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## THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The autumn School Elections were held on the days appointed, that of the Girls' School taking place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers on Thursday, the 13th inst., and that of the Boys' School on the day following. At both Courts the order of proceedings was the same, the poll being opened at 1 p.m. or as soon as the regular business was at an end, and closing promptly at 3 p.m.

For the

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

there was an approved list of 27 candidates and 13 vacancies to be filled, London furnishing nine of the former and having a part interest with one of the Provinces in three other cases, while the remaining 15 girls derived their claims from either Provinces or Districts abroad. Of the London nine there were five elected and four who failed; the five successful girls being placed at Nos. 3 and 4 with 5267 and 5156 votes respectively; at Nos. 9 and 10 with 4680 votes in the case of the former and 4667, of which 3349 votes were brought forward from the last two elections, in the latter; and at No. 12 with 4334 votes. As regards the four who failed, one took the highest unsuccessful place with 3501 votes; one polled 2105 votes including 1204 obtained in April; another who started with 1199 votes in hand, left off with 1592; and the remaining girl scored 1310 votes; all these, therefore, stand well for the election in April, 1899. Of the three girls who had claims on London and one of the Provinces, the one from London and Surrey obtained second place with 5340 votes; the Kent and London girl obtained 3327 votes, of which 2009 were polled in April, and 1318 on this occasion; and the third, hailing from North and East Yorkshire and London, scored 1512 votes. The Provincial candidates were 15 in number, and secured seven vacancies, the Surrey girl, who had only this chance of winning, being placed at the head of the poll with 5434 votes, of which 726 were already to her credit. One of the three Middlesex cases took the fifth place with 5017 votes, and the West Yorkshire girl stood next with 4984 votes. Devonshire supplied the seventh successful candidate, who raised the 1716 votes from April to a final score of 4836, while one of the two West Lancashire lassies stood eighth with 4801, and the other 11th with 4563 votes, one of two girls from Essex bringing up

the rear with 3960 votes, of which 2439 had been obtained at the two preceding elections. Of the Unsuccessful Provincial candidates, the Northumberland and Durham child, notwithstanding that she already had 2788 votes to the good, was only able to finish third among those who failed, her score reaching 3319, the girl with claims on Lincolnshire, North and East Yorkshire, and two other Provinces, being next with 2681, of which 1539 were already to her credit, a second of the Middlesex trio polling 2157 votes. The Kent girl polled 1839 votes, and the Valparaiso girl 1042 votes, while the third Middlesex, the second Essex, and the Sussex candidates obtained 896, 514, and 414 votes respectively. Thus even the least successful on this occasion will have a fair number of votes in hand when the time for another ballot comes round. As regards the votes brought forward and issued for this ballot, there were 18,452 of the former and 77,319 of the latter, giving a total available of 95,771. But of those issued only 70,796 were used, the number unused or spoiled being 6523.

For the

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

there were originally 45 candidates, but one of the boys hailing from the Provinces was withdrawn subsequently to the issue of the voting papers, and therefore, the number of those competing for the 26 vacancies which were declared at the July Court was 44. Of these London furnished 15, and had a part interest with one or other of the Provinces in two others. The remaining 27 cases hailed from the Provinces or Abroad. London secured the election of eight of its 15 boys, and of one of the two in which it was in part interested, the highest place on the poll being a new case, who polled 6164 votes. The boy with claims on London and Middlesex took second place with 5176 votes, of which 731 were brought forward from April. The sixth on the poll brought forward 1643 votes, and augmented that number to 4896, while the eighth obtained 4831 at the first time of asking. Nos. 12 and 13 scored 4675 and 4587 votes respectively, the former, who had this solitary chance of gaining admission into the School, having 431 votes to the good at starting. No. 17, who started with 315 votes in hand polled in all 4249, while No. 25, with 555 in hand, finished up with 3855 votes. Of the seven unsuccessful boys from the Metropolis, the three that made anything of a show stood on the list at Nos. 10, 16, and 23, and scored 1339, 2370, and 1244 votes respectively, while the London and Surrey boy will carry forward 1660 votes to the election in April next. Of the 27 Provincial lads East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and Staffordshire furnished two candidates apiece and in each case were successful in carrying them both; the two from East Lancashire at Nos. 7 and 14, the former with 4837 and the latter with 4470 votes. The boys from West Yorkshire came out at Nos. 23 and 24, with 3901 and 3887 votes respectively, while one of the Staffordshire lads secured the 18th vacancy with 4245 votes and the other came in last with 3813 votes. Cornwall placed its candidate third on the poll with 5087 votes, of which all but 38 were given at this election; while the youth from Northumberland and South Wales (E.D.), who had 794 votes in hand, came out 16th with a total of 4263. Durham and Bucks carried their candidate at the first attempt with 4139 votes, thereby securing for him the 20th place; the Lincolnshire boy was ninth with 4813 votes; the Worcestershire fourth with 4957; the Suffolk 19th with 4151 votes; and the Sussex lad 21st with 4123 votes. Kent sent up only one candidate who polled 4770 votes

and stood 11th when the day was over; while one of the two boys from West Lancashire won the 15th place with 4390 votes. Gloucestershire and N. and E. Yorkshire complete the list of Provincial successes, the boy hailing from the former being placed fifth with 4925 votes and that from the latter 22nd with 4097 votes. Of those that failed the Devonshire boy has been a candidate at five elections and will make his sixth attempt with 1819 votes to his credit, but the others for the most part obtained only a small amount of support, which, however, will be of service to them in April in every case but one, who was 17th on the list at starting and as he obtained only 870 votes for this, his last chance, his name will be removed on the ground that before next April comes round he will have exceeded the age of 11 years. He was one of two boys hailing from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and we regret that a stronger and successful effort was not made in his behalf. However, of the five who had only this chance of winning, the Essex boy was withdrawn, and three succeeded, so that only this unfortunate is left out in the cold. As regards the votes brought forward and issued, there were 7147 of the former, to which must be added 21 granted under Law 23, and 129,950 were issued, but of these only 123,593 passed the scrutineers, so that there were 6357 that were unused or spoiled, the total votes available being 137,118. There were, however, 256 votes that were polled for the Essex boy, whose name was withdrawn from the list, so that the number of unused or spoiled votes must be reduced to that extent. Thus it is clear from the figures we have given that the contest must have been far keener than usual.

#### ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.\*

The new instalment of the current volume of "Ars Quator Coronatorum" opens with two articles on "The Order of the Temple" and "Freemasonry in Greece," the former being from the pen of Bro. JOHN YARKER and the latter a contribution by Bro. NICHOLAS PHILON, the Grand Sec. General. Bro. YARKER'S paper in particular is well worth reading both from the views he expresses as to the connection between Masonic Templary and the old Order of the Temple, and from the information he affords respecting "the extinct 1805 system of the Order of the East." On the former question he writes thus: "Personally, I have always believed that our own degree of Templar had a genuine origin from the old Knights; and that it arose from some central Knightly Order ejected from their houses with their artisans. Such a lodge might continue to hold their own connection with the Knights, and when the two bodies of Templars and Freemasons came to consist pretty much of the same members, the Knightly Order sunk gradually to a Degree. In Bro. PHILON'S paper on Greek Masonry, we remark that he makes no reference to certain English lodges in the Ionian Islands, which were formerly under the protection of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, but are now part of the Kingdom of Greece. One of these lodges—Pythagoras, No. 447—was founded in 1837, and its warrant was not returned till 1894; while Lodge Star of the East, No. 880, Zante, is still on the register. It is difficult to imagine that these lodges exercised no influence on Freemasonry in Greece. But undoubtedly the most important of the papers contained in this Part 2 is that read by Bro. EDWARD ARMITAGE at the meeting on the 6th May on "ROBERT SAMBER." The labour involved in the compilation of such a treatise must have been very great. He appears to have carried his researches in order to make it as complete and as trustworthy as possible in almost every conceivable direction—whence he was likely to derive enlightenment. In the course of these researches he seems to have unearthed what Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY speaks of as an "important addition" to the "Masonic MSS. known to exist in the Bodleian Library." As to the general tendency of Bro. ARMITAGE'S work, it will suffice if we state that he inclines to the belief that ROBERT SAMBER was the author of the dedication to "Long Livers."

A long discussion followed the reading of the paper and several written comments by members were communicated by the Secretary, among those forwarding them being Bros. R. F. GOULD and CHETWODE CRAWLEY. Bro. EDWARD CONDER'S paper on "King Charles II. at the Royal Exchange, London, in 1667," is also a valuable contribution to the Transactions of the Lodge. The main point to which Bro. CONDER calls attention is as to whether ANDERSON'S statement in the 1723 and 1738 editions of the Book of Constitutions, that CHARLES II. was a Freemason, and the conclusion at which he arrives is in ANDERSON'S favour. The other contents include the W.M.'s Illustrations of the Hidden Mysteries of Nature and Science, Nos. III. and IV., the former treating of "The Lives of the Atoms" and the latter of "Light," but as these have already appeared in our columns there is no need for us to speak of them at length. There are also the usual Notes and Queries, Reviews, and other matter, with a brief but interesting account of the Summer outing to York, for which the worthy Secretary, Bro. SPETH, is no doubt responsible. There are also several illustrations of jewels, &c., which lend additional interest to the Part.

#### INSTALLATION OF LORD WANTAGE, V.C., K.C.B., AS PROV. GRAND MASTER OF BERKSHIRE.

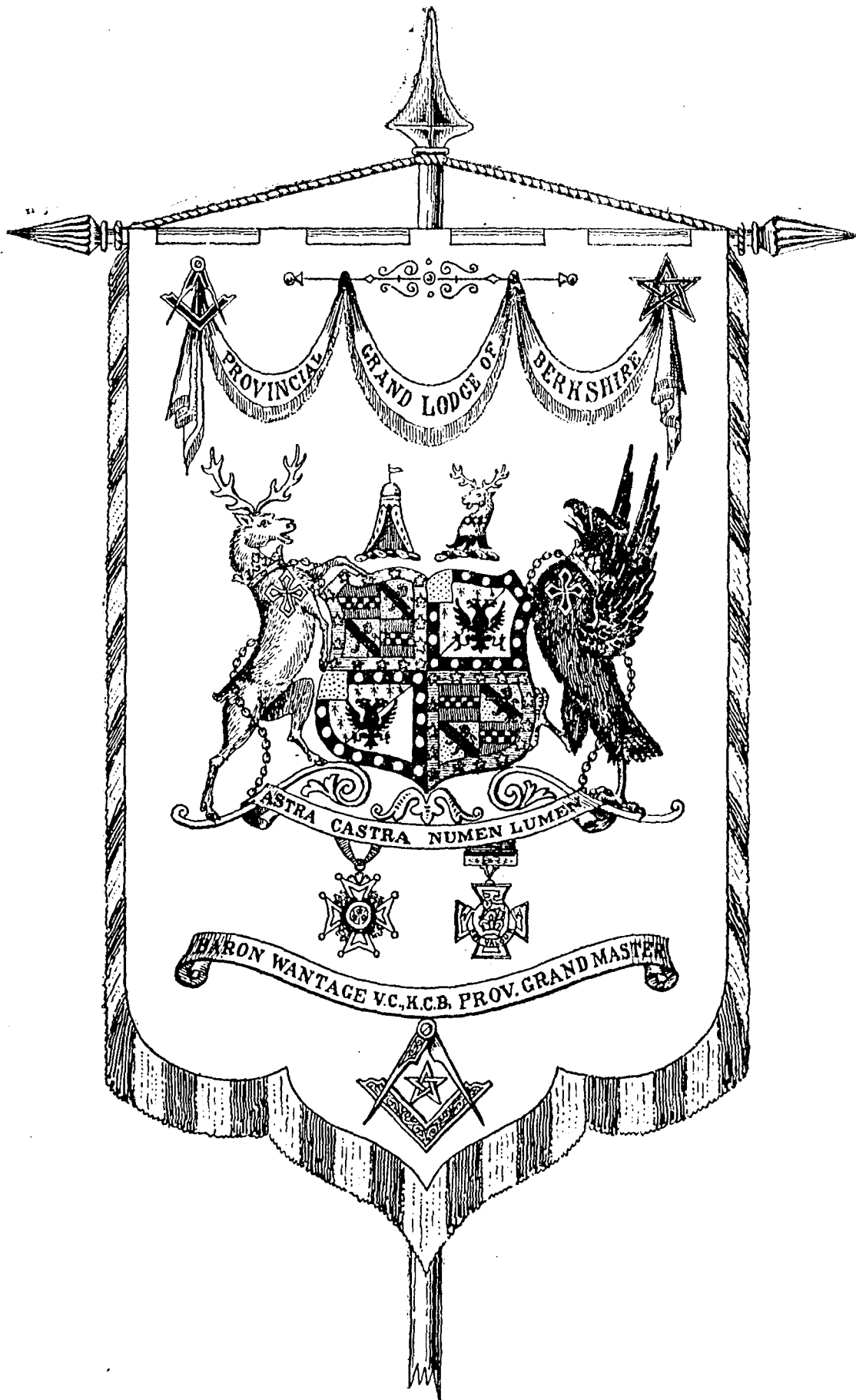
At the Town Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 14th instant, there was an unusually large and influential assemblage of brethren from different parts of the country to witness the installation of Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, as Provincial Grand Master. In 1890 the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale was appointed to rule over this province on its separation from Buckinghamshire, being installed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; but since his death the post has remained vacant, and in the interim the duties have been discharged by Bro. John Thornhill Morland, Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Earl Amherst, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of Kent—an old Army comrade of the new Provincial Grand Master, both noblemen having served in the Guards through the Crimean Campaign.

Among the brethren also present were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts; John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, acting G.D.C.; Jas. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; A. K. Loyd, Q.C., M.P., Chas. E. Keyser, P.G.D., and about 250 other brethren.

In the course of his address at the banquet, Bro. Lord WANTAGE said his predecessor in that high office was the late Duke of Clarence, who held the position for only too brief a period, and whose premature death was a source of deep regret and grief to the whole fraternity of Freemasons, not only in Berkshire, but throughout the country. (Hear, hear.) Out of respect for the memory of the young Prince, the office remained for some time unfilled, and he deemed it a special honour and privilege to have been now selected by the Prince of Wales to be the successor of the beloved son of his Royal Highness in this important post. He first joined the Fraternity at the period immediately preceding the Crimean War, when men's minds were turned to the serious import of the movement taking place in the East, and to the great political and military disturbances that were impending. The serious functions of Freemasonry impressed themselves strongly on those who were about to take an active part in the forthcoming war, and many officers and non-commissioned officers were constituted Freemasons, and a strong lodge was formed at Malta, where her Majesty's troops were then gathering for the Eastern campaign. It was there that he, with other young officers of the Guards, was introduced to Masonry by Bro. Studholme Brownrigg, then Acting Adjutant-General of the garrison. Although he was thus a Mason of some standing in point of years, other absorbing interests and avocations in life had prevented his being hitherto more than a humble member of the Craft, and it had required some courage on his part to undertake at his age, now somewhat advanced, the responsibilities attached to the office of Prov. Grand Master. Were it not for his deference to the wishes of the Prince of Wales, and his affection to the county of Berks, and to the brethren who belonged to the Craft in that province, he should have greatly hesitated to assume the duties of this position—duties which could not be regarded as otherwise than onerous—and he must trust to the indulgence of the brethren for any shortcomings on his part. He was fully alive to the great and beneficent part which the ancient Institution of Freemasonry had for so many centuries played in the affairs of life. In most of them, himself included, there existed a desire to measure the importance of movements, or of institutions, by the practical effects that resulted from them, and there not unfrequently occurred to many of them, the question as to what extent Freemasonry could be measured by such a standard. In reply to such inquiries, he would state that it was his lot in early life to be first interested in Masonry by an event that happened to his father, the late General Lindsay, when serving in the Walcheren Campaign in 1809. He was shot through the leg, and, being quite disabled, he fell into the hands of the enemy; but no sooner was he carried from the field of battle than he discovered that his captor was a brother Freemason, who, true to the traditions of the Craft, like the Good Samaritan, dressed wounds, carried him into his own house and took charge of him until the time of release, defraying all costs, without any security for repayment. (Cheers.) To turn to larger issues and more recent times—a striking instance of the influence exercised even now by Freemasonry on the course of events came before them on the testimony of one who was evidently not a friend of the Craft. In a book which is at this moment exciting great interest they learnt that during the siege of Paris in 1870 the great German statesman, Bismarck, complained bitterly of the pressure of certain influences which thwarted his uncompromising and Philistine course of policy, and frustrated the carrying

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BANNER PRESENTED TO THE PROVINCE OF BERKSHIRE BY BRO. BARON WANTAGE, V.C., K.C.B., &c.,  
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

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out of his intentions of bombarding the city of Paris. What were those influences? Prince Bismarck himself told them Freemasonry played a leading part among the influences which worked against him in secret, and were yet so powerful. Here was a matter of the highest importance, affecting all that civilization held dear, and the saving, not only of the lives of non-combatants, but of the monuments of architecture and the treasures of art which adorn the great capital of France, and the destruction of which would be a world-wide calamity and a blot on our humanity and on modern civilization. (Cheers.) He did not enter into the question of how this matter was to be regarded from the point of view of the statesman or the soldier, nor did he venture any opinion as to how far such intervention was justifiable or desirable. He only gave it as an instance of the vitality and power of influence possessed by the brethren of the Craft, and of their desire to use that influence to mitigate the suffering and destruction that belonged to war. (Cheers.) It was well that in the stern arena of politics a reminder should sometimes be felt of the existence of forces that recognised in practice the law of universal brotherhood. (Cheers.) But the ordinary functions of Freemasonry did not deal with questions of such magnitude. They devoted themselves chiefly to endeavouring to carry out their principles of brotherly love and good will by means of hospitals, schools, and such like benevolent institutions, and in this sphere of work their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, led the way by his indefatigable exertions in carrying out these objects of the Craft. (Cheers.) The brethren assembled in that room had fresh in their recollection the magnificent gathering which took place in London in the month of June last, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, when over £100,000 was raised for charitable objects connected with Freemasonry, Bro. Keyser, whom they were all happy to see among them that evening, contributing the noble sum of £5000. (Cheers.) Lord Wantage went on to say that it did not become him in taking up his new duties, nor was he able to say much about the work done by brother Masons, but among those present that evening was one who had borne the burden and heat of the day, and of whom he could not refrain from speaking. He alluded to Bro. Morland (loud cheers), who in the interval that elapsed between the death of their late Grand Master, the Duke of Clarence, and his appointment filled the office of Deputy Grand Master, and whose admirable and judicious management of the province left nothing to be desired. (Cheers.) To his old friend and comrade Lord Amherst, with whom he had served on less peaceful duties, he desired to express his sincere thanks for installing him into office that day, and for the handsome things he had been good enough to say with regard to himself. In conclusion, let him say it would be his pride and pleasure to do his best to serve them in the Province of Berkshire, with which he had so many friendly and even affectionate ties, as far as his health and strength would permit. (Loud cheers.)

The insignia worn was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual convocation was held at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Thursday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Grand Superintendent, there being a fairly good attendance of companions. The entertaining chapter was the James Terry, No. 2372, which held its meeting for the installation of Principals and investiture of officers earlier in the afternoon.

Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and Chapters was called, and Comp. F. Sumner Knyvett having been unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Grand Superintendent invested the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Comp. Geo. E. Lake, P.Z. 404	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Brittain, P.Z. 1385	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Chas. Bullock, M.E.Z. 404	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Wm. Metcalfe, P.Z. 2372	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" F. Sumner Knyvett, P.Z. 404	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. D. Stuart Sim, P.Z. 404	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. H. Norris, P.Z. 403	...	...	Prov. Prin. Soj.
" G. Haynes, P.Z. 1479	...	...	Prov. 1st A.S.
" W. P. Warren, M.E.Z. 2372	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.S.
" E. D. Agnew, H. 409	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. M. Bilby, P.Z. 2372	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" James Terry, P.Z. 1385	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. A. Sproat, P.Z. ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thos. Wright, Janitor 403	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of account for the past year, as audited in June last, was presented and adopted, and on the motion of Comp. KNYVETT the sum of £5 was voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter to the James Terry Chapter towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Chapter.

Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the companions dined together under the presidency of their respected Grand Superintendent.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall, North Shields, Comp. the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Grand Superintendent, presiding. There was a large gathering of companions amongst whom were the following—

Comps. Canon Walker, P.G.H.; J. A. Forbes, P.G.J.; Thos. Purvis, P.G.S.E.; T. R. Short, P.G.S.N.; T. J. Armstrong, P.G. Reg.; Jas. Shaw, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Straker Wilson, as P.G.D.C.; Jacob Barker, P.G.S.B., as P.G. Org.; Chas. Pullman, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Cartmell Ridley, P.P.G.H.; J. Gibson Youll, P.P.G.H.; John Spearman, P.P.G.H.; Thos. Blenkinsop, P.P.G.H.; George Blair, P.P.G.S.N.; A. T. Aitchison, P.P.G.S.N.; John Calvert, P.P.G. Std. Br.; M. J. Cohen, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and A. Mustart, P.P.A.G.S.; also Comps. C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.G.H., John T. Wilson, P.G.J., R. H. Holme, P.G.S.N., and D. Cameron, P.G. Reg., of Durham.

A new chapter, named after the late G. Superintendent of Northumberland, Comp. Col. Addison Potter, was consecrated by the Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. Rev. Canon Walker, P.G.H.; J. A. Forbes, P.G.J.; T. Purvis, P.G.S.E.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.H., as D.C.; and J. Barker, P.G.S.B., Musical Director.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in the course of his address to the companions, expressed his regret at the retirement from active service of Comp. George Spain, P.P.G.H., who had served the offices of President of the Fund Committee and P.G.D.C. for 11 years, and then congratulated the members of Prov. Grand Chapter on the continued growth of Royal Arch Masonry, as was shown by an increase of something like 36 members during the year. There had been, so far as he was aware, no discordant element throughout the province during the past year, which was a matter of great satisfaction. He was glad that the first chapter he had had the privilege of consecrating had been named after so eminent a Mason as the late Comp. Addison Potter, who rendered great service to the Province of Northumberland.

Comp. G. E. Macarthy, P.P.G.H., was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Comps. H. Gibson	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. Weddell	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Thomas Purvis	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. G. Cole	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. E. Macarthy	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. J. Armstrong	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Calvert	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" M. J. Cohen	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. R. D. Lynn	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" John Watson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Appleby	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Straker Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. H. Reay	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Thos. Pickering	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. A. Stelling	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. Curry	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The following were appointed officers of the new chapter: Comps. G. Blair, M.E.Z.; F. W. Sykes, H.; A. P. Farthing, J.; G. Foster, S.E.; H. Forster, S.N.; J. Reed, P.S.; A. Scott, 1st A.S.; J. G. Wadland, 2nd A.S.; and J. Hammond, P.Z., Treas.

The next annual convocation was fixed to be held at Wallsend, and the principals of the Tyne Chapter were charged with making the necessary arrangements.

The annual banquet was held in the Masonic Hall in the evening.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting was held at the London Tavern, E.C., on the 14th inst. Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M., was supported by Bro. W. M. Stiles, G.T., Prov. G.T., as Dep. P.G.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.W., as Prov. S.G.W.; Geo. Graveley, Prov. J.G.W.; R. A. B. Preston, P.G.O.; A. Stewart Brown, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. W. Russell Finlay, Prov. G. Chap.; Frank Sheffield, Prov. G.S.B.; Capt. C. J. Knightley, Prov. G.D.C.; Geo. Thomas, P.P.G.S.B.; Millner Jutsum, P.P.G. Reg.; A. H. Scurrah, P.G. Stwd.; M. Christian P.S.G.D.; Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.G.S.; C. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S.; Lt.-Gen. Astley Terry, W.M. 448; L. Mieville, A. Clark, S.W. 448; Spencer Morris, P.M. 3; J. C. F. Tower, S.W.; B. A. Smith, P.M. 19; F. G. Ivey, W.M. 3; E. Nash, M.O. 504; Jas. Irvine, J.W. 469; A. Collins, S.W.; J. Taylor, S.W.; L. Danielson, J.O. 485; and many others.

Prov. G. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was adopted, showing that the number of members in the province had been maintained, and that there was a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer, notwithstanding a donation of 25 guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. W. M. Stiles was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and the roll of lodges was called, there being two unrepresented.

The following Prov. G. Officers were appointed:

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., 504, P.G.W.	D.P.G.M.
" H. R. Graham, M.P., 494	Prov. S.G.W.
" Spencer W. Morris, 3	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. Bradford, 284	Prov. G.M.O.
" Cuthbert Wilkinson, 357	Prov. G.S.O.
" Major F. Sheffield, 284	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. W. Russell Finlay, 448	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. M. Stiles, G.T., 494	Prov. G. Treas.
" Edward Nash, 504	Prov. G. Reg.
" Alex. Stewart Brown, 448, P.G.D.	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Taylor, 173	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. G. Ivey, 3	Prov. J.G.D.
" Henry Longman, 494	Prov. G.I. of Wks.
" Capt. C. J. Knightley, 284, P.G.S.B.	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Bigg, 350	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Major-Gen. Astley Terry, 448	Prov. G.S.B.
" L. Mieville, 504	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Bayne, 485	Prov. G. Org.
" F. G. Webster, 350	Prov. G.I.G.
" Mitchell	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Dr. STEWART BROWN, Prov. G. Sec., in proposing that the present Prov. G.M. be recommended to Mark Grand Lodge for re-appointment, said that Bro. Col. Cook had done good and true service not only to the province but to Mark Masonry in general, by taking the chair at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival and exceeding the amount previously collected. The Province of Middlesex should consider itself exceedingly fortunate and happy in having a Prov. G. Master who took such a deep interest in Mark Masonry.

Bro. W. M. STILES, Prov. G. Treas., seconded the proposition which was unanimously carried.



Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, Prov. G.M., thanked the brethren very much for this re-acted confidence they proposed to place in him, and if it should please the Grand Master to re-appoint him, he could only assure them that he would do the best he could in the future as he had done in the past. The fact had already been alluded to that since they met last year their province exceeded everything that had been done before for the Mark Benevolent Fund and he need not say how proud he was. He took this opportunity of thanking them all in the province for their hearty support. He was glad to say that this year the province was not far behind in its contributions. The Province of Middlesex was going on in a satisfactory way. Unfortunately, he had not been well and on this account had given himself a rest from visiting the lodges as frequently as he had in the past. He was now better and hoped to visit them as frequently as formerly. He had been asked to lay a foundation stone with Mark Masonic honours, but found there was no precedent for such a thing. It was, in fact, decided some years ago that Mark Master Masons should not lay stones with Mark honours. There was, however, a custom in other countries for Mark Masons, when the building was sufficiently far advanced, to adjust the key stone of an arch. In the spring of next year such an arch would be built in connection with a building in the Province of Middlesex and the brethren would have an opportunity, for the first time in England, of witnessing that ceremony. He thought it would be in April or May and he hoped he should be well supported by his officers.

A Committee of General Purposes was elected, letters of regret for non-attendance were read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Dinner was then served, the worthy host having made every arrangement possible for the comfort of the brethren.

The customary toasts were afterwards appropriately honoured.

Bro. W. M. STILES, G. Treas., having replied for "The Grand Officers" in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master." He said the Prov. G.M. had alluded to the presence at their last meeting of the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M., which was doubtless attributable to the fact that Bro. Col. Cook was about to take the chair for the Mark Benevolent Fund. They were glad to support the Prov. G.M., knowing the services he had rendered to the province in the past. He regretted exceedingly that Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, the Dep. P.G.M., was not present to propose that toast in his usual genial way, but it afforded him the greatest pleasure to submit the toast of so true a friend and so courteous a gentleman as Bro. Colonel Cook. They had deeply deplored the fact of Colonel Cook's recent illness, and now could express their pleasure at seeing him present again.

Bro. Colonel A. B. COOK, Prov. Grand Master, in his response, said that probably one of the pleasures of being ill was the pleasure of getting better. He appreciated the kindly feelings with which they had received him on his return. He had not much to say to them, having addressed them in the lodge. He would again thank them for the compliment paid him in proposing his re-appointment. As far as the Mark Benevolent Fund was concerned, he was not like Lord Euston, who had said that he would take the chair again if his record was beaten. It was no disgrace for anyone to preside one year and be beaten in the total next. His next duty was to propose "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers." Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, the D.P.G.M., was a busy man and had offered to attend their meeting and then go on to another place. Knowing his regular attendance at the Committee meetings they would excuse his absence. He (the Prov. G.M.) hoped that next year the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at its usual time in the year. He was obliged to those brethren who had accepted Grand Office for the year and hoped they would be in their places should the interesting ceremony he had referred to take place.

Bro. SPENCER MORRIS, Prov. J.G.W., replied, after which Bro. Dr. STEWART BROWN, Prov. G. Sec., gave "The W.Ms. of Lodges in the Province," which was responded to by Bro. MILLNER JUTSON.

Bro. G. GRAVELEY answered for "The Mark Benevolent Fund," after which the Tyler gave the concluding toast.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 2709, AT NAILSWORTH.

The little town of Nailsworth, in the Stroud Valley, was the scene, on Thursday, the 6th inst., of two interesting Masonic ceremonies. The first had an especial interest for members of the Craft, it being the consecration of a new Freemasons' lodge; and the second had importance from a more public point of view, the laying of a foundation stone of a new parish church, apart from the novelty of a Masonic ritual, marking an important step in the effort to provide much-needed church accommodation for the township. In honour of this latter event and of the visit of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the distinguished Masons who accompanied him, the little town was gaily decorated with flags and flowers and may be said to have been *en fête*. Decoration was certainly not necessary to make Nailsworth pretty; it scarcely added to its picturesqueness; but the many coloured bunting gave a bright gala appearance to the scene and showed that the people were in sympathy with the occasion.

The name of the new lodge is the Royal York, and it is No. 2709 on the roll of Grand Lodge. It is the 17th lodge under the banner of the Province of Gloucestershire. The lodges of Gloucestershire were formed into a province in the year 1850, there being then only five lodges in the county. Of these the Lodge Foundation is by far the oldest. It was founded, it is said, in Cheltenham, in the year 1753, though moved the same year to Burton's Coffee House, in London, whence, after one or two other changes in the interval, it returned to Cheltenham in the year 1817. It is now No. 82, but while it takes precedence on the roll of Grand Lodge, it has two senior to it on the roll of the province, the Lodge Faith and Friendship, having been transferred to Berkeley in the year 1802, and the Lodge Royal Union, No. 246, having been founded at Cirencester in 1811 and removed to Cheltenham seven years later. The Lodge Lebanon was founded on the ashes of an older lodge at Gloucester in 1811 and the Lodge Cotswold was started at Cirencester in 1851. These were the lodges existing in 1856. Since that date no less than 12 lodges have been added to the roll, and three of these have been founded since the year 1890, and since the

present Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, succeeded the late Bro. Lord Sherborne as ruler of the province. These are the Lodge Hicks-Beach, No. 2407, founded at Stroud in 1891, the St. Andrew, warranted at Avonmouth in 1824, and the Lodge Royal York so successfully inaugurated on Thursday.

The consecration ceremony commenced at 11.30, the schoolroom in which the proceedings took place being crowded. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., was the Presiding Officer, the various offices being filled by the Prov. Grand Officers as follows: Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M.; A. Baker, S.W.; S. W. Hadington, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Morris, Chap.; F. Hannam Clark, Reg.; James Bruton, Treas.; J. B. Winterbotham, Sec.; E. W. Prevost, S.D.; F. H. Sare, J.D.; W. H. Godby, Supt. of Works; Conway Jones, D. of C.; L. Pullin, S.B.; A. F. Bailey and P. A. Pike, Std. Brs.; H. Rogers, Org.; Llewellyn Evans, Asst. Sec.; W. C. Ferris, Purst.; H. C. Bailie and C. C. Moore, Stewards; and W. Window, Tyler.

The ceremony observed was strictly in accordance with the prescribed ritual, and was admirably performed.

Bro. the Rev. F. W. MORRIS, Prov. G.C., delivered an eloquent address on Freemasonry.

The lodge was furnished by Bros. George Kenning and Son, Little Britain, London, E.C.

### CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF LIGHT, No. 2721.

The Lodge of Light, No. 2721, a new lodge for the London District, was consecrated on the 14th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, by Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec. Assisting him were Bros. Sir John Braddick Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B., as I.G. The Founders of the lodge, all of whom attended, were Bros. George Inskipp, Ross Robinson, W. R. Barr, E. E. Newnham, J. M. Klempner, A. E. Pridmore, C.C.; J. T. Sweet, Frank Davies, W. H. Parker, D. R. Milch, J. S. Hall, Horace W. Harrison, Edward Pope, Walter Chapman, A. P. Craddock, E. Kalla, H. K. Paxton, Harry Meredith, and Joseph Simpson.

Amongst other brethren present were Bros. W. A. Bell, P.J.G.W. Scotland; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; the Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar, W. A. Parker, P.P.G.S. of W. Stafford; and G. F. Smith, P.G. Org. Bro. T. C. Edmonds acted as Tyler.

The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. George Smith, P.G. Org.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. LETCHWORTH said: Brethren, it is not necessary that I should occupy your time for many moments by any words of my own on the present occasion. We are gathered together, as you all well know, for the purpose of starting a new lodge, and adding one more to the long list of lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The lodge we are about to constitute this evening will be known hereafter as the Lodge of Light, a singularly appropriate title, and I venture to hope that this lodge may have before it a career of great usefulness, and be the means of advancing the best interests of Freemasonry in the Metropolis. Brethren, this lodge, like all other lodges, is about to be dedicated to the service of God, and therefore I will call upon the Rev. Brother the Chaplain to give us the benefit of prayer.

The CHAPLAIN having offered prayer the ceremony proceeded, and the Rev. Brother then delivered the oration which he commenced by referring to the appropriateness of the title "Lodge of Light," light being the predominant wish of the heart of a Freemason. They were about to consecrate this lodge that its members might shine as lights in the world, and display virtues of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Masonry did not assert that these were the only virtues which went to make perfect light, but they guided on to something they might grasp. The virtues were to be found in the Volume of the Sacred Law which was to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. The lights of brotherly love, relief, and truth were lights which went to make up the light of Heaven; blend them with other lights that came from other sources and they would get nearer to the Great Light. This lodge would have to let its light shine not only in the lodge but out of it. It must be distinguished for its working; but in a certain way Masonry was judged from without as well as from within. It would be watched by the outer world, and therefore let their light shine before men so that their lodge might take its place among the best of the lodges. It took upon it a great responsibility; therefore its light must radiate to the world around. He besought them to support the great Charities of Masonry and show the world what the true character of Freemasonry was.

After the lodge had been duly consecrated, dedicated, and constituted, the patriarchal benediction was pronounced, and Bro. J. M. Klempner was installed as the first W.M. of the lodge. Bro. A. E. Pridmore, P.M., was invested to act as I.P.M.

The remaining officers were as follows: Bros. J. T. Sweet, S.W.; F. Davies, J.W.; W. R. Barr, Treas.; W. H. Parker, Sec.; D. R. Milch, S.D.; Ross Robinson, J.D.; H. Williamson, I.G.; G. Inskipp, D.C.; J. S. Hall, A.D.C.; Edward Pope, Steward; and T. C. Edmonds, Tyler.

A Committee, consisting of the W.M., the I.P.M., the S.W., the J.W., the Treasurer, and the Secretary, was elected to frame the by-laws, names of numerous candidates for initiation and joining were proposed and seconded, and a vote of thanks, with the honorary membership of the lodge, was unanimously conferred upon the Consecrating Officers, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the acting I.P.M.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH acknowledged the compliment, and the lodge was then closed.

An exceptionally choice banquet followed, and the usual consecration toasts were honoured, the speeches being enlivened with a beautiful musical entertainment under the Past Grand Organist, Bro. George F. Smith's direction.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., responded to the toast which includes "The Grand Officers," and in doing so informed the brethren that the consecration ceremony had never been better performed than it had been that day by the Grand Secretary. The W.M., too, was to the manner born and did his work right well. Although the lodge was the Lodge of Light,

he did not think its work would be light judging from the number of propositions for initiation. Now was the most interesting time of the year for Masons on account of the Charity elections. He was glad to see the polling was high because it showed the subscriptions were good and that the interest in the Institutions was undying. He was glad to hear that the W.M. was going to be Steward for the Girls' School. The present year had been a grand year for the Boys. It was a very good beginning for the Lodge of Light that the W.M. was going to be a Steward, and he hoped the brethren would give him a good send-off.

Bro. J. M. KLEMPNER, W.M., proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said it had been quite his intention to make a most elaborate speech in his own way on the subject, but, whatever he had wanted to say, Bro. Sir John Monckton had taken the wind out of his sails. There was one thing they could not get away from—the ceremony they had taken part in that afternoon was most striking and beautiful. (Hear, hear.) It had been his fortune to be present at other consecrations performed by Bro. Letchworth, but he might inform the brethren that on this occasion Bro. Letchworth was at his best. Whenever he (the W.M.) listened to the ceremony he was most deeply impressed. Bro. Letchworth was assisted by some of the most prominent Masons, and the lodge owed all of them its hearty thanks for the very excellent way the ceremonies had been carried out by them.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in acknowledging the toast, said it had afforded one and all of the Grand Officers the greatest possible pleasure to be there that evening, and to assist in starting the existence of a new lodge, of which he felt confident there was a great future before it. It had been begun under the most favourable auspices, and he was sure under the able rule of Bro. Klempler it would not fail to be a great accession to the lodges of the Metropolis. He sincerely trusted the lodge would have before it a very prosperous and a very happy future. He would now propose "The Health of the W.M.," the brother he had had the great honour to install that evening. He most heartily congratulated the lodge on having for its first Master a brother of such experience, and one who had shown how well he was able to discharge the duties of the chair, and under whose skilful and genial rule the lodge could not do otherwise than prosper. He was sure all the brethren wished Bro. Klempler a most happy and prosperous year of office; he was certain it would be a great success.

Bro. J. M. KLEMPNER, W.M., in responding, said: Let me, first of all, express my heartfelt thanks to our brother Grand Secretary for the very flattering way he proposed the toast of my health, and also you for the very cordial manner in which you have accepted the same. I feel very proud to be placed by you in this exceedingly high and honourable position. I shall do my best to make this lodge a success. (Hear, hear, and "We shall all help you.") I am sure it will not be for the want of the assistance of the founders if it is not. I intend to make this not only a Lodge of Light, but a lodge of light and leading. You will accept these very few words; again accept my very cordial thanks for the way you have drunk my health. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. H. BELL, P.J.G.W. Scotland, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said this was the first time he had had the privilege of attending an English lodge, and it was a great satisfaction to him to have been at such an important function as the consecration of one. The ceremony of consecration of this new lodge had impressed him greatly; he had seen nothing in the north to surpass it, and he should carry away with him the strongest, deepest, and most pleasant recollection of the evening he had spent in the English brethren's midst.

Bros. J. TOLLWORTHY, P.M. 2625, and E. WINTERBOTTOM, also responded.

Bros. W. H. PARKER and W. R. BARR respectively responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

"The Officers" having duly responded, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

There was a large attendance of brethren at the half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., in the Town Hall, Huddersfield, under the banner of the Truth Lodge, No. 521. The P.G.M., Bro. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., J.P., presided, supported by the following officers of Provincial Grand Lodge:

Bros. J. D. Kay, 289, P.S.G.W.; W. Watson, 61, acting P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. H. Stanfield, 1221, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Maxon Walton, 307, P.G. Chap.; G. F. Longden, 2268, P.G. Treas.; A. H. J. Fletcher, 275, P.G. Reg.; H. G. E. Green, 1019, P.G. Sec.; P. B. Coward, 904, P.S.G.D.; V. G. S. Dearden, 2263, P.S.G.D.; W. D. Shoebridge, 448, P.S.G.D.; W. W. Clayton, 1311, P.J.G.D.; W. O. Hinchliff, 1018, P.J.G.D.; B. Stocks, 2035, P.G.S. of W.; W. P. Raynor, 290, P.G.D.C.; G. Hesketh, 1462, P.D.G.D.C.; W. Nutt, 1545, P.A.G.D.C.; J. R. Mellor, 652, P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Tanner, 337, P.G.S.B.; H. Beaumont, 1301, P.G.S.B.; J. J. Green, 1283, P.G.S.B.; J. N. Hardy, 495, P.G. Org.; J. R. Barton, 306, P.A.G. Sec.; W. Butterworth, 1302, P.A.G. Purst.; W. Crowther, 1645, A. Holmes, 1522, J. J. Parker, 264, W. Greenwood, 439, and J. P. Hewitt, 1239, P.G. Stwds.; T. Leighton, 139, P.G. Tyler; and T. Chester, 904, P.A.G. Tyler.

The eight Sheffield lodges were represented, and on the calling of the roll, only six lodges of the province failed to answer.

Among the apologies for absence one was from Bro. Henry Smith, P.D.P.G.M., whose detention in London on Masonic business prevented his attendance at Provincial Grand Lodge for the first time for 30 years.

The minutes of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Sheffield on April 6th, having been confirmed,

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. LAWIES JACKSON, delivered his customary address. Having alluded to the absence of Bro. George Franklin, Prov. J.G.W., Lord Mayor of Sheffield, who would have been present but for the meeting of the City Council, the Prov. G. Master expressed his sense of obligation to the Mayor of Huddersfield, Bro. W. H. Jessop, and to the W.M. and members of the Lodge of Truth for their hospitality. Huddersfield was, he said, interesting from a Masonic point of view. In no part of the province was displayed greater zeal, better order and regularity, and a keener sense of generosity and hospitality. This was the twelfth time within the last 25 years that Prov. Grand Lodge had met there. Huddersfield had the honour of initiating into Freemasonry the Marquis of Ripon, who acted as Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, and

subsequently as Grand Master of England, and though that nobleman for reasons which he felt overpowering, had seen fit to secede from Masonry, Huddersfield had supplied many distinguished members of the Order. Alluding to the celebration of the Centenary of the Boys' Institution, the Prov. G. Master alluded to the fact that the occasion, on which the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales presided, constituted a record in Masonic charity, the brethren contributing the enormous sum of £134,000. If any doubt existed amongst the ignorant as to the charitable sympathies of the Order, that contribution, he contended, was sufficient answer. The Province of West Yorkshire contributed the sum of £6110, the largest amount ever subscribed by a single province to any single charity, and eclipsing the previous record of West Lancashire, which, some years previously, gave £6025 to the same institution. The amount contributed, in his opinion, spoke volumes for the generosity of the brethren of West Yorkshire. This contribution had largely increased the voting power of the province, which now stood far ahead in influence at elections, the result of many years' careful and systematic work. The Prov. G.M. referred in sympathetic terms to the accident which had befallen the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and expressed his gratification at his ability to announce, on the authority of one who had it from the Prince's own lips, that his Royal Highness was making good progress, and was already enabled to use the injured limb with some amount of success. After brief allusions to several matters of purely Masonic interest, the Prov. G.M. stated that in accordance with the general feeling to which expression was given at Prov. Grand Lodge at Shipley a year ago, the offices of the Secretary and Librarian had been removed from Wakefield to Leeds. The important question of providing a central home for the Province of Leeds, in the shape of a Masonic Hall, with provision for the Prov. Grand Officers, had been considered by a Special Committee, which he appointed some time ago, and a proposition would be submitted to that meeting for the approbation of the province generally. The opinion appeared to prevail that it was desirable to obtain suitable head-quarters, and no place could be better than Leeds, with its easy accessibility from every part of the province.

The PROV. G. REGISTRAR read the report of this special committee, which stated that a site for a Masonic Hall and suitable offices had been provisionally acquired, at a cost of £10,000, having an area of 1397 square yards, and possessing frontages to Park-lane, Park-street, and Oxford-street, Leeds.

Bros. RICHARD JACKSON and THOMAS WYNN spoke in favour of the suggested scheme, and

Bro. J. COOPER MALCOLM, D.P.G.M., proposed—"That the report received be adopted, and that the special committee be re-appointed, with power to add to their number, to draw up a scheme for the utilisation of the site, and to lay the same before a future meeting."

Bro. W. H. JESSOP (Mayor of Huddersfield) seconded, and the proposition was carried with only one dissident.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, submitted the half-yearly report. He detailed the work accomplished, and congratulated the brethren on the eminently satisfactory position of the province as regarded the three great Masonic Institutions. A new record had been established by the recent election of two aged Freemasons and three widows at a cost of 26,256 votes, a total not likely to be eclipsed by any other province, or rivalled even by West Yorkshire, for many years to come. There was no special appeal to make to the brethren at present, though shortly there might arise the occasion to invite the brethren to rally to the support of the Prov. Grand Master in connection with one of the great Charitable Institutions. The newly-established West Yorkshire Benevolent and Educational Fund was in a flourishing condition. A large amount had been subscribed, and there had as yet been no claim upon it. Several claims were, however, pending, and Bro. Lupton, in conclusion, urged upon the brethren the desirability of a continuance of hearty support of the Charities, instancing particularly the West Yorkshire Fund and the Institution for Girls.

There being no other business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

A banquet, which was attended by a large number of those present at the meeting, was subsequently served at the Freemasons' Hall.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, presided in the absence of Bro. J. H. Matthews, President. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., held the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bro. Wm. Lake, A.G. Sec., Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and Bro. Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The Board was numerously attended. The brethren first confirmed two grants of £30 each, which the Grand Master was recommended at the September meeting to sanction, and the Board afterwards dealt with 32 new cases, which were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Alexandria, Cape Town, Hertford, Hampton Court, Uxbridge, Bangor, Sunderland, Hadleigh, Jarrow, Aylesbury, Kingsbridge, Lewes, Bristol, Jhansi, Aldershot, Risca, and Meltham.

Of this list two cases in it were deferred, and one was dismissed. A total of £725 was voted to the remainder in sums of £5, £10, £20, £30, £40, and £50.

Grand Lodge was recommended to sanction three grants of £50 each and the Grand Master was recommended to approve of a grant of £40 in each of five cases, and of £30 in each of four cases. The sum of £20 was voted in nine cases, £10 in seven cases, and £5 in one case.

### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1648.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. N. WOODCOCK, W.M.

On Friday evening, the 14th instant, the above lodge held their annual ladies' night, at Freemasons' Hall, Bradford, which was attended by about 30 of the brethren and their wives, who sat down to a most excellent dinner. An interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation by the brethren to Bro. C. N. Woodcock, W.M., of a silver cradle, to commemorate the birth of a son during his year of office.

The presentation was made by Bro. the Rev. JAMES BROWNE, Chaplain to the lodge, who, in a very impressive speech, handed the cradle to the W.M.

Bro. WOODSTOCK responded in a feeling and appropriate manner.

The cradle, which is of solid silver and a beautiful work of art, was handed round for inspection, and was greatly admired.

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man of the Board of Management, in the chair, a Ballot took  
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44 Candidates, the following being declared

SUCCESSFUL:

No. on Poll.		Votes.
1	Wilkes, Charles Washington	6164
2	Chapman, Harry Frank	5176
3	Dale, Wellington Trevelyan (last)	5087
4	Blundell, Harry Scarlett	4957
5	Holman, Ernest Chandos	4925
6	Delahaye, William Arthur	4896
7	Richardson, William Cecil	4837
8	Smith, Cyril Norman	4831
9	Read, William Farrow	4813
10	Lapham, Frederick George	4802
11	Stutely, Edward Horace (last)	4770
12	Lomer, Heinrich John (last)	4675
13	Collins, Thomas	4587
14	Evans, Elliott Alfred	4470
15	Powell, Thomas Malcolm Lennox	4390
16	Cay, Elliot	4263
17	Taylor, Ben Harold Yabsley	4249
18	Slaney, William Taylor	4245
19	Brewer, Frank	4151
20	Phillips, Lewis Reginald	4139
21	Flint, Oscar	4123
22	Hewitt, Lelean McNeill	4097
23	Sankey, George Geoffrey	3901
24	Prince, Herbert	3887
25	Edridge, William Herbert	3855
26	Fulford-Brown, Norman	3813

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## Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1898.

It is easier to imagine than describe the pleasure which our West Lancashire brethren must have experienced at the recent meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge when they found their respected chief—the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M.—once again occupying his old familiar place and conducting their proceedings with his accustomed firmness and geniality. Their pleasure, too, must have been enhanced when they realised that the occasion had been selected to present his lordship with a silver bowl and flower vases in commemoration of his 25 years' service as their Prov. Grand Master, and as a mark of the love and esteem in which he is held, not only in his own particular Province, but also throughout the whole jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. There is, indeed, no grander specimen existent of the perfect English Freemason than the Earl of Lathom, and we sincerely trust that the G.A.O.T.U. may prolong his life, so that for many years to come he may remain what he has been during the whole of his Masonic career—one of the ablest, kindest, and most genial members of our English Craft.

A very successful gathering was that which was held the other day at Southport under the presidency of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool—Bro. John Houlding, S.G. Deacon of England—in aid of the Alpass Benevolent Institution. This is one of the four Institutions which the brethren of West Lancashire have established for local purposes; the income of the Alpass being distributed in the form of annuities among the widows. The Institution was established some 14 years ago as a memorial of the services rendered to Freemasonry by the late Bro. H. S. Alpass, who, in 1882, had the honour of being one of the two brethren appointed by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master to the then newly-created office of Grand Standard Bearer.

Bro. Alpass, who died in 1884, was also the immediate predecessor of Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., as Prov. G. Secretary, and was esteemed and respected throughout the Province of West Lancashire. The services he rendered in that capacity were such as to deserve permanent recognition and his brethren could hardly have devised a better plan for perpetuating his memory than by founding a local Widows' Annuity Fund and naming it after him. It has certainly done its work admirably and at the present time there are on the establishment as many as 63 widows, among whom are distributed in annual grants about £1000. The income arising from subscriptions yields about one-fourth of this sum, and hence the necessity for this annual Festival, which we were pleased to be able to report last week produced £850. Thus, the Committee which manages the affairs of this Charity are relieved of all anxiety upon the subject of ways and means for the current year.

It is not often that we read of one of our lodges celebrating the "Diamond Jubilee" of its constitution. There is, of course, no reason why a lodge should not adopt this course, but hitherto, as a rule, corporate bodies have been content with jubilee and centenary festivals, and in cases where they are able to boast of a still longer existence, there have been sesqui-centennials, bi-centennaries, and so on. But we suppose the example set by the country in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, has not been without its influence on the members of the St. James's Lodge, No. 441, Halifax, which was founded in 1838, and originally had its quarters at Thornton. It has done good service during the 60 years of its career, but the locality in which it passed the earlier years of its existence does not appear to have been prosperous enough to maintain in a state of efficiency, and in 1856 it migrated to Halifax, where it has continued to flourish ever since. May its future career be even more prosperous than the past!

The news that Comp. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., will retain the important office of Grand Superintendent of Essex so long as he feels that he can be of service to Royal Arch Masonry in the Province with which he has been associated for so many years will be received everywhere with the utmost satisfaction. Our distinguished brother and companion has been such a pillar of strength to Essex Masonry, that its members would hardly look upon themselves as being the same body if the respected name of Philbrick were no longer borne on the list of its rulers. We trust that for many years to come Comp. Philbrick will enjoy health and strength sufficient to justify his remaining at his post of Grand Superintendent of our Essex Royal Arch companions.

Our Cumberland and Westmoreland brethren are to be congratulated on the great success which attended the proceedings at the annual meeting at Cockermouth, on the 7th instant, of their Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., presided, and there was a very strong muster of the brethren. The financial and other reports showed that the past year had been a prosperous one; there was a slight increase in the membership, and a good balance in hand—notwithstanding the heavy payments which had been made out of the funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We trust that future Provincial Meetings may be held under equally favourable conditions.

It has long been felt that a mine of Masonic wealth lay in that border-land which lies between the Tyne and Tweed, and in which the Craft has from time to time played an important part. The land of early Christian fanes and border fortresses might be expected to yield interesting evidence of travelling and stationary

bands of Masons, of the gradual development of mediæval operative into modern symbolic Masonry, and to establish, by indisputable testimony, the truth of much in the history of the Craft that has hitherto been purely conjecture or tradition. How far this ideal may be realised we shall shortly have an opportunity of judging, for we are glad to learn that a volume is now in the press, entitled "Northumbrian Masonry," written by the Grand Registrar of England (V.W. Bro. John Strachan, Q.C.), who had exceptional opportunities of research while he lived in the Province and held official rank therein. Bro. Strachan, dealing with the subject from the earliest times of British architecture, promises illustrative extracts from the pay-sheets and surveys of border castles, Masonic contributions from the celebrated "Delaval Papers" (hitherto unpublished), minute books of forgotten lodges, together with many other authentic documents, and gives a record of the doings of the Province up to the end of 1897. We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has graciously consented to accept the dedication of the work to himself. We shall await with interest the publication of the book.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, has lately been elected to full membership of the "American Historical Association," and early this month (the 6th) was unanimously elected the only honorary member of the "Masonic Historical Society" of New York. Dr. Ross, the courteous Secretary of the latter Institution, states that the members "feel honoured in placing Bro. Hughan's name at the head of their List, and they trust their action will meet with his approval, as it is the highest tribute as a Society they could pay to his many years of devoted service in historical quarries."

Our attention has been drawn to a difference in the wording of the notice of motion which was submitted to the recent Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for granting an honorarium to the Secretary, in respect of his services in connection with the Centenary Festival—(1) as it appeared in the advertisement of the meeting in our columns of the 8th instant, and (2) as it was printed in the circular of the 6th instant, announcing that the Court would be held on the 14th instant, and in the paper of Agenda which was distributed among those present at the Court itself.

In the advertisement which appeared in our columns of the 8th instant, the motion which the Chairman of the Board of Management announced his intention of submitting for the consideration of the Court was to the effect "That the recommendation of the Board of Management as approved by the Council of 30th September, to grant a sum of money to the Secretary \* \* \* \* \* be confirmed." In the circular of the 6th October and the paper of Agenda, the notice ran: "That the recommendation of the Board of Management, as approved by the Council of 30th September, to grant a sum of One Thousand Guineas to the Secretary \* \* \* \* \* be confirmed." The words in italics constitute the difference to which our attention has been called.

We have been asked to give any information we may possess as to the day on which it is intended to hold the final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Boys' School Centenary Festival. No information on the subject has reached us, and, therefore, we must refer those who are curious upon the matter to the Secretary of the Institution, 6, Freemasons' Hall, who will doubtless, with his usual courtesy, supply the desired information.

We are pleased to learn from the *Cape Argus* that the Report of the Committee of the Joint Masonic Commemoration Scheme in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is very satisfactory, and that the capital accounts of the Masonic Education Fund of South Africa and the Cape District Joint Benevolent Fund have been substantially benefited. On totalling up the contributions by the lodges and members of the several Constitutions, and deducting therefore the small outlay incurred for petty expenses—amounting to no more than £6 12s. 6d.—it has been found possible to allocate to the Masonic Education Fund of South Africa a nett sum of £520 18s. 6d., and to the Cape District Joint Benevolent Fund, £142 9s. 7d., the total sum raised, less expenses, being £663 8s. 1d.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* of the 8th instant concludes an article on "Selecting Officers v. Office Seekers" with the following paragraph, which has struck us as being so appropriate that we make no apology for quoting it in full. "The questions," says our contemporary "which should determine the selection of officers in Masonic bodies are character and standing in the community; a familiarity with the ancient customs, usages and landmarks of the Fraternity; a knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction they reside; a knowledge of the By-Laws of the Lodge of which they are a member; an earnest conscientious effort to promote the welfare of the Fraternity in general and the body of which they are a member in particular; a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the authorised work of the jurisdiction, and a firmness to enforce the laws with justice and equity."



## Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

### THE LODGE CHARTER OR WARRANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Being in the North, I have not had an opportunity of seeing Bro. Last's letter in the *Freemason* of the 8th instant until to-day.

I fear that Bro. Last's very apparent argument that, a lodge being duly constituted—it may be a century or more ago—the warrant need not, of necessity, be produced thereafter, rests upon a very flimsy texture.

May I refer our worthy brother to Article 126 of the Book of Constitutions, which provides for the issue of a confirmation warrant, in the event of an original warrant being lost? That one fact, I should think, will entirely dispose of Bro. Last's contention.

Reverting to the case that came before the Board of General Purposes, I may explain, for the information of Bro. Last, that the occasion in question was the last meeting I attended; but, if I remember correctly, the Master and Wardens of the lodge involved were summoned to appear before the Board.

As to the sequel, I never heard, not being a member of the Board, subsequent to the said meeting.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

October 14th.

### ROYAL ARCH WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I should like to respectfully suggest to Bro. M. Spiegel, P.Z., that the substitution of "Omnipotent" for the "Word" cannot be correct. I have not the honour to belong to the R.A., but Omnipotence is but an attribute of power, one part of three, of which the other two are Omnipresence and Omniscience a trinity in unity of all-power, all-presence, and all-knowledge, constituting the trinity of attributes of the "Word" the sum of the whole. The Word which is set forth in the Gospel of St. John, chap. i., ver. 1-14, Hebrews, chap. i., is that seventh word of Genesis, chap. i., ver. 2, which is the key to unlock the mystery of the sacred writings above quoted.

The Aleph and Lameth (Lamed) the first and twelfth of the Hebrew signs or letters correspond in Astro-theology to Aleph or Taurus the Bull mouth, and to Lamed or Aries the Ram mouth (see Psalms CXIX.) referring to the Word or Logos coming in Vernal Omnipotence at that period of the year. Briefly, then I submit that the Word cannot be touched or altered and that Omnipotence is but one attribute which cannot under any circumstances be substituted for the "Word" which is the sum, a unity of a trinity.—Yours fraternally,

T. MAY, 754.

40, Spondon-road, S. Tottenham,  
October 17th.

P.S.—I hope Bro. Klein's instructive lectures now appearing in your columns will be published in handy book form.

## Reviews.

"THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SOUTHWELL."—This is the 14th Volume of the handy and handsome *Cathedral Series*, published by Messrs. Geo. Bell and Sons, York-street, Covent Garden, at 1s. 6d. each, in specially designed cloth cover, each being lavishly illustrated. The present brochure is by the Rev. Arthur Dimock, M.A., and has 37 illustrations, some of which are exceptionally good, and all are both appropriate and carefully printed. The particulars afforded of this grand old Fane are of exceptional interest, and well so when "Lincoln is now reckoned as of a venerable antiquity, yet her Chapter is appreciably the junior of Southwell." It is stated that the Jewish money-lenders of York and Lincoln assisted in the building, but that is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that "neither the contributions of the liberal, nor forced labour would suffice" to meet the drain of all funds consequent upon "the universal system of rebuilding on a more magnificent scale," so the despised Jews found the money required. As to this point and numerous others Mr. Dimock's deeply interesting work may with ample confidence be consulted, for it is fully equal to its predecessors. The set so far published include Canterbury, Salisbury, Chester, Rochester, Oxford, Exeter, Winchester, Lichfield, Norwich, Peterborough, Hereford, Lincoln, Wells, and now Southwell. Uniform with the above series, is a charming little book of some 100 pages, abundantly illustrated (and there are also various plans interspersed) devoted to "The Church of St. Martin, Canterbury," by the Rev. C. F. Routledge, M.A., F.S.A., Hon. Canon of Canterbury. The author considers it more than probable that parts of the original structure mentioned by Bede are still standing. This old Church, both from its history and structure, occupies a unique position, being at once the cradle of purely English Christianity, and also a witness of that earlier Christianity which existed in Britain during the period of the Roman occupation, as Mr. Routledge observes. A list of Rectors is appended from 1314; the whole work from first to last proving how thorough have been the investigations to make the history complete and accurate. The whole series leaves nothing to be desired, either archaeologically, architecturally, or artistically.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 14th inst. in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Richd. Eve, Past G. Treas., Patron and Trustee of the Institution, Chairman of the Board of Management, in the chair. The Chairman was supported by Bros. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; Major Oliver Papworth, P.G.W. of Cambridgeshire; W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; J. W. Burgess, P.G.W. West Lancs.; Richard Clowes, John Glass, H. Pritchard, Mathias Barker (Staffs.), James Willing, jun., G. Corble, E. Margrett, P.P.G.W. Berks.; and John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec., read the notice convening the Court. Bro. McLeod also read the minutes of the Court held on the 8th July, which were verified. The minutes of the Council of 5th August and 30th September last were likewise read.

Bro. RICHARD EVE then called upon the Secretary to announce the total subscriptions to the Centenary Festival of the Institution.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD said that the total amount of subscriptions, the brethren would remember, announced at the festival by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the chairman on the occasion, was £134,000. By the assistance of the

Stewards, whose services he begged heartily to acknowledge, since that particular time, the amount had now increased to £140,376 17s. 5d. (Cheers.)

Bro. RICHARD EVE then said that the brethren had heard the report of the Secretary as to the amount of the subscriptions up to the present time of the Centenary Festival of this year, 1898. He was sure it must be a great gratification to all present to hear that report, and he knew that the M.W.G.M. would be delighted equally with themselves—more, if possible—as the result of his advocacy on the occasion of that festival. The Institution had very little time to-day at their disposal to say how very deeply they were indebted, and there was not enough to allow him to say too much, but he would take the work up by proposing the thanks in the words of the resolution already on the paper as notices of motion. He would take them *seriatim*.

"That the best thanks of the Court are due, and are hereby tendered to—  
(a) W. Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, P.A.G.D.C., Patron and Hon. Solicitor of the Institution—For services rendered at the recent Centenary Festival, especially with regard to his great work in connection with the arrangements for the 'Prize Day' celebration at the Albert Hall on Tuesday, 7th June, 1898; and in undertaking the Secretary's duties with respect to the distribution of badges, &c."

The brethren knew the Institution had had the assistance and the good heart of all the brethren in England and Wales to achieve the great result which had just been announced; but there were some brethren who had devoted their time, and not only their own time, but the time of their employees, to attain the great work that had been reached. If it had not been for their great assistance, the Secretary—arduous though his duties and gigantic his work had been—could not have performed all that he had performed. He now moved the resolution; but begged to say that he could not attempt to describe the work of Bro. Attenborough, but they had endeavoured in these words to express as far as they could the services Bro. Attenborough had rendered. Then he would take clause b—

(b) "W. Bro. Alfred C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Pres. of Inst.—For services rendered at the recent Centenary Festival, especially with regard to the valuable assistance rendered to the Secretary in connection with the work of the office and the arrangements for the Festival Meeting at the Albert Hall on Friday, 10th June, 1898."

He would move those two clauses together, that the votes of thanks be given to those two brethren.

Bro. RADCLIFFE, P.M. and Secretary 211, seconded.

On the motion of Bro. JAMES WILLING, seconded by Bro. H. A. TOBIAS, it was resolved that those two votes should be engrossed on vellum, and presented to Bros. S. J. Attenborough and Alfred C. Spaul.

Bro. EVE in proposing c—

(c) "V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec., Vice-Patron of the Institution; W. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer and Patron of the Institution; V.W. Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Registrar (Chairman of the Dinner Committee), W. Bros. H. Bevir; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B. (Sec. R.M.I. Girls); W. G. Kentish, P.G.Std.B. (Vice-Patron); H. Pritchard, and J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D. of C., for valuable personal assistance in the conduct of the Festival," said, in reference to the next clause, all the brethren had shown untiring energy, and had done their best in this great work. He could not enlarge on what they did, so he would simply propose it.

Bro. H. A. TOBIAS seconded.

The motion was carried.

Bro. RICHARD EVE next said he now came to the next clause, which he might call the omnibus clause. A number of brethren ought to have been in that clause who were not in it; but the great difficulty was to select. However, those brethren whose names were down in the list in their provinces and districts had done so much in getting together that large sum of money that a vote of thanks ought to be accorded them. Many of the brethren on that list were on the Board of Management, and the Board felt with reference to them that they could not propose to eliminate them. All the names were gone through, and they felt that something should be done to give them the honorary positions on the lists as Vice-Presidents or Patrons. The Board felt that they could not do that, as they were dealing with themselves. All on the Board had done their best to attain the great result which had been achieved, and they asked now the Quarterly Court to pass hearty votes of thanks to those brethren whose names appeared on the lists. Each one vied with the other in his district or province to get as much together as he could. He now moved the thanks of the Court to the following brethren:

(d) W. Bro. Geo. Beech, D.P.G.M. of the Province of Warwickshire.

" C. K. Benson, P.P.G.W. North Wales.

" Wentworth L. Cole, P.A.G.D.C. of the Albert Hall.

" C. D. Cheetham, Chairman of the Charity Committee.

" V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. of the Province of Sussex.

" W. Goodacre (Hon. Vice-Pres.) P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. of the Province of Lancashire (West Division).

" Capt. H. G. E. Green (Vice-Patron), P.G. Sec. of the Province of West Yorkshire.

" John Hedley, P.G.S.B., of the Royal Albert Hall.

" Charles Lee, P.P.G.W. of the Province of Warwickshire.

" H. Manfield, Patron of Inst.; P.P.G.D. Northants and Hunts.

" E. Margrett, P.P.G.W. Berkshire.

" Daniel Mayer, Patron, W.M. of Lodge 59, and Oscar Philippe, P.G. Std. Br., Patrons of the Inst. (London).

" Richard Newhouse, P.D.G.S.B., Sec. of the Province of Cheshire.

" James Newton, Provincial Grand Secretary of the Province of Lancashire (East Division).

W. Bro. F. B. Page, Prov. G. Sec. of Worcestershire.

" Major O. Papworth (Vice-Pres.), P.P.G.W. Cambridgeshire.

" J. M. Reed, Prov. G. Treasurer of the Province of Sussex.

" T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. of Essex.

" W. Russell (Vice-Patron), representing the Province of Kent.

" H. Percy Smith, Sec. of the Charity Committee of the Province of Staffordshire.

" R. P. Sumner (Vice-Patron), Secretary of the Charity Committee of the Province of Gloucestershire.

" J. H. Whadcoat, Patron of Inst.

" Percy Wallis (Vice-Patron), Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province of Derbyshire.

" F. B. Westlake (Vice-Patron), P.P.G.W. of the Province of Devonshire.

" W. H. Wood, Warwickshire.

For valuable services rendered to the Institution in connection with the Centenary Festival.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, thought there was one name omitted which had been intended to be included in the list, and that was the name of Bro. W. C. Lupton, the Chairman of the West Yorks Charity Committee. West Yorks it would be remembered contributed at the Centenary Festival the largest sum ever contributed by a province at one of these Festivals. The Secretary said the name of Bro. Lupton was in the original proof, but by some printer's error it was omitted from the list. He begged to second Bro. Eve's motion with the addition of Bro. Lupton's name.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said he quite agreed with Bro. Keyser that Bro. Lupton distinguished himself greatly on the occasion. For the omission of the name from the list they were exceedingly sorry.

Bro. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. of West Lancs, said he saw that his name was on the list, but he would like to see it omitted, and Bro. Robert Wylie inserted in its place.

Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. West Lancs, said: Bro. Chairman, Bro. Wylie very much prefers that his name should be left out.

The resolution was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the following resolution:

"That the recommendation of the Board of Management, as approved by the Council of 30th September, to grant a sum of 1000 guineas to the Secretary for his great services rendered to the Institution in connection with the recent Centenary Festival, be confirmed."

In doing so he said it was something more than a vote of thanks. It was something to mark the services of Bro. McLeod, a distinguished brother, who, to his knowledge and the knowledge of his colleagues, had devoted not only this year, but time before to the Centenary Festival. He had set up his mind on one great pivot, which pivot was reached on the 10th June last, when £134,000 was announced by their Grand Master as the result of the Centenary Festival. He could assure them the services of Bro. McLeod could not be overrated. He had devoted himself with a love and desire to achieve that great result. His work had been gigantic, and if he had not been a young man and a strong man, he felt sure he would have fallen through as the work went on. He stuck up to his work night and day, doing everything to achieve success. The best way to mark his work had been considered by the Board of Management, and that might have been that the Court might increase the salary, but the Board thought that this was a great work of this year, to be marked this year not by an increase of salary, which might follow in years, which might not be equal to it in future. They should mark the services of Bro. McLeod in a splendid and handsome way. This was a red-letter day in the School, and they wanted to show to the servants and officers that they bore their services in mind. He would read them a letter he had received from the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, in which it was stated that at a regular meeting of the lodge a resolution was passed unanimously strongly protesting against the resolution now proposed. The brethren were all there to express their views. He did not agree with the lodge, as he felt that they would be doing wrong if they did not recognise the services of their servants. He proposed that the grant of 1000 guineas should be made to Bro. McLeod.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, Treasurer of the Institution, said, as one of those who had already received the thanks of the Court for personal assistance in the conduct of the recent Festival, he rose to second the resolution. He was at the offices a great deal before the Festival, and he knew from his own personal knowledge what an enormous amount of work the Secretary had with regard to the Festival. It had meant an enormous expenditure of labour and extra hours which they could not fairly call upon the Secretary to undertake. At the last Monthly Council the Staff was voted 300 guineas for the extra time they had spent, and he thought it would be most ungracious if they refused to make this present to the Secretary for the immense work which he had done, and which had been so greatly to the profit of the Institution. The Secretary had been everywhere, looking up everybody, and he seemed to have succeeded in allaying all opposition. The result of his personal exertions was that the 1000 guineas had been subscribed over and over again. On a special occasion like this they ought to show their appreciation of the work of the Secretary, and unanimously vote this sum of 1000 guineas as a record of one of the greatest events in the history of Masonry.

Bro. A. M. DURET inquired from what funds the 1000 guineas was to come.

Bro. EVE: From the funds of the Institution.

Bro. DURET: From the funds subscribed by the brethren for the maintenance of our boys.

Bro. EVE replied that he thought he had said that it would come out of the funds of the Institution, and the brethren must remember that the funds of the Institution were got together for paying the expenses of the Institution of which those were part, the same as the Secretary's and clerks' salaries. If it was one per cent. of the total amount subscribed, it would amount to more. He thought it could not be said in this Quarterly Court, which was composed of all classes of subscribers, that this resolution which was proposed was not the work of the whole body. The Council had laid before the brethren what was proposed to be done, and it was for them to decide. It might be that the whole of this would not come out of the funds of the Institution, because they must remember that whenever the Board of Stewards rule, they voted a sum to the Secretary out of the Stewards' fees, but it was understood on this occasion that whatever was voted by this meeting, the money would not be voted by the Board of Stewards. This money now to be voted was given to the Secretary for services he had rendered. If there was no other observation to be made he would put the resolution.

Bro. RADCLIFFE asked whether the resolution was passed unanimously by the Council or not.

Bro. EVE said it was unanimously adopted by the Council.

The CHAIRMAN then put the resolution, which was carried with only four dissentients, amidst loud cheering.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON said he presumed there would be no further allotment to the Secretary out of the Stewards' fees. He wished to know whether the thousand guineas was inclusive.

Bro. RICHARD EVE replied that it was. If there were any surplus it would go to the Institution, and not to the Secretary or clerks.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorks enquired what was to become of the balance of the Stewards' fees? He merely wanted to say that the Stewards' fees on many occasions amounted to a large sum after paying all expenses of the festivals. Every Steward got an extra vote, and probably some were specially—(Interruption)—Bro. Smith said: Pray allow me to say something. It costs us £5 to come to this meeting; it costs you half-a-crown. You ought to pay attention to an unfortunate countryman. I say that we Stewards who are Vice-Presidents get two votes for our services as Stewards. Is that clear? Do you admit it?—[Bro. RICHARD EVE: Yes.]—And we exercise our vote as long as we live. After paying all the expenses of the festival, I say that the balance belongs to the Institution, and we have no right to alienate it from them. I wish it to be understood if you are nobly acknowledging the worthy Secretary and his staff—I know they have done a large amount of work, and I acknowledge it—but I say that after that we as Stewards ought to hand back to the Institution all the balance.

(A voice: That is what is going to be done.)

Bro. RICHARD EVE: This is a matter that we cannot say what will be done. The Stewards will see to that. I have already said that as a rule they give it to the Institutions. If they give it to the clerks or to Bro. McLeod it comes to the Institution.

Bro. HENRY SMITH: I think I know all about it. I say that we have made a gift of 1000 guineas to the Secretary of the Institution, and if it is presented with the understanding of most of us that no extra honorarium will be given, well and good; but if it is a question of Stewards' fees going to the Secretary, I greatly object to it, and wish it may not be the case. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. McLeod, who had left the hall while the motion was proceeding, returned.

Bro. RICHARD EVE: It has been resolved, Bro. McLeod, that this Quarterly Court gives you a sum of 1000 guineas for your great services rendered to the Institution at the Centenary Festival.

Bro. McLEOD: Bro. Chairman and brethren, naturally this is hardly the time when you would expect a flow of language from me. Some of you have had it on other occasions, which perhaps has brought this handsome gift to me. But at any rate I must express my gratitude for this noble recognition—unsought by me—of work which certainly I have done, and which you have endorsed. With these few words of thanks let me assure you, if it is possible for me to do more in future than I have in the past, the best services of my life will be devoted to the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. RICHARD EVE said that the next business on the paper was to make a statement from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the development of the Bushey site for the new Schools. The site had been developing; the intended building had been marked out. A brother informed them at the last meeting that six millions of bricks would be required. The Building Committee had been doing a great deal; but their work was done in silence, and they brought it before the Board of Management; they had gone through the matter thoroughly. They found from the architects that the price of materials was going up, but he did not think so with regard to bricks—that might go down. They were not in any great hurry to enter into engagements without due consideration. It was difficult to move the Board unless they were sure that what they were to do was for the benefit of the Institution. Reports were considered, and were under consideration. The rise in the price of building had taken place, and the Employers' Liability Act interfered. The building was marked out on the land itself. They had taken no steps to secure bricks or contracts, because the work required to be done at Bushey was of such extraordinary extent, that the getting out of quantities could not be done yet, and the architects asked for an extension of time. The quantities would not be ready for a month or two. The money was not lying idle; some of it was bringing in 4 per cent. The Board were not desirous of entering too early into contracts that would bind them in futurity. The brethren might rest assured that the Board of Management would do their best. Next meeting they hoped to give the Subscribers something definite, and they would find it would work out to the benefit of the Craft and of this Institution. (Cheers.)

The brethren then proceeded with the election of boys into the Institution.

The following were unsuccessful:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Dorrell Gilbert Frederick ...	2370	Jarman, Montagu Wenham ...	461
Hatchwell, Leonard Douglas ...	1819	Sherman, Harold Mackenzie ...	325
Chowne, Henry Tom ...	1660	Stiles, Malcolm Chester ...	237
Moir, Sydney Herbert ...	1339	McLeod, Lewis, Arthur Alexander ...	91
Holdom, Arthur James Thomas ...	1244	Hartley, Bernard ...	56
Payne, Lionel George ...	883	Price, Edmund Roy ...	45
Johnson, Albert Edward (last) ...	870	Jones, John Bowen ...	24
Downing, Lewis Wilfrid ...	713	Broben, Gerald Grant ...	18
Nichols, Herbert Wilfrid ...	479	Herapath, Cyril Alexander ...	3

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns. Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman closed the proceedings.

### THE NEWLY-APPOINTED DISTRICT GRAND MASTER FOR BURMA.

His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has, we are informed, been pleased to appoint R.W. Bro. J. Copley Moyle, the Deputy District Grand Master of Burma, to be District Grand Master, as well as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Burma, in the room of the late District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Judge Macleod, and his appointment has given great satisfaction to the brethren there. R.W. Bro. Moyle is a barrister-at-law of 30 years' standing, having been called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in January, 1869, and is an advocate of the High Court of Calcutta, and Government Counsel at Moulmein. He is known in his profession as an author of legal and other works, and his appointment to his present high office was anticipated from his Masonic career. He was initiated into Masonry by the present District Grand Master of Bengal, Bro. the Hon. Sir Henry Prinsep, on the 1st February, 1878, in Industry and Perseverance Lodge, No. 109, Calcutta, and, after the period then required, exalted in New Union Chapter in May, 1879. (At that time an interval of one year was required between the taking of the M.M. Degree and the Royal Arch Degree.) In August, 1878, he was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Capstone Lodge, No. 80, Calcutta, and in March, 1879, R.W. Bro. Prinsep, Prov. G.M.M. of Bengal, appointed him G. Mark Secretary. The Masonic province of Bengal at that time included the Punjab, and the work of the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary was no sinecure owing to the strenuous efforts then being made by certain individual brethren in the Punjab for separation from Bengal, with the object of forming the latter into a separate province and these efforts were only counteracted by the strenuous opposition encountered from the Provincial Grand Master. Much valuable experience was thus gained by him under so able a District Grand Master as R.W. Bro. Sir Henry Prinsep. In 1881, Bro. Moyle accepted an invitation to visit Burma and some years ago was appointed Crown Prosecutor at Moulmein. By his efforts and the assistance given by the late District Grand Master the present flourishing condition of the lodges there is mainly due. Of the several chapters and lodges now working in Moulmein he is one of the founders. Shortly after his arrival he obtained a warrant for the R.A. chapter and started afresh the old Mark lodge No. 70 which had gone into abeyance and obtained a warrant for a new Royal Ark Mariners lodge annexed thereto, this year, and of which he is the first W.C.N. In District Grand Lodge after rising to D.S.G.W., he was appointed Deputy District Grand Master, firstly by the District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Fairclough, on his leaving Burma in June, 1894, and remained in charge of the district until the appointment of the late R.W. Bro. Judge MacLeod, whom he then installed as District Grand Master and who again appointed him Deputy District Grand Master before his death, and thereafter he has been in charge of the district until now appointed District Grand Master. He has been several times First Principal of the Royal Arch Chapter Tenasserim, of which he was one of the founders; re-elected M.W. Sovereign of the Rose Croix Chapter Salween five years in succession (of which he was one of the founders), in acknowledgment of his services to the Order, the Supreme Council, 33°, elected him this year to the 31°. He is P.S. and founder of the Red Cross of Constantine Excelsior, and E.C. of the Commandery In Excelsis at Moulmein, and Deputy Intendant-General of the Order for Burma, as also P.E.P. of the Knights Templar Preceptory and Priory, and Sub-Prior in Charge of the Order of the Temple, and is also a P. Supreme Ruler and P.G. Councillor of the Order of the Secret Monitor, and one of the founders of the Moulmein Conclave, and for several years has been local Secretary

for Burma of the Ars Quatuor Coronati Lodge in England, and in March last, at a special Convocation of District Grand Mark Lodge, he was also recommended and elected for appointment as District Grand Mark Master for Burma.

R.W. Bro. Moyle's installation took place at a special Communication of the District Grand Lodge, which was held in Rangoon, on the 28th ultimo.

## Craft Masonry.

### Kent Lodge, No. 15.

A regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. F. C. Bradley, W.M.; R. Bowers, I.P.M.; G. F. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; S.W.; Dr. Adams, acting J.W.; F. Salter, S.D.; A. C. Huddart, J.D.; E. Stimson, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Buckridge, P.M., Sec.; G. Saunders, Org.; W. J. Everett, D.C.; N. J. Robinson, D. C. Robinson, J. Soddy, J. E. Bennett, W. Lerwill, E. Hatchett, A. Burton, A. Gilbert, W. Aubert, John P. Robinson, and A. Percival. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Chapman, 73; J. Whitfield, 1348; J. Gill, 1922; A. E. Baldwin, 2182; A. Watkin, 2348; and E. Kennedy, 2348.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. E. Lambert was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Montague John Robinson (of St. John Lodge, No. 174, Leichhardt, Sydney, New South Wales) was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously elected. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Anthony Percival, and, being unanimous in his favour, he was there and then initiated into the earlier mysteries of Freemasonry.

Lodge having been closed, the customary banquet followed at the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern.

### Lorne Lodge, No. 1346.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sutton, on the 8th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Tom Cookes, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Griffiths, S.W.; J. H. Asman, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Turner, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain and Treas.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; H. W. Lofts, S.D.; J. W. Imray, J.D.; E. D. Frost, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; G. W. Dixon, P.M., A.D.C.; T. A. Hill, P.P.G. Org.; F. R. Porter, I.G.; D. Napper and T. E. Leigh, Stwds.; A. Stribling, P.M.; H. Taylor, P.M.; R. J. Ward, P.M.; J. F. Van Oppen, P.M.; A. S. Stubington, A. Van Weede, W. Van Oppen, J. H. Greenwood, W. C. Cooke, C. E. Stribling, W. Dannett, F. N. Smyth, F. Dyke, R. R. Ward, Robt. R. Banks, F. G. Whitfield, Alex. Clark, J. A. Tormoy, E. M. Gibson, jun., W. J. Whitfield, D. Napper, J. J. S. Forrester, A. Crook, J. G. Spencer, G. Bower, A. Parker, G. R. Forster, and N. B. Payne, Tyler. The following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. Fred. West, P.G.D., Deputy P.G.M.; O. Boret, P.M. 1446; Thos. Cohu, P.P.G.W. Guernsey and Alderney; W. G. Poole, P.M. 860; Thos. Smith, P.M. 30; C. E. Monkley, S.W. 1915; G. Free, P.M. 73; W. M. Gaze, W.M. 889; H. F. Gain, W.M. 9; R. W. Ker, W.M. 194; A. B. Bailey, 1326; P. J. Osman, 2466; R. W. Price, P.M. 463, P.P.S.G.W.; H. B. Rowe, 2158; E. M. Gibson, sen., P.M. 1297; G. L. Henderson, 1641 and H. B. Golds, 1857.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Harold Griffiths, S.W. and Master elect, was very ably installed in the chair of King Solomon by the retiring Master. The addresses were given by Bros. T. A. Hill, E. D. Frost, and T. Cookes.

After the lodge was closed, Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Treas., presented Bro. Tom Cookes, I.P.M., with a handsome silver tray, weighing 176 ozs., highly chased, on behalf of many members of the lodge and some other personal friends. In making the presentation, Bro. Turner asked the I.P.M. to accept it as a mark of the gratitude and affection which he had won by the ability, and courtesy and generosity which he had displayed during his occupation of the chair in the lodge's first session in the new Masonic Hall.

Bro. Cookes, with much feeling, made a brief, but grateful, response.

The brethren afterwards dined together, the repast being prepared by the Sutton Masonic Hall Company, Limited, which, with the exception of long delays between the courses, gave pretty general satisfaction.

The musical entertainment, for which this lodge is so justly noted, was hardly up to the usual high standard of efficiency. Bros. R. J. Ward, J. H. Osman, J. J. S. Forrester, and others took part in the programme.

### Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.

The installation meeting of this popular lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury. The following were present: Bros. H. Broughton, S.W.; W. J. Claydon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. Martin, J.D.; Geo. Pope, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., W.M. elect; W. Horne, I.G.; J. Pearson, Org.; H. B. Collis and T. Claydon, Stwds.; R. Blake, P.M., Tyler; T. H. Blamires, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. E. Wiltshire, P.M., P.P.G.W.; E. Plum, P.M.; Edwin Cockersell, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Joseph Plant, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; H. Andrews, P.M.; J. P. Wright, J. L. Elvey, Walter Baker, C. Hills, G. Olden, C. B. Pettit, G. A. Jones, J. G. Sandiford, J. W. Clarke, F. Clark, C. E. Lang, and J. McClements. Visitors: T. B. Rosseter, P.M. 972, P.G. Std. Br.; W. F. Franklin, W.M. 127; W. Lott, P.S.W. 659; Geo. Tournay, P.M. 972; W. H. Bagges, 972; J. Whichcord, W.M. 31; Rev. J. Patterson, S.W. 972; E. Lukey, P.M. 199, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Leman, P.M. 1572; A. H. Pilcher, P.M. 972, P.P.A.G.D.C.; M. Kemp, W.M. 1915; and A. W. Southwell, P.M. 1915.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Claydon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., supported by Bro. Whichcord, W.M. 31, as S.W.; T. B. Rosseter, P.M., P.G.S.B., as J.W.; W. F. Franklin, W.M. 127, as I.G.; and H. Andrews, P.M., as D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. G. Pope, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. H. Andrews, P.M., D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. W. T. Claydon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and was obligated. In the presence of a strong Board of Installed Masters Bro. G. Pope, P.M., P.G.S.B., was installed in the chair of King Solomon, the Installing Master, Bro. W. J. Claydon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., performing his duty in his usual able and eloquent style. The addresses were given in a manner which could hardly be excelled. The W.M. invested his officers, viz., Bros. H. Broughton, S.W.; G. Gaskin, J.W.; J. W. Farmery, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Claydon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Rev. J. Patterson, Chap.; F. Martin, S.D.; W. Horne, J.D.; H. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; J. Pearson, Org.; J. G. Sandiford, I.G.; Thos. Claydon and C. Hill, Stwds.; and R. Blake, P.M., Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Master for his rendering of the installation ceremony. Bro. W. T. Claydon suitably replied.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, to a *recherche* banquet, the newly-installed Master presiding, supported by Bros. H. Ward, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B. England; Geo. Collard, the Mayor of Canterbury, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the toast of "The W.M." was submitted by the Installing Master, Bro. W. T. Claydon.

Bro. George Pope suitably replied.

Under the direction of Bro. J. Pearson an excellent programme of music was sustained by Bros. J. Plant, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Byron, Dewhurst, P.M., and J. W. Clarke. Bro. J. Pearson effectively presiding at the pianoforte.

### Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, and was well attended, there being present Bros. E. J. Harrison, W.M.; C. Isler, S.W.; C. Horst, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Roberts, as J.D.; T. E. Newman, as I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; E. H. Bury, Stwd.; E. J. Bury, Org.; G.

Couchman, Tyler; R. Loomes, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; L. Danielsson, J. Jauncy, W. Taylor, J. F. Wahlers, D. C. Attwater, W. E. Peckover, J. Johnson, J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, E. A. Wagstaff, G. A. Hopkins, R. Blunden, W. Goring, E. Vexley, G. Fullbrook, A. Kische, F. Simmonds, and T. Spotswood. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Nichole, P.M. 2278, P.A.G.P. Herts; N. Pearce, 2278; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; R. Fox, 2048; S. H. Chapman, 2202; and R. Addis, 2048.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, there being no work to be done, a paper was read by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., on "Reasons why in the First Degree," which was listened to with marked attention, and at the close a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Loomes, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Harding, P.M., which was carried unanimously, and Bro. Coxon was asked to complete the subject in a further paper. After communications had been considered, the lodge was closed.

The brethren having dined, the usual toasts were proposed.

Bros. R. W. Nicole, P.M., P.A.G.P.; N. Pearce, and J. Duncan, P.M.; replied to that of "The Visitors."

Songs were rendered by Bros. Attwater, Fullbrook, and Isler, and Bro. Newman introduced a new feature for the evening's entertainment—the singing of some old songs in unison—which, for an experiment, went very well, their names were "John Peel," "The Massacre of Macpherson," and "Forty years on" (the Harrow Football song). Bro. E. J. Bury accompanied.

### Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558.

The installation meeting of this prosperous South-London lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. J. T. Packer, W.M.; J. A. Shelton, I.P.M.; Frank Lever, J.W. and W.M. elect; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Middx., D.C.; H. Lewis, S.D.; G. B. Catt, I.G.; J. W. Rattenbury, Org.; J. R. Smith, P.M.; G. S. Stokes, P.M.; J. S. Plummer, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Lamb, P.M. 2579; John Coote, P.M. 2579; Walter Tyler, J.W. 2579; H. Diprose, P.M. 1853; Fred. Burney, 2332; John Morley, 2579; and many others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Aboon and Hathaway, and proving unanimous, they were regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very efficient manner. The Auditors then made their report, and the balance-sheet was adopted. Bro. Packer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Shelton, P.M., who, having addressed the brethren and W.M. elect, obligated the latter. A Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Frank Lever, W.M. elect, installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Harry Lewis, S.W.; G. B. Catt, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., P.P.G.T. Middx., D.C.; R. Ball, S.D.; R. H. Whyman, J.D.; J. W. Rattenbury, I.G.; C. B. Andrews, J. H. Keene, and H. C. Pink, Stwds.; Walter Taylor, Org.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. A valuable jewel was presented to Bro. Packer, I.P.M., in recognition of the services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec., then gave the addresses in a very impressive manner, which the brethren fully appreciated.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by Mrs. Venables and her staff.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and during the evening an excellent musical programme was provided by Bro. Walter Taylor, Org., ably assisted by Miss Kate Willey, Bros. Wilson James, and H. C. Pink, and Messrs. Geo. Coles Edgar Edwards, and J. Packer, jun., son of the I.P.M.

### New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. THOMAS GRUMMANT, P.M., SEC., AND MRS. GRUMMANT.

The regular meeting of this very flourishing lodge took place at the Hotel Cecil, W.C., on Friday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Wilhelm Menninger, W.M.; J. S. Targett, I.P.M.; E. Peroni, S.W.; T. R. Busby, J.W.; E. H. Thielay, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; J. Wilson, acting S.D.; W. Knill, acting J.D.; A. Peria, I.G.; Carlo Grassie, P.M., D.C.; J. D. Graham, P.M., and W. H. Walden, Stwds.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; G. T. Moulder, P.M.; Wm. Cowley, P.M.; A. Cogliati, P.M.; W. T. Winson, P.M.; H. G. Walden, C. Norwak, H. Coe, W. A. Sutch, C. Allio, G. F. Dyer, Geo. Faaz, O. Davis, T. C. Smart, J. R. Wight, Ottb Wartmann, W. R. Gibbs, W. M. Smith, Luigi Azario, A. Bellini, J. Hausford, E. Carmine, A. Odono, E. Abre, P. Cariello, A. Cherry, Owen Simmonds, C. A. Antonelli, R. W. Foster, W. D. Meffan, A. Hammond, E. F. Coccioletti, J. H. Leber, A. P. Crippa, J. A. Harrison, P. Cavalli, L. French, A. Formaggio, G. Honour, E. Robinson, A. Borgo, L. Bendi, E. Manners, and Antonio Bonaldi. The visitors were Bros. C. Powell, J.W. 1319; F. Caunto, 2692; P. B. Herbage, 2005; E. Beadle, I.G. 901; J. Bleaney, S.W. 1549; H. Monson, P.M. 2353; G. A. Berkeley, P.M. 108; J. Solomon, 1319; E. Gill, 2241; R. Nobile, 1900; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507 and J.W. 1641.

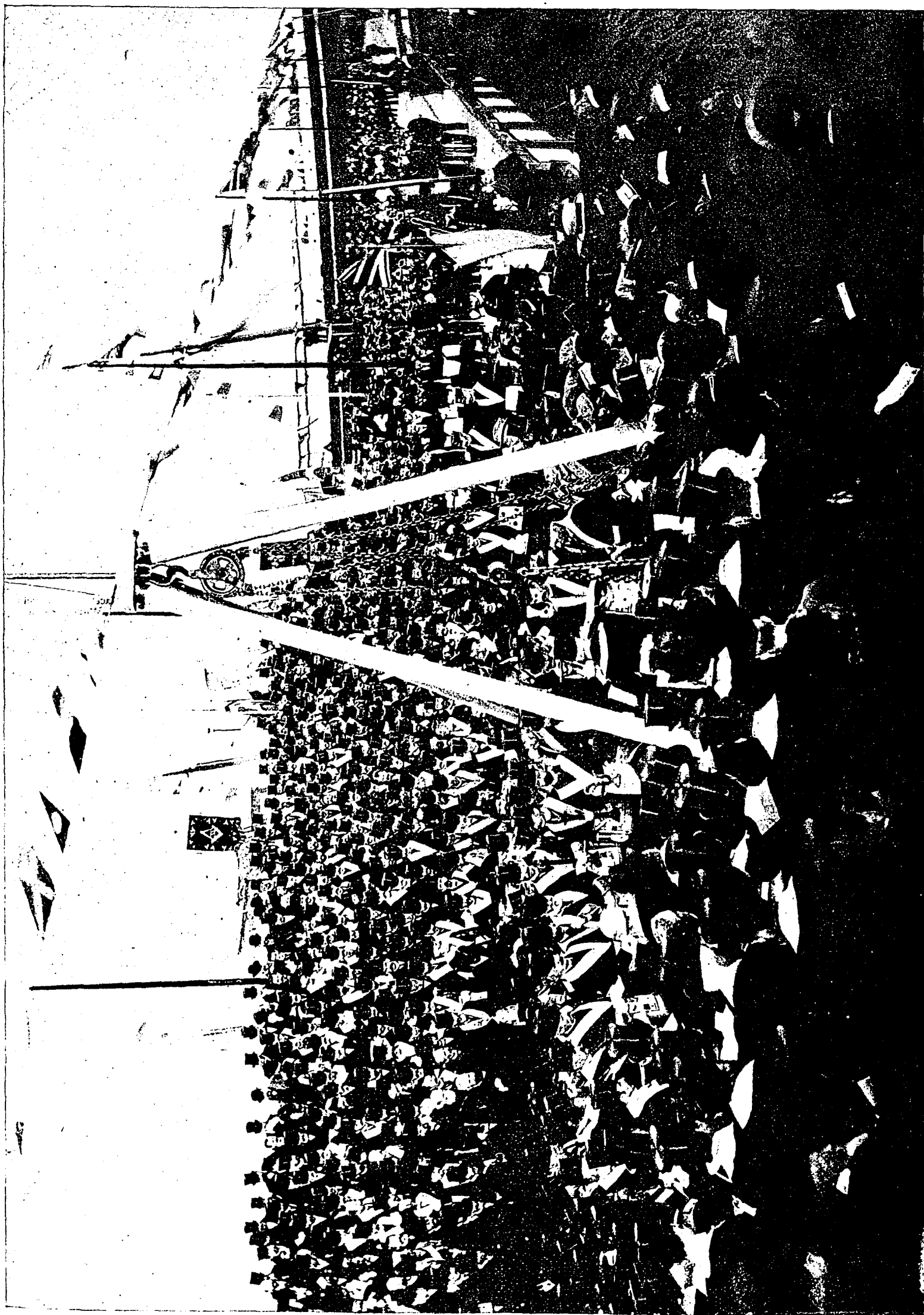
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Alf. Cherry, Wm. Ed. Dearling, Thomas Robins, and Leonard Owen Simons, which proving unanimous, Messrs. Cherry and Simons were initiated by Bro. J. D. Graham, P.M., who also passed Bros. H. Coe and G. J. Faaz. Bros. Dyer, Smart, Smith, Sutch, and Wight were raised by Bro. Thos. Grummant, P.M. Upon the W.M. rising the third time and asking the usual questions, Bro. Wm. Cowley, P.M., and late Treasurer, rose in response, and said that there was a brother present in the lodge and connected with it for over 22 years, who had a record which could scarcely have been beaten for regularity and punctuality. He had held every office in the lodge and for the last 11 years had filled the onerous position of Secretary. He was a Secretary among Secretaries whose faithfulness and perseverance could not be exceeded, and was ever ready to assist all who sought his guidance. He was most assiduous in his duties, and to show their hearty appreciation of his indefatigable exertions a large number of the brethren had subscribed, and they were enabled to purchase a testimonial, which consisted of a solid silver candelabra and dessert centre dish combined, and a silver tea service with tray for Mrs. Grummant. It was thought that was the most suitable time to present it, being a ladies' night, and Bro. Cowley hoped that the same would be handed down to his children as an heirloom, and show to his family the love and esteem in which he was held. He would move the following proposition: "That the best thanks of the brethren be given to Bro. Thos. Grummant, P.M., Sec., for the able services rendered to the lodge as Secretary for the last 11 years." This was ably seconded by Bro. E. H. Thielay, P.M., and founder of the lodge. Bro. J. D. Graham, P.M., endorsed all that had been said. Bro. A. Cogliati also ably supported the resolution. In making the presentation, Bro. W. Menninger, W.M., said it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure, and to show the high opinion he was held in by the brethren of the lodge, and to mark their appreciation for many years' faithful service, he asked his acceptance of the testimonial. Also to Mrs. Grummant the silver tea service and tray as a little compensation to her for the many kindnesses which were bestowed on and for the welfare of the New Cross Lodge. The inscription was as follows: "Presented to Thomas Grummant, P.M. and Secy., by the members of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, in recognition of his many years' valuable services. Oct. 14th, 1898." Bro. T. Grummant, who was quite overcome, said he could not find words to express his gratitude for such a presentation. He was particularly pleased that the brethren had thought of his dear wife, who had been his solace for 33 years. There were times when speech failed one, and the present was so to him, for the splendid gift had taken him entirely by surprise. He had not heard a single word in reference to it. He had heard it said of a great king—"To reign in the hearts and affections of his people was more grateful to a generous mind than to reign over their lives and fortunes." He might say it was so with him, for he had every confidence that he reigned in the hearts and affections of the brethren of the New Cross Lodge. He had had no time to frame a speech, but he most heartily thanked them for all their kindnesses. Two propositions were handed in for initiation.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren, with their ladies, adjourned to the banquet hall to a *recherche* dinner, which was thoroughly appreciated.

The W.M. presented the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were loyally responded to.

Bro. J. S. Targett, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said that the gratitude of the brethren was due to him for the bringing together of such a company, and providing everything for their comfort. It would be a night long





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remembered. The W.M. was quite as good in his work in the lodge, and had done his utmost in making the ladies' night a perfect success.

Bro. Menninger, W.M., said it had been to him a very great pleasure to preside over such a splendid gathering, and he was glad his services were appreciated.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Initiates" in very appropriate terms.

Bros. Simmonds and Cherry responded.

Bro. Thos. Grumant, P.M., was entrusted with presenting the toast of "The Ladies." He said that the lodge was honoured by their presence. Some two years ago Bro. Cogliati inaugurated a ladies' night, and the present company showed how they appreciated the invitation of the W.M. The Centenary Festival of the Boys' Institution showed, too, what deep interest they took in Freemasonry by the number of Lady Stewards. They read that their forefather Adam came into the world alone, but the Almighty provided him with a helpmeet, so lovely, that what seemed fair in all the world before seemed mean; led by her Heavenly Maker unseen, yet guided by His voice, adorned with all that heaven and earth could do to make her amiable, grace was in her step, heaven in her eye, and in every gesture dignity and love. But now they found the ladies far in advance of their mother Eve; they were with them in trouble, in joy, and on the battlefield. Woman was paramount in this, the 19th, century, yet still loved and revered.

The toast was most ably responded to by Bro. H. D. Wallden, who remarked that it had given them great pleasure to be present, and they would leave with many happy recollections of the evening's entertainment.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Monson, Herbage, and Col. Probyn.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful evening.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. R. Busby, J.W., ably assisted by Miss Ada Calkin, Miss Mabel Calkin, Bros. C. Ackerman, Harper Kearton, John Solomon (cornet), and E. Humbleton, P.M. (cello). Miss Ada Calkin presided at the piano. Bro. W. T. Winsor, P.M., was the toastmaster.

### Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

A meeting was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 12th instant, when there were present, among others, Bros. A. Burnett Brown, W.M.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.M. S., P.P.G.O., S.W.; H. Bright, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., Prov. G.C., Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; F. F. Bonney, J.D.; G. Dobson, acting I.G.; A. O. Hemming, C. W. Davis, P.M.; and W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Bro. J. Williams was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It being election night, Bro. Dr. Hinton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. George Harrison, Tyler. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bros. A. B. Brown, W.M., and the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., for the success attending their respective Stewardships to the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School. A Past Masters' jewel was voted to the W.M. The names of Bros. J. Williams and G. Hertslet were proposed as candidates for election at the next meeting as joining members.

Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Perry, P.M.; A. Macchi, P.M.; and others sent apologies for non-attendance. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

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

In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," the W.M. particularly alluded to the services of Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders to the province. His interest in the cause of the Masonic Charities was also well known, and his recent success as a Steward to the Boys' School, when he took up 100 guineas, was highly commendable.

The recipient of this compliment having replied, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed and warmly drunk.

"The Master Elect" followed, and this pledge gave Bro. Dr. Hinton an opportunity of saying some very complimentary things about No. 1503, and the honour conferred upon him by electing him as its W.M.

Bro. J. Williams replied to the toast of "The Visitor."

Bros. F. W. Davis, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; and J. T. Briggs, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Past Masters and Treasurer," and Bros. Bright and Bonney for "The Officers."

The proceedings then closed.

### Lodge of Loyalty, No 1607.

The 23rd installation meeting of this lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Saturday, the 8th inst., Bro. Walter L. Barker presiding, supported by the following brethren: Bros. Lawson, I.P.M.; Geo. Cunningham, S.W.; Jameson, J.W.; C. H. Halford, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; R. C. Halford, S.D.; McLachlan, J.D.; Cole, I.G.; Hetherington, D.C.; Godfrey, Org.; Loveday, Stwd.; Large, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Clark, P.M.; Holsworth, P.M.; Rose, P.M.; Wilkinson, P.M.; W. T. Barker, H. T. Thompson, P.M.; Jenkinson, Hands, Mumford, Brasted, W. J. Halford, P.M.; Gregory Olley, P.M.; and Ellis, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. R. H. Halford, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M. and Sec. 1571; Elsdon, 25; A. Cunningham, S.W. 1766; Gladding, 2632; Kipps, J.W. 1275; Coram, S.W. 2552; Marshall, S.W. 2621; Gibbs, 1716; S. Cunningham, 1766; Mallam, P.M. 1539; Booth, 1804; Kearney, P.M. 15; Cone, 11; Davis, 340; Robins, P.M. 25; Meadows, P.M. 1571; Powter, P.M. 1328; N. Fortescue, 2472; S. Fortescue, 2472; Brown, W.M. 1446; Clark, W.M. 1766; Clive, W.M. 1319; Craig, J.W. 2319; and Harlow, P.M. 65.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been confirmed and the report of the Audit Committee with statement of accounts for the past year received and adopted, showing the lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Bro. Frank Rose, P.M., in presenting the W.M. elect, Bro. George Cunningham, for installation, referred to his honoured Preceptorship of the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction. His reputation for good working was so great that no tribute was necessary. His high character and the soundness of his judgment marked him as an ideal ruler in the Craft, and it was in the full knowledge that he would maintain the high traditions of the Loyalty chair that he (Bro. Rose) presented Bro. Cunningham to receive at the hands of Bro. Barker, W.M., the benefit of installation. This ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Barker, supported by 21 Installed Masters. After receiving the salutations of the brethren, the newly-installed Master, Bro. Cunningham, invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. L. Barker, I.P.M.; Jameson, S.W.; R. C. Halford, J.W.; C. H. Halford, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; H. McLachlan, S.D.; T. Cole, J.D.; E. Hetherington, I.G.; W. F. Loveday, D.C.; Barker, P.M., Org.; W. F. Darnell, P.M., and W. J. Halford, P.M., Stwds.; and Ellis, Tyler. The ballot was here taken for Mr. Francis Howard Mercer, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated into Freemasonry in a manner which elicited the highest praise from the assembled brethren. The three addresses were most admirably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Barker, thus bringing to a close a year of office which had been a red letter one in the history of the lodge. The pleasing duty next devolved upon the W.M. to present in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Barker, I.P.M., for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master during his year of office, for which expression of esteem and regard Bro. Barker returned sincere thanks. A proposition for membership was followed by the announcement that Bro. Cunningham, W.M., would represent the lodge at the next festival of the R.M.B. Institution. To mark their appreciation of the services rendered by their newly-installed Master, as Preceptor of the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction, the members voted 20 guineas, which Bro. Cunningham gratefully acknowledged.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered to the W.M., and other business disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting table.

Rising to commence the toast list, Bro. George Cunningham, W.M., received a hearty ovation. He hoped that "The Queen" might long be spared to reign in the hearts and affections of her people, and that "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," might speedily be restored to complete recovery, and continue his great services to the Craft.

"The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next honoured, the W.M. paying a high tribute to their worth and services to the Craft. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., who replied

Bro. Barker, I.P.M., assuming the gavel for the submission of "The Health of the Worshipful Master," had a pleasing task before him. As good wine needed no bush, no words were necessary in securing for the toast a very hearty reception. Bro. Cunningham, by his long Preceptorship of the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction, whose services there the members could never forget, had well-deserved the honour which the lodge had conferred upon him, and the excellent manner in which the initiation ceremony had been rendered was an index of what Bro. Cunningham could accomplish in Freemasonry. He sincerely hoped that there was before the W.M. a very happy year of office.

Bro. G. Cunningham, W.M., on rising to reply, said that he felt very deeply the warmth of their reception and the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair. It had been the ambition of his life to become the Master of the dear old Lodge of Loyalty. It was a very responsible office to aspire to; but, as in the past, nothing should be wanting on his part to do his best for the lodge over which he was now called to rule. He was also proud of his position as Preceptor of the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction, believing as he did that he possessed the esteem and affection of the brethren; and now that he had attained the Master's chair he trusted that they would still rally round him—in which case they would not fail as a lodge to continue the good work carried on by his predecessors. It was his intention to hold a ladies' night during his year of office, which he hoped might be as successful as the one held last year under Bro. Barker's Mastership. He also hoped that his Stewardship at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution might be worthy of the lodge's best efforts, and sincerely thanked the members for the donation of 20 guineas to his list.

The W.M., in submitting "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," said they owed much to Bro. Barker for what he had done in the lodge. He had in past years contributed to a large extent to the harmony of the lodge by acting as its Organist, and whatever office Bro. Barker had undertaken had been carried out with credit and ability. He sincerely hoped that the token of esteem in the form of the Past Master's jewel which the lodge had presented to Bro. Barker would remind him of the pleasant associations of his year of office, and that he might long continue to give them the benefit of his Masonic experience.

Bro. Walter L. Barker, I.P.M., tendered his sincere thanks for the very hearty manner in which the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master" had been received. Although he had entered upon his year of office with trepidation he had with the able assistance of his officers, whom he warmly thanked, done what he could to promote the prosperity of the Lodge of Loyalty, and if he had given satisfaction to the brethren he had been well repaid for any trouble he had taken in making himself proficient in the ritual of Freemasonry. The members of the lodge had stood by him and sent him up as Steward to the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School with a list of 136 guineas all of which with the exception of five guineas had been contributed from the Loyalty Lodge. He was glad to leave the finances of the lodge stronger than when he took office, notwithstanding additional grants from the funds. While sincerely thanking the brethren for the Past Master's jewel which had been presented to him for past services, he trusted that he might long be spared to render what service he could as Past Master of the lodge.

"The Initiate" who had come well and worthily recommended, received a hearty welcome, and Bro. Mercer suitably replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. R. H. Halford, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; Edmund J. Morgan, P.M. and Sec. 1571; G. H. Clarke, W.M. 1766; C. Coram, S.W. 2552; J. Brown, W.M. 1446; and A. Cunningham, S.W. 1766.

Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br. and representative of the R.M.B.I., thanked the Lodge of Loyalty for the unstinted support which had been given to the Masonic Charities. Reference was made to the grand result of the Boys' Centenary and the consequent difficulty in getting Stewards this year after the strenuous efforts of 1897. Pleading especially for the aged Freemasons and their widows he regretted that the amount raised last year fell far short of their requirements and he trembled at the thought of falling back upon their invested funds. He felt sure that the Loyalty Lodge would do its best during the coming year.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters," paid a tribute to their worth and Masonic experience, feeling that with their support he might enter upon his year of office with confidence.

Bros. Arthur Clark and Frank Rose replied, each paying a high eulogy to the special qualifications of Bro. Cunningham for the Master's chair.

In submitting "The Officers of the Lodge" the W.M. said he was proud to have such an efficient body around him who would do credit to the work in the several offices to which they had been appointed.

Bros. Jameson, S.W., and R. C. Halford, J.W., thanked the W.M. for his kind words and pledged themselves to do all in their power to make his year of office a successful one.

Bro. C. H. Halford, P.M., Treas., also replied.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, to the harmony of which Miss Emily Davies, Miss Ethel Bevens, Bros. William Davies, Franklin Clive and Bob Rae contributed, the excellent musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. William Davies (St. Paul's Cathedral), Bro. A. E. Kipps acting as accompanist.

### Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The members included Bros. O. F. Viola, W.M.; T. Hutchinson, S.W.; J. Hopps, J.W.; E. M. Doble, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; A. P. Lowthian, S.D.; W. F. Larkin, J.D.; W. Hayward, I.G.; T. Walford, Org.; J. O. Hutchinson, Stwd.; O. Philippe, P.M., P.G.S.B.; W. Goodman, P.M.; J. D. Collier, P.M.; Carlo Grassi, P.M.; H. Slyman, P.M.; George Gray, P.M.; Sidwell Jones, V. Silberberg, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Kew, P.A.G.P.; A. G. Hutchins, J.W. 2120; W. O. Welsford, P.M. 1321; A. C. Haycraft, P.M. 2424; W. Parton, J.D. 1426; Sydney Smith, W.M. 209; G. J. Pullin, S.W.; E. Hucks, 2536; W. Brooks, 2120; P. G. Edwards, 1627; H. Charman, 2460; W. M. Streater, 2460; G. Simpson, W.M. 813; W. J. Dyer, P.M. 211; F. W. Hutchinson, 2424; G. Gardener, 2150; J. J. Robertson, D.C. 2641; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; S. E. Ham, 890; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

The opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes having been accomplished, Bro. W. H. Gardener, P.M., Sec., raised Bro. C. T. Taylor to the Third Degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. Victor Silberberg into Freemasonry. Bro. H. Slyman, P.M., then took the chair, and installed Bro. T. Hutchinson as W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bro. J. Hopps, S.W.; A. P. Lowthian, J.W.; E. M. Doble, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, Sec.; W. F. Larkin, S.D.; J. S. Hayward, J.D.; C. Rathbun, I.G.; T. Walford, Org.; T. O. Hutchinson, D.C.; Sidwell Jones, Stwd.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. After the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Viola, I.P.M., the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, and referred in sympathetic terms to the recent illness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said that no institution could get on without some guiding hand, and it was a good thing that all lodges had the Grand Lodge to refer to in difficult circumstances. From its work in the past, they should feel grateful to those who had spent their time in looking to the affairs of the Craft, for they had done their work well. He was glad to say their lodge possessed two Grand Officers, one of whom—Bro. Philippe, was present.

Bro. J. Kew, P.A.G.P., endorsed the remarks of the W.M., and said that all questions were considered on the grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Bro. Oscar Philippe, P.G.S.B., also replied, remarking that the more the beauties of Freemasonry were recognised, the better it would be for all nations. He was delighted to see so many familiar faces present and he hoped the lodge would continue its prosperous career for many years.

Bro. H. Slyman, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he had the honour to initiate the W.M., and few Masters had initiated a more conscientious member—one who was a credit to Freemasonry and who would do the right thing on all occasions. Bro. Hutchinson had been a credit to the lodge and they congratulated him on reaching the chair, feeling sure he would discharge his duties thoroughly and well. They would bear in mind that some Masters were nervous and required encouragement and they would give their W.M. that encouragement by at once upstanding and wishing him long life and prosperity.

Bro. T. Hutchinson, W.M., in reply, after thanking Bro. Slyman, said life would not be worth living unless there was a little sentiment. He did not like people with too much, but one without any was a very disagreeable person. There was a little senti-

ment in the fact that he was installed by Bro. Slyman, P.M. He forgot how many years it was since that P.M. initiated the I.P.M. and himself, and since then they had received nothing but kindness at the hands of the Past Masters and officers. Had it not been for that kindness, he would never have come forward as their W.M., because, although he had seen a good deal of life, he was sorry to say he had not that experience of Masonry which he ought to have to occupy that position. Therefore he thought it was very kind of them to have placed him in the chair. He had to thank them for the very hearty way in which they had been pleased to receive the toast of his health.

The W.M. then proceeded to give the toast of "The Initiate," observing that he hoped Bro. Silberberg had been impressed with the solemnity of the proceedings. The initiate would doubtless be a valuable addition to the lodge. They wanted men who took an interest in their work, and who felt there was something real in Masonry.

Bro. Silberberg responded, observing that he had been deeply impressed, the principles inculcated being those which had been his guiding star in life hitherto.

Bro. W. O. Welsford, P.M. 1341, in acknowledgment of "The Visitors," said Bro. Hutchinson had only been their W.M. for about three hours, but the W.M. had been his master in business life for 13 years. He could only say that if the W.M. ruled the lodge with the same kindness, consideration, courtesy, and justice he had shown to his employes, the members would have no cause to regret his election.

Bros. Sidney Smith, Geo. Simpson, Haycroft, and others also returned thanks.

Bro. O. F. Viola, I.P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and thanked the members for overlooking the shortcomings which he, as a foreigner, naturally possessed.

Bro. H. Slyman, P.M., said he performed the installation ceremony at very short notice and could only say he had done his best. He initiated the W.M. and it was immensely gratifying to hear a brother like Bro. Welsford come forward and speak so highly of him.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast given by the W.M., who sincerely thanked the Secretary, Bro. Gardner, for relieving him of an immense amount of responsibility and trouble.

Bros. Doble, Treas., and Gardner, Sec., responded, and "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Walford, Org., was assisted in a first class musical entertainment by Miss Marie Hooton, Miss Gertrude Snow, Bros. Sidwell Jones, H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org., and Fred Upton, and Mr. Hudson.

### Hampden Lodge, No. 2427.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at Hampden House, St. Pancras, N.W., on Tuesday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. Thos. J. Mercer, W.M.; Geo. Glover, P.M., I.P.M.; Thos. Moss, B.A., S.W.; Edgar Gerson, J.W.; Wm. Lawrence, P.M., Treas.; A. C. Webb, Sec.; H. P. Hawson, S.D.; C. A. Underwood, J.D.; W. E. Catesby, I.G.; W. G. Smith, Org.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Stwd.; Henry Thomas, Tyler; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M.; J. H. Collingridge, P.M.; W. A. Bowman, Richard Wheatley, P. J. Hazlegrave, R. J. Grimwood, W. J. Dixon, P.M.; W. J. Marchant, Wm. E. Kent, Frederick Percy Farren, John Ralph Elliott, Wm. P. Von Knoblanck, Isaac Seaman-Douglas Prior, Wm. Issott, James T. Catesby, Francis O. Underwood, Thos. Carmichael Robert C. Hawkes, J. Rogers Quilter, G. E. Williams, Harry Williams, Wm. Newby Pennington, Wm. J. Smith, and Philip Docking Cox Sinclair. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; Prof. P. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; A. Brown, 589; F. A. Adeney, 2580; S. A. Marