 60; Leonard C. Best, 91; C. B. Orme Clarke, 197; and L. Mievile, 259.

Earl Amherst presided, having Bro. Lord Portarlington on his right and Bro. the Hon. Charles Davies on his left.

After the banquet, the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family" were first honoured.

Bro. Earl AMHERST, in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," said the brethren would like to see his Royal Highness more frequently among them, but remembering what his duties were, he being about the hardest-worked man in these islands, and calculating the enormous number of things he had to do, it was not surprising that he was not more often than he was with the brethren. The benefit he had been to Freemasonry was well known, and he (Earl Amherst) need not suggest—nobody, he supposed, who attended the Prince of Wales's first installation 23 years ago could possibly have thought the Order would have extended so much as it had since the Prince of Wales had been its Grand Master.

Bro. Major-General LAURIE, Prov. G.M. for the Western Division of South Wales, proposed "The M.W. the Pro G.M., and the R.W. Dep. G.M." With the Pro Grand Master, he said, Grand Lodge had already expressed its sympathy with him in the sad bereavement he had suffered. It was not for the brethren again to speak of that and yet when the Earl of Lathom's name was mentioned it was right that they should all to some extent not allow it to be assumed that the sympathy they had expressed had passed out of the feelings of the brethren. Of the brother who was presiding over them that evening he did not think he need say anything. Those of them who had seen him preside in Grand Lodge had witnessed the method in which he conducted business, short, sharp, decisive, straight to the point. Nobody else could conduct business better. Earl Amherst was, to his mind, the beau ideal of a presiding officer. The man must be there. He must develop, he must show the qualities of a soldier, and in Earl Amherst they had the man, the Mason and the soldier, and he was exactly the sort of man to be a presiding officer over Grand Lodge.

Earl AMHERST, in reply, said he was extremely obliged to the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had received the toast of his health, so kindly proposed by Major-General Laurie. It followed from what he had said that having presided over all sorts of committees and assemblies, many of which were not quite so obedient to the voice of the chairman as they were in Grand Lodge—if that experience had been of benefit to the Craft he was heartily repaid. It was his great pleasure to come amongst the brethren as often as he could in the office the Prince of Wales had conferred upon him to do the business of Grand Lodge. The kindness with which the brethren had received his name he would never forget, and he would not so ill repay them as to make a long speech, when there were so much sweeter voices than his own waiting to entertain them in the Temple. He therefore preferred to say—"Thank you, one and all, and I pledge you in return."

Bro. Earl AMHERST said the next toast was that of "The Sister Grand Lodges," which was one the brethren always received with cordiality. Last year they had at Grand Festival to entertain a good many brethren from different parts of the empire in maintaining the usages of the Craft. That night they had the Grand Master of Tasmania with them; it was his first visit to the Grand Lodge of England; the brethren were very pleased to see him, and were glad to hear that the Masonry of Freemasons' Hall was very flourishing throughout the Colonies; they were glad also to hear that the Colonies did not forget the old country.

The toast having been most enthusiastically received, Bro. the Hon. CHARLES DAVIES, M.W.G.M. of Tasmania, rose to reply. He said: R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Brethren,—I assure you I feel very flattered indeed with the compliment which has been paid to me and to the Grand Lodge of Tasmania in coupling my name with this very important toast. If anything were necessary to prove the Fraternal regard with which you—which we all desire should exist among the sister lodges of the world it is the cordial reception which you have given me and this toast. I think I shall be studying the wishes and following the excellent example of our previous speakers by making very few observations on this occasion; but I should like to say that as far as the Craft in Australia is concerned, I am sure you will all be very pleased to hear that it is placed on a very healthy basis and is very flourishing. The experience we had in former days in connection with our sister Grand Lodges of the old world we have endeavoured to profit by, and the noble example which you have set us which adds to the glory and renown of Freemasonry throughout the world we have in a very humble manner endeavoured to emulate. As colonists we have shown that we have proved from time to time our patriotism and philanthropy and the very strong ties of kin and loyalty which bind us to the old country are indissoluble and sacred. (Applause.) As Freemasons, the kindly recognition and encouragement we have received from the Grand Lodge of the old world, together with the Royal patronage so graciously extended to our Grand Lodge only intensifies those feelings of veneration

and regard we entertain for those grand old Institutions of the old Country. (Renewed applause.) I may say that I am delighted to have had my first opportunity of being present and witnessing the ceremonies in connection with your Grand Lodge, and I assure you, among the most pleasurable of the pleasant reminiscences of my visit to the Old Country will be the cordial reception extended to me by the Masons in this part of the world. I thank you very heartily, brethren, for your cordial reception. (Cheers).

Earl AMHERST then proposed "The R.W. Provincial and District Grand Masters," brethren who, he said, occupied a considerable part of the brethren's esteem, for if those brethren did not work well in their respective provinces and districts, Masonry would not be what it was. He thought the brethren ought on the present occasion to drink a glass of wine to them. They had present Major-General Laurie, who had served in his time as a Grand Master of Nova Scotia; but he had come down to the position of a Prov. Grand Master of South Wales, and his name he connected with the toast, which the brethren would most cordially drink.

Bro. Major-General LAURIE, in reply, said he felt a great responsibility upon him, because he had to return thanks for a large number of brethren, many of whom he did not know personally, but many of whom he hoped to become acquainted with—those who were resident in England. It was hopeless to suppose he should ever become acquainted with the District Grand Masters throughout the wide area over which Grand Lodge of England presided. But they had most distinct evidence from all parts of the world that they were animated by the most intense loyalty to their mother Grand Lodge by their great desire to work in harmony with the Constitutions and to strengthen and support in every possible way the old mother Grand Lodge. He was aware that there had been districts that had severed themselves from the Grand Lodge of England; but he honestly believed it had been after all in the interests of Masonry, and they could not have a better evidence of that than what had fallen from the Grand Master of Tasmania, a district which was formerly under Grand Lodge of England, but was now an independent Grand Lodge, but as loyal to the old Grand Lodge of England as ever. The Provincial Grand Masters' duty, of course, who lived nearer at home, was to keep themselves in touch with Grand Lodge at the centre to see that there should not be half a dozen systems of Masonry prevailing, but only one system, the one cultivated here among them all. That was their desire and determination, and they hoped to live up to that, and to earn the esteem of the brethren and to justify the kind way his lordship in the chair had spoken of them.

Earl AMHERST next proposed "The R.W. Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." To all the Grand Officers invested that day they wished a happy and prosperous year of office. To those who were Past Officers they only hoped the past might be a pleasant one, and that in taking the collar of Past Grand Officer they would not forget the cause of Masonry but continue their attendance in Grand Lodge. He was sorry that all the brethren he had invested with collars that day were not able to be present, the Earl of Lathom was one, and Lord Burton had not been able to stay to the banquet on account of a recent domestic affliction. In the absence of some of the Grand Officers he coupled with the toast the name of Past Grand Warden Philbrick, who had been Grand Registrar. He did not suppose that Grand Lodge ever had a sounder legal adviser than Bro. Philbrick, who always gave his advice in a most genial way.

His Honour Judge PHILBRICK, Q.C., P.G.W., in reply, said: In these days, when we ought to look for the survival of the fittest, I have often wondered what would happen if it turned out that the fittest did not survive. One fears for the degeneration of the race, for the qualities that have marked the Anglo-Saxon blood. But such a thing has happened, unluckily, to-night, and I cannot plead the fittest has survived to return thanks for the toast that has been proposed in such gracious and kind terms by our noble brother in the chair. Reference has been made to the progress of Masonry. Rightly now not in a spirit of boastfulness, but in a spirit, I trust, of thankfulness, we hope for a future of trust and of confidence. What has been done in the past, and what, I am sure, speaking for the Grand Officers who are now invested this year, and those who have in the past served their office, what has contributed in no immaterial degree to the success of Masonry has been the goodwill, the hearty Masonic spirit and zeal of those entrusted with office, and I am sure the freedom of the Craft from all petty jealousies, its generous approbation of any efforts a brother may make for the spread of Masonry and the welfare of the Craft render it one of those Institutions which, humanly speaking, has a strong hold upon the heart, and which reflects in its best aspects that which is best in the nature of mankind. I am sure it is. I have often preached the doctrine that Masonry appeals in no slight degree to the higher and better qualities, that it has been as permanent as we have seen it, that its success is as great as we see it, and that its path lies before it as pure and as good in the future. Before I sit down, my lord, let me thank you with the best of my poor thanks for the kind words you have used of me, and to say, in taking leave of the office which for so many years I have held in Grand Lodge, while I feel acquitted of ever having, from fear, favour, or affection, deviated from my knowledge of what was straight and true, I shall as long as life is spared me by the Great Architect continue to do the best I can for the Craft I love so well and that I have endeavoured so imperfectly to serve.

Dean HOLE, P.G. Chap., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and took advantage of the opportunity to ask the brethren to support a service he was going to hold in Rochester Cathedral to edify the old waste places of the Cathedral City of Rochester.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., replied, and said the Very Worshipful Brother had stated £50,000 was collected for the Girls' School in 1888, and £69,000 for the Old People in 1892. It was the hope of every brother in the room that when June 10th, 1898, came round the highest sum ever collected would be for the Boys. They knew that the M.W.G.M. was then to preside. He believed the highest sum ever collected for a charity was under the presidency of the Grand Master for Guy's Hospital when £170,000 was collected. After that the highest sum was for the Benevolent Institution. That, he believed, was this year to be wrested from that Institution and given to the Boys. Long might that Institution live to benefit by the munificence of the Craft; so might they number the year 1898, and think that during the whole period their Institutions had been in existence, growing as they had grown with the growth of the Craft, yet for 115 years since the first establishment of a Charity, the highest sum ever collected was about to be announced this year. After they had given £100,000 or £120,000 to the Boys' School, if they took their knowledge back to Rochester, might they value the good words of the Dean of Rochester, and remember there was a province over which Earl Amherst presided, which had been strongly

supported by it at Canterbury Cathedral, and then give great help to the Dean of Rochester. On behalf of the Benevolent Institution, he thanked the brethren for the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He thanked them for what they had done in the past, and hoped that when this great wave of prosperity had subsided, there might be a little dove come forward in 1899 to help the Old People. (Applause.)

Bro. PROPERT, President of the Board of Stewards, replied to the toast of "The Grand Stewards." The preparation of that Festival had been a labour of love to the Grand Stewards, and they were only proud and delighted to see at it such a grand body of influential and good Masons. The Grand Stewards had to pass through a unique experience; they were suddenly summoned from their small lodges to become, as it were, public servants. They basked for a short year in something like a swell position; they were temporary members of Grand Lodge. But then came that Festival, and down they went. (Laughter.) Then they went to their lodges, and only could they dream of the grand men and the grand Masons they had met, and the grand Masons with whom they had been officially connected. Last year there had been a grand gathering at the Albert Hall, and a grand squash at St. Paul's Cathedral. (Laughter.) One day up they went, next day down. Never mind. They had kept up the best traditions of the past in the past year of the Grand Stewards. At any rate, they had done their best to do so.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G. Chap., proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. JOHN CHANDLER, 5, responded, and the company then adjourned to the Temple, where with Earl Amherst in the chair a grand concert under Bro. G. F. Smith, Past G. Org., was performed by Miss Margaret Hoare, Madame Alice Gomez, the Celia Quartette (Bros. W. Hiles-Smith, J. L. Haddon, Alfred Pinnington, and Sidney Galey), Miss Maude Horne, and Miss Kathleen Purcell.

The clothing presented to Bro. his Honor Judge Philbrick, P.G. Reg., P.G.W., was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning & Son, Little Britain, E.C.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

### GRAND WARDENS.

The Right Hon. Lord BURTON, whom H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master has appointed to the chair of Senior G. Warden, is a Mason of not far short of 40 years' standing, having been initiated in the Abbey Lodge, No. 626, Burton-on-Trent, on the 17th of February, 1860. In January, 1863, he was installed W. Master, and the following year was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Stafford-



shire. He is also a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 353, Winhill, in the Province of Derbyshire, having joined it on the 28th March, 1881. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Abbey Chapter, No. 624, on the 29th June, 1864, and installed in the chair of First Principal Z., on the 11th September, 1866, while in the Ancient and Accepted he has taken the 30°. He is a Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association.

Viscount FOLKESTONE, M.P.—eldest son of the Earl of Radnor, Prov. G. Master of Wiltshire—who is the Junior G. Warden for the year, was initiated in the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court, in June, 1890, and was installed in its chair of W. Master in July of last year. In 1892 he joined the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, and the same year was appointed Prov. G. S. of W. in his father's Province, the still greater honour of Prov. J.G. Warden being conferred upon him last year.

