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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The remarks that we have made in former articles in respect of this year's Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will have had this, if no other, result—that our readers will not be taken by surprise in the not improbable event of the Returns being on a far more moderate scale than we have been accustomed to. When those articles appeared there was always a chance—a very remote one we are fain to admit—that, after all, the prospects might prove more encouraging than we had reason to anticipate. But we are now within a fortnight of the day on which the Festival will be celebrated, and it appears to us that what was most unpromising two months ago is still less promising now. The number of ladies and brethren whom the worthy Secretary of the Institution has been successful in enrolling as Stewards for the occasion is, in round figures, about 200, and we may expect that between now and the 18th instant some 10 or 15 others will volunteer their services; but the time is too short to allow of their doing much in the way of appealing to their friends for donations and subscriptions, and in all probability their lists will be restricted to their own personal donations. We may, therefore, assume that for all practical purposes the Board of Stewards as now constituted will be the Board of the day, and though there have been occasions on which one consisting of about 200 members has raised a fair total of contributions, we are not prepared for a repetition of that experience during the year that will witness the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Moreover, we have been given to understand that a larger proportion than usual even of the existing Board consists of Unattached brethren, so that the number of those who have taken upon themselves to represent lodges, chapters, and Provinces, must, in the nature of things, be exceptionally small. We naturally regret that the outlook should be so discouraging. We have always hoped that the experiences of 1888, when the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, and 1892, when the Benevolent Institution held its Jubilee Festival, would be repeated in 1898; but, though in both those years the other Institutions were leagues behind the one that held out special inducements to lodges and brethren to support its special anniversary, the claims of those other Charities were not entirely lost sight of, and enough was raised to enable them to do their work as usual, and

without any serious misgivings on the important question of ways and means. However, the Girls' School authorities, like those of the Benevolent Institution, have wisely prepared themselves to meet a shortcoming even more serious than any that is likely to befall them, and there will be no reduction in the actual amount of invested capital which the Institution has been able to accumulate.

We understand that Bro. Alderman Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., M.P., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, who has undertaken to preside as Chairman, will derive his chief measure of support from London, and as he is principally, if not entirely, a London Mason, we are pleased to hear that the lodges and chapters in the Metropolitan district have thus rallied round him in order to ensure, as far as possible, the success of his chairmanship. But, as at the Benevolent Festival in February, the Provinces are the weak point in the constitution of the Board of Stewards, and we shall be delighted if the Returns from the country come within measurable distance of the sum that was raised two months since for the Old People. And yet there are nearly three times as many lodges in the Provinces as in London, while of the children that are being educated in the School, there are certainly twice as many from the former as from the latter.

There is no need for us to say more than we have said in former articles as to the manner in which the Institution fulfils its duties towards the children that are placed under its charge. It is everywhere known that our Girls' School holds a foremost position among the Middle Class Educational Institutions of the day. No year passes but we have the most gratifying evidence forthcoming of the excellence of the training which the children receive, while it is equally gratifying to know that from no other School of its kind do girls go forth into the world better prepared, both mentally and morally, to undertake whatever duties and responsibilities may fall to their lot. We trust this fact will not be altogether lost sight of in connection with the approaching anniversary meeting.

BRO. W. C. PARSONS'S MOTION *RE* CANDIDATES FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The paper of agenda at the annual general meeting on Friday, the 20th inst., of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution contains a notice of motion by Bro. W. C. PARSONS—to which that brother drew attention in a letter we published last week—for the amendment of Rule 13, page 25, of the Rules and Regulations of the Charity, by adding after the word "proportion" the words "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." In explanation of this, we beg to state that for several years past it has been a law of the Benevolent Institution to elect for each Fund at each successive annual meeting three more candidates than there are vacancies immediately available. As vacancies arise the three candidates thus elected become annuitants without further question. The law which has been found to work very well had its origin in the fact that the Benevolent Institution has only one election in the year. It was felt to be a hardship that in the event of vacancies on either Fund occurring within a few months of the election they should remain unoccupied for the best part of a

year. It was, therefore, settled that in addition to the number required to fill the actual vacancies, three other candidates should be elected whom the Committee should have power to appoint as the requisite vacancies occurred—as we have said, without further question. The forthcoming election on the 20th instant will serve to illustrate our meaning. For the Male Fund there are 57 candidates, of whom 14 will be elected, but only 11 of these will become Annuitants immediately, the other three will be appointed to vacancies as they arise, and hence these three vacancies are commonly spoken of as “deferred annuities.” So with the Widows’ Fund, for which there are 62 candidates for eight vacancies, of which five will be immediate and three deferred. Bro. PARSONS now suggests that two of these three deferred annuities should be “reserved for the two candidates who have been longest on the list, if deemed worthy of the same,” and in the event of this motion not being accepted, he will propose “that in the event of a candidate failing to secure election after six years, his or her name shall be removed from the list, but the same candidate may be nominated, if considered worthy.”

We have so often written in terms of sympathy with these unfortunate old brethren and widows of brethren whose names have remained on the lists of candidates for eight, 10, or a dozen years, or even longer, that we feel sure our readers will acquit us of any want of kindly consideration for these poor applicants if we express a hope that the motion, in its earlier form, will not be adopted. Bro. PARSONS, when he first started the question, if not now, appeared to labour under the belief that the Institution itself was in some unaccountable way to blame for the repeated failures of these candidates. But the duty of the Institution begins and ends with the assignment of votes in return for the donations and subscriptions it receives; what is done with the votes thus assigned, that is to say, for what candidate or candidates they are polled, is a matter that rests entirely with the voters. Again, there is this further objection to the motion. The unfortunate people who have been all these years on the lists are, all of them, Provincial candidates. Let it be shown that the Provinces from which they hail have done all in their power in order to ensure the success of their candidature, and we doubt not sufficient votes will be forthcoming from other quarters to secure their election in a reasonable time. But when the general body of voters have reason to believe that these cases are not supported by the Provinces from which they emanate, they naturally say among themselves—Why should we withdraw our support from our own candidates in favour of those who are not supported by their own people? Lastly, it is a great misfortune when an Institution is continually tinkering its Rules and Regulations. The Benevolent Institution furnishes a case in point. Some eight years ago, the lists of candidates became so formidable that it was found necessary to make the laws which define the qualifications of candidates more stringent, and when time enough had been allowed for the laws as amended to take effect, the lists became less formidable. Two years ago—more or less—there was a relaxation of this greater stringency in the case of the Widows’ Fund, and this is the result. Last year, when 23 men and 21 widows were elected, there were 65 male and 52 widow candidates; this year there are 57 men and 62 widow candidates, the number of those who have been placed on the lists during the past 12 months being 22 men and 38 widows.

Let Bro. PARSONS and those who think with him bear in mind that our three Institutions now expend £45,000 a year; a quarter of a century ago their expenditure did not exceed a third part of that sum. The calls upon the Craft are heavy enough, and we do not think they should be made heavier, merely because in a multitude of cases there may occasionally be found a few which are characterised by exceptional hardship.

THE MARRIAGE of the Rev. E. Amherst Villiers, nephew of Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney, with the Hon. Elaine Guest, third daughter of Lord and Lady Wimborne, was solemnised in St. George’s Church, Hanover-square, on Saturday afternoon last. The bride was given away by her father, while Captain Charles Hyde Villiers, of the Royal Horse Guards, acted as best man.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. W. C. GULLEY, Q.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons, presided at the annual banquet which was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Métropole, on Saturday evening last, in aid of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital. The donations and subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounted to £2000, of which £1500 was upon the Chairman’s list.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The May Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons’ Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, Grand J., officiated as M.E.G.Z.; Lieut.-Gen. Charles Wilson Randolph, Grand Superintendent for Sussex, as G.H.; and Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent for Cambridgeshire, as G.J. Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., and Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips, as G.S.N., occupied the chairs of those two officers. There was an exceptionally large attendance of Grand and Past Grand Officers, and of Principals and Past Principals of subordinate chapters.

After the minutes of the February Convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., said he was commanded by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z., to announce that he had appointed the Grand Officers for the year as follows:

Comp. the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, G.C.B.	...	Pro G.Z.
the Right Hon. Earl Amherst	...	G.H.
W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	...	G.J.
E. Letchworth, F.S.A.	...	G.S.E.
Robert Grey	...	G.S.N.
Sir George D. Harris	...	Pres. Com. G. Purps.
Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn	...	G. Treas.
John Strachan, Q.C.	...	G. Reg.
Reginald J. Mure	...	Dep. G. Reg.
John Houlding (Lord Mayor of Liverpool)	...	Prin. G. Soj.
C. Lund Fry Edwards	...	1st A.G. Soj.
John Haviland	...	2nd A.G. Soj.
Arthur W. Orwin, M.D.	...	G.S.B.
Capt. George Hearn	...	Dep. G.S.B.
T. Poultney Griffin	...	1st G. Std. Br.
Herbert S. Clutton	...	2nd "
William Taylor	...	3rd "
William J. Mason	...	4th "
W. Stevenson Hoyte	...	5th "
F. B. Westlake	...	6th "
Frank Richardson	...	G. D. of C.
John Evan Bowen	...	D.G. D. of C.
F. G. Swinden	...	1st A.G. D. of C.
T. H. Nesbit	...	2nd "
Lewis Lazarus	...	3rd "
Charles Pulman	...	4th "
A. King, Mus. Doc.	...	G. Org.
William Lake	...	A.G.S.E.
Henry Sadler	...	G. Janitor.

The majority of these excellent companions were present and were duly invested.

Comp. LETCHWORTH also announced that the M.E.G.Z. would be pleased to confer the rank and dignity of Past Grand Registrar upon E. Comp. Richard Horton Smith, Q.C., Past Deputy Grand Registrar.

On the motion of Sir GEORGE HARRIS, President, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., the report of the Committee of General Purposes as published in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. On motion duly made and seconded by the same companions, the recommendations made in such report were confirmed.

Comp. ROBERT GREY, G.S.N., said: Most Excellent, may I detain the companions for a moment while I draw the attention of the Grand Chapter to the resolution that was passed after the ordinary business of the Committee of General Purposes had been disposed of—

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.

That hope, I am happy to say, has been realised, and I am sure I am only expressing the feelings of Grand Chapter when I say we heartily rejoice in seeing him here. (Applause.)

Comp. LETCHWORTH informed the acting M.E.G.Z. that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z., had been pleased to appoint the three Grand Principals (the Earl of Lathom, the Earl Amherst, and Comp. Beach), Comps. Sir G. D. Harris, Robert Grey, and R. Horton Smith, Q.C., members of the Committee of General Purposes.

The companions proceeded to elect six additional members, out of nine who were nominated. The result was Comps. George Graveley, 40 votes; Henry Garrod, 37; Major T. C. Walls, 31; H. A. Tobias, 29; J. W. Burgess, 38; and Mihail Slaughter, 18.

Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form.

CONSECRATION OF THE PLAYGOERS’ LODGE, No. 2705.

A large number of brethren attended at the Hotel Cecil, on the 28th ult., to witness the consecration of the Playgoers Lodge, No. 2705, starting with a strong body of founders from the Playgoers Club under the presidency of Bro. Guy Repton, P.M., and with a phenomenal list of initiates and joining members proposed on the inaugural night, there should be no doubt as to the success of the new venture.

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., was assisted by Bros. E. Terry, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The following is a list of the founders: Bros. Guy Repton, W.M. designate; G. J. Farrington, S.W. designate; W. R. Bennett, J.W. designate; J. H. Gaskin, W. Sparks, G. Powell, G. A. P. Schultz, A. E. Grimshaw, W. F. H. Warner, T. H. Roberts, Walter Schröder, R. Hathway Jones, G. T. Perrin, T. Pescod, H. D. Kemp, I. Cohen, E. J. Hiscock, M. Moss, and J. L. Goldstein.

The visitors were—

Bros. his Honour Judge F. A. Philbrick, P.G.W.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.W.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. G. Kentish, P.G.S.B.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; Lewis Lazarus, A.G.P.; H. Harbord, P.M. 901; J. Sparks, P.P.G.W. Wilts; F. Cox, W.M. 1178; W. J. Ball, I.P.M. 1897; H. L. Davis, I.P.M. 25; L. Ferguson, 1997; H. Hill, 1580; J. A. Soper, 2241; A. Baxter, 1897; B. Meyer, 820; A. Gray, 1632; W. Dresden, P.M. 1602; T. R. Porter, 1347; H. Passmore Edwards, 197; J. A. Collings, 1693; Walter Coward, 2000; M. Garcia, 2104; C. Talbot Rotheran, 907; W. Fraser, W.M. 1426; H. Pritchard, P.P.G.D.; W. Westcott, 1827; F. W. Stephens, P.M. 1348; J. Jacob, 25; A. Hughes, 704; W. B. Neville, 1767; W. W. Lee, and others.

After the opening of the lodge, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren on the interesting nature of the meeting, and wished the lodge every prosperity.

The Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG P.G. Chap., delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution, after which the ceremony was proceeded with, and the Playgoers Lodge was dedicated and constituted with the usual solemn formalities.

Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.W., next assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Guy Repton, P.M., as the first W. Master. The following officers were invested: Bros. G. Powell, I.P.M.; G. J. Farrington, S.W.; W. R. Bennett, J.W.; J. H. Gaskin, Treas.; W. Sparks, Sec.; G. A. P. Schultz, S.D.; A. E. Grimshaw, J.D.; W. F. H. Warner, I.G.; T. H. Roberts, D.C.; Walter Schroder, A.D.C.; R. Hathaway Jones and G. T. Perrin, Stwds.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members, on the proposition of the W.M.

The compliment was acknowledged by the GRAND SECRETARY on their behalf.

A large number of candidates were proposed for initiation and joining, including the President of the Club, Mr. Carl Henschel, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. his Honour Judge PHILBRICK, P.G.W., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said it was no mean honour to do so, especially for the first time in the history of a lodge. He was quite sure that from the last recruit in their ranks to the veteran of many years' service, the hearts of Masons would always be true to the great principles, and that those who were charged with the administration of the Order would always endeavour with a single mind to promote its influence and well-being. He could not refrain—on the part of the Grand Officers who had attended on that most interesting occasion, and who were indebted to the W.M. and the lodge for the hospitality which had welcomed them—from saying how fortunate the founders had been in the choice of a title for the lodge. They might have called it the Universal Lodge. He supposed Bro. Edward Terry would confirm him in the statement that there were more playgoers than actors, and he could almost see that brother shudder at the contemplation of the other dreadful fact. "All the world's a stage" and as there were more playgoers than actors, the legitimate conclusion was that they could see themselves acting and criticising the acting of their friends and acquaintances. He saw, therefore, an unlimited field for the lodge, and on the part of the Grand Officers congratulated the founders on the proceedings of the day.

Bro. E. TERRY, P.G. Treas., also replied. He had learnt from the works of Mr. Wm. Shakespeare that most men and women were merely players, and he was, therefore, glad to find at a recent dinner there were 590 Playgoers. It was a great gratification to him. He thought it was a good chance of making himself known to them, and whom he did become known to them he hoped familiarity would not breed contempt. He could only echo the words of Bro. Philbrick, that it was a great pleasure to be present to see the foundation of the lodge so firmly established.

The W.M. briefly proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and expressed the gratitude the founders felt to the Grand Secretary, whom he asked to accept a founder's jewel as a memorial of the pleasant occasion.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., said that after the W.M.'s excellent example of brevity, he wished in the fewest words to express their thanks for the kind reception given the toast. They were not all popular and distinguished actors like Bro. Terry, but they were all enthusiastic playgoers, and it had afforded them the greatest possible pleasure to be privileged to take part in the ceremony. The lodge had been founded under most auspicious circumstances, and they hoped it would have the greatest possible success before it.

Bro. R. C. SUDLOW, P.G.S.B., also replied.

Bro. T. FENN, P.G.W., said that having had the pleasure of installing the W.M., he had the privilege of proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master." The W.M.'s father and grandfather were his earliest and staunchest supporters, and the W.M. was one of his most respected friends. The W.M. had an extraordinary Masonic record, his grandfather having been for many years the Grand Master of Ireland, and it was to the Duke of Leinster due that Act of Parliament which had relieved Freemasons from the Act of Secret Societies, and he had the thanks of Grand Lodge for that. The W.M. would make his year of office a record one, and he would be remembered as one of the most distinguished Masons. The W.M. had been Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, and had the honour conferred upon him of P.G.S.W. of Middlesex.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in response, said it was the custom for playgoers to prepare type-written speeches. That was not, however, what they should do in that lodge. It they felt a thing in their hearts they ought to try to say it. It might not, perhaps, be in eloquent language prepared for them, but they could try to express their thanks and gratitude. Bro. Fenn had taught him the little Masonry he knew and was his father in Masonry. Whenever there was any little point he wanted put right, Bro. Fenn, however busy, would always receive him in a kindly manner and put him right. When he was first asked to be W.M. his first question was whether there were plenty of initiates to make it a success. The number augured well for the lodge and he hoped those who succeeded him would be similarly fortunate.

For "The Visitors," Bros. SPARKS, P.P.J.G.W. Wilts; H. PRITCHARD, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; and W. J. BALL, I.P.M. 1897, returned thanks.

"The Officers" were duly honoured before the proceedings closed.

Bro. J. A. Collings was assisted in the musical programme by Miss Johnson, Miss B. Constantine, Bros. Fred Stephens, H. Linwood, Hamilton, and others.

CONSECRATION OF THE RADCLIFFE LODGE, No. 2701.

A new Masonic lodge—to be called the Radcliffe Lodge, No. 2701—was consecrated in the Co-operative Hall, Radcliffe, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The founders of the lodge are the following members of the Lodge of Faith, No. 344: Bros. T. Lawrenson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. C. Boardman, J.D.; E. Bakewell, Tyler; W. Brierley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Rigg, P.M. 266; H. T. Grundy, P.M.; W. L. Rothwell, P.M. 2350; W. H. Rigby, J. Bradshaw, J. W. Taylor, Sec.; W. Wilson, W. Orrell, J. B. Sharples, W. Seed, J. C. Hamer, and W. T. Whitehead.

Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G.M., performed the consecration ceremony, being assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers. A large number of brethren were present.

The ceremony of consecration and dedication, which was of a very impressive character, was followed by the installation of the W.M., and the appointment of the following officers by Bro. W. J. Melling, 2185, P.G.S.B.: Bros. T. Lawrenson, W.M.; E. C. Boardman, S.W.; E. Bakewell, J.W.; W. Brierley, I.P.M.; J. C. Hamer, Chap.; W. Seed, Treas.; W. L. Rothwell, Sec.; W. Orrell, S.D.; J. B. Sharples, J.D.; H. T. Grundy, D.C.; J. Bradshaw, Org.; W. H. Rigby, I.G.; W. Wilson and W. T. Whitehead, Stewards; and J. Rigg, Tyler.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Boar's Head Hotel. The toast list was as follows: "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; Clement R. N. B. Royds, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," "Bro. T. Lawrenson, the newly-installed W.M.," "The Masonic Charities," "The Installing Master," "Success to the New Lodge," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Host and Hostess," and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons."

A musical programme was contributed to by Bros. W. H. Kershaw, S. R. Walker, F. S. Styler, W. L. Rothwell, W. Partington, J. Y. Thorpe, and R. Wolstenholme.

The lodge room will be at the Boar's Head Hotel, special provision for its accommodation having been made by the landlord.

The furniture and other requisites were manufactured and supplied by George Kenning and Son, Manchester and London.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL, No. 27, ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

Pudsey is one of those thriving manufacturing towns of the West Riding of Yorkshire, where 50 or 60 years ago the click of the shuttle of the hand-loom weaver was a most familiar sound. After the introduction of machinery, opposition to which was at first most strenuous, villages of this class rapidly increased in size and population, and some have since become corporate towns. Pudsey aspires to that honour, as a petition for a charter has recently been presented.

The Masonic history of Pudsey commences virtually only so recently as 1889, but there is an incident in this connection which is interesting, and briefly related is as follows: In the transactions of the Most Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the County of York, on Wednesday, the 23rd October, 1805, we find this statement—

"A petition was presented from several brethren at Pudsey, in the West Riding of this County, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to assemble at a private room in Pudsey aforesaid; promising at the same time a strict conformity to the Masonic Rules and Regulations, and praying that the name of such lodge might be called the *Pemberton*."

We thus see that almost a century ago an attempt was made to establish a Masonic lodge in Pudsey. This effort failed, for Provincial Grand Lodge, it is recorded, resolved—

"That the prayer of such petition can not be complied with agreeable to the existing Act of Parliament, but if the petitioning brethren should be fortunate enough to meet with a Dormant Warrant, then this Provincial Grand Lodge will not fail to transmit such latent Document to the Grand Lodge in London, so that their good wishes towards Masonry in forming the *Pemberton* by their united efforts may be carried into full effect."

The discovery of a "Dormant Warrant" was, it appears, not made, for no lodge was established at Pudsey, and the meritorious desire to perpetuate the name of Robert Pemberton Milnes, who, in 1805, had been appointed by the "Acting" Grand Master, the Earl of Moira, Provincial Grand Master for the County of York, was not fulfilled. From 1805 to 1889 is a long interval during which there is no known record of Masonic impulse or aspiration in regard to Pudsey. In the latter year, however, an effort was made and chiefly through the labours of the late Bro. John Symonds (the first Worshipful Master), and Bros. Charles Cromack, J. W. Taylor, John Cromack, Joshua Hill, and a few others, the Saint Lawrence Lodge was founded. This, it may be mentioned in passing, was the last lodge consecrated by the late Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Bro. Thomas William Tew, and it was at his suggestion that the name "Saint Lawrence" was fixed upon for the new lodge.

Some very interesting details both as to the Saint and the town and neighbourhood were given by Bro. Tew in his address at the consecration, and he, amongst other things, suggested that some day they might add to their Craft lodge a Council of the Order of St. Lawrence. This, it appears, the founders have not forgotten and it has resulted in the establishment on Friday, the 29th April, of the St. Lawrence Council of the Allied Degrees, No. 27, at Pudsey, being the second of its kind in the province.

When, some weeks ago, an intimation was received that it was the intention of the Earl of Euston himself to come down and consecrate the council, the Pudsey brethren set themselves steadfastly to work to make

suitable arrangements for his reception. Great was their disappointment when they heard that as he was confined to his bed the visit was impossible. They, however, did not the less on that account give a hearty welcome to those Grand Officers whom his lordship sent to represent him and to perform the ceremony. These comprised R.W. Bro. Charles Belton, Dep. G. Master; R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Sec.; W. Bro. N. Heywood, J.G.W.; W. Bro. A. M. Jefferies, P.G.W.; W. Bro. Wm. Vincent, G.D.C.; W. Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.A.G.D.C.; and W. Bro. John Smith, P.G. Stwd.

Others present were W. Bro. R. Owen, P.G.S.D., I.P.M. Concord Council (T.I.); Bros. J. T. Buck, W.M. Concord Council (T.I.); Thos. Uttley, W.M., and Wm. Cockcroft, P.M., Prince Edward Council (T.I.); C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M. (Mark), and his Deputy (Bro. John Barker), Ebor Council (T.I.).

The founders were Bros. J. W. Monckman, J.P., C. Cromack, Joshua Hill, T. B. Salthouse, W. H. F. Schütte, John Cromack, F. H. Jones, J. H. Turton, and W. H. Banks.

Amongst other brethren we noticed Bros. Joseph Matthewman, T. Rowbotham, Lewis Crossley, B. Sykes Bailey, R. A. Pullan, W. Wagstaffe, C. Mason, W. Woodiwiss, A. Smith, E. H. Hodgson, J. Newell, J. Booth, E. H. Walker, and J. Nicholson.

Previous to the consecration, councils were opened, and 13 candidates were admitted to the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr, 13 to the Knights of Constantinople, 11 to the Red Cross of Babylon, two to the Grand High Priest, 22 to the Grand Tyler of King Solomon, and 25 to the Order of the Secret Monitor.

After a brief interval, the brethren all assembled, and the consecration of the St. Lawrence Council commenced.

At the request of the D.G.M., the chair was taken by Bro. C. F. Matier. He appointed Bros. N. Heywood to take S.W., and A. M. Jefferies, J.W. Bro. W. Vincent most ably assisted as D. of C. Before commencing the ceremony,

Bro. C. F. MATIER expressed the sorrow he felt that, in consequence of the unfortunate illness of the Earl of Euston, the duty of Consecrating Officer had devolved upon him. He mentioned that at an interview with his lordship on the previous day, their Grand Master had desired him to express to the brethren his regret that, through circumstances he could not control, he had been obliged to abandon his intention of personally visiting them, but he also asked him (Bro. Matier) to assure the St. Lawrence brethren that he had perfect confidence in their zeal, discretion, and ability, and he did not doubt that the destiny of the new council rested in able and worthy hands, adding earnest wishes for its success.

These remarks were received by the brethren with warm appreciation, after which Bro. Matier proceeded with the consecration. This, it is needless to say, was beautifully and most reverently performed.

Bro. Matier then installed Bro. Joseph Woodhead Monckman, J.P., as the first W.M. of the St. Lawrence Council. Bro. Monckman's is a well-known name in West Yorkshire and is honourably associated with all the principal Degrees in Freemasonry. As a D.C. it would be difficult in any Degree to find his superior, whilst the success which has attended his efforts in the position of Chancellor to the Knights of the Temple, &c., in West Yorkshire is too large a subject to enter upon here. The popularity of his selection as first W.M. of the new council was unmistakable, and when he informed the brethren that R.W. Bro. Charles Belton, Dep. G. Master of the Order, had graciously consented to accept the position of his Immediate Past Master, their satisfaction was most warmly expressed.

In taking the collar, the R.W. DEP. G. MASTER thanked Bro. Monckman for the honour conferred upon him and expressed the kindest possible wishes for the prosperity of the council.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Cromack, S.W.; Joshua Hill, J.W.; T. B. Salthouse, Treas.; W. H. F. Schütte, Sec.; John Cromack, S.D.; F. H. Jones, J.D.; J. H. Turton, I.G.; and W. H. Banks, O.G.; each of whom Bro. Monckman addressed in suitable and courteous terms.

The W.M. next proposed a hearty vote of thanks to R.W. Bros. Belton, Matier, and the other officers, who had come from London to inaugurate the new council, and hoped they would permit their names to be added to the St. Lawrence roll as honorary members.

This was seconded by the S.W., Bro. CHAS. CROMACK, and carried by acclamation.

Bros. BELTON and MATIER replied, and expressed the satisfaction it had given them to be present and the willingness of himself and his colleagues to accept the honorary membership conferred upon them.

Propositions followed, and amongst the names mentioned as joining members were Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Mark Master, and John Barker, Dep. Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire.

The council was then closed, and the visitors were driven to the Great Northern Victoria Station Hotel in Bradford, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them and the brethren. About 30 sat down, the W.M. presiding.

After justice had been done to an excellent repast, the CHAIRMAN proposed the toasts of "The Queen," and "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

These were heartily drunk.

"The M.W. the Grand Master, Lord Euston, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. C. Belton, and the Officers of Grand Council, Present and Past," was entrusted to the S.W., Bro. C. CROMACK, who ably performed his task, expressing his great regret at the Grand Master's illness, and his hope that on some other occasion they would have the satisfaction of receiving his lordship. He could not repress his admiration of the beautiful way in which the Grand Officers had acquitted themselves, and asked the brethren to join with him in drinking their very good health.

This the brethren did most heartily.

R.W. Bro. C. BELTON, who responded, after giving some particulars as to Lord Euston's health and condition, assured the brethren that his lordship would experience the greatest satisfaction when he received from him a report of the proceedings of that day. That report he should hasten to deliver on his return to town. He then referred to previous visits which he and others had paid to West Yorkshire, and the many kindnesses he had received from the brethren, and especially from their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason. He thought that Freemasonry alone had the power to draw away from London so many of them at once, and yet it was a great pleasure to come and carry out the wishes of their Grand Master.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec. This, he said, was a toast which had never been proposed before, but he hoped that there would in the future be many W.M.s,

of St. Lawrence Council, and that year by year their healths would be drunk. As to Bro. Monckman, he was, of course, much better known to the brethren of West Yorkshire than he was to himself, but even he (Bro. Matier) had had many opportunities of becoming acquainted with the good qualities of their W.M. He respected him highly. In the K.T., as Provincial Chancellor; in the Mark, as Grand Steward; as well as in other Degrees, they had met, and he thought the brethren had not only shown appreciation, but also excellent good sense in calling Bro. Monckman to fulfil the duty of first W.M. of the St. Lawrence Council. He would propose not the health of the W.M. only, but also "Prosperity to the Council."

Bro. MONCKMAN, on rising to respond, had a very warm greeting. He said: Bro. Matier, R.W. Deputy, Officers, and Brethren,—I thank you most heartily for the reception which the remarks on my behalf uttered by Bro. Matier have met with, and I thank him particularly for his kindly reference to myself. The formation of a council of the Allied Degrees at Pudsey, instead of at Leeds, Bradford, or some other large town in West Yorkshire, may be somewhat difficult to understand; but it arose in this way. I had the pleasure of being present, as one of the acting Provincial Officers, when the Craft Lodge of St. Lawrence was consecrated by our late lamented Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Thomas William Tew, on the 17th of December, 1889. He on that occasion alluded to the fact that the founders had consulted him as to the selection of a name, and that he had suggested St. Lawrence, he being the patron saint of the district, and the one to whom their church was dedicated. Bro. Tew, in his usual pleasant way, gave a short history of the martyr Lawrence, told us when he lived and how he died, and pointed out how interesting his career must prove to us as Freemasons. He also informed us that there was a Masonic Order of St. Lawrence, of which he was a member, and that he would be pleased if some day a council of the Order was formed in connection with the lodge. The brethren would then be able to wear the gridiron—the emblem of the Order. The brethren of the lodge have never forgotten these remarks, and have kept steadily in their minds the intention of carrying out Bro. Tew's suggestion. To-day, I rejoice to say, their efforts have been rewarded and crowned with success. Though not a member of St. Lawrence Craft Lodge, they have done me the honour of nominating me as the first W.M. of the new council, and I feel that honour very much. I am much gratified, too, at the presence to-day of so many eminent members of our Order, and I can assure them, as well as my brethren at home, that nothing shall be wanting on my part to promote the success of the Allied Degrees, and the especial prosperity of the council, for appointing me to the head of which I now once more most gratefully thank them. We are situated in a highly-populous neighbourhood, surrounded by large towns, from all of which we shall doubtless draw recruits, so that in coming down to consecrate our council the officers of Grand Lodge will find not only that their services are appreciated, but also that their labours have not been in vain.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. JOSHUA HILL, the J.W., and replied to, in the absence of several eminent brethren who had trains to catch, by Bro. PULLAN only.

"The Officers" was the next toast, which was gracefully proposed by Bro. WM. VINCENT. He expressed the pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the interest displayed by the brethren in the various ceremonies of that day, and hoped to have an opportunity of seeing the officers of the St. Lawrence Council go through the work which they had so intelligently listened to that afternoon.

Bro. SCHUTTE, in replying, thanked Bro. Vincent for the advice and encouragement he had so kindly given them, and spoke in the highest terms of the help which Bro. Matier had so readily and so promptly afforded them throughout all the preliminary proceedings. He had looked forward to that day for some time, and its successful issue had been a great gratification to him.

The evening passed rapidly and pleasantly. Bro. Pullan gave some very pathetic as well as humorous recitations, which were well received. The general arrangements were in the hands of a small Committee, of which Bro. Schütte was Secretary, and all agreed that it was largely to Bro. Schütte's diligence and painstaking efforts that the great success of the entire day's procedure was due.

The St. Lawrence Council has commenced under most favourable auspices, and we doubt not has a career of continued prosperity before it.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OLD MASONIANS.

The 12th annual dinner of the above Association of the old pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Thursday, the 21st ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Clifford Probyn, J.P., L.C.C., President of the Association, in the chair; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; G. Mickleby, M.D., P.A.G.D.C.; R. Harold Williams, R. S. Chandler, C. P. O'Doherty, G. Allison, H. Bowler, and A. Watkins; and Messrs. J. S. Francis, R. Riley, W. J. Packer, C. W. Barber, G. L. Gallott, H. S. Wilson, J. E. Walters, A. S. West, H. J. M. Lillywhite, H. Lewis, E. A. B. Gough, G. M. Harrison, F. A. Moorcroft, R. P. Deeley, and A. O. Crompton.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been heartily honoured,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Old Masonians." He said that the meeting might be regarded by some as that of a little mutual admiration society, and very properly so, when one considered the aims and objects of the Association which was the subject of the toast. Old boys could not do better than band themselves together for the assistance of one another generally, and especially of those who were not in such fortunate positions as most present. To his mind, the Association deserved a great deal of attention, not merely because of its pleasant social functions, but because it was the offspring of such a grand and noble institution—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As most were aware, that was the 12th year of its life, and he considered it was in a very healthy state, for progress was made every year, and the members might well be satisfied with the results, because of it still being in existence, and had not shared the fate of a similar society which had been formed before the present, but had found an early grave. He considered that with such enthusiastic officers a good future must be in store for the Association.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. R. S. CHANDLER, Hon. Treas., said that the Association had this year to mourn the loss of one of its founders—a man who had done a great deal to make the undertaking a success—Mr. Charles Heward Uwins, who passed away last December. A proof that the Benevolent and Grant Fund was of some utility was in the fact that one who had helped to start it had just received assistance from it. He was glad to say that the Association would send a Steward to the Centenary Festival this year, and although the amount he would take up would not be large (perhaps £100), he could say that the great majority of Old Masonians had given of their little towards the great fund.

Mr. HORACE LEWIS, Hon. Sec., said he regretted that a number of Masons who generally supported them on such occasions were not able to be present. He had received letters of regret from Lord Leigh, Bros. F. Binckes (late Sec. R.M. I.B.), the Rev. H. Hebb (Head Master of the School), R. Eve, W. Russell, H. Manfield, W. W. Chate, G. Read, J. Stephens, J. Leach Barrett, and many others. He was glad to say that their social meetings were improving, that the members were becoming more enthusiastic. Their cricket club had proved a great success, and the football club was not far behind. Both had been the means of members spending many a pleasant Saturday together. He would be glad to see Masons take more interest in the Old Boys and use their influence to give Old Masonians an opportunity of making good positions in the world. They were indebted to several gentlemen for assistance, Bro. J. M. McLeod especially. He hoped that the boys who had been educated under the new régime at the School would join with the members who had been under the care of the late Rev. Richard Morris, a man whom he (the speaker) should always remember with gratitude, and so make the Association a great success.

"The Past and Vice-Presidents" was proposed by Mr. W. J. PACKER, who thanked those gentlemen for their support, and said that the Association was well worthy of such, because it was not carried on with selfish motives.

Bro. A. WATKINS proposed "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and said he hoped that the removal of the School would be a great improvement—that he was proud of being an Old Masonian, and would always be grateful to those who had helped him in life.

Bro. J. MORRISON MCLEOD, Sec. R.M.I.B., said he regretted he was the only Past or Vice-President present, but they were all such busy men and had so many engagements, that there was good reason for their absence. He assured the Association that they all continued to take great interest in Old Masonians, and pointed out what some were doing to help in the formation of the lodge. As regards the School, he believed the decision to move it would prove to be for its advantage. He hoped that the Centenary Festival would be successful. He asked the Old Masonians to support H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, who has graciously consented to present the prizes of the School, at Albert Hall, on June 7th.

Bro. R. HAROLD WILLIAMS, in proposing "The Chairman," said that the Association highly esteemed the presence at their meetings of such a busy man as Lieut.-Col. Probyn who, in reply, said that he always took great interest in the boys, and would do what he could for the Association in the future.

Mr. E. A. B. GOUGH proposed "The Visitors," and assured them that they would always receive a hearty welcome to the Association's meetings, and took the opportunity to thank those who had helped with the musical programme.

Bro. G. MICKLEY, M.D., P.A.G.D.C., in replying, said that he hoped that all Old Masonians who were not already Masons would join the new lodge as soon as possible.

During the evening the HON. TREASURER announced donations to the Benevolent and Grant Fund: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Probyn, £3 3s., and H. Manfield, P.P. G.D., £3 3s.; Messrs. A. K. Bowes (an Old Masonian, now in Chicago), £3 3s., and A. G. McLeod, £1 1s.

The proceedings, which had been most enjoyable throughout, were brought to a close with the National Anthem.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LA TOLERANCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 538.

On Wednesday evening, the 20th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., was held the annual festival of this popular and prosperous lodge of instruction. Owing to the severe loss which the lodge has experienced by the death of its late Secretary, Bro. Willby, the proceedings were essentially on a more subdued scale than on the last occasion, members and their Masonic friends only taking part.

The company to the number of between 30 and 40 sat down to an excellent dinner, worthy of the best traditions of the Frascati cuisine.

Bros. J. Paul, P.M. 1287 and 1472, Preceptor, presided; T. W. Smale, P.M. 538, P.Z., Treas., Vice-President; L. S. Genese, P.M. 2265, Sec.; and Howard E. Mullins, J.D. 211.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was honoured with the usual Masonic enthusiasm.

The PRESIDENT then gave the toast of "The M.W. the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was replied to by Bro. E. C. MULVEY, Grand Pursuivant.

The next toast was "The President and Vice-President," proposed by Bro. L. S. GENESE.

Bro. J. PAUL, in replying, thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that, as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, he naturally took a very great interest in its welfare. He referred to the necessity of having lodges of instruction and to the great advantages which brethren who aspired to taking office in their mother lodges derived therefrom.

Bro. SMALE, in responding, alluded in appropriate terms to the great loss which they had sustained since the last festival by the death of Bro. Willby (to whom he had filled the office of Assistant Secretary), and since whose decease he had acted as Secretary to the lodge, and whilst regretting his inability to continue in that office (by reason of his oculist's recommendations), he had, nevertheless, to congratulate the members upon their having secured the services of so worthy a successor as Bro. Mullins.

The toast of "The Lodge of Instruction," was then proposed, and replied to by Bros. MULLINS, Sec., and GOLDSTEIN. The former spoke of the success that had attended the lodge during the past year, and hoped that the future would bring even greater prosperity to the lodge and its members. Since the last annual festival, 36 guineas had been paid into the Masonic Charities from the Charitable Association and the lodge funds.

Bro. GOLDSTEIN referred to the work accomplished by the lodge in bringing forward young Masons under the guidance of Bro. Paul, the Preceptor.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received with acclamation, and was ably responded to by Bros. JOHNSON, S.D. 211; HYDE, 299; and ORLTON-COOPER,

P.M. 211. The latter in treating of the value of La Tolerance and similar instructional lodges created an agreeable diversion by some entertaining illustrations of errors by candidates whilst under examination for superior Degrees.

The remaining toasts were "The Officers," replied to by Bro. GENESE, Treas.; H. E. MULLINS, Sec.; and the indefatigable Bro. J. LEATHER, whose co-operation assisted so much towards the evening's success.

"The Masonic Charities" was replied to by Bros. E. C. MULVEY, G.P., and LANSFORD.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful and enjoyable evening.

The musical programme, which was under the direction of Bro. Mullins, Sec., included pianoforte solo, "Polish dance," beautifully rendered by Bro. O. Mannheimer; Mr. Ivan Ivermeski's fine bass voice was heard to advantage in "Anchored" and "Queen of Angels," which were greatly appreciated. The comic element was represented by Mr. Martin Foreshen with "Tut, tut," and "It was beautiful," and Mr. George Barratt with "The moochir" and "The one-legged family." Both these popular artists were heartily received. Bro. O. Mannheimer presided at the piano.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present Bros. G. Berry, L. G. Hammond, F. Sturgess, B. Kench, T. A. Tidy, F. A. Zappenfeld, J. M. Beedle, J. Woolfers, Pettitt, T. H. Clear (W.M. of the mother lodge), S. G. Cross, Fisher, C. Ornstein, C. J. Pinnell, H. Raphael, and many others.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE HENLEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1472.

The annual festival of the above lodge of instruction took place on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, Bro. Walter Richardson's handsome concert and assembly rooms, attached to the hotel, being prettily decorated for the occasion.

The banquet was all that could be desired, and was much enjoyed.

The W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. JAMES PALMER, presided, and proposed the toasts of "The Queen" and "Success to the Henley Lodge of Instruction."

Bro. A. T. IVES, P.M., and Preceptor of the lodge, responded in eloquent terms, and

Bro. B. C. CURTIS, P.M., and Sec. of the lodge of instruction, gave a very interesting *resumé* of the work and charity of the lodge since its inception.

The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Dr. J. Hill and H. Pamment, W.M. 700, and that of "The Press, Masonic and Secular," with the name of Bro. C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. of the mother lodge, P.M. and Sec. 2184, and P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex.

"The Host and Hostess" were complimented.

Bro. RICHARDSON responded.

The harmony was admirably sustained by Madame Essie Ross and Bros. Dodge, Siddons, Quinn, Morgan, Barrett, Elder, Dr. Hill, Curtis, and R. Stephenson; Bro. C. Jolly recited. Bro. J. Redman accompanied and presided at the piano in a masterly manner.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. Savage, P.M.; W. Turvey, P.M.; T. Reeve, P.M.; T. Lait, S.W.; E. Morgan, J.W.; D. Ross, S.D.; S. Chaplin, J.D.; E. McNicoll, C. Davis, F. Andrew, J. Andrew, G. Richardson, W. Jeavons, V. Horton, Terras, Newman, E. Hornsey, Buck, T. Smith, Crump, G. Carter, A. Barrett, W. Dodge, A. Horton, T. Jeavons, J. Ward, A. Wren, C. West, Byrom, A. Clamp, 760; E. Oates, 13; T. Cowell, W.M. and Preceptor, 2615; E. G. Russell and G. A. Smith, 615; A. Saunders, 700; G. Cable, D. Thomas, and others.

The whole affair was well managed, and consequently well worthy of the occasion.

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Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when the following were present: Bros. F. E. Rosher, W.M.; A. P. Crabb, S.W.; J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Henry Times, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Andrews, acting J.D.; Godfrey Sykes, I.G.; H. W. Clarkson, Org.; Harry Bearman, J. W. Ellis, and A. Spencer Ellam. Bro. Martin Kennaby, 1965, was a visitor.

The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., and Bro. J. W. Ellis was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Chas. Olden was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being rendered in a most eloquent manner by the W.M.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where dinner was provided.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft,"

Bro. Thompson, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," referred to the excellent manner in which Bro. Rosher had performed the work of the lodge during his year of office.

During the evening the W.M., Bros. Clarkson, Sykes, and Bearman entertained the brethren with some songs excellently rendered.

The installation meeting of this lodge will be held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., and it was announced during the evening that Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., has promised to install the W.M. elect.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. Among those present were Bros. Browne, W.M.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.P.G.O., S.W.; H. Bright, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Tompsett, S.D.; F. F. Bonney, J.D.; Dobson, acting I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.T.; and E. W. Davis, P.M. Bro. A. O. Hemming, 1512, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. A. O. Hemming, 1512, as a joining member. The Treasurer presented his annual financial report which was an exceedingly flourishing one and in excess of previous years. It was received and adopted, and a vote of congratulation to the Treasurer was passed with acclamation. The sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, per Bro. Browne, W.M., as an additional Steward for the lodge. It having been reported that Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D., was, and had been for some time, very unwell, a vote of sympathy was passed, and the Secretary was directed to forward the same to him. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, and the usual toasts received full justice.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers"; Bro. W. Fisher, P.M., for "The Past Masters"; Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., for "The Treasurer and Secretary"; and Bros. Dr. Hinton and H. Bright for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1898.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, when, in consequence of its being the day for the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, there was a fuller attendance of members than usual. In our report of the proceedings will be found a complete list of the companions thus honoured, and though there is a material difference in the *personnel* of the two lists of Craft and Royal Arch Grand Officers, we consider the latter will compare very favourably with the former.

Omitting those who hold office by reason of their Grand Lodge appointments, and those who are annually reappointed, there are, of course, many names common to both lists, Comps. John Strachan, Q.C., Reginald I. Mure, John Houlding (Lord Mayor of Liverpool), C. Lund Fry Edwards, John Haviland, Captain George Hearn, Lewis Lazarus, and A. King, Mus. Doc., having been appointed officers of Grand Lodge last week; the only point that is worthy of notice being that Comp. Mure, who was appointed J.G. Deacon in Grand Lodge is D.G. Registrar in Grand Chapter; Bro. Rigg, the

Craft D.G. Registrar, not possessing the necessary Royal Arch qualifications—in fact, so far as we know, not being a Royal Arch Mason at all.

Then there is a second group of companions who were appointed last year or previously Craft Grand Officers, for whom room is now found in the ranks of Royal Arch Grand Officers. Such are Comp. Arthur W. Orwin, M.D., who was appointed A.G.D. of C. in Grand Lodge last year, and is now G.S.B. (R.A.); Comp. W. Stevenson Hoyte, who was Craft G. Org. in 1894, and is now appointed G. Std. Br. (R.A.); and Comp. John Evan Bowen, who was appointed Past A.G.D. of C. (Craft), last year, and is now G. Std. Br. (R.A.) Comp. Robert Grey, the new G. Scribe N., occupies a position by himself. He was appointed A.G. Soj. in 1875, after having had conferred upon him the office of J.G.D. From 1886 to 1896 he was President of the Board of Benevolence (a Craft office) and President of the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter. On resigning the former of these offices, he was last year honoured with the appointment of Past G.W., and we congratulate him on his present advancement to the still higher rank of G. Scribe N.

There is still a fourth group of companions who are new to Grand Office altogether—whether in Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. This group comprises Comps. T. Poultney Griffin, Herbert S. Clutton, W. Taylor (P.P.G.J. Middlesex), William J. Mason—who is Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge—and Fred. B. Westlake, a distinguished and popular Devon Mason, who have been appointed G. Standard Bearers; and Comps. F. G. Swinden, Prov. G.S.E. Warwickshire; T. A. Nesbit, P.D.P.G.M. and present Prov. G. Sec. Isle of Man; and Charles Pulman, a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge.

The announcement that the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has presented Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, with his portrait, with autograph affixed, as a mark of his appreciation of the services which that distinguished brother has rendered to Freemasonry during his 50 years' connection with the Craft, will be received everywhere among English Freemasons with the utmost pleasure. There is no member of our Society to whom, whether we have regard to the length or the eminence of his services, this graceful compliment by his Royal Highness could have been better paid. In Oxfordshire, London, and his own particular Province; in the Craft and Royal Arch, in the Mark Degree and the Order of the Temple, Bro. Beach has for many years past held some of the highest offices to which it is possible for any brother to attain, and the occasions have not been few on which his services to this or that branch of Masonry, in this or that Masonic district, or to this or that private lodge, have not been most gratefully recognised.

Bro. Beach was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in the year 1848, and not many years passed before his services to that particular lodge and to Oxfordshire Masonry generally were recognised by the presentation of a handsome service of plate. In 1855, in conjunction with the late Bro. Canon Portal and other Oxford Craftsmen, he took a leading part in reviving the waning fortunes of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and establishing it as a London Masonic home for Oxford University brethren and others, nor is there need to point to any other evidence of the success of this enterprise than that furnished by the present list of members of that old and most distinguished lodge.

In June, 1869, he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland, firstly, Prov. G. Master, and then G. Superintendent, of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which had previously formed two provinces under Bros. Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis and Thomas W. Fleming, respectively. In the 29 years that have since elapsed, the number of lodges on the roll of the province has doubled itself and there has been a proportionate increase in the number of Royal Arch chapters. In Supreme Grand Chapter he occupies the Chair of Grand Third Principal. In Mark Masonry, he was the fourth in order of seniority of the brethren elected to preside over its Grand Lodge, Lord Leigh having been G.M. 1856-60; the late Earl of Carnarvon, 1860-63; Earl Amherst, 1863-66; and Bro. Beach from 1866 to 1869, while in 1889, he was appointed Prov. G. Mark Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In the Order of the Temple, he is a Knight Grand Cross and heads

the list of Very Eminent Provincial Priors. The services he has rendered to Hants and the Isle of Wight were a few years since recognised by the presentation to him of his portrait.

But it is not alone in Grand, Provincial Grand, and private lodge and chapter that Bro. Beach has attained to a position of such eminence, nor is it alone by the services he has rendered herein, that he has succeeded in winning so generous a measure of esteem and respect from the general body of English Craftsmen. He has at all times and everywhere done his utmost to promote the welfare of our Masonic Institutions, not merely by contributions of money from his purse, but by busying himself on all suitable occasions with the administration of their affairs, and, above all, by presiding from time to time at their Festivals. In short, there is no branch of Masonry with which he has become associated in which he has not attained to positions of the highest dignity and responsibility, and there is no Charitable Institution connected with the Craft, whether central or local, which he has not held it to be his duty to serve, and served to the utmost of his great ability. Is there another Mason owing allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of England upon whom its illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master could have more worthily bestowed this graceful compliment?

We have much pleasure in announcing that yet another lodge will be added to the roll of Cheshire on Saturday, the 14th inst. When the Wythenshawe Lodge, No. 2688, will be consecrated at the Tatton Arms Hotel, Northenden, by Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G. Master, who will be assisted by Bro. his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the officers of his Prov. Grand Lodge. The principal officers designate are Bros. T. W. Markland, Prov. G. Reg., W.M.; Mark Oliver, S.W.; and John Ryland, J.W. The proceedings are timed to commence at 3 p.m.

A meeting of Installed Masters will be held at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 10th inst.; at which Bro. Sydney T. Klein, W.M. Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will repeat the esoteric demonstration of his discovery of the genuine secrets of a M.M., which he gave before the meeting of Experts held at Freemasons' Hall, under the auspices of the Board of General Purposes, on the 1st February. We understand that Bro. Klein has accepted invitations from other Provinces to give this demonstration.

We find ourselves under the necessity of deferring till next week our review of Part I., Vol. XI., of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum"—for copy of which we are indebted to the courtesy of the Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C. In the meantime, we may state that, in addition to Bro. Klein's "Hidden Mysteries," Nos. I. and II., the Part contains two papers, which are calculated to excite strong feelings of interest among studious Craftsmen. The first is from the pen of Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, and treats—as far as a hurried glance through its pages enables us to judge—exhaustively, and, as a matter of course, in scholarly fashion, of "The Masonic MSS. in the Bodleian Library." The other is an elaborate paper by Bro. G. W. Speth on "The Two Degrees Theory."

It was a graceful act of Bro. McLeod's, which we had the pleasure of recording last week in our account of the consecration of the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, to move for a grant from the funds of the lodge and at the same time announce his intention of representing it at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Bro. Terry, too, did a similarly graceful act when he spoke so strongly in behalf of the approaching Boys' School Centenary, and wished it all the success which its most ardent friends desire. This occasional interchange of courtesy and goodwill among the Secretaries of our Institutions does a world of good in helping to keep free from unpleasant rivalry the necessarily keen but honourable competition for the support in which they are engaged.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Order of the Temple will take place at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 13th instant, when the new G. Officers for the year will be appointed and invested. At the conclusion of the business, a Great Priory of the Order of Malta will be held, and then will follow the customary banquet at Freemasons' Tavern; tickets one guinea each.

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.

DISCOVERY OF AN ANCIENT MASONIC MS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having recently discovered, and rescued from the oblivion in which it has been lying for at least 120 years, a most interesting, as well as ancient MS., that is, a roll, or, as it calls itself, a "Boke" of the ancient charges, setting forth "how this science was first invented," &c., I shall be glad to learn from some of our antiquarian brethren particulars of similar documents that are in existence at the British Museum and elsewhere, and also of any Reprints of same, besides those of Halliwell and Cooke, copies of which I have before me, that I may judge of the advisability of publishing in Facsimile, or other form, this my discovery.

It may interest some, if I note here, that this scroll is composed of several pieces of vellum, five inches wide, attached, and making in all a length of 105 inches, and that the MS., commencing thus: "The mighte of the father of heaven and earth . . . his glorious son . . . the Holy Ghost," &c., is written in a distinct and uniform hand, and apparently at a date anterior to that which seems to be a form of obligation written on the back of the last sheet, and bearing date "Anno Dm 1629"—Yours truly and fraternally,

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JNO. CONSTABLE, Sec. 2259.

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Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX, 1898.—This excellent compilation, now in its 14th year of publication, has been very carefully edited by the esteemed Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, and printed at the "Essex County Standard Office," Colchester, as usual, the typography being all that could be desired. The particulars of the 38 lodges, nearly 2000 members, are well arranged; but the roll really musters 39 lodges, No. 2707, Brentwood, not having been consecrated in time for insertion. There are the same number of Royal Arch chapters and Mark lodges as last year, viz., 13 and seven respectively, and one conclave of the "Secret Monitor." There are short titles to each division printed on a coloured leaf of paper, which adds much to the facility for reference, and the whole plan of the Calendar or Directory cannot be improved upon, save as to one matter, which we press upon the attention of the already over-worked Prov. Grand Secretary. The special need to make this Directory complete is a table exhibiting the number of members under each lodge and chapter, and the total numerical strength of the province. The very full table of the votes for the Central Masonic Charities is a most useful compilation, the total showing the very large number of 8528 votes held by the province. The frontispiece and memoir this time are devoted to Bro. Andrew Durrant, of Chelmsford.

Craft Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 48.

There was a large and influential gathering of brethren at the first meeting of this prosperous lodge, under the régime of the new W.M., held on Monday, the 26th ult. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. C. A. Holzapfel, who was supported and assisted by the following: Bros. A. Simpson, I.P.M.; Wm. Stafford, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., J.C.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M. and W.M. 2746; T. R. Jobson, P.M.; J. Armstrong, S.W.; J. T. Pragnell, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, Chap.; T. Douglass, Sec.; G. T. Boates, as S.D.; W. E. Peacock, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; R. Hewett, I.G.; R. Laverick and T. H. Armstrong, Stwds.; P. Cash, T. W. Wray, R. Dobson, John Carr, John Snowdon, J. Rhind, E. Hinton, Rev. E. H. McEwell, Wm. John, I. Ivison, E. Elliott, J. Stronghair, T. W. Dickinson, J. Neil, J. Gow, J. Charlton, Wm. Turnbull, T. E. Nicolson, Joe Moffatt, G. Gillespy, F. Hastie, T. W. Stokoe, S. Brown, W. W. Nicholls, C. H. T. Pelmeur, H. Coulson, and others. The visiting brethren were Bros. J. B. Clark, W.M., W. Pickering, J.D., J. G. Alder, J. D. Walker, A. Ahlers, D. Robertson, and R. Irving, all of 24; Findale, W.M., J. Howe, J.W., J. Burrell, P.M., J. Ross, I.G., T. N. Richardson, S.D., R. Horsley, W. Dixon, N. Knox, G. Short, W. Howe, and J. Wilkinson, all of 424; R. Stephenson, W.M. 1626; H. A. Wand, 541; J. Routledge, 2674; R. Renwick, S.W. 541; C. P. Laidler, P.M. 1654; J. A. G. Ross, P.M. 481; M. Marks, J.W. 2557; J. J. Wright, Asst. Sec. 424; H. Bartlett, S.D. 405; and others.

After the introductory business, Messrs. Robert Richardson, Wm. Watson, and J. M. Clapperton, were duly initiated by the W.M. The working tools and charge were explained by the J.W., and the whole ceremony was done smoothly and correctly by all concerned. On the proposition of Bro. Wm. Stafford, P.M., seconded by Bro. A. Simpson, I.P.M., the Treasurer's balance sheet showing a credit balance of £75 10s. was adopted. It was resolved on the motion of Bro. Robert Whitfield, P.M., seconded by Bro. Wm. Stafford, P.M., that the following sums be voted for charitable purposes, viz.: £5 to the widow of a deceased brother; Masonic Institution for Boys, 10 guineas; Masonic Institution for Girls 10 guineas; Hudson Benevolent Fund 10 guineas; and Durham Masonic Education Fund 10 guineas. Seven propositions for initiation were made, and, after receiving the good wishes of the visitors, the proceedings were closed in the usual manner.

St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 18th ult. Bro. Wm. Humphrey, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. G. Head, J.W. and W.M. elect; J. Chaplain, Treas.; J. J. Pope, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Head, S.D.; J. L. Syme, J.D.; E. C. Lane, I.G.; A. Wheeler and C. J. Webbe, Stewards; J. Kift, Org.; A. C. Bonham, I.P.M.; R. Wright, P.M.; R. Raymond, P.M.; F. W. Spurgin, P.M.; H. Ansell, P.M.; W. D. Schwarz, P.M.;

L. H. Coles, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; F. C. Mouflet, P.M.; Stebbing Russell, H. T. Adams, S. R. J. Chapman, T. F. H. Phelps, W. C. Tully, R. Tyler, A. Edwards, A. Orrom, J. Ellis, W. J. Bennett, L. E. Macqueen, W. C. Tree Wheaton, J. J. Gomm, W. A. Shaw, W. Dimond, G. Couchman, Tyler; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Mason, P.G.S.B.; T. Parker, S.W. 2271; W. Hanes, S.W. 177; L. B. Hall, 33; J. J. Lindsey, 157; T. J. Ritson, 2647; Lewis Ferguson, P.M. 1797; S. J. Taylor, 2360; J. Hudson, P.M. 2206; D. Kozminski, 188; A. C. Doughty, I.P.M. 1287; T. G. Doughty, W.M. 1287; A. Ellis, 2488; S. Lucas, P.M. 2395; L. Gunzell, W.M. 2021; T. B. Roberts, W.M. 55; G. B. Bishop, 172; J. H. Chandler, W.M. 753; A. H. Snow, S.D. 2191; W. R. Davis, P.M. 87; J. Edmonds, P.M. 242; G. B. Fluke, 2157; W. J. Lawrence, 157; H. R. S. Pulman, 3; A. J. Dalton, 834; C. W. Jordan, 144; J. B. Galloway, P.M. 1598; A. Becher, 47; E. W. Ellis, P.M. 1314; A. T. Salisbury Jones, Thos. Moreton, P.M. 410; R. T. West, 1744; and others.

After the usual routine business, Bro. A. C. Bonham, I.P.M., occupied the chair, and the chief business of the day was at once proceeded with, and Bro. John G. Head was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed in a manner that was perfect. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. Humphrey, I.P.M.; R. H. Head, S.W.; J. L. Syme, J.W.; J. Chaplain, Treas.; J. J. Pope, P.M., Sec.; E. C. Lane, S.D.; A. Wheeler, J.D.; C. J. Webbe, I.G.; Stebbing Russell, D.C.; H. T. Adams and S. R. J. Chapman, Stewards; J. Kift, Org.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. Bro. A. C. Bonham gave the customary addresses in a most eloquent and impressive manner, and he is to be congratulated on the efficient way in which he carried out the installation ceremony. The W.M., Bro. J. G. Head, afterwards initiated Mr. R. T. Nelson, and his excellent working of the ritual was ample proof, if any were needed, that he would well maintain the great reputation of the lodge for its working. After some discussion, it was resolved that, in lieu of the June banquet, a summer outing—without ladies—be held, and a Committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The Auditors, on giving their report, spoke in the highest praise of the Secretary, Bro. J. J. Pope, P.M., of the way he had kept the books and accounts of the lodge. Bro. R. Raymond, P.M., having stated that he would represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the R.M.I.B., the sum of 20 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed upon his list.

Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation at the next meeting, and other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet.

At the close of the repast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

In giving "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that the maintenance of the Craft was a work of great importance, and the duties were ably performed by the Grand Officers. They were honoured with the presence of Bro. J. Mason, P.G. S.B., and he had much pleasure in coupling his name with the toast.

In response, Bro. J. Mason, P.G.S.B., said that he would be brief as he would not like to delay the beautiful harmony. He appreciated the honour of his name being associated with the toast. He had had the great honour of knowing the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master for 25 years, and he gave some interesting details of the great things they had done for the Craft. Then as to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth, who was a harder worker? He would be at his office the first thing in the morning and at night, perhaps, miles away consecrating a lodge. He (Bro. Mason) had been 33 years in the Craft, and he was glad to visit the St. Marylebone Lodge again, but that was the first time he had attended as a Grand Officer. Might he mention that it was six years ago since they gave anything for the Old People. He believed in constant givings, and as they knew that the Old People's Institution wanted every help, he hoped, that after the Boys' Festival, they would again remember them next year. The work in the lodge of the ritual was splendid, and, in concluding an able speech, he stated that he hoped the W.M. would have a happy year of office, and that their good old lodge would continue to prosper.

Bro. W. Humphrey, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M., Bro. J. G. Head," said the toast appealed to the brethren in every way. The W.M. was not only a good fellow, a good neighbour, and a good Mason, but he would make an excellent and painstaking Master. The members had made a grand selection in electing him, as he would uphold the dignity of Masonry, and the lodge would flourish under his reign. They had had a sample of his working in the ritual that evening, as he had performed the initiation ceremony in a perfect manner, and he had no doubt that he would make one of the best Masters in the annals of the lodge.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. J. G. Head, W.M., on rising to respond. He thanked the members for the very cordial manner the toast had been received and the I.P.M., Bro. Humphrey, for his kind but too flattering words. He appreciated highly the great honour of having been elected Master, and nothing would be wanting on his part to carry out the duties of his office to their entire satisfaction.

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Humphrey, and Installing Master, Bro. A. C. Bonham, P.M.," the W.M. stated that the I.P.M. had had a record year of office, having had a large number of initiates and two joining members. He had worked very hard, and had often done the three Degrees in one evening. It was his (the W.M.'s) privilege to ask him to accept a Past Master's jewel as a small return for his great services to the lodge and as a mark of the esteem and great respect they had towards him. Then, as to Installing Master, Bro. A. C. Bonham, he was an exceptionally brilliant Master and a tower of strength in the lodge, and he was also connected with 14 lodges of instruction. It was well known the great things he had done for the Craft, and he hoped that some day he would receive grand honours, which he richly deserved.

Bro. W. Humphrey, I.P.M., on rising to respond, was received with much warmth. He said that no doubt they remembered that a year ago when he was installed he stated that he would do his utmost to make his year of office a success. It was now gratifying to him to learn from them that not only had it been a success, but a record. He was grateful for the handsome jewel, which he much appreciated. He was greatly indebted to his I.P.M., Bro. A. C. Bonham, and his other officers, who had rendered him every assistance. He hoped the W.M. would have a happy term of office, and might the good old St. Marylebone Lodge ever flourish!

The jewel bore the following inscription: "St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305. Presented to Bro. Worshipful Master Humphrey for extremely valuable services rendered. 1897-98."

Bro. A. C. Bonham, Installing Master, also acknowledged the toast, thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks. He took a great interest in Masonry, and it was a labour of love to him to work the installation ceremony, and if he had given them satisfaction he was more than repaid for what he had done.

The W.M. said, might he again remind the members that Bro. Raymond, P.M., was going up as Steward for the Boys, and as it was six years since the lodge had been represented at any of the festivals of the three Institutions, he earnestly hoped that they would all give liberally to Bro. Raymond's list and he felt sure they would never regret it.

In response to the appeal, Bro. C. J. Webbe said that he would gladly subscribe five guineas, and later in the evening it was announced that the sums given amounted to the substantial amount of £60.

The W.M. gave "The Initiate." He stated that they were always glad to welcome initiates, as they were the life blood of the Order. He was honoured to have initiated Bro. R. T. Nelson, to whom he tendered a hearty greeting and remarked that it was a step he hoped he would never regret having taken.

Bro. R. T. Nelson replied, observing that he could not attempt to make a speech after what he had gone through and heard that evening, but he was honoured to be made a Mason; it was an event he had long wished for, and he hoped they would never have occasion to regret making him one of them.

The toast of "The Visitors" was, the W.M. stated, a very important one in the lodge. They were indebted to the visitors—34 in all—for their presence, and he gave them all a hearty welcome. Time would not permit for all of them to respond, and he would have to content himself by associating the names of Bros. Lewis Ferguson, P.M. 1997, and J. H. Chandler, 753, with the toast.

Bro. Lewis Ferguson, P.M., responded. He said that on behalf of the visitors he tendered his hearty thanks for a great evening and unadulterated enjoyment. In the lodge they had had a rich treat, as the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. A. C. Bonham in a very admirable manner, and it was hard to find words to express what they thought as to the other work they had witnessed in the lodge. From what he knew of the W.M., he had no hesitation in congratulating the members on having such an excellent ruler.

Bro. J. H. Chandler also acknowledged the toast, observing that he had no idea he

would be called upon to respond, but he was pleased to bear testimony to the good working of the Installing Master and that of the W.M., and for the kind way the visitors had been received and entertained.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," and said that the lodge was rich in quality and number of Past Masters, who were always ready to take any post and to render every assistance, and he associated with the toast the name of Bro. R. Raymond, P.M.

In response, Bro. Raymond, P.M., stated that anything he could do to further the interests of the lodge he would be glad, and he took that opportunity of thanking the members for their support of his list as Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' Institution, and he hoped that before then his list would be greatly augmented in amount.

In submitting the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said they were both old members of the lodge, and the Secretary one of the founders. They were he need hardly say both excellent fellows and good Masons, and their great services were very much appreciated.

Bro. J. Chaplin, Treas., responded, and stated that while he was honoured to be the Treasurer he would endeavour to do his duty in the lodge, of which he had been a member for 28 years.

Bro. J. J. Pope, P.M., Sec., said that it gave him much pleasure to see the continued prosperity of their good lodge, and he was glad to hear that his humble efforts were appreciated by the members.

The W.M. gave "The Officers." He said that a Master was always dependent upon his officers, and he felt that those he had appointed were of the very best, and that they would enable him to carry out his duties.

In responding, Bro. R. H. Head, S.W., stated that he and his colleagues would do their level best to assist the W.M. and to uphold the great prestige of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end one of the many happy meetings of the St. Marylebone Lodge it has been our privilege and pleasure to attend.

An excellent musical programme, under the able direction of Bro. James Kift, was contributed to by Miss Jessie Hotine, who had an enthusiastic reception, Miss Marian Blinkhorn, Bros. Wallis Arthur and C. Tree Wheaton, Mr. W. R. Maxwell, and Professor Pearce (legerdemain.) Bro. James Kift presided at the pianoforte.

Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., when Bro. Woolf Jacobs was duly installed into the chair of W.M. for the coming year by his predecessor, Bro. W. Newman. The members present included Bros. W. Newman, W.M.; Woolf Jacobs, S.W.; E. H. Mead, J.W.; A. J. Hollington, P.G. Stwd., Treas.; A. E. Pridmore, Sec.; G. E. Mead, S.D.; T. Robinson, J.D.; C. Jarratt, I.G.; E. W. Roach, Stwd.; S. Jacobs, P.M., P.P.G.P. Heris., D.C.; A. P. Little, P.M., Stwd.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org., Org. Rev. Davies, Chap.; The Bishop of Marlborough, Alexander, Lionel H. Lemon, Tremlett, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. M. Whitby, P.M. 45; H. C. Ainent, 1671; A. Jacobs, P.M. 1349; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; W. J. Valentine, P.M. 1017; F. Smith, 171; W. J. Batho, W.M. 1708; J. Herbert Greener, 1708; E. Parkes, 511; T. R. Mayer, 1259; M. Levy, 1327; W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381; and others.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bros. P. J. Clarke, A. P. A. Fincher, and J. W. Tremlett, were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Woolf Jacobs was next presented for installation by his father, Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M., and was impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. Newman, who was invested as I.P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. E. H. Mead, S.W.; G. E. Mead, J.W.; A. J. Hollington, Treas.; Lionel H. Lemon, Sec.; T. Robinson, S.D.; C. Jarratt, J.D.; Rev. Davies, Chap.; E. W. Roach, I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M., D.C.; A. P. Little and J. Howard, Stwds.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The Audit Committee's report showing good balances on Lodge and Benevolent Funds, was unanimously adopted. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Newman, I.P.M., and duly acknowledged. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Pridmore, P.M., for his services as Secretary, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was followed by the customary toasts, but owing to the lateness of the hour and the excellence of the musical programme, the speeches were necessarily brief.

Bro. Hollington, P.G. Stwd., briefly replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers." Bro. W. Newman, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," expressed the trepidation he felt in giving that toast for the first time, and wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Woolf Jacobs, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren, assuring them that he hardly knew how to express his feelings adequately. He would content himself with simply expressing his thanks for the kindness shown him.

Bro. Whitby, P.M., responded for "The Visitors," and said he would rather have heard a more distinguished brother in response. The hospitality had been excellent and the working admirable, and there was no doubt that during the coming year that excellent working would be continued under the new W.M. With such an I.P.M. on his left, the W.M. was bound to succeed.

Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M., D.C., returned thanks for "The Past Masters," and expressed his gratification at seeing his own son installed as Worshipful Master of the Bishopsgate Lodge. He initiated his son into Freemasonry some 14 years ago, but he never thought the Great Architect would spare him to witness his installation that night. It was a great pleasure to have been a founder and Master of that lodge, and that pleasure had been increased by that evening's proceedings. He hoped to be spared to see his grandson initiated by his son, the W.M.

Bro. W. Newman, I.P.M., replying for "The I.P.M.," repeated an expression used by Bro. Hollington on a similar occasion. He had retired from business, and was going to settle down on the fortune made—the good wishes he had received from the brethren.

Bro. Lionel Lemon, Sec., responded for "The Officers," expressing the hope that he would be found equal to the late Secretary.

Bro. the Rev. Davies, Chap., also replied.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. J. F. Haskins, Organist, was assisted in the musical arrangements by his daughter, Miss Cecilia Haskins, Miss Jessie Browning, Mr. J. Pitt, Bro. R. Grice, and Mr. J. Jacobs.

Clissold Lodge, No. 2551.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 21st ult. Bro. Harry Townend, who has for the past year ably filled the office of W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. A. H. Cooper, J.W. and W.M. elect; Robert Emery, acting S.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., Treas.; J. J. Lamigeon, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Badman, B. R. Watkins, M. Faulkner, H. King, G. S. Elliott, Percie C. Cooper, J. S. Keith, S. N. Wolfers, H. W. Butcher, C. Steffen, E. Swiffen, W. Whitehouse, and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Wesch, W.M. 1929; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; F. C. Lintott, W.M. 1365; W. Stacey, W.M. 19; F. Marx, P.M. 957; W. D. Church, P.M. Sec. 1395; G. D. Horsfield, S.W. 114; H. Fletcher Campbell, 2265; E. Mason, 43; C. Bolton, James Irvine, P.M. 862; J. T. Saunders, P.M. 1507; F. Carpenter, 325; E. Strange, 2549; H. J. Foan, Org. 2473; Rev. T. W. Russell, Chap.; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a satisfactory audit report was produced and adopted. Bros. S. N. Wolfers and H. W. Butcher were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Harry Townend. He then installed Bro. Alfred H. Cooper, as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a goodly number of Installed Masters. The following were appointed and duly invested, viz.: Bros. Harry Townend, I.P.M.; Robert Emery, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; J. J. Lamigeon, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Badman, S.D.; W. R. Litter, J.D.; E. A. P. Broad, D.C.; Percie C. Cooper, I.G.; J. S. Keith, E. Le Bas, M. Faulkner, and G. H. Paine, Stwds.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was very ably rendered by Bro. Harry Townend, and in installing his successor he closed his career as ruler of the lodge with *clat*. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Harry Townend, I.P.M., the W.M. stated that no one had earned, or better deserved a jewel than Bro. Townend, for the great things he had done for the lodge, and for his excellent working of the ritual, and it was the

earnest wish of them all that he might be long spared to wear it and be among them. In acknowledging the jewel, Bro. Harry Townend, I.P.M., said that he had tried to do his very best, and if they were satisfied, he was deeply grateful to them, and for the many kindnesses he had received at their hands during his happy year of office. Upon the motion of Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., the sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Harry Townend's list as Steward for the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Boys' Institution. Letters regretting their inability to attend were read from Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

After full justice had been done to this part of the proceedings, and as a preface to the toasts, the W.M. stated that he would be brief in his speeches, as they had a long musical programme to get through, and the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

In giving "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that they were honoured with the presence of two Grand Officers, one of whom was a member of the lodge, and of whom they were very proud. The Grand Officers were ever willing to do their utmost for the Craft, and he associated with the toast the name of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., who was well known to them.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., responded.

Bro. Harry Townend, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M., Bro. A. H. Cooper," said that was the only toast he had the honour of submitting. That was the W.M.'s birthday and as he had known him for many years, both Masonically and otherwise, he was delighted to have had the gratification of installing him in the chair of King Solomon, and he felt that he was acceptable to them all and he was certain that he would justify all their hopes.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. A. H. Cooper, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with much enthusiasm. He thanked Bro. Townend for his kind words and the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. He had had to wait 25 years to get to the chair, and now that he was there, he considered it quite worth working for, and he appreciated the great honour of having been elected Master. He would do his utmost to uphold the dignity of their good lodge, and he hoped to carry out his duties in a manner that would never cause them to regret having placed him in his high position.

The W.M. gave "The Installing and I.P.M.," and reviewed the very excellent work which Bro. Harry Townend had done during his year of office, and they all admired the masterly manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. He was deeply respected by all the members, and he was eminent in every way in the Craft.

Bro. Harry Townend, who was received with quite an ovation, heartily thanked the W.M. for his remarks, and the brethren generally for their approval of his small efforts, and he hoped to be with them for many years to assist them in any way, and to promote the interests of the lodge.

The Charity-box having been passed round, the W.M., who made an up-to-date auctioneer, then put up the contents of the box for sale, and after some spirited bidding, he knocked it down at £1 5s. to Bro. G. H. Paine. The contents it was afterwards stated amounted to £1 5s. 3d.

In presenting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. stated that they were honoured with the presence of many eminent and distinguished Masons, and on behalf of the lodge he gave them all a very hearty welcome, remarking, that they always tried to make their guests happy and comfortable, and to extend them the right hand of fellowship, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. W. Stacey, W.M. 19; F. C. Lintott, W.M. 1365; W. Wesch, W.M. 1929; J. T. Saunders, P.M. 1507; and J. Irvine, P.M. 862.

The toast of the visitors having been responded to by several brethren,

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was given by the W.M., who remarked, where would the lodge be without them? Bro. Stiles, P.G.T., was not only the Treasurer, but the father of the lodge, and the Secretary, Bro. Lamigeon, P.M., was excellent, and might he long continue to hold his office.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., Treas., responded, and said that he was honoured to be the first Master of the lodge, and while he had the great assistance of Bro. Lamigeon, P.M., as Secretary, it would be a pleasure to him to do his best to add, if possible, to the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. J. J. Lamigeon, P.M., Sec., also responded. He was glad and proud that the lodge was in such a prosperous state. As Secretary, he was doing his best but they must remember that he was a foreigner and somewhat handicapped, but, notwithstanding that, he hoped his heart was in the right place to do everything that was necessary to carry out his duties to their entire satisfaction.

In proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. made special mention of Bro. Robert Emery, S.W., who he observed had kindly given way for others to go forward. Bro. Emery was one of the best of fellows and a good Mason and he was delighted to have him as S.W. The W.M. also referred to the qualifications of the other officers and remarked that he thought a better staff could not be found.

Bro. Robert Emery, S.W., responded in an eloquent speech, as did Bro. G. S. Elliott, J.W.

Bro. Percie C. Cooper, I.G., son of the W.M., also acknowledged the toast of the Officers, and said there was a well-known saying in social life that some people were born with a silver spoon in their mouth, signifying the remarkable fortune that attended them through life. He did not know what the technical phrase was in Freemasonry, but whatever it might be he thought that phrase might be applied to him when he considered the remarkable fortune that had attended him during the short period he had been a Mason, as he was sure that being privileged to be the first initiate of the lodge, passing his Third Degree before he was 21 years of age, and honoured by being promoted an officer before three years had elapsed was very good fortune, and obviously could not be claimed as the outcome of skill or ability. There was only one way in which a brother could reciprocate the kindness of the W.M., and that was to faithfully fulfil the duties he had graciously bestowed upon him, and such would be his constant endeavour.

The Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant evening.

A capital programme was arranged under the able direction of Bro. H. J. Foan, Org. 2473, the artistes being Madame Ellaline Grantley, Miss Teresa Davienne, Master Charlie Potter, Messrs. Herbert Phillips, Thos. Abel, Louis W. Bennett, Ambrose Thorne, Harry Clifford, and Bro. Harry Hall. Special mention should be made of Madame Ellaline Grantley and Master Potter.

Royal Arch.

De Lambton Chapter, No. 94.

The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland. Among those present were Comps. W. G. Hetherington, M.E.Z.; W. Watson, H.; M. Cohen, J.; T. Henderson, P.P.G. S.B., S.E.; E. H. Tilley, S.N.; J. D. Todd, P.Z., P.G.H.; J. C. Moor, P.Z., P.G.J.; D. Cameron, P.G.R.; Wm. Biggam, M.E.Z. S.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.H.; W. E. Moffett, P.P.G.R.; J. Scarborough, P.A.G.D.C.; James Lee, P.G.P.S.; T. G. Garrick, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. W. Ingram, P.Z.; E. Lautebach, P.Z. 945; Thos. Robinson, S.E. 97; Henry Havelock, S.N. 80; Thomas Harrison, H. 949; W. E. Halfpenny, P.S.; J. M. Thompson, A.S.; W. H. Hope, A.S.; W. Vincent, P.P.G.O.; Thomas O. Todd, Treas.; J. Jacobs, C. W. Foyers, J. Russell, Jno. Grayston, P.S. 949; J. G. Scott, 97; Thos. Grieve, 97; and J. J. Wilson, P.P.A.G.S. The Principals for the ensuing year were installed as follows: Comp. Wm. Watson, installed as M.E.Z. by Comp. R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; Comp. M. Cohen, as H.; and Comp. E. H. Tilley, as J., by Comp. J. D. Todd, P.G.H. The other officers were appointed and invested as follows: Comp. J. D. Todd, S.E.; T. O. Todd, S.N.; W. Vincent, P.Z., D.C.; W. E. Halfpenny, Treas.; J. M. Thompson, P.S.; W. H. Hope and W. C. Fryers, Stwds.; and Thomas G. Garrick, Janitor. At the festival afterwards held the newly-installed First Principal, Comp. William Watson, presided.

Mark Masonry.

Union Lodge, No. 124.

The installation of the W.M. of the above lodge of Mark Master Masons, took place at its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The W.M., Bro. F. W. Ingram, presided, and there were present Bros. Thomas Purvis, D.P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham, P.G.D. Eng.; Charles B. Ford, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Heppell, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.M.O.; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.M.O.; John Readhead, P.G.S.O.; J. R. Mabane, J.W.; S. Gordon, P.P.G.J.O. Watwickshire; T. E. Greenough, P.P.I.G. West Yorkshire; F. Maddison, P.P.J.G.W.; John Deans, P.P.G.I. of W.; E. Lautebach, S.W., W.M. elect, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Robinson, J.W.; S. Peacock, S.O.; T. O. Todd, Sec.; George Harrison, S.D.; D. McAuslane, Org.; Charles E. Reay, I.G.; W. H. Hope, D. W. Turpie, C. Wilkinson, B. Jacoby, William Scott, and J. J. Wilson.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Ernest Lautebach, was presented by Bro. J. D. Todd, P.M., and the ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed, and the addresses given to the officers by the Dep. P.G.M.M., Bro. Thomas Purvis, Newcastle. The W.M., Bro. Lautebach, afterwards invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. W. Ingram, I.P.M.; Thomas Robinson, S.W.; S. Peacock, J.W.; J. J. Wilson, M.O.; William Scott, S.O.; George Harrison, J.O.; Rev. Dr. Randall, Chap.; J. D. Dodd, P.M., Treas.; T. O. Todd, Sec.; J. C. Moor, P.M., Reg. of Marks; C. E. Reay, S.D.; C. Wilkinson, J.D.; D. McAuslane, Org.; D. Turpie, I.G.; Thomas Grieve, Tyler; and W. Crossby and W. H. Hope, Stwds.

The annual festival, afterwards held at the hall, was presided over by Bro. E. Lautebach, W.M., Bro. Thomas Robinson, S.W., in the vice-chair.

Bro. Thomas Purvis, D.P.G.M.M., proposed "The Health of the new W.M.," which was enthusiastically received, and the W.M. responded.

The toast of "Installing Master, Bro. T. Purvis, D.P.G.M.M.," was also heartily honoured.

Portal Lodge, No. 127.

The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley, and was largely attended. The occasion was the installation of Bro. A. W. Gratton, as W.M. There were present Bros. Thos. Pickles, W.M., Prov. G.I.G.; J. H. Smith, S.W.; H. Johnson, J.W.; S. Krakener, M.O.; C. Sugden, S.O.; Rev. J. L. Brereton, J.O.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; A. W. Gratton, Reg.; E. J. Rideal, Sec.; A. Lockwood, S.D.; E. Billington, P.M., P.P.G.O., D. of C.; J. Hewitt, I.G.; S. Squires, Stwd.; T. Rogers, O.G.; E. J. Massie, P.M., P.P.G.O.; C. Lingard, P.M., P.P.G.O.; F. C. Browne, P.M.; W. Senior, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W.; G. G. Alexander, Stwd.; A. Walker, Prov. G. Org.; W. Dunk, and others. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph Matthewman, was amongst the visitors. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. W. Gratton, was presented by his brother, Bro. J. H. Gratton, who is an old P.M., and a strong and consistent supporter of the Portal Lodge. The Installing Master was Bro. E. J. Massie, and the work was done beautifully. Bro. E. J. Massie was the first W.M. after the Portal was removed from Dewsbury to Barnsley, and he has striven by example and precept for many years to make the lodge worthy of the honourable name it bears. The apron with which Bro. A. W. Gratton was invested was the gift of his brother, and was the original badge which the elder received when advanced to this honourable Degree in 1882. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. Thos. Pickles, I.P.M.; S. Krakener, S.W.; Rev. J. L. Brereton, J.W.; C. Sugden, M.O.; A. Lockwood, S.O.; W. Senior, P.M., Chap.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., Treas.; C. Lingard, P.M., Reg.; E. J. Rideal, Sec.; A. Walker, S.D.; J. Hewitt, I.G.; E. Billington, P.M., D. of C.; G. G. Alexander, Stwd.; and T. Rogers, Tyl r. Bros. Jarger, J.O.; Wilton Brooke, J.D.; and W. W. Hutchinson, Stwd., were absent, and their collars were received by substitutes. The election of a Charity Member next took place. The persevering efforts which Bro. Chas. Lingard, P.M., has made in this capacity, and the marvellous success which has attended his labours, prove conclusively his fitness for the post, and the brethren showed how decidedly they were of that opinion by unanimously re-electing him. To Bro. C. Lingard and other men of his calibre, the Mark Benevolent Fund is under no small obligation. Before closing the lodge, the W.M., in feeling terms, proposed that a resolution of condolence be passed and sent to Bro. John Barker, Deputy Prov. G.M., who, on the previous day, had lost his wife. This was done with many expressions of affection and sympathy.

The supper which followed partook of the accustomed Barnsley hospitable character, and the after-proceedings were enlivened by songs.

The usual toasts, however, were duly proposed and honoured.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Matier Lodge, No. 400.

A meeting of the above lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Friday, the 29th ult., when there were several brethren present.

After the minutes were confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Sidney P. Potter, J. Russell Buckler, J.P., and Dr. Ludwig Freyberger, M.R.C.P., all members of Egerton of Tatton Mark Lodge. The ballot was unanimously favourable, and the brethren being present, were elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner by Bro. Raymond Tucker, P.M., in an able and effective manner. The W.C.N. then resumed the chair as Installing Officer, and enthroned Bro. Henry Wright according to ancient custom impressively. The newly-enthroned W.C.N. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Charles E. Keyser, I.P.N.; Geo. P. Parker, Japhet; Dr. P. S. Abraham, Shem; Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, P.N., Treas.; Chas. Moore Jessop, P.N., Scribe; Bernard Hamilton, S.D.; Dr. Jacob Pickett, J.D.; Woolmer Williams, Guardian; A. W. Peckham, P.N., Stwd.; and E. J. Mills, Warder. The Treasurer made the financial statement to the effect that all outstanding accounts were paid and he held a satisfactory balance exclusive of subscriptions due. Letters of apology were read for unavoidable absence from Bros. Geo. Lake, I.P.N., and C. F. Matier, G.S. (hon. member).

The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern, under the supervision of their indefatigable and courteous Steward, when the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to.

Lodges of Instruction.

PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

This lodge held its usual meeting on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, N. The following were present: Bros. T. Matthews, W.M.; W. T. Oakley, S.W.; W. D. Jeanes, J.W.; J. A. Powell, Treas.; H. G. Gush, acting Preceptor; F. Stallard, Sec.; T. C. Mitchell, S.D.; G. A. Peters, J.D.; M. J. Harris, I.G.; A. W. Fenner, J. Catling, W. Hancock, E. G. Platt, D. J. Witte, J. Anley, C. J. Malins, J. Jacobs, F. G. Smith, Petchell, E. W. Newman, Park, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very excellent manner, Bro. J. Jacobs acting as candidate. Bro. Witte then worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, being assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. D. Jeanes, 54s, was elected a member. Bro. Oakley, S.W., was elected to preside at the next meeting. Bro. J. A. Powell, the esteemed Treasurer, then rose, and informed the brethren of the great loss the lodge had sustained through the death of their Preceptor, Bro. J. P. Cohen. He was eminently fitted for the office he held, and possessed the respect and esteem of every brother who knew him. Having paid this last sad tribute of respect to departed merit, Bro. Powell informed the brethren that it was necessary to elect another Preceptor, and, after paying a high compliment to Bro. Gush, thanking him for his services as Preceptor, *pro tem.*, concluded his remarks by proposing Bro. Gush for the post. Replying to this proposition, Bro. Gush said he must firmly decline the honour the

brethren wished to confer upon him, he being already Preceptor of two lodges of instruction. Bro. W. Hancock was then nominated, Bro. Powell observing that Bro. Hancock's teaching being identical with that of Bro. Gush, was much sought after in the North of London. To this Bro. Hancock said at present he could not undertake the duties of another Preceptorship, on account of a severe cold he had caught, and from which, he was thankful to say, he was slowly recovering, and he suggested that if Bro. Gush would kindly act as Preceptor until the end of the present session (June next), he would consider the matter, and let the brethren know the result on the last night of meeting this session. Bro. Gush agreeing with this proposal, the matter was adjourned for consideration until then. Nothing further offering, the lodge was then closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. J. L. Goldstein, W.M.; H. Raphael, S.W.; J. M. Beedle, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; L. S. Genese, P.M., Treas.; Howard E. Mullins, Sec.; C. Pinnell, S.D.; W. Fisher, J.D.; R. Hatfield, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; T. W. Smale, P.M.; C. W. Holmes, S. Woolfers, and W. Cumberland.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. W. Holmes being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Cumberland being a candidate for raising, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cumberland being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. H. Raphael was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. ALFRED HENRY COOPER, W.M. 2551,

was born on the 21st April, 1849, and was educated at Eastbourne School. He first went to business on 21st April, 1855, to Messrs. Blumberg and Co., Cannon-street, then to Messrs. Millington and Sons, Budge-row, and afterwards to the warehouse of Messrs. J. and R. Morley, Wood-street, E.C., where he obtained his business experience, which enabled him to start in business as a wholesale stationer on his 20th birthday—21st April, 1869—and which business he now carries on. He married Mary, the fourth daughter of the late J. W. Horne, Esq., on 1st June, 1874. His health breaking down, he had to travel to Australia three



times, and for 12 years only spoke in a low whisper, owing to a growth in the throat, for which he had to undergo many operations, but it was entirely removed, and he can now speak as loud as anyone. Bro. Cooper is churchwarden of Christ Church, Highbury, and on his silver wedding—1st June, 1897—he and his wife were presented with a very handsome silver tea set and an illuminated testimonial by the vicar and congregation. Our brother was made a Master Mason, in 1872, in the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, and is a founder of the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551, in which he was installed W.M. on his 49th birthday—21st April last. From what we know of Bro. Cooper, we have every reason to believe that the Clissold Lodge will prosper under his regime.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, May 14, 1898.

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

MONDAY, MAY 9.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
58, Felicity, Grafton Rooms.
657, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
1306, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
1070, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1780, Ubiqne, Criterion.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
2420, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
2454, Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant.
2611, London School Board, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 20, Pannure, Horns Tavern.
62, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 410, Eclectic, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

- 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

Supreme Council, 33^d, 33, Golden-square.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 167, St. John's, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead.
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.
781, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
1190, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1503, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1904, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1998, Samson, Cafe Royal.
1790, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.
2400, Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms.
2546, Rahere, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
2305, Avondale, Cannon-street Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12, Wilton-road, Victoria Stn.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgecombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

Supreme Council, 33^d, 33, Golden-square.
Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
13, United Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
820, Lily Lodge of Richmond, Inns of Court Hotel.
1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.
1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.
2347, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant.
2470, Telegraph Cable, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2602, Ealing, Victoria Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1158, Southern Star, Holborn Restaurant.
1200, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

- 350, Temperance-in-the-East, Bromley Vestry Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "D" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 291, Boro' High-street, at 8.
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
1070, Copper, Guildhall Tavern.
1155, Excelsior, Bridge House Hotel.
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1042, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.
2108, Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.
2417, Bolingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
2509, Barnett Assembly Rooms.
2523, Roll Call, Oddfellows' Hall, Hounslow.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
2272, Rye, Public Hall, Peckham.

MARK LODGE.

- 331, Davidson, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 248, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Canton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Certrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.
2399, Ordnance, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
2603, Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 569, Fitz-Roy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Mullen's Hotel, Ironmonger-lane, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

- Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington, at 8.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

CRRAFT LODGES.

- 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.
1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2029, King Solomon, Freemasons' Hall.
2579, Lewisham, Parish Hall.
2599, Engineer, Criterion.
2604, Hygeia, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m.

BRO. THE DUKE OF ABERCORN has left Hampden House for Ireland.

BRO. THE MARQUIS and Marchioness of Hertford have returned to town from Ceylon.

THE DUKE and Duchess of Connaught left Windsor Castle on Monday upon the conclusion of their visit to the Queen.

THE DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND has left Stafford House, to join the Duke of Sutherland in Italy till the end of the month.

THE DUCHESS OF ROXBURGHE and the Ladies Innes-Ker have arrived at 9, Portman-square for the season, from Floors Castle, Kelso.

BRO. SHERIFF DEWAR has presented a challenge trophy in the form of a massive silver bowl, to the National Artillery Association for competition at Shoeburyness, in the month of August next.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES and the Duke of York have each contributed 10 guineas to the Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood Memorial Fund, of which Mr. Charles Mathews is the Hon. Treasurer.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHRISTIAN returned to Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, on Saturday afternoon last. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied from town by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein.

THE BELLS of St. George's Chapel and Windsor Parish Church were rung on Sunday last in celebration of the Duke of Connaught's 48th birthday. The firing of the customary salute was deferred till Monday.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY will attend a fête, to be held in the grounds of Camden House, Chislehurst, on Wednesday afternoon, June 29th, in aid of the charitable work of the Deptford Fund, of which her Royal Highness is President.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE arrived at Eaton Hall on Monday evening on a visit to the Duke of Westminster for Chester races. His Royal Highness was met at Chester station by the Duke of Westminster and Major-General Swaine.

THE QUEEN and Court arrived at Windsor from the Continent shortly after 7 o'clock on Sunday evening last. Her Majesty and Princess Henry of Battenberg have derived much benefit in health from their sojourn in the South of France.

THE STROLLING PLAYERS, whose president is his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., have arranged to give a performance of "The Cabinet Minister" in aid of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, on Friday next, the 13th inst., in St. George's Hall, Langham-place, at 8 p.m.

THE NEW PALACE steamers commence their regular sailings on Saturday, the 28th instant. The Royal Sovereign will run daily to Margate and Ramsgate and back, calling at Southend on Tuesdays and Fridays; and the Koh-i-noor daily to Southend and Margate and back, Tuesdays and Fridays excepted.

PRINCESS VICTORIA OF WALES concluded a month's stay at Cromer on Monday, and returned to Sandringham. Sir Richard and Lady Musgrave, Lady-in-Waiting, left for town in the afternoon, and the party looked extremely well after their sojourn. It is stated that Felbrigg Hall is to be purchased for a Royal residence.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES was present on Sunday morning last at a special meeting of a Standing Committee of the Trustees of the British Museum. His Royal Highness, attended by Maj.-Gen. Sir Arthur Ellis, dined in the evening with Sir Edward Poynter, the President, and the Council of the Royal Academy of Arts, at Burlington House.

A VERY successful Bohemian concert was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 28th ult., under the auspices of the St. James's Union Lodge, for the benefit of the R.M.B.I. Several ladies and brethren gave their services, which were highly appreciated by a large and enthusiastic audience, and the energetic Bro. John Porter, who carried out the concert, is to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING will take the chair at the annual dinner of the members of the Newspaper Press Fund, on Saturday, the 21st inst. The United States and Italian Ministers, the Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Alderman Davies), Bro. Earl Egerton of Tatton, the Bishop of Ripon, the Lord Chief Justice, Bro. Sir Edward Lawson, Sir John Willcox, and Bro. Yerburgh, M.P., are amongst the stewards.

THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND spent his 88th birthday on the 1st instant, at Anwick Castle. His Grace is one of the few persons still living who sat in the Unreformed Parliament, having been elected for the ancient borough of Beeralston, Devonshire (previously represented by his father), in June, 1831. Bro. the Earl of Mansfield, now in his 92nd year, was returned at the General Election of 1832 as member for Aldborough, Yorkshire.

AMONG the principal guests at the Royal Academy banquet at Burlington House, on Saturday last, in addition to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York and Cambridge, and Prince Christian, there were Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Sir Squire Bancroft, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Sir Redvers Buller, the Earl of Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), the Duke of Devonshire, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Col. Davies, M.P.), Lord Wolseley, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Major-General Sir A. Ellis, visited the South Kensington Museum on Monday morning, to inspect the site and the plans for the completion of the buildings. His Royal Highness was received by Bro. the Duke of Devonshire (Lord President of the Council), Major-General Sir John Donnelly (Secretary of the Science and Art Department), Major-General Festing (Director of the Science Museum), and Mr. C. Purdon Clarke (Director of the Art Museum). Bro. Captain Holford has succeeded Major-General Sir A. Ellis as Equerry-in-Waiting to the Prince of Wales.

AT A MEETING of the British and Foreign Sailor's Society, held on Monday afternoon at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Davies, in the chair, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, on behalf of the Institution, handed the Lady Mayoress a beautifully-bound volume, containing a record of their beneficent work, with an inscription in the handwriting of the Patroness, Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife. During the past year the total receipts were £28,000, while the expenditure amounted to £26,000. The Lord Mayor spoke highly of the work, and appealed to the public for further funds, so that new homes might be opened and fresh ports visited.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Viscountess Cranborne, and her children, left Nice on Saturday afternoon last. His lordship travelled direct to Calais, and crossed to Dover on Sunday by the afternoon boat. He at once proceeded by train to London, where he arrived in the evening. Upon the platform to welcome him were the Earl and Countess of Selborne, with their two sons, Viscount Wolmer and the Hon. R. Palmer, and Bro. the Hon. Schomberg K. McDonnell, the Prime Minister's private secretary. After greeting his relatives and private secretary, the Premier entered his brougham with Viscountess Cranborne, and drove to Arlington-street.

A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.—At the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Saturday last, there was given by the Infirmary Medical Superintendents' Society a dinner in honour of Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, who has retired from the service, and is leaving Shoreditch Infirmary after more than 30 years' tenure of office. Bro. Bemey, the Chairman, proposed "The Health of the Guest" in suitable terms, and he and Bro. Hopkins, Bro. Lunn, Bro. Gordon, and Dr. Toogood paid a high tribute to the good work achieved by Bro. Dr. Forbes in the interests of the sick poor, and pointed out that not only was he the pioneer in the establishment of the separate infirmaries under medical control, but also, as Mr. Hopkins explained, one of the first to draw attention to the fearful mortality amongst London lead-workers, and to recommend preventive measures, the advocacy of which very materially led to the passing of the Lead Workers' Act, which has been the means of saving many hundreds of lives. Bro. Dr. Forbes returned thanks in an appropriate speech.

BRO. THE EARL and COUNTESS OF ONSLOW have returned from the Continent and are at Clandon Park, Guildford.

JULIA MARCHIONESS OF TWEEDDALE has let her house, 24, Cadogan Gardens, to Colonel the Hon. W. and Mrs. Carrington, and has gone to Arlington Manor, near Newbury, for the rest of the season.

THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution will take place at the Grand Hotel, Northumberland-avenue, on Friday the 13th inst., under the presidency of Henry Hankey Dobree, Esq., Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., Vice-Patron of University College Hospital, will, on Tuesday, the 21st prox., lay the foundation-stone of the new building now in course of construction through the generosity of Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P.

ON SUNDAY NEXT, at 11.30 a.m., a Te Deum will be sung in the Greek Church, Moscow-road, Bayswater, on the occasion of the anniversary of the name-day of his Majesty the King of the Hellenes—St. George's Day, according to the Eastern calendar.

BRO. THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN left town on Tuesday to join his yacht Cariad, in which he will proceed to Lisbon, in order to be present at the celebrations in honour of the navigator Vasco da Gama, at which he has been deputed to act as representative of the Royal Geographical Society.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by Princess Victoria and Princess Charles of Denmark, arrived at Marlborough House, on Tuesday, from Sandringham. Miss Knollys and General Sir Dighton Probyn were in attendance. The Duke and Duchess of York visited T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales in the course of the day.

KILLED BY A GARDEN ROLLER.—While about a dozen boys were engaged rolling a cricket pitch at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Lordship-lane, Wood-Green, on Monday, one of their number, named Clement Cracknell, aged 13, slipped and fell under the roller. The roller, which weighed upwards of a ton, passed over his body, killing him instantaneously.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT yesterday presided at the annual council meeting of the Aldershot Military Society, at the Prince Consort's Library. The honorary treasurer and secretary, Lieut.-Col. E. A. H. Alderson, D.A.A.G., presented a report of the past year's work and a balance-sheet, which showed that the society was in a flourishing condition. Among the donors of books and magazines to the library during the past year was her Majesty the Queen.

A CABINET COUNCIL was held on Tuesday at the Foreign Office. Among Ministers present were Bros. the Right Hon. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Earl Halsbury), the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, (Bro. Lord Ashbourne), the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, Sir M. White Ridley, and the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie.

A CHARACTERISTICALLY kind action of the Queen has just been recorded. Her Majesty has forwarded a beautifully-framed portrait of herself to Mr. Robert Taylor, Postmaster, Scarva, County Down, aged 114 years, bearing the following inscription:—"This picture is presented by Queen Victoria to Mr. Robert Taylor, Postmaster of Scarva, on his having attained an almost unprecedented age, April, 1898." Her Majesty has also honoured Mr. Taylor by asking him for his photograph in return.

THE QUEEN and Court leave Windsor Castle at nine on Monday morning for the Metropolis. Her Majesty and suite travel by special Great Western train, and on arriving at Paddington shortly after noon drive under an escort of the Household Cavalry to Buckingham Palace. The Queen holds a Drawing Room on Tuesday, and returns on the following day to Windsor Castle. Her Majesty, according to present arrangements, is expected to leave Windsor for Scotland on the 20th inst.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of the Orphan Working School, Maitland Park, N.W.—with which the Alexandra Orphanage for Infants was amalgamated in 1877—will be held in the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Metropole, on Monday, the 16th inst., when his Grace the Duke of Fife has very kindly consented to preside. There are two Schools, a senior and a junior—which together maintain and educate 500 children. The annual income is only about £6000, but the expenditure reaches fully £13,000. It is a most deserving Institution and well merits the support of the brethren.

IN HIS APRIL issue of "Night and Day," Dr. Barnardo has the same story to tell that so many public charities have lately been telling, viz., that receipts have been seriously diminished, and that there is urgent need of immediate help to maintain the efficiency of the institutions. Through the pages of the magazine there run tales of child destitution, neglect, and pitiable usage, which show that the homes have still an unexhausted mandate, and that a great task yet lies to their hands to be done. Their records, as set forth in "Personal Notes," are full of interest in their narratives of how the rescued Waifs and Strays are supported.

WE HAVE much pleasure in announcing that the Brondesbury Lodge, No. 269S, which was consecrated as recently as the 11th March, has sanctioned the formation of a lodge of instruction bearing its name, to meet at the Earl of Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn. A meeting will be held at the Earl of Derby on Monday, the 2nd prox., for the purpose of appointing a Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary, framing by-laws, and Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the R.M.B.I., has very kindly consented to inaugurate the lodge on Thursday, the 9th June, by rehearsing the ceremonies of consecration and installation.

CRYSTAL PALACE FIREWORKS.—Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. have been gathering minute details of the war now in progress in order to construct the battle-piece which they intend making the leading feature of the firework displays in the coming firework season at the Crystal Palace, which will commence on Thursday, the 19th instant. The modern appliances of war, which now form part of a naval engagement, will be introduced, even to the blowing up and sinking of an enormous battleship. Messrs. Brock have also in preparation novelties in living fireworks, mechanical moving devices, and aerial displays.

IN CONNECTION with the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the W.M. of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, and Bro. the Rev. J. F. Kitto, M.A., Chaplain to the lodge, and vicar of St. Martin's Church, Charing Cross, W.C., have arranged for a Masonic service to be held in the above church on Sunday, the 15th inst., at 3.30 p.m. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon of London, P.G.C. The collection will be devoted to the Centenary Festival of the R.M.I.B. The floor of the church will be reserved for brethren and the gallery for their ladies and friends. Accommodation for brethren to clothe will be provided in the crypt of the church, which will be opened for brethren at 3 p.m. Tickets not required. It is hoped that a large number of brethren will attend to support our V.W. Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon in his endeavours to assist this Institution.

THOMAS GRANT AND SONS, the well-known wine merchants and distillers of Maidstone, whose Morella Cherry Brandy is so generally and deservedly appreciated, has established a further claim upon public favour by producing a new wine, to which they have assigned the name of "Orcmosto." It is manufactured from grape juice imported in the form of syrup (*mosto*) from abroad, French experts in the manufacture being employed in the process. It possesses many excellent qualities, not the least important of which are absolute purity and health-restoring properties. It has already become popular, not only owing to its intrinsic excellence, but also on account of the moderate price at which it is sold—24s. per dozen bottles, or 28s. per two dozen half bottles. It will be found a most delightful beverage for consumption at garden parties, water picnics, dancing parties, as well as for general use.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.—A banquet was held at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, on the 27th ult., to celebrate the completion of a four-years' Charity scheme carried out under the auspices of the Nelson Lodge. Four years ago some members of the Nelson Lodge formed a club for the purpose of helping the Benevolent Institutions. Altogether there were more than 100 subscribers. The total amount of subscriptions received and allotted was £1060 10s., and when every subscriber had been satisfied, and all expenses paid, there was a little balance of £15 15s., which was finally spent in three more £5 ss. subscriberships, and conferred upon three lucky members by ballot. The Masonic Charities have thus been benefited by more than £1000, and a great accumulation of voting power will be given to the Woolwich brethren at all elections of candidates for the three great Charities.