### GRAND CHAPLAINS.

The Very Rev. WATKIN HERBERT WILLIAMS, Dean of St. Asaph, and a nephew of Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., was initiated into Freemasonry while an undergraduate of Oxford University, in the famous Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in 1868. Subsequently, he was elected a joining member of the Royal Denbigh Lodge, No. 1143, Denbigh, of which he was installed W. Master in 1883, and of the Old Westminster's Lodge, No. 2233. He was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of North Wales and Salop in 1883, and has served as Prov. S.G. Warden of the Province of North Wales. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted as such in 1869.

Bro. the Rev. BROOKE LAMBERT, Vicar of Greenwich, was initiated in the Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, Tamworth, on the 13th August, 1873, and five years later had the honour of being installed as Worshipful Master. In 1877 he joined the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1644, Birmingham, and for the second time was elected and installed in the chair of K.S. in 1882. In 1880 he was elected a joining member, firstly of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and secondly of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Greenwich, while the following year he became a member of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, which also meets

in the same Metropolitan suburb, and in 1884 of the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041. He has thus been connected with half-a-dozen lodges, of which two are located in the Midlands and the others in or near London, his earlier services in provincial Masonry having been recognised by his appointment in 1875 as Prov. Grand Chaplain of Staffordshire. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having



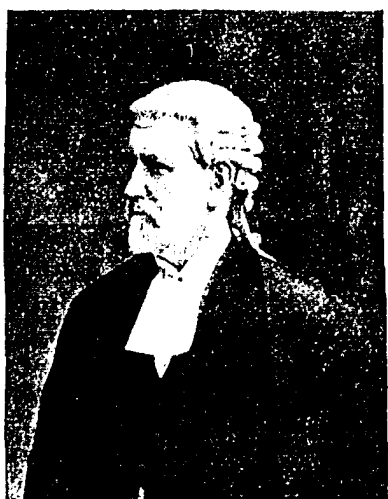
been exalted in the Marmion Chapter, No. 1060, on the 12th November, 1875, and installed M.E.Z. on the 17th September, 1879, his services in this branch of Masonry having been rewarded with the appointment in 1878 to the office of Prov. G. Registrar.

#### GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. CLIFFORD PROBYN, who was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on the 2nd March, and was invested with the insignia of office on Wednesday, has seen a great deal of service in all the branches of Freemasonry with which he is connected and is a prominent supporter of our Central Masonic Institutions. He was initiated in the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, on the 5th May, 1874, and seven years later had the honour of being installed W. Master. In 1883, he was elected a joining member of the Centurion Lodge, No. 1718, and in 1890, of Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, while at different times he has helped to found or joined the following lodges, namely, the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021; the Grafton, No. 2347; the Galen Lodge, No. 2394; the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455; the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535; the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603; and the London School Board Lodge, No. 2611. He was exalted in Royal Arch Chapter Cyrus, No. 21, in 1885, and installed M.E.Z. in 1894, and 1896, was appointed Prov. G.J. of Middlesex. In the Mark Degree he is a Past Master of more than one lodge and Past Prov. G.W. of Hertfordshire, and in 1896, he had the honour of being elected by a considerable majority of votes to the office of Grand Treasurer of Mark Grand Lodge; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a member of the Rose and Lily Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 97, and has taken the 30°. But above all he is a staunch supporter of our Charitable Institutions, being a Patron of all three, and has served as many as four Stewardships for each, in addition to which he is a Vice-Patron, and has served Stewardships for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

#### GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., though in the first instance and during the last few years of his Masonic career a member of the London Craft, is a prominent Northumbrian brother. He was initiated in the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, on the 6th March, 1877, and rejoined on the 7th December, 1896. In June, 1878, he joined the Gosforth Lodge, No. 1664, and on the 7th March, 1884, was installed in the chair of Master. In February, 1883, he joined the Northumberland Lodge, No. 585, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and in 1890 the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, Tyne-mouth. His first Provincial appointment was in 1888, when he was made Prov. G. Registrar of Northumberland. Two years later he was chosen to fill the more laborious post of Prov. G. Secretary, and having the year following received the collar of Prov. S.G.W., he was, in October, re-appointed to the office of Prov. G. Secretary. Last year he had conferred upon him, at the great Masonic gathering



held in the Royal Albert Hall to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the brevet rank of P.D.G. Registrar, which is now converted into substantive rank in the higher office of G. Registrar, in succession to Bro. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Gosforth Chapter, No. 1664, on the 21st July, 1882. In June, 1893, he was installed M.E.Z. in Northumberland Chapter, No. 685, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and three years later was appointed Prov. G.J. In 1897 he became P.D.G. Registrar in Supreme G. Chapter. He is also a member of the Adoniram Chapter (R.C.), No. 101. Early in 1897 he was elected to fill a London vacancy on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which he is a Life Governor and past Festival Steward, and is also a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution.

#### DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. HERBERT A. RIGG, of the Parliamentary Bar, was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, on the 24th June, 1875. In 1883 he was chosen to represent it on the Board of Grand Stewards, and in 1895 was installed as W. Master. In the interim—on the 4th April, 1878—he was elected a joining member of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, and occupied the chair of Master in 1881-2. He is a life Governor of both our Scholastic Institutions, and has served the office of Steward once for each of them.

#### SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

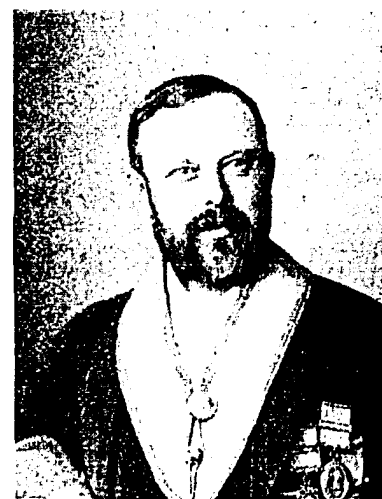
Bro. Sir F. DIXON-HARTLAND, Bart., one of the representatives of the county of Middlesex in the House of Commons and Chairman of the Thames Conservancy, was initiated in the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, on the 20th October, 1881. In June, 1887, he joined the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court, and was installed W.M. in 1890. In 1892 he received the collar of Prov. S.G.W. of



Middlesex. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, on the 11th May, 1893, and at the present time occupies the chair of Second Principal H. He has been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and, in addition to having served as Steward at one of the Festivals of the Girls' School, has qualified as Vice-President of that Institution.

Bro. JOHN HOULDING, the present Lord Mayor of Liverpool, is a very distinguished Mason of nearly 30 years' standing in the Province of West Lancashire, having been initiated in the Everton Lodge, No. 823, Liverpool, as far back as 1869. In 1877 he was installed W.M., and three years later was honoured with the appointment of Prov. G. Registrar, while last year he was chosen to fill the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden. In addition, he is a joining member of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, Liverpool, and a founder of the Bala, No. 1369, Bala, North Wales; a founder and first W.M. of the Anfield Lodge, No. 2215, in 1887; founder in the same year of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229—of which he was installed Master in 1892; and a member of the Wigan Lodge, No. 2326, Wigan. He was exalted in the Everton Chapter, No. 823, in 1871, is a Past Z. of the Hamer Chapter, No. 1393, and was appointed Prov. G. Scribe N. in 1881. He is Past M.W.S. of the Liverpool Rose Croix Chapter, No. 19, and has taken the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is, lastly, a Life Governor of our three Central Institutions, and has served as Steward three times for the Boys' School, twice for the Girls' School, and once for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. C. LUND FRY EDWARDS, one of the most prominent brethren in Somersetshire, was initiated in Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, on the 27th April, 1869, and was for a time a member of Churchill Lodge, No. 478. In 1871 he was appointed Prov. G. Steward Oxfordshire, and the year following made Prov. G.S. of W. In August, 1869, he joined the Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199, Yatton, and has been thrice elected as its W.M., namely, in 1875, 1876, and 1892. In 1878 he was elected member of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon, and served as W.M. in 1881 and 1882. In 1876, during his second Mastership of No. 1199, he was appointed Prov. J.G.D. Somersetshire, and in 1883 was advanced to the chair of Prov. S.G.W., while since 1885 he has held the important office of Prov. G. Treasurer. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in Apollo



University Chapter, No. 357, on the 3rd December, 1870, he is a P.Z. of Avalon Chapter, No. 446, Wells, having been installed in the chair of First Principal in 1879, and has served successively as Prov. G.P. Soj. (in 1882) and Prov. G.J. (in 1884) of the Prov. G. Chapter of Somersetshire. In the Mark Degree he is P.M. and Treasurer of the Elze Lodge, No. 102, Weston-super-Mare; in the Order of the Temple, P.E.P. and present Treasurer and Registrar of the Worlebury Preceptory of St. Dunstan, No. 121, Weston-super-Mare, Past G. Chamberlain of Great Priory, and in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, P.M.W.S. William de Irwin Chapter (R.C.), No. 28, Weston-super-Mare. He is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, for which he has served seven Stewardships, Vice-President of the Girls' School, with four Stewardships, and Life-Governor of the Benevolent Institution, with two Stewardships.



## JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. REGINALD J. MURE, Barrister-at-Law, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, on the 10th February, 1853, when at Christ Church, among his contemporaries being Bros. Lord Hothfield—then H. J. Tufton—of the same college, the late Earl of Bective, L. G. G. Robbins, Past S.G.D., and A. H. Smith-Barry, M.P. Five years later he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and in 1877, was installed its W.M. In January, 1887, he helped to found the Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2233, and on the 7th December, 1888 was installed as Master. He was also a founder, in 1893, of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456. He was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, on the 5th May, 1864, and having some years



later joined the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, was in due course installed in the chair of First Principal Z., in 1880. In the Mark Degree he is a P.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, having occupied the chair of A. in 1874, and in 1879 was appointed S.G. Overseer. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he has taken the 31°, and is a member of the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter, No. 45, of Rose Croix, served as M.W.S. of the chapter at Canterbury in 1881. He is a Life Governor and has served one Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Mure is M.A. of Oxford, and was for five years Secretary to the Judge of the Admiralty Court, co-editor of Sir R. Phillimore's work on Private International Law, and for nine years Vice-Principal of the Working Men's College, London.

Bro. Surgeon Lieut.-Col. H. W. KIAMMARK has taken a prominent part in Freemasonry during the 40 years that have elapsed since he joined the ranks of our Society. He was initiated in September, 1856, in the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, now No. 291, Highbridge, Somersetshire, and at the present time is a P.M. and Secretary of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, S.W. of Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410, and J.W. of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033. In Royal Arch Masonry he is P.Z. of the St. James's Union Chapter, No. 180, having thrice occupied the chair of First Principal, and a founder and I.P.Z. of Æsculapius Chapter, No. 2410. Last year he was appointed and invested 3rd Grand Std. Br. in Supreme Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree he is a P.M. of Egerton of Tatton Lodge,



No. 400; P.M., Treasurer of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211; a Past G. Steward and P.P.S.G.W. of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey. He is in addition a Royal Ark Mariner, being P.C.N. of Lodge No. 400; Past E.P. of the Holy Sanctuary Preceptory in the Order of the Temple; Past M.W.S. of the Belgrave Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; a P.S.R. in the Order of the Secret Monitor, and was G.V. in 1895; and a member of the Constantine Council Royal and Select Masters and Rose and Lily Council of the Allied Degrees. He has done good service to our Institutions, for which he has served in all 11 Stewardships, and of each of which he is a Life Governor.

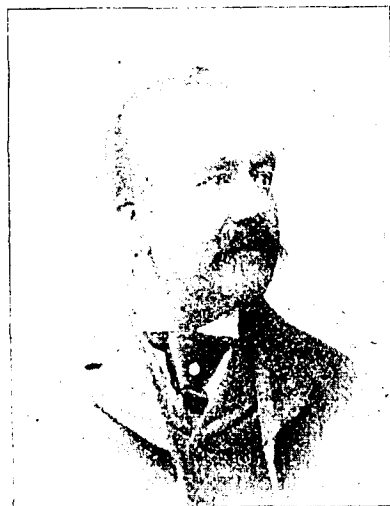
Bro. JOHN HAVILAND has attained to great distinction during the years he has been associated with Masonry. He was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, on the 6th March, 1871, since when he has been successively elected a joining member of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1769, Northampton; the De la Pré Lodge, No. 1911; and the Kingsley Lodge, No. 2431, all three lodges being located in the same town. On the 12th November, 1892, he was installed W.M. of the De la Pré Lodge, while his services to the Province of Northants and Hunts have been rewarded by his appointment, firstly, as Prov. S.G.D. in 1889; and, secondly, by his selection in June, 1895, by the Earl of Euston, Prov. G. Master, for the onerous and responsible position of Deputy Prov. G.M., which he still holds. As a Royal Arch Mason, he was exalted in the Euclid Chapter, No. 859, and having joined the Northampton Chapter, No. 360, was in due course installed its M.E.Z. In Prov. G. Chapter he holds the office



of Prov. G.H., to which he was appointed in May, 1895. He is a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and has served for it one Stewardship.

## GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

Bro. HENRY L. FLORENCE was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, on the 5th April, 1883, and on the 3rd May, 1894, was installed as W.M. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in Westminster and



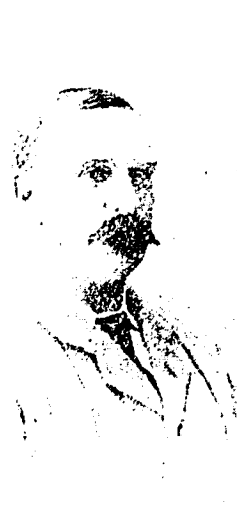
Keystone Chapter, No. 10, on the 27th February, 1895. He has made himself a Vice-Patron of both our Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and in 1895 undertook the office of Steward at the Festivals of the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School.

## DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. E. LUXMORE MARSHALL was initiated in the Lodge of the Nine Muses, No. 235, on the 14th May, 1882, and on the 14th February, 1888, was installed its W.M. He has also seen Masonic service in the West Indies, having been appointed Dist. G. Warden Barbados in 1893. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in St. James's Chapter, No. 2, on the 5th April, 1888, and the same year assisted in founding the Empire Chapter, No. 2108, of which, on the 4th March, 1890, he was installed M.E.Z., while, in March, 1896, he was installed in the same chair of First Principal Z. of his mother chapter, No. 2. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he has been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, is a member of the Studholme Chapter, No. 67, of that Degree, and has taken the 30°. He has served two Stewardships for the Old People's Institution and four for the Girls' School, and has qualified as a Life Governor of the former and Vice-President of the latter.

## ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. BERNARD F. EDYVEAN, a prominent Cornish Mason, was initiated in Lodge One and All, No. 330, Bodmin, in 1880, and on the 27th December, 1886, had the honour of being installed its Worshipful Master. In 1895 he was elected a joining member of the Molesworth Lodge, No. 1954, Wadebridge, and the following



year of the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, which a few years previously had been constituted for the especial convenience of Cornishmen resident in the Metropolis. In 1889 he served as Prov. G. Steward, and two years later was appointed to the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in St. Petrock Chapter, attached to his mother lodge, No. 130, Bodmin, and on the 9th

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### Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1898.

United Grand Lodge held high Festival on Wednesday, in celebration of St. George's Day—the day of the Patron Saint of England. The Deputy Grand Master—in the absence of the M.W. Grand Master—presided, and, as is usual at these annual meetings, there was a full attendance of the brethren to witness the investiture of those whom his Royal Highness the M.W. G.M. has been pleased to appoint as the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. A list of these brethren will be found in our report of the proceedings, and in another part of our columns we publish the records of their services, so that our readers may see and judge for themselves what manner of Masons they are whom the Grand Master has seen fit to honour with the purple of Grand Lodge. We think the conclusion they will arrive at will be, as we suggested last week, that a better or more worthy body of men could not have been selected.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 4th prox., when the new Grand Officers will be appointed and invested. A considerable proportion

of those who have just received Craft honours will be appointed to corresponding offices in Grand Chapter. But there are sundry who do not possess the necessary Royal Arch qualifications, while others are already Past Grands, either through having been appointed as substantive Grand Officers or because last year or the year before they had brevet rank as such conferred upon them. In place of these companions who have distinguished themselves in private and Prov. Grand Chapter will be appointed.

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It will be noticed from our report of Grand Festival that his Royal Highness has been pleased to confer Past rank on three brethren, of whom one in particular has occupied positions of eminence in Masonry for a long term of years. The three in question are Bro. his Honour Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., who is now a Past Grand Warden; Bro. R. Horton Smith, Q.C., who, in recognition of his services as Dep. Grand Registrar, has been made Past Grand Registrar; and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Alderman Col. Davies, M.P., who has been made a Past Grand Deacon. As regards the Lord Mayor, the numerous and heavy demands which for years past must have been made upon his time as a man of business, a City magnate, and Member of Parliament have prevented him taking a very active part in the proceedings of our lodges, but most of us will recognise that it is an honour conferred upon our venerable Society to have included among its leading members another chief magistrate of the grandest old Corporation the world has ever known. We congratulate his lordship, and in spirit salute him according to ancient custom. So also do we congratulate most heartily Bro. Horton Smith, Q.C., on the honour he so well deserves.

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But it is necessarily to Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., who has held positions of high distinction in the Craft for very many years that we tender our heartiest congratulations. It is a quarter of a century almost to the very day since he received his first appointment to office in Grand Lodge, and for more than half that period he has been the legal adviser of the Craft. In the Province of Essex he has received, as he has deserved, the goodwill and respect of the brethren. But not only on the ground of his great knowledge and experience of Masonry do we offer him our congratulations on his appointment to the brevet rank of Past G. Warden. No one could have moved freely among the lodges in the Metropolis and what are commonly spoken of as the Home Counties without having learned that Bro. Philbrick is not only one of the ablest, as he is one of the most experienced of Craftsmen, but likewise that he is by reason of his geniality one of the most popular. There are few who have done more towards promoting that spirit of kindness which is, or ought to be, among the leading characteristics of the true Freemason. There has been in these latter days a spirit abroad which urges upon the brethren the necessity of being perfect in everything. They must be perfect ritualists, perfect in their knowledge of the Constitutions, perfect in their familiarity with the laws of Masonic Jurisprudence, and among those who worship this spirit he is held to be the best Mason who is the most perfect in all these things.

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Bro. Philbrick has not lost sight of the belief that a knowledge of Masonry is desirable among Freemasons, but he has, at the same time, recognised that the promptings of good fellowship must not be overlooked in this desire to convert Freemasonry into an exact science. We want good men to rule over lodges and chapters, but this goodness must not be restricted to lodge work. We want them to be good in presiding at the festive board as well as in the lodge, and if they can bring the members closer together, and show them how to know and respect each other better, we do not imagine there are many who will not forgive them if occasionally they are non-plussed in the ritual. At all events, Bro. Philbrick has been as earnest in his desire to promote geniality at our Masonic gatherings as he is capable of enlightening them upon the duties of the lodge and the laws of the Craft, and it is for reason of this that his appointment to so exalted a position as that of Past Grand Warden has been so popular everywhere throughout the Craft.

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It is not necessary that we should give in detail a record of the career of our distinguished brother. He A.G.S. in the Royal Arch. He has won distinction was appointed in 1873 J.G.D. in the Craft, and in 1874 in the Mark and Templar Orders, in the A. and A. Rite, in the Order of the Secret Monitor, &c. In 1884, on the

resignation of the late Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., of the office of Grand Registrar, which he had held for the preceding 22 years. Bro. Philbrick was selected to fill this very responsible office in Craft and Arch Masonry, and though his recommendations as the legal adviser of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter may not have been invariably received by all without question, it is also generally known that in the discharge of his duties he has ever been most conscientious, and that if not infallible, his rulings have always been entitled to respect. In Essex he is beloved as well as respected. As Deputy Prov. G. Master, under the present Prov. Grand Master and his predecessor—the late Lord Tenterden—he has been familiar with the working of the Province, while as Grand Superintendent since 1883, he has presided over Royal Arch Masonry in the Province to its great advantage, and to his own renown. He has also done good service to our Institutions; nor will it be soon forgotten what immense services the Philbrick Investigation Committee rendered in bringing about the reorganisation of the Boys' School and placing it once again on a substantial basis.

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We congratulate the Old Masonians on the success which attended the consecration of their lodge at Anderton's Hotel on Saturday last. It was a most excellent meeting in all respects, while there is little doubt that under the auspices of such a distinguished Mason as Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., and one who has shown so great a desire to promote the welfare of all our Institutions as he has, that it will pass safely through the most critical period of its existence. It has our best wishes for a long and successful career.

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We understand that a favourable answer has been given to the petition of certain London brethren, who were W. Masters of lodges in the Metropolitan District the day the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated for a warrant of constitution for a lodge which will be known under the style and title of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712. There is reason to believe that the consecration will take place some time during the latter half of June.

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We deeply sympathise with Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., in the calamity that has befallen him. It seems that in a paragraph that recently appeared in our columns our very distinguished brother was described as a "Surgeon" instead of "Surveyor." How anyone can have confounded two such opposite professions we are at a loss to suggest, but, needless to say, we deplore the error.

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In our Notes of last week we took occasion to express our sympathy with Bro. A. N. Sloan, lately G.M. of Tennessee, who had all his official records destroyed by fire about three months after he had been installed in office. At the same time, we congratulated him and his Grand Lodge on the sufficiency of the materials at his command from the last nine months of his Mastership for framing an address of the usual formidable length. This address, of course, included quite a number of rulings mostly on matters of small detail, among them being one which, it has occurred to us, is rather more amusing than American Grand Masters' decisions generally are.

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The following knotty point was submitted to him for his decision: "The By-laws of a lodge provide that they can be changed only by a vote of three-fourths of the members present. When the change was voted upon, nineteen members were present; fourteen voted in the affirmative, four in the negative, and one refused to vote. Was the motion carried?" Grand Master Sloan gravely decided—and his decision was subsequently endorsed by the Grand Lodge—that "it was not." Arithmetically speaking, there is of course no doubt that Grand Master Sloan was right, three-fourths of 19 being 14½. But we fail to see how one-fourth part of a member could have voted one way, and his remaining three-fourths the other. It may be that in Tennessee Masonry the division for voting purposes of an odd member into four equal parts is possible—we are aware that strange things occasionally happen in some of the Grand Lodge jurisdictions in the United States—but we should like to know how it is managed.

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WE HAVE been requested to announce that Bro. Henry Sadler, G. Tyler and Sub-Librarian of Grand Lodge, will deliver a lecture at the Rutland Hotel, Perry-hill, Catford, to-morrow (Saturday), at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1719. This will be the last of the meetings during the present session.

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July, 1889, was installed M.E.Z., while in 1891 he was appointed Prov. Grand Registrar in the Prov. G. Chapter of Cornwall, and last year he had the brevet rank of Past G.S.B. in Supreme Grand Chapter conferred upon him in connection with the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. He served as Steward at the Girls' School Festival in 1895, and is a Life Subscriber to the Boys' School.

Bro. J. F. C. WINKFIELD, is a Mason of more than 30 years' standing, having been initiated in the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, on the 27th November, 1866. Subsequently he joined the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, Aylesbury, and was installed in the chair as W.M. in 1873, and the British Lodge, No. 8, of which he was installed W.M. in 1879, and which the same year he represented on the



Board of Grand Stewards. In 1875 he was appointed Prov. Senior Grand Warden of the late Province of Berks and Bucks. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Buckingham Chapter, No. 591 on the 15th October, 1873. He is a Life Governor of all the three Institutions and has served the office of Festival Steward once for the Girls' School, twice for the Boys' School, and once for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. HENRY G. NEVILLE, the well-known actor, was initiated under the Scottish Constitution, in the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (Mary's Chapel), in 1861. He afterwards joined the Maybury Lodge, No. 969—which in its early days, if not now, was associated with members of, or those interested in, the dramatic profession, and had the late Bro. Benjamin Webster, P.G.D., for its first W.M.—



and rose in time to preside over it as W. Master. In 1885, he helped to found the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, and was its first acting P.M. In 1896 and 1897, he occupied the chair of Master, and is, therefore, at the present time the I.P.M. He is also a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and served on one occasion as Festival Steward in support of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

#### GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Captain GEORGE HEARN received his first commission in the King's Dragoon Guards, and served subsequently in the 21st Hussars, but an accident he met with in the hunting field so far disabled him as to prevent his remaining in



the cavalry, and he is now, and for some time past has been, on the staff of the Army Ordnance Department. His earliest experience of Freemasonry dates from

the year 1879, when he was initiated in the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, and since then has had a far wider and more intimate acquaintance with the lodges under different Constitutions than falls to the lot of most brethren. In 1887 he joined the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth; in 1888 the United Service Lodge, No. 1341, Hong Kong; in 1890, the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, Plumstead; in 1891, the Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399, meeting in the same suburb; in 1893, the Trainbands Lodge, No. 2524; and in 1896, the Military Lodge, No. 2621, and Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, Guernsey. He has also been a member of St. George's Lodge, No. 2170, Ceylon, as well as of Lodge No. 107, under the Irish Constitution, and the Donnie Doon Lodge, No. 611, under the Scottish Constitution, both meeting in the same island. He was W. Master of the Irish Lodge, No. 107, in 1892, and on the 30th July, 1897, was installed first W.M. of the Military Lodge, No. 2621, of which he was a principal founder. In addition, he is a R.A. Mason, having been exalted in the Tullamore Chapter, No. 321 (I.C.). In 1888 he affiliated to the United Chapter, No. 1341 (E.C.), Hong Kong, and joined the Lanka Chapter (I.C.), No. 107, Colombo, Ceylon, is a Past G.S.B. of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, and a Past Prov. G. Std. Br. of Guernsey and Alderney. He is also connected with other branches of Freemasonry, and is a Life Governor and past Steward of the Boys' School, but the work that he has done has been mostly under the banner of United Grand Lodge, and it is a fitting reward for his many and varied services that he should have had conferred upon him so honourable an office as that of Grand Sword Bearer of England.

#### DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. JOHN H. RUTHERGLEN was initiated in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, on the 9th May, 1878, and was installed W. Master in 1894. He is also a member of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, and when it was determined to petition the Grand Master for a warrant of constitution for a lodge to be connected with the Poor Law Service he was unanimously requested to accept the office of Master. Accordingly, when the Hugh Owen Lodge, No. 2593, was consecrated in February, 1896, Bro. Rutherglen was installed in the chair as first W.M. He is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and the Girls' School, for the latter as the representative of



the Hugh Owen Lodge, his list amounting to the very handsome total of 150 guineas. It will, doubtless, prove interesting to our readers if we state in addition, that Bro. Rutherglen, who is Clerk to the Guardians and Superintendent Registrar for Kensington, has for many years past taken an active and leading part in Poor Law Administration. As President of the Union Clerks' Association of England and Wales, and Chairman for four years of the Superannuation Committee of the Poor Law Service, he was mainly instrumental in securing important amendments in the Local Government Act of 1894, and the Poor Law Officer's Superannuation Act 1896, his services in this respect being recognised by a testimonial consisting of an address and cheque for £1200, which were presented to him by Bro. Lord Glenesk at a public dinner held in his honour in January, 1897.

#### GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. JOHN READ, who has been a member of our Order for upwards of 40 years, well deserves the honour now conferred upon him. He was initiated in Scientific Lodge, No. 88, on the 18th October, 1856, and in 1863 joined the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, of which, two years later, he was installed W.M. In 1872 he joined the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, and in 1887 was founder of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, having since occupied the chair in two separate years. Last year he took part in founding the Allyn Lodge, No. 2647, and was invested



as acting P.M. and Secretary. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Temperance Chapter, No. 169, on the 5th July, 1865, and the same year became founder and first M.E.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720. In 1874 he was founder and first Scribe E. of Asaph Chapter, No. 1319, and in 1887 founder and first M.E.Z. of the Cecil Chapter, No. 449, Hitchin, his services in connection with



the last-named chapter being recognised by his appointment as Prov. G.S.B. Hertfordshire. He has also been a member of the Friends-in-Council Chapter, No. 1383, and is the present First Principal of the Gallery Chapter, No. 1928. His general services to the Royal Arch were fittingly and honourably recognised in 1893, when he received the collar of G. Organist of Supreme G. Chapter. He is also Past G. Organist in the Mark Degree, having served as G. Organist in 1868, and has distinguished himself in other branches of Masonry, while, as regards the Charitable Institutions, he is a Life Governor of them all, and has served as Steward for each.

#### GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. ARTHUR STUBBS was initiated in St. Oswald Lodge, No. 850, Derby, on 1st June, 1873, and had the honour of being installed W.M. in 1877. Two years later his services were recognised by his appointment as G.A.D.C. of the Prov. G. Lodge of Derbyshire, while in 1880 he secured the collar of the more important post of Prov. G. Registrar. But his best work has been done in behalf of the Province of Nottinghamshire, in the Prov. Grand Lodge of which he was appointed Prov. J.G. Warden, as far back as 1884, while in 1885 he took upon himself the duties of Prov. A.G. Secretary. In 1888 he presided as W.M. over the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham—which he had joined 10 years previously—while in 1885 he was elected to the office of Prov. G. Secretary, and has held it uninterruptedly ever since, so much to the satisfaction of the Duke of St. Albans, now Past Prov. G.M., that last year his Grace selected him to receive the brevet rank of Past Prov. S.G.W., in commemoration of the 21st installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the



Abbey Chapter, No. 47, Nottingham, in 1879, and in 1881 assisted in founding the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 402, of which the year following he was installed in the chair of First Principal. In 1882 he took a prominent part in promoting the establishment of a Prov. Grand Chapter for Nottinghamshire, and the late Comp. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., who was installed as G. Superintendent, selected him for the office of Prov. G.S.E., in which he has continued his labours to the present time, except in 1892, when he served as Prov. G.H. His services to Royal Arch Masonry in this province have, indeed, been of great value, as he has helped in the formation of nearly all the chapters on the roll of Prov. Grand Chapter, and it is mainly through his exertions that the number of Royal Arch Masons in Notts has been more than trebled during the last 15 years, having in that time been augmented from 74 to 252. Consequently his appointment last year as 2nd G. Std. Br. in Supreme Grand Chapter was richly deserved, and was made the subject of hearty congratulations among his Notts companions. Be it added, that Bro. Stubbs is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served three Stewardships in their behalf.

#### GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. ALFRED KING, Mus. Doc. Oxon., has had a very distinguished career in the Province of Sussex. He was initiated in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton, on the 18th June, 1875, and, in 1882, had the honour of being installed W.M. He has also acted in the same capacity in the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201. He held the office of Prov. G. Organist in 1877, 1878, and 1879, and again in 1891, while, in 1893, he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. He was exalted in the Lennox Chapter, No. 271, Brighton, on the 2nd November, 1877, and 10 years later was



installed M.E.Z. He was Prov. G. Organist from 1884 to 1890, and again from 1894 till last year, while, in 1891, he was appointed Prov. G.J. In the Mark Degree, he is P.M. of the Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 409, Brighton, and P. Prov. J.G. Warden, and, in 1891, was appointed G. Organist, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he is Past M.W.S. of the Eureka Chapter (R.C.), No. 18, Brighton. Lastly, he is a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and has served as Festival Steward both for the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School.

#### GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. GEORGE GRAVELLY, who is familiarly known as the "Masonic Patriarch of Essex," was initiated in the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, No. 898, on the 23rd February, 1876, and, having passed through the junior offices, was successively appointed Junior and Senior Warden, and elected and installed in the chair of K.S. in May, 1883. He is also a joining member of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, and a member of the Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati. He was exalted in the Yarborough Chapter, No. 554, on the 14th November, 1878, and in February, 1887, after occupying successively the chairs of Third and Second Principal, was installed M.E.Z., and for the second and third times in 1888 and 1889. He is now, and for the last seven years has been, Treasurer of the Chapter. In July, 1884, he was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Temperance-in-the-East Chapter, No. 898. In 1893, he was chosen to fill the chair of J.; in 1884 and again in 1895, that of H.; and at the present time is again presiding over the chapter as its First Principal. In March, 1892, he was a founder and first acting P.Z. of the Guelph Chapter, No. 1685, and is now its Treasurer; while, in November of the same year, he was founder and first H.—and has since been installed M.E.Z.—of the Shurmur Chapter, No. 2374, his services in its behalf being recognised, a month after its consecration, by his appointment as Prov. 1st A.G. Soj. of Essex. In 1896, he was appointed A.G.D.C. in Supreme Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205, in November, 1878, he served as its W.M. in 1884; was appointed the same year Prov. G.S.B.; and the year following Prov. S.G.O. East Anglia; is a P.M. of the Old Kent (T.L.) Lodge; was founder and first W.M., in 1885, of the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, and, on vacating the chair, was elected Treasurer; while, in 1885, he was appointed G.I.G. in Mark Grand



Lodge; and, in 1885, had conferred upon him the brevet rank of P.G.S.B. He joined the Panmure Lodge in 1886, and some years since was founder and first W.M. of the Mark lodge, No. 461, which bears his name. He is, in addition, a Royal Ark Mariner, P.C.N. of the Panmure Lodge; and in the Order of the Temple, into which he was installed Knight in 1880, is Past E.P. of the Mount Calvary Preceptory, as well as a Past Prior of the Order of Malta. He was perfected Rose Croix, and is Past M.W.S. in the Mount Calvary Chapter of that Degree and has taken the 30° in the A. and A. Rite. He is also a member, and has won high distinction in the Royal Order of Scotland, the Royal and Select Masters, the Allied Degrees, the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Rosicrucian Society, and, as regards our Charitable Institutions, he has served as many as 14 Stewardships, and is a Life Governor of all of them, while for many years he has served as an elected P.M. on the Board of Benevolence. He has, indeed, done most excellent service during his Masonic career of 20 years and upwards, and more than one lodge and chapter is under a debt of gratitude to him for assistance on some special occasion.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. LEWIS LAZARUS was initiated in the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, in 1872, and was installed W. Master in 1877. Since 1884 he has been, uninterruptedly, Secretary of the Lodge, and at the celebration of the lodge's centenary in 1889, was presented with an illuminated address and a silver tea and coffee service in recognition of his long and valuable services. He was exalted in the Joppa Chapter in 1873, and has three times filled the chair of First Principal, namely,



in 1831, 1834, and 1887. He has received two illuminated addresses and a silver tankard in respect of these services. He is also a Mark Master Mason, having been advanced in the Samson and Lion Lodge, No. 86. He is a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and has served four Stewardships for the Benevolent Institution, two for the Boys' School, and one for the Girls' School, and has volunteered his services in the same capacity for the Festivals of the last two Institutions during the present year.

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.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTION 1898.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

For the third time I write to draw the attention of the Subscribers to the list of candidates for the ensuing election. There are 15 brethren and 16 widows who have been from three to 15 years on the list, and three of the latter are widows of former Annuitants.

As these poor candidates get older they have less and less chance of being elected, and it is in the hope of in some slight manner assisting them that I have placed the following notice of motion on the Proxies: "Addition to Rule 13, page 25, after the word proportion, add—'With the exception of two such vacancies which shall be reserved for the two candidates who have been longest on the list, if deemed worthy of the same.'"

If this is carried it will not cost the Institution a penny more, and it will go some way towards removing what some of us consider a drawback to the Institution. In this way we shall be able to hold up our heads by the side of the National Benevolent and other Institutions, who for years have set apart vacancies for a like purpose. With the hope that I may enlist the powerful aid and support of a large majority of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and by that means carry this resolution, and thanking you very much for inserting my letter, I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM C. PARSONS,

P.M. and Sec. 180, P.M. and P. Sec. 1687.

51, Loughborough Park, Brixton,  
April 26th.

Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1898-99" (The Chronicle Office, Bath).—Sixteen of these very handy and ably edited annuals have been published, and Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards still continues as the indefatigable editor. The Province may well be congratulated on possessing a brother who is willing to devote so much time and labour to the preparation of this Directory, so full of information, and capably arranged for reference. From the "The Year's Work," it will be seen that there are 26 lodges in the Province with 1243 members, the initiations during the year numbering 61, and the joining members 32; the deaths and resignations running to 71, so that the total membership is less than in 1897, thus reducing the average to some 48 per lodge. There are 11 Royal Arch chapters, with some 340 companions (the total being an approximate). The nine Mark lodges return 239 members. There are three Knight Templar preceptories in Somerset, and the same number of Rose Croix chapters. The particulars given as to the votes in the Central Masonic Charities are carefully tabulated under lodges, the total being 4942, a grand average per lodge and creditable to the province. There is, however, the reverse side of the question to be noted. The province is in receipt at present of some £650 per annum from these Institutions. The frontispiece this year, is devoted to our dear veteran Bro. T. P. Ashley, senior P.M. of the oldest lodge in the county (No. 41), who has been a contributing member since 1854, and is still in harness. God bless him!

"AN ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF OLD AND RARE BOOKS," Part IV. London: Pickering and Chatto, 66, Haymarket, St. James', S.W. — Another portion of this important series is now being circulated, the Part IV. being fully equal to its artistic and very interesting predecessors. Each number consists of 64 pages in octavo and is lavishly illustrated with facsimiles of many of the curious and suggestive engravings in the works offered for sale. Several of the pages are devoted to "Phiz," the wonderful caricatures of H. K. Browne being a special feature of this instalment. We hope that the spirited publishers will be sufficiently encouraged by the public to complete the valuable series at one shilling each Part.

"THE INDIAN FREEMASONS' ALMANAC AND DIARY FOR THE YEAR 1898."—This large, useful and carefully edited Annual is in the 30th year of publication, and as it contains full particulars of Masonic India and Burma, edited by Bro. P. C. Dutt, Past Deputy District G.M. of Bengal, it cannot fail to prove a very welcome aid to the Fraternity in those great Countries, where the Craft is so widely distributed and general visitation in many parts almost out of the question. The arrangement of its 200 pages and more, is on the old system, so that one knows where to look for information and the intelligence respecting the Brotherhood is as varied and complete as ever, involving great labour on the part of the compiler, and making the Craft largely his debtor, as it is doubtful if even the "out of pocket expenses" are met by the subscription. The many pages of *Masonic Notabilia* form quite a history and make most interesting reading. One looks in vain, however, for statistical information as to the lodges and other Masonic bodies in India and Burma, on similar lines to the English Calendar generally, wherein the number of members of each lodge, as well as the membership of chapters, &c., are duly detailed. If Bro. Dutt could give these, this extraordinary compilation would be still more valuable, though it would not be fair to press for such a list unless the District Grand Secretaries would kindly furnish such for the Editor.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 4th prox.:

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.  
Installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th January, to the 19th April, 1898, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£635 16 7	By Disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated		Quarter	£492 9 3
" Account	214 10 0	" Balance	503 3 3
" Subsequent Receipts.	648 19 5	" Unappropriated	
		Account	233 10 6
	£1499 12 0		£1499 12 0

which balances are in the Bank of England Law Courts Branch

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petition:

From Comps. Astley Herbert Terry as Z., Thomas Robin Ogier as H., John Stranger as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Sampson's Lodge, No. 2598, Guernsey, to be called the "St. Sampson's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Sampson's, Guernsey.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes for permission to remove the following chapters:

St. Wulstan's Chapter, No. 280, from 85, High-street, to the New Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas street, Worcester.

Imperial Chapter, No. 1694, from Clout's Restaurant, Victoria-street, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 203, from the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, to the Alexandra Hotel, Dale-street, Liverpool.

The Grove Chapter, No. 410, from the Cock Hotel, to the Masonic Temple, Sutton.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 157, from the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, to Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

The Israel Chapter, No. 205, from the Cannon-street Hotel, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

Chapter of Prudence, No. 12, from the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, to the Albion Tavern, 173, Aldersgate-street, London.

The Andrew Chapter, No. 834, from the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, to the Brook Green Hotel, Hammersmith, London.

Temperance in the East Chapter, No. 898, from the Town Hall, Stratford, to the Masonic Hall, Romford-road, Forest-gate, London.

A memorial, with particulars, has also been received from the companions of the Britannic Chapter, No. 312, Whitby, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel. The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence for 100 years, the Committee recommended that the prayer thereof be granted.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, Acting President.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,

20th April, 1898.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

That the cordial thanks of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Sir George D. Harris, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over its meetings during the past year, and this Committee desires to express a hope that he may be speedily restored to his usual health.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Chapter of the Western Division of Lancashire, of which Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., is the Grand Superintendent, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 22nd instant, when there was an attendance of more than 200 companions identified with the Order.

The chief chair was occupied by Comp. Lord SKELMERSDALE, Prov. G.N., and in the course of the business he announced that his father (Lord Lathom) had greatly improved in health, and hoped to return to England at an early date.

This announcement was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The other chief positions at the opening of Prov. G. Chapter were held by Comps. D. Franceys, as Prov. G.H., and R. Leyland, Prov. G.J.

After the roll of Prov. G. Officers and chapters had been called and the minutes had been sanctioned, the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were passed.

The appointment of officers was the next important part of the proceedings, and the subjoined investitures were made:

Comp. T. Wilde Rice,	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Rev. C. C. Bluett	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Goodacre (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
" H. R. Thornton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" G. R. Lloyd	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" M. Alexander	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Nicholson	...	...	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" T. W. Roston, jun.	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" John Milne	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.
" J. Stopford	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd G. Soj.
" Major A. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. J. Darby	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" James Hesketh	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" C. Marsh...	...	...	...	
" A. A. Naylor	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. C. Briggs	...	...	...	
" A. Margeson	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" W. H. Veevers	...	...	...	
" R. Sharrock	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. H. Pearson	...	...	...	
" W. Bamber	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" W. J. Doran	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Generous contributions were voted to the funds of the three local Masonic Charities, the Hamer, the Alpass, and the Educational West Lancashire Institutions, and this was supplemented by a liberal vote of money to the widow of a companion.

THE MANAGEMENT of the Alexandra Palace has arranged for a special performance of Sterndale Bennett's cantata—"The May Queen" to take place to-morrow (Saturday), the 30th inst. This will be given by Choral Society and orchestra numbering 1200 voices, under the directorship of Mr. Henry J. Baker. The soloists are Madame Lilla Harrison, Miss Maude Baker, Mr. Harry Stubbs, and Mr. R. E. Miles, and the organist, Mr. Alexander Gillin. In addition to this there will be a balloon ascent and parachute descent by Mr. Gaudron and a magnificent display of fireworks the same evening by Messrs. James Pain and Sons, to be concluded with a patriotic promenade concert, when, owing to the enormous success of last Saturday evening, the national airs and war songs of all nations will be repeated.

### CONSECRATION OF THE OLD MASONIANS' LODGE, No. 2700.

An important Masonic function, which will doubtless have far-reaching effects in the future, took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 23rd inst., when the Old Masonians' Lodge, No. 2700, was consecrated. The new lodge, as the name implies, is composed of members of the Old Masonians' Association, which has rendered valuable service in the past amongst the ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Board of Management of that Institution and Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary, lent their valuable assistance to the new venture, which, starting at a most favourable time, when the Boys' School is brought prominently to the notice of the Craft, and being officered, with the exception of the W.M., by ex-pupils, should speedily make its mark.

A delicate compliment was paid by the old boys, on the suggestion of Bro. McLEOD, to the sister Institution by a donation of 10 guineas to the Girls' School, and the appointment of a Steward to represent the lodge at the next festival.

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., was assisted in the ceremonial by Bros. R. E. Keyser, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and T. A. Billock, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The founders are Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcester; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B.; Stanley J. Attenborough, P.A.G.D.C.; William P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. Clifford Probyn, G. Treas. elect; David de Lara Cohen, P.M. 29 P.G. St. Br.; James Burgess, P.M. 1325 P. Prov. G.D. W. Lancs.; F. J. Hubbard, 2012, 591, 1032, P.M. 2492, P.P.G.D. W. Lancs., P.G. Treas. Bucks; James Speller, 1677, P.M. 2256 and 2374 P.P.G.W. Essex; Hugh E. Diamond, P.M. 353, 1704, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire; R. Harold Williams, W.M. 63; Roland H. Ward, P.M. 1892; Charles Fruen, P.M. 2381; J. McDowell, P.M. 240; John Henry Whadcoat, J.P., C.C., P.M. 19 and 37; D. Edwards Radcliffe, P.M. 209, 942; Daniel Mayer, 1069, W.M. 59; Harry Mansfield, P.M. 1704 and 1911, 2431, P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts; Alexander Chapin, P.M. 137, P.A.G.D.C. Dorset; A. Gartside Neville, 2127; Robert Stanley Chandler, 1962; E. Roehrich, 34; Patrick O'Doherty, 1765; H. Bowler, 90; Alfred Watkins, R. E. Barnes, 871; George Martin, 460; Leonard Wain, 199; Geo. Allison, 765; J. Renton Danlop, William Wesley Chate, 917; Richard Davies, 176; and Joseph Roselli, 29.

The visitors were—

Bros. H. Sadler, G. Tyler; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; Dr. Geo. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; J. P. Griffin, P.G.S.; W. Shurmur, P.G.S.B.; J. Morland, P.G.D.; J. W. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org.; E. G. Waterlow, 29; H. Wellwood, W.M. 194; E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B.; the Rev. Hebb, P.P.G. Chap.; C. Kempton, P.M. 1287; H. Pritchard, P.P.G.D.; W. J. Harris, 3; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and many others.

Lodge was opened and a hymn sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then addressed the brethren, and said they had met together on an occasion of exceptional interest. They were there for the purpose of constituting and starting into existence a new lodge—a lodge which would be composed of those connected with an Institution of which they were all proud, and the Centenary Festival of which they were looking forward to with the greatest possible interest. That lodge in some respects would be unique, because composed to a great extent, not only of Masons, but the sons of Masons, and he most heartily congratulated the lodge on having at its head during the first year so distinguished a brother as Bro. Keyser, whom he would shortly have the pleasure of installing into the chair. He sincerely trusted the lodge might have before it a career of the greatest prosperity, and accomplish all those special objects the founders had in view.

The warrant was read by the D.C., and the founders signified their approval of the officers named.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Past Grand Chaplain, then delivered an oration.

The new lodge was then solemnly consecrated with the usual ceremonial, after which Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., was installed as the first W.M. by the G. Secretary, and the solo—"Be thou faithful unto death"—impressively sung by Bro. Fell.

The following officers were invested: Bros. Col. Clifford Probyn, J.P., acting I.P.M.; Robert Stanley Chandler, S.W.; E. Roehrich, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chap.; R. Harold Williams, Treas.; Patrick O'Doherty, Sec.; H. Bowler, S.D.; A. Watkins, J.D.; R. E. Barnes, I.G.; Roland H. Ward, D.C.; G. Martin, Org.; Leonard Wain and W. W. Chate, Stwds.; and Goddard, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers, those of their number who were not founders being elected honorary members, and the Grand Secretary was presented with a founder's jewel as a souvenir of the occasion.

The GRAND SECRETARY returned thanks for the compliment.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. F. Binckes, G. Everett, J. Terry, Sec. R.M.I.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; S. Attenborough, and others.

Bro. E. Roehrich, J.W., was elected Steward to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, and the sum of 10 guineas was voted to his list.

On the suggestion of Bro. McLEOD—who urged the desirability of an impartial support of all three Institutions—a sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Girls' School, and Bro. McLeod was elected Steward to represent the lodge, having previously obtained £90 on his list from friends.

Several initiates were proposed—the first being Mr. R. H. McLeod, a son of the Secretary of the Institution—and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. John Courtown E. Shelley, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, with the Hon. Eleanor Rolls, only daughter of Bro. Lord and Lady Llangattock, was celebrated in All Saints' Church, Ennismore Gardens, on Saturday afternoon last. The church was handsomely decorated, and the aisle was lined by the non-commissioned officers and men, with the pipers of the bridegroom's battalion. A large circle of friends afterwards assembled at South Lodge, where the reception was held by Lady Llangattock.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 22nd instant, at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, Guernsey, under the presidency of Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.M., who was supported by Bro. E. C. Ozanne, D.P.G.M. The attendance of the members of the Prov. G. Lodge was very large, the assemblage being swelled by a number of Master Masons.

After the minutes of the meeting on June 8th, 1897, had been read and confirmed, the P.G.M. invested Bro. T. C. Price as P.S.G.W., and Bro. F. C. Sparrow as P.S.G.D., both having been absent at the last meeting.

After the rejection by a small majority of the Auditors' report on the accounts of the year,

Bro. J. T. Lainé was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The sum of 20 guineas, as recommended by the P.G.M., to the R.M. I.B., was unanimously voted.

Bros. T. C. Royle and W. Stanger were elected Auditors for the year.

The P.G.M. then invested his officers as follows:

Bro. A. H. Terry	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. M. Bichard	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" N. Poirer	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" A. Rothery	...	...	...	
" J. T. Lainé	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. C. Clarke	...	...	...	Prov. G. R'g.
" J. B. Nickolls	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Entwistle	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" N. Barbenson	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. F. Peek	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Courtenay	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. L. Weldon	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Richmond Parry	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Elliott	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" S. A. Candon	...	...	...	
" T. G. Barnes	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. B. Rowcliffe	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. R. Mahy	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. De Jausserand	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" W. D. Jones	...	...	...	
" T. R. Bean	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" B. W. Dove	...	...	...	
" E. Biddiscombe	...	...	...	

A Committee, on the proposition of Bro. A. C. QUICK, was then elected to revise the by-laws of the Prov. G. Lodge.

This concluded the business, the P.G. Officers retiring from the Prov. G. Lodge in procession.

The members afterwards partook of dinner served in the banqueting-room below.

## Craft Masonry.

### Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320.

A regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The attendance included Bros. E. A. Rice, W.M.; G. C. Pike, I.P.M.; T. G. Hobley, S.W.; W. R. King, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; H. Cornford, S.D.; T. Tucker, J.D.; W. T. Tempest, I.G.; J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; Warren Tear, Org.; A. Heseikel and T. W. Spencer, Stewards; T. R. Cass, P.M.; A. W. Le Cren, P.M.; H. Broadway, D. T. Birkbeck, G. A. Lynn, C. J. Robinson, H. W. Parker, and J. Whiteman, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. G. Thompson, S.D. 1622; W. Hill, I.G. 1512; C. Martin, 65; A. B. Wastie, 2473; W. Dawson, P.M. 783; H. T. Lea, 2264; G. T. Audley, 1987; A. Cooke, Stwd. 1539; J. Loader, P.M. and Sec. 1622; and J. Hay, 1622.

After the minutes had been read, Bros. Lynn and Birkbeck were duly raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. H. W. Parker passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. R. Cass, P.M., and a ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Paleman Bliss, which proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated. Bro. Cass then vacated the chair in favour of the W.M. Previous to the lodge being closed, a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the usual summer outing.

After partaking of dinner, the customary loyal toasts were gone through in brief, but feeling terms, and were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Pike, I.P.M., who alluded to his excellent working in the lodge, and also presiding over them that night, and also complimented Bro. Cass, P.M., on the work of initiation.

The W.M. responded in appropriate terms.

The initiate, Bro. Bliss, in a short speech, spoke of his appreciation of the honour the lodge had conferred upon him in making him a member.

In responding as one of the visitors, Bro. Dawson, P.M., Preceptor of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction, in the course of his remarks, said he did not consider the P.Ms. of a lodge as so many old fossils, but more like books bound up and put upon a shelf to be taken down and referred to when necessary.

The usual toasts of "The Treasurer," "Secretary," "Past Masters," and the "Officers" of the lodge, followed, and were duly responded to.

Bros. J. Hay, Cooke, Broadway, Stunt, and Hobley, rendered some excellent songs. A flute solo by Bro. Derham, P.M., and a violin solo by Mr. Newton were also very ably given, and were much appreciated. Bro. Warren Tear presided at the piano in his excellent manner, and a most pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

### Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th instant at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. F. W. Horn duly installed Bro. Herbert Peirce in the chair of K.S. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as officers: Bros. C. E. Cove, S.W.; W. Callingham, J.W.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Laker, F.M., Sec.; C. W. Hall, S.D.; H. W. Mellor, J.D.; H. S. Easty, I.G.; E. J. Wickenden, P.M., D.C.; W. Mokler, Stwd.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a most *recherché* banquet was served in the usual admirable manner for which this ancient hostelry is so famous.

At the request of the W.M., who exhibited a praiseworthy example, speeches were short, there being an exceptionally excellent programme of music under the direction of Bro. Arthur Carlyle (in the regretted absence, through ill-health, of the Organist, Bro.

R. F. Tyler, P.P.G. Org. Middx.), who was most ably assisted by the Masonic quartette, the Court Part Singers (Bros. Carlyle, Dyved Lewys, Delevanti, and Prenton), also Bro. G. W. Kenway, Messrs. Stanley Ince, Albert Pearce, F. G. Read, and Bro. Sebastian Harte.

An enjoyable evening was passed to the evident satisfaction of a large assemblage of brethren of the lodge and a most influential array of visitors, including several Grand Officers, who had attended to do honour to the new and deservedly-popular Worshipful Master.

### Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.

The installation meeting of this very successful South London lodge took place at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. F. E. Pow, W.M.; J. H. Stevenson, S.W.; F. H. Ford, J.W., W.M. elect; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec.; R. Weddall Thomas, J.D.; J. Lightfoot, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Pointon, I.G.; Jos. May, A.D.C.; C. H. Harrison and C. A. Adams, Stewards; Thomas Bowler, Tyler; A. H. Fraser, I.P.M.; R. Anderson, P.M.; W. H. Hook, P.M.; H. Sercombe, E. Pow, J. E. Wiberg, J. Frampton, L. Maybaum, Josh. Merrill, A. C. David, A. Priest, J. Dickason, E. C. L. Hawley, Wm. Allen, W. Bradshaw, W. G. Ford, A. Stroschneider, C. T. Barton, F. Percivall, W. Hunnex, R. Woodgate, H. Hayward, Wm. Beecroft, H. H. Bolton, G. F. Dunn, F. H. Rogers, H. J. Andrews, H. Sweeting, E. Dainton, W. H. Lee, W. H. Hunnex, G. Cutts, A. J. Elliott, Z. Hart, and Tredray. The visitors were Bros. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; H. S. Higlett, W.M. 2334; Frank Swinford, W.M. elect 2272; P.P.G.O. Middx.; T. Hall, 1503; J. J. Graves, 1790; W. J. Keen, 1599; Wm. Lipscomb, P.M. 507; F. J. Shopland, I.P.M. 1238; J. Rupert Patterson, Chap. 3; H. Wheatley, S.W. 1512; D. S. Bronski, S (S.A.C.); C. J. Lewis, J.D. 889; W. J. Harris, 548; J. B. Tipton, J.W. 2550; F. Flood, P.M. 1929; James Ellinger, P.M. 2222; W. E. Cobley, 548; Ed. Pownall, 1963; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507 and J.W. 1641.

The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. L. Hawley was raised in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. J. Lightfoot presented Bro. F. H. Ford, J.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which was most efficiently carried out in a full Board of Installed Masters. Bro. F. H. Ford, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. E. Pow, I.P.M.; R. Weddall Thomas, S.W.; J. S. Pointon, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec.; J. Lightfoot, P.M., D.C.; J. A. May, S.D.; C. H. Harrison, J.D.; C. A. Adams, I.G.; H. Sercombe, A.D.C.; L. Maybaum, J. Frampton, and W. H. Lee, Stvds.; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The three addresses were very ably delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. F. E. Pow. The W.M. announced that he was standing as Steward to one of the Institutions next year, and he hoped the brethren would support him and make the list worthy of the lodge. The Auditors' report was presented and adopted, which showed the lodge to be in a sound and substantial position. The names of two gentlemen for initiation were proposed, which augurs well. An apology was tendered from Bro. G. H. Langley, Past Prov. G. Treas. and Past Prov. G.D. Middx., through stress of business. A letter was read by Bro. J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec., from Miss Davies, daughter of the late esteemed Bro. Walter Davies, P.M. 1901, thanking the brethren for their very kind sympathy and condolence in her, her brother's, and sister's great bereavement. It was resolved that a summer outing takes place on similar lines to last year and that the Committee make the necessary arrangements.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet supplied and personally superintended by Bro. F. E. Pow.

This ended, the W.M. rose and proposed the toast of "H.M. the Queen and the Craft," which was always well received in every Masonic circle; "Loyalty to the Queen," and "Fidelity to the Craft," being most royally received.

In respect of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," Bro. F. H. Ford, W.M., said his Royal Highness would on Wednesday next be proclaimed again M.W.G.M. He was looked up to and loved by all the members of the Order, and the interest he takes in the Craft was amply evinced by his presiding over the vast meeting at the Royal Albert Hall last year, and also in taking the chair at the centenary festival of the Boys' School to be held in June next.

The toast was drunk most loyally.

In proposing the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said the Earl of Lathom was second only in popularity to his Royal Highness, as was exemplified during the recent bereavement in the sudden death of Lady Lathom, the whole sympathy of the Craft had been extended to him and he hoped he would long be spared to hold the present position in the Order. Also Earl Amherst, R.W. Dep. G.M., who had been Prov. G.M. of Kent for so many years, had most deservedly earned the goodwill of all who had the good fortune to come under his genial sway. The rest of the Grand Officers according to their respective lights, take the greatest interest in the Craft, and he had the greatest pleasure in asking Bro. Mercer, P.G.P., well known to the brethren for many years for his benevolent works, to respond to the toast.

In reply, Bro. D. D. Mercer said it was most pleasing to return thanks for the Grand Officers who were always ready and willing to perform whatever duties devolved upon them and whose labours for the benefit of the Craft were highly appreciated by the brethren. He was confident that the brethren were fully justified in placing the W.M. in such a proud position, and that on leaving the chair his labours would greatly redound to the credit not only of himself but to the lodge. On behalf of the Grand Officers he most cordially thanked them.

Bro. F. E. Pow, I.P.M., rose, and proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who had the interest of every member of the lodge at heart. He was proud of having been one of the sponsors of so worthy a brother. He had filled every office in the lodge with the greatest efficiency, all knew his earnestness, and the welfare of the lodge could most safely be entrusted to his keeping. He hoped the W.M. would have good and true men proposed into the Order, so that he could exemplify his excellent working, which would redound to his credit. As whatever words he added could not in any way add to the heartiness and sincerity of the toast, therefore, he would ask the brethren to respond most cordially.

The W.M. who, on rising, received quite an ovation, assured the brethren that he rose with mingled feelings, and thanked the brethren for so cordially receiving the toast so very kindly proposed by the I.P.M. When he was a boy his ambition was to become a Mason, and when a Mason, to be some day Master. That summit of his ambition had arrived in being Master of the Selwyn Lodge. He felt, indeed, proud of the honour done him in placing him in that position, and he was assured that he had the brotherly love and respect of every member, and he asked for their heartiest support during the coming year. To give him plenty of work, would, he trusted, be carried out with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction and approbation of the brethren, and finally, he would ask the G.A.O.T.U. to give him health, strength, and guidance to enable him to promote the best interests of the lodge, and maintain and uphold the honour, dignity, and prestige of the position in which the brethren had placed him.

The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. F. E. Pow," the W.M. said was very important, for the manner in which he had presided, both in and out of the lodge, had made the past year most agreeable to all, and proved the confidence of the brethren was not misplaced when he was elected W. Master. The admirable and impressive manner in which he had been installed met with the approbation of all present. It was rather a coincidence that Bro. Pow, who was one of his sponsors into Freemasonry, should have installed him, which was most gratifying to him (the W.M.). Now that Bro. Pow had passed into the ranks of the Past Masters, it gave him the greatest pleasure and was a privilege to present the Past Master's jewel, as a token of love and esteem of the brethren, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health, and grant him a long life to wear it amongst them.

The toast was most enthusiastically drunk.

Bro. F. E. Pow, in response, said it was, indeed, a proud and happy moment to be ranked among the P.Ms. of such a lodge, and he was gratified beyond expectation for the kind words that had fallen from the W.M. The past year had been a very happy one, and particularly, it having fallen to his lot to have initiated his own brother, which could not fall to the lot of all Masters. If his services to the lodge had given satisfaction, he was, indeed, grateful, and he could assure the brethren those services would be always at the command of the lodge. For such a testimony of their appreciation, the handsome jewel, he trusted he might wear it very long, and always look upon it as a mark of the goodwill and affection of the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Masonic Charities" which, he said, appealed to the hearts of every Mason, and was one of which every Mason was justly proud.

The Selwyn Lodge had not been backward in heartily supporting those Charities. In connection with the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction was an Association which had been instrumental in sending up nearly £200 to their noble Institutions. When was considered the large amount of good done, it behoved every brother to support them, and he would inform the brethren he intended representing the lodge next year at one of the Institutions, and he would thank the brethren for subscriptions to the list, which was already opened. He would couple with the toast Bro. D. D. Mercer, Sen. Vice Pres. Board of Benevolence, and Patron of the Institution.

In reply, Bro. D. D. Mercer said to him it was one of the greatest possible pleasures to respond for the noble Charities, in which he took the deepest interest. It was the bounden duty of all to assist to their utmost—without detriment to themselves or connections—those Institutions of which they were so proud, for none could tell how soon the hand of adversity might fall on them. It was an old adage—"One could not help many, but many could help one." Of the three noble Institutions, he would mention first the Boys' School, which would hold its Centenary Festival at the Albert Hall in June next, under the presidency of the M.W.G.M. It was gratifying to find at the Quarterly Court held last week it was resolved that the sum of £20 should be granted to all unsuccessful candidates during this and the October election for their education until they were successful in being voted into the Institution or disqualified by age. That certainly appealed to the brethren to assist to their utmost, and he exhorted the brethren to join such an association as had been spoken of which enabled brethren to become Life Subscribers very easily. He congratulated Bro. Pointon, J.W., on standing as Steward for that Institution. Next, the Benevolent Institution was doing a great and noble work, and required every support from the Craft. He would remind the brethren that he was undertaking the case of a widow of a late respected brother of the lodge, and he hoped for their hearty co-operation in the matter for next year, for which if realised she would be most deeply grateful; and, lastly, the Girls' Institution, which was carried on so efficiently, and not to be surpassed in the whole of the United Kingdom, also commanded their support. He was proud to appeal on behalf of the Charities, in which he had taken the deepest interest for many years past.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Visitors," which, he said, needed no recommendation in the Selwyn Lodge, which always extended the greatest hospitality, and expressed the pleasure it gave the brethren to see such an array of friends around the festive board. To all was extended a hearty welcome, and a hope that the evening had been most pleasantly spent.

Bros. Flood, Ellinger, Stone, Lipscomb, and Patterson most ably responded, and remarked upon the working, cordiality, and beneficence displayed by the brethren of the lodge.

In presenting the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said he would naturally look to those who had borne the burden and heat of the day for advice to enable him to perform his duties, and a strong body of Past Masters, firm and true, with a determination at all times strongly to assert their opinions without fear or favour in the best interests of the lodge was in itself a tower of strength to the W.M.

The toast was most cordially responded to by Bros. Pow, Anderson, Wimble, Wills, Lightfoot, and Fraser.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said in them was a splendid combination for the welfare of the lodge, for the manner their respective duties were performed was certainly most creditable and an immense advantage to the lodge.

Bros. Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas., and J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec., ably responded, and highly appreciated the kind remarks of the W.M. of their duties, which would ever be carried out to the benefit of the Selwyn Lodge.

The W.M. presented the toast of "The Officers" in eulogistic terms, and remarked that in them he had a body who could and would see that the best traditions of the lodge were fully upheld.

This was cordially replied to by Bros. Weddall Thomas, S.W.; J. Pointon, J.W.; and Lee.

The W.M. also toasted "Bro. Sweeting" in cordial terms, who was one of the oldest members of the lodge.

Bro. Sweeting acknowledged the toast in hearty terms.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy meeting, and one to be remembered in the history of the lodge.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. Edwin Pownall, 1963, ably assisted by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Flora Edwards, and Bros. John Bartlett, and Chas. B. Conyers. Bro. Frank Swinford, P.P.G. Org. Middx., ably presided at the piano.

### Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.

The regular meeting of this lodge falling on Easter Tuesday, a dispensation was obtained from the M.W.G.M. to hold the meeting a week later, viz., the 19th inst. at the Holborn Restaurant, but the fact of the respected W.M. having had the misfortune to lose his wife rendered his attendance impossible. Bro. A. W. Cooper, P.M., opened the lodge, the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bros. S. R. Recknell, W. Budd, and W. Harris were duly raised. Bro. Fishwick was passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. William John Hardiman which proved unanimous, and he was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The Secretary read the by-laws of the lodge. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, which resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Arthur White, the popular S.W. of the lodge, who was duly declared W.M. elect. Bro. James Cooper, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer for the 11th time. Bro. C. Shepperd was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. J. W. Doubtfire and S. R. Recknell were elected Auditors. The acting W.M. having informed the brethren of the cause of the non-attendance of the W.M., said he deeply regretted the enforced absence of Bro. Anthony, and he was confident that every member of the lodge would share the sorrow he felt for the W.M. in the great loss he had sustained by the death of his wife, and moved that Bro. Fenner, the Secretary, write a letter of condolence to him on behalf of the lodge, which being seconded, was carried unanimously. The lodge having been informed that Bro. A. J. Porter was seriously ill, a letter of sympathy and expressions of sincere regret and also of hope for his speedy recovery was agreed to be sent him. A Past Master's jewel and collar were voted to Bro. Anthony for his services as W.M. Three propositions for initiation and one for joining were handed in to the Secretary.

Other routine business having been completed, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to banquet.

The following were present: Bros. S. Robson, I.P.M., acting W.M.; A. White, S.W.; E. Dimes, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; J. Moore, acting S.D.; L. Cully, J.D.; W. E. Manning, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; W. J. Robinson, D.C.; A. W. Cooper, P.M.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M.; H. Hall, P.M.; H. J. Hazel, P.M.; L. Simon, P.M.; J. Potter, P.M.; H. P. Isaac, P.M.; H. Moore, A. A. Brand, C. W. Potter, J. W. Doubtfire, K. M. Cochrane, T. Reeves, T. G. Rimell, F. C. Forward, S. R. Recknell, W. J. Middleton, W. Harris, W. Budd, J. Sunderland, T. P. Watkins, W. C. Lewis, H. Green, J. T. Fishwick, and G. W. De Melven. Visitors: Bros. F. E. Bailey, I.P.M. 1426; H. Foan, Org. 2473; A. W. Hall, 1677; A. E. Symes, 2409; and R. M. H. Griffith, 1677.

The banquet was held in the Queen's Salon, and was served with Bro. Hamp's usual promptitude, and gave great satisfaction.

Grace having been said, Bro. Robson (who presided) gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

In giving the toast of "The W.M.," he expressed the general and, he believed, the sincere regret which every member of the lodge felt at the cause of his absence, and for the great bereavement that had fallen on him. The loss would be felt not only by the family and relations of Bro. Anthony, but by many poor families in the district of St. Luke's as well, as the late Mrs. Anthony was a great benefactor. Her lamented death was the more keenly felt from the fact that it was hoped she would be able to leave the house for a slight change on the next day; but it was not to be, as the poor lady died the day previous, to the inexpressible grief of Bro. Anthony.

The toast was honoured in silence.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed, and, in proposing it, Bro. Robson impressed upon him the necessity of pursuing his studies to fit him as an ornament in the Craft, and assured him that, however exalted a position a man might hold, it would be enhanced by membership in the Craft.

The toast was received with all the geniality that could be wished.

In replying, Bro. Hardiman thanked the W.M. and brethren for the enthusiastic manner the toast had been received, and he assured them he would try and do his best to make himself successful in his studies, so that in time he may with pride say he was fit to become one of their officers.



Bro. Isaac, P.M., then gave "The I.P.M." in a very neat and telling speech, remarking that it would be going over old ground to expatiate on the merits of their I.P.M., they all knew what a true and good man he was, and asked the brethren to give full honour to the toast—which was done.

Bro. S. Robson, I.P.M., in replying, said he thanked Bro. Isaac for his kind remarks, and assured the brethren he was always pleased to do what he could to advance the best interests of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors," was given in a very happy manner by Bro. Robson, to each of whom he gave a hearty welcome.

Bro. F. E. Bailey, I.P.M., replied for the visitors, and thanked the members of the lodge for the cordial welcome they had received. He had visited many lodges, both here and abroad, but in none had he seen better working than Bro. Robson and Arthur Cooper had given them that evening, it was quite a pleasure to be present on the occasion and listen to the faultless manner the ritual was rendered.

"The P.M.s. and Officers of the Lodge" followed, but owing to the lateness of the hour was very brief, as also were the responses.

We almost forgot the toast of "The W.M. elect," which was given in felicitous terms by Bro. Robson, and was most heartily honoured by the brethren.

Bro. White responding, said he thanked the brethren for the honour done him, he promised to do his utmost to discharge the duties of the Master's chair to their satisfaction and also to the credit of the lodge.

During the P.M.'s response, Bro. A. Cooper, P.M., gave a very vivid account of his visit to Cairo and other places in Egypt and the hearty welcomes he had received from Masonic lodges there.

The Tyler's toast brought a long enjoyable evening to a regrettable close, but as "time and tide wait for no man," neither will trains wait for travellers—particularly brother Masons—who had to "hurry up" to catch trains for their various destinations.

The ceremony of raising was rendered very much more impressive by the music rendered by Bro. H. Foan, Org. 2473, who is also choirmaster of Christ Church, High-bury, N., and in the other Degrees by Bro. W. Windsor, the Organist of the lodge.

The musical part of the evening programme was very good, and included "A Thanksgiving Song," "Lord of Light," and "Tatters" by Master Charles Potter (youngest son of Bro. J. Potter, P.M.), who is a very promising pupil of the North London School for Choristers, and which elicited great applause. Bro. J. Moore gave the favourite, "Tommy Atkins," and Mr. Albert Day, with his usual ability, gave "For Ever" and "Once." The accompaniments to Master Potter were played by Bro. Foan, and the remainder by Bro. W. Windsor, the whole arrangement being a complete success.

### Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409.

The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in the new Masonic Hall, at the Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The meeting was of special importance by the presentation to the lodge of a handsome banner given by Bro. A. R. Trew, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. Suffolk, which presentation was made in an eloquent and descriptive speech by Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M., and accepted (in the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Slater) by Bro. George Pidduck, I.P.M., P.Z., on behalf of the members of the lodge, in reply to which Bro. Trew feelingly responded.

This being the annual period of election, Bro. Trew was again unanimously elected Treasurer, which position he has occupied since the consecration of the lodge, in addition to having the honour of being the first Worshipful Master; Bro. Wm. Wilkinson, P.M. 1298, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; and Bro. Bowler was again re-elected Tyler.

The Woodgrange Lodge has attained a well-deserved reputation in the eastern suburb of London, not only by the generosity of its members to all the Masonic Charities, but by the support given to the West Ham Hospital, in whose aid a most successful ball was recently given, and which no doubt will benefit considerably thereby.

After partaking of an excellent supper, provided by Bro. James Copper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## Royal Arch.

### Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Cannon street Hotel, E.C., when there were present Comps. W. Haynes Dunn, M.E.Z.; J. Taylor, P.Z., as H.; H. Birdseye, as J.; F. D. Rees Copestick, S.E.; William Baker, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Cohn, P.Z., D.C.; G. Couchman, Janitor; T. E. Biddlecombe, P.Z.; S. M. Banker, P.Z.; Kent, Durrant, Walter Fisher, Hamlett, Bassett, Wetton, Bhagat, and Hughes. Comp. James Smith (P.M. 192) (107 I.C.), was a visitor.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bros. G. Wetton and J. J. Bassett of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, which proving unanimous, the M.E.Z. vacated the chair in favour of Comp. Copestick, and these brethren were then duly exalted to the Degree of H.R.A. The M.E.Z. then assumed the chair, and on the proposition of Comp. Banker, seconded by Comp. Copestick, P.Z., S.E., the sum of five guineas was voted from the chapter funds to be placed on the list of Comp. William Baker, who is representing Lodge 192, as its Steward at the approaching centenary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. There being no further business the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards dined together, the toasts being interspersed by some capital vocal and instrumental music most ably rendered by the Misses Lee and Miss Cohn, also Comps. Birdseye and Walter Fisher.

### Henley Chapter, No. 1472.

The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, when Comp. C. Jolly, P.Z., P.Z. and S.E. 2184, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, was, for the third time, inducted into the chair of M.E.Z. He then inducted Comp. R. J. Warren, P.Z., P.Z. 13, P.Z. 1437, P.P.G.A.S. Essex, into the chair of H., and installed Comp. J. Palmer into the chair of J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. Savage, P.Z., S.E.; Warren, Treas.; T. Lait, S.N.; E. J. Valon, P.S.; Hook, 1st A.S.; Orford, 2nd A.S.; T. Collins, Org.; and J. Ives, Janitor. Comp. C. Jolly then gave the splendid address appertaining to the ritual, and after he had been complimented and rewarded with a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Installing Officer, and Comp. B. C. Curtis, I.P.Z., had been presented with a bar attached to his P.Z.'s jewel, recording the fact of his having for the second time filled the chair of M.E.Z., the chapter was closed.

The banquet, as served by Comp. W. Richardson, was well worthy of his and his amiable wife's established fame as caterers of good things for good Masons.

## Mark Masonry.

### Eland Lodge, No. 493.

Two years ago we published in our columns a full account of the founding of a new Mark Masons' lodge in the small manufacturing town of Eland. We then also gave the very interesting address which was read on that occasion by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason, which showed how closely connected this town on the banks of Calder was with the baronial families of the neighbourhood in the 14th century. Sir John Elard's feud with the Beaumonts of Cressland Hall led to tragic events, and, in order to perpetuate the name, the founders decided to call the lodge after the murdered knight. Similar customs of so designating West Yorkshire Masonic lodges are by no means uncommon, as instanced in the cases of Wentworth, Savile, Armitage, Wharnclyffe, Zetland, Craven, De Warren, Beaumont, and Farnival, all of which give titles to lodges in various parts of the West Riding.

Eland Lodge made a good start, and has ever since shown steady and consistent progress. Its first Worshipful Master was Bro. W. E. Smithies, whose skill in directing the footsteps and guarding the interests of the infant lodge doubtless led to its present satisfactory condition. To him succeeded Bro. Thomas Gaukröger Howell, whose generosity in the support of the Masonic Charities, and enthusiasm in the cause of Freemasonry, have honourably distinguished him for some years. Having previously passed through the chair of the Truth Lodge, at Huddersfield, Bro. Howell brought the experience he had there gained to bear upon his duties at Eland, the consequence of which has been that he has fully maintained the reputation for good work which this new lodge so speedily acquired. Applying himself consistently and perseveringly, Bro. Howell added six new members during his year, and closed a successful occupancy of the chair by ably installing his successor. He is, it may be mentioned, Vice-Patron of the Mark Benevolent Fund; has served five Stewardships in its support, and is a Life Member of the West Yorkshire Mark Charity Committee. He is also a Past Grand Deacon of the province.

The annual meeting of the Eland Lodge took place on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. T. G. Howell, W.M.; A. Rowe, S.W.; W. E. Smithies, P.M., P.P.G.W., as J.W.; Alf. Mitchell, J. Naylor, W.M. 137; John Smith, A. Maude, Arthur Law, W. Fielding, T. Rickard, and T. Buckland. Bro. G. H. Parke, P.M., P.G.W., G. Treas. Eng., who was a founder and first I.P.M. of 493, was also present. The visitors comprised Bros. John Barker, Deputy Prov. G.M.; W. D. Shoebridge, P.P.G.O.; Joseph Matthews in, Prov. G. Sec.; W. S. Milligan, P.M. 58; C. E. Rose, W.M. 58; Walker Dyson, 137; and J. N. Hardy, Mus. Bas. 110, Organist of Wakefield Cathedral.

After the minutes and necessary dispensations had been read, the Deputy, Bro. John Barker, whose wife lay seriously ill, begged the W.M. to excuse his early departure. He could not leave, however, he said, without congratulating the W.M., officers, and brethren upon the genuine success which had attended their efforts in relation to the lodge. He thought that to Bro. Smithies and Bro. Howell the greatest possible credit was due, and he did not doubt that the incoming Master, Bro. Rowe, would emulate the example which they each of them had set him. He ventured to hope that their progress would continue, wished them every good wish, and felt sure that the installation ceremony, which he could not stay to witness, would be conducted with care and precision.

Bro. Barker then left. In the early morning of the following day Mrs. Barker succumbed to the malady from which she had for some time been suffering.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Rowe, was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. W. E. Smithies, and in a most careful and impressive way, was installed in the chair of Adoniram by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. G. Howell. No one present could help being struck with the earnest and conscientious way in which Bro. Howell did his work. On the re-entry of the brethren, the warrant, &c., and the working tools were presented by the Installing Master, after which the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. T. G. Howell, I.P.M.; John Brook, S.W.; A. Maude, J.W.; J. F. Milner, M.O.; G. Hoyle, S.O.; R. E. Heaton, I.O.; J. Naylor, Chap.; Henry Beaumont, Treas.; A. E. Mitchell, Sec.; A. W. Shaw, S.D.; R. Naylor, J.D.; J. W. Fox, D.C.; J. W. Broadhead, Org.; J. R. Kershaw, I.G.; A. Fielding and Garsen, Stewards; and H. Littlewood, Tyler. This done, the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren were given most impressively by Bro. G. H. Parke, G. Treas. On the proposition of Bro. Parke, seconded by Bro. T. G. Howell, P.M., Prov. G.D., Bro. W. E. Smithies, P.M., P.P.G.W., was unanimously elected Charity Steward for the lodge. A most interesting event came next—this was the presentation to Bro. T. G. Howell of a handsome Past Master's jewel. In offering this gift in the name of the lodge, Bro. G. H. Parke, to whom the duty was allotted, commended the zeal and hard work which Bro. Howell had shown in the interest of Eland Lodge, and declared he had done much more than that, for he had displayed his love for Freemasonry and his attachment to the Order by his continued and generous donations to its Charities. The noble way in which he had supported those Institutions, both Mark and Craft, had made Bro. Howell's name honourably known, not only in his own province, but elsewhere. He (Bro. Parke) was delighted, he said, to pin upon the breast of the retiring W.M. that small mark of their esteem; with it he offered him the goodwill and best wishes of all there assembled, and he was sure they would all join in invoking God's blessing upon him in all his undertakings. Bro. T. G. Howell, in feeling terms, expressed his thanks. Bro. Parke had truly said he had done his best, and he hoped to have many more years before him in which he might show his zeal for the Order and his devotion to the Eland Lodge.

After congratulations to the new W.M. had been offered by the Prov. G. Sec. on behalf of the Prov. G. Master and by all the brethren, several certificates were signed and handed over, and lodge was closed.

Refreshment, abundant and excellent, followed, the service being carried out by neatly-attired waitresses, who gave rapid, willing, and courteous attention to all.

This was followed by a somewhat lengthy toast list—"The Queen," "The M.W. G. Master and the Grand Lodge Officers," and "The R.W. Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Officers" were all proposed by the W.M., Bro. A. Rowe.

Bro. G. H. Parke replied for Grand Lodge and Bros. Henry Beaumont, Prov. G. Treasurer, and J. Matthewman, Prov. G. Secretary, performed a similar duty for the province.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was very heartily drunk on the proposition of the Prov. G. Sec.

The toast of "The Installing Master" had a warm reception when offered by Bro. W. E. Smithies.

Bros. Rowe, W.M., and Howell, I.P.M., each suitably acknowledged the compliment.

Other toasts followed, with music and songs interspersed.

To Bros. Buckland, Rickard, and Milligan great praise is due in this department, for they added much to the pleasure of what was acknowledged in all respects to be a very successful function.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF JERSEY and the Ladies Villiers will arrive at 54, Lowndes-square, early next week, from Osterley Park, for the season.

BY PERMISSION of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, a grand concert was given at Stafford House on Tuesday, in aid of clearing a debt of £557 on Princess May's Sailors' Reading Rooms and Home at the Millwall Dock, opened by the late Duchess of Teck, in connection with the British and Foreign Sailors' Society.

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## Knights Templar.

Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, No. 154.

The installation meeting of this preceptory was held at 35, Golden-square W., on Thursday, the 21st. Sir Knight Alexander Stuart Brown, M.D., was installed by Sir Knight H. Lovegrove, P.G.C.G., and appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights R. C. Leversedge, 1st Constable; O. Heinemann, 2nd Constable; G. W. Capel, Chap.; H. Lovegrove, Reg.; T. P. Staley, Marshal; C. R. Burnes, C.G.; A. S. Reed, Almoner; Major Muckleston-Allen, Herald; A. W. Chapman, S.B.B.; H. Carman, S.B.V.B.; and John Read, P.A.G.D.C., Org.

A banquet at the Criterion followed.

After the installation, the E.P. was obliged to leave owing to urgent professional duties and Sir Knight J. J. Pakes took his place.

## Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. F. H. FORD.

Bro. F. H. Ford ever since his initiation has been a most zealous worker and has won the esteem of the brethren and made many friends. He was exalted in the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, and is a founder of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901, in which he filled the office of P.S. with great ability. His endeavours in the cause of Charity are highly commendable. He is a Life Subscriber of the three



Masonic Institutions, the Peckham Pension Society, the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution, and also the Commercial Travellers' Schools. In the elections for the various Institutions he takes a very lively interest, and is most active in their behalf. His election to the Mastership of his mother lodge has given general satisfaction, and he is to be heartily congratulated upon attaining the position.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF DUDLEY have returned to 4, Carlton-gardens, from Paris.

BRO. THE EARL OF LATHOM and the Ladies Wilbraham have arrived at 41, Portland-place, from Madeira.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF ARRAN have returned to 16, Hertford-street from Queen Anne's Mead, Windsor.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein and suite witnessed the performance of "Julius Caesar," at Her Majesty's Theatre, on Tuesday night.

THE BAZAAR in aid of "Homes for Waifs and Strays" will be opened by the Duchess of Fife, at the Empress Rooms, Royal Palace Hotel, on Wednesday, May 4th, at three p.m.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY left Cannes on her return to London on Sunday last. Her Royal Highness was accompanied to the station by Queen Wilhelmina and the Queen-Regent of Holland.

PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK and Princess Victoria of Wales returned to Cromer, on Tuesday, from Sandringham. Princess Victoria's prolonged stay will come to a termination on Monday next.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN and Princess Victoria and Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein witnessed the performance of "The Dove-coot" at the Duke of York's Theatre on Saturday evening.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, Princess Victoria, Princess Charles of Denmark, the Duchess of Fife, and Bro. the Duke of Fife attended divine service at Sandringham Church on Sunday morning.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF YORK will take the chair at the annual meeting of the Royal School for Naval and Marine Officers' Daughters at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, S.W., on Wednesday, the 4th prox.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has promised to open a bazaar at the Slough Town Hall, on Monday, the 9th prox., on behalf of the efforts which are being made for the provision of a cricket ground for the populous Buckinghamshire locality.

THE LADY MAYORESS will re-commence her bi-monthly receptions on Tuesday next, when she will be at home at the Mansion House from four to six o'clock. There will also be a reception on Tuesday, the 17th prox., from four to six o'clock.

DRAWING ROOMS are to be held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, the 10th, and Friday, the 13th prox., at 3 o'clock. The number of presentations at each Drawing Room is limited to 200. The State Apartments will be open for the reception of company coming to Court at 2 o'clock.

AMONG THOSE who have accepted the invitation of the Treasurer and Benchers of the Middle Temple to dine with them on "Grand Day" of Easter term on Thursday, May 5th, are his Excellency the American Ambassador, Bro. the Earl of Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), the Duke of Fife, and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.

ON SUNDAY afternoon the Queen received the Marquis of Salisbury at the Excelsior Hotel Regina, and Prince Louis of Bourbon and his son and daughter also visited her Majesty. On Saturday the Royal dinner party included the Governor of Nice and Madame Gebhart, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Edward and Lady Emyntrude Malet, General Caze, and Captain Barry, R.N. (H.M.S. Astræa).

ON WEDNESDAY, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square, Captain the Hon. Stanley Dawson, R.N., younger brother of Bro. the Earl of Dartrey, was married to Lady Elizabeth Meade, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Clanwilliam. The ceremony was performed by Canon the Hon. Sydney Meade, uncle of the bride, assisted by Canon the Marquis of Normanby and by the Rev. Cox Edwards, Chaplain General of the Fleet.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, Commander-in-Chief, has consented to visit Devizes early in June for the purpose of inspecting the Royal Wiltshire (Prince of Wales's Own) Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry, commanded by Bro. Colonel the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P., Minister of Agriculture, who has held a commission in this fine corps for a quarter of a century. A meeting has been held at Devizes to organise festivities during the Yeomanry training.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., Professor Jebb, M.P., the Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, M.P., and the Rev. Falkner Baily make an appeal to Cambridge men to attend a meeting, which, by permission of Bro. the Earl of Ellesmere, will be held in Bridgewater House on Friday, the 6th prox., at 5.15 p.m., to make known the work and wants of Cambridge House, the Lay Settlement of the University in London. The Marquis of Lorne, M.P., is to preside, and the Bishop of Rochester and others will speak.

THE CITY POLICE gave, at the Cannon-street Hotel, their annual ball on Tuesday, the 26th inst. The guests numbered fully 1100, and the whole of the public rooms of the hotel were requisitioned for dancing, concerts, and supper. Music for the long and varied programme was supplied by the band of the City Police and Stewart's Quadrille Party, while amongst those who assisted in the entertainment were Mr. H. Grover, Miss Kate James, and Miss Ada Alexander. The Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Davies, M.P.) and Lady Mayoress were present in State during the evening, with the Sheriffs and Under Sheriffs, with their ladies, and other civic functionaries.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, who have been on a visit to Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, and Lady Culme-Seymour, went on Saturday last on board the Vernon torpedo-school ship, and remained for about an hour. Their Royal Highnesses saw some mining and torpedo experiments which were carried out alongside. One mine was exploded by the Duchess, and a torpedo cutter "manned" with dummies took an aerial flight. In the afternoon the Duke and Duchess inspected the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar, and took tea with the medical staff.

THE BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., entertained a party at dinner on Monday night in Stratton-street, to meet Bro. Cecil Rhodes. There were present the Austrian Ambassador, Baroness Inkey and daughter, the American Ambassador and Mrs. and Miss Hay, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Earl of Halsbury) and Countess Halsbury and Lady Constance Giffard, the Duchess of Cleveland, Lady Louise Loder, Earl of Powis, Bro. Lord and Lady Henry Bentinck, Bro. Viscount Wolseley and the Hon. Frances Wolseley, Viscount Peel and the Hon. Ella Peel, Bro. Baron Ferdinand Rothschild, M.P., the Hon. Lady Ridley, Bro. Sir J. Stirling-Maxwell, M.P., Mr. and Mrs. Hays Hammond, Col. Sanderson, M.P., and others. After dinner a selection of music was given, the vocalist being Mrs. William Duncombe, who is well known in society, and has now decided to adopt a musical career.

A BANQUET in celebration of the 63rd anniversary of the foundation of St. Mark's Hospital was held on Monday evening in the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Col. Davies, M.P., President of the Institution, in the absence of the Duke of Connaught, who was to have presided, occupied the chair. The Royal toasts having been duly honoured, the Lord Mayor proposed "Success to St. Mark's Hospital." The Duke of Connaught had, as he could not be present, sent a cheque for £25. (Cheers.) The hospital was founded in 1835 with 24 beds, increased to 42 when the building was enlarged in 1895. Since the foundation the number of patients cured or relieved exceeded 51,500. After some further remarks, his lordship earnestly appealed for further and more liberal support. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the Secretary announced that £2100 had been subscribed, the Chairman's list amounting to £450, including 100 guineas from the Corporation of London and 25 guineas from himself.

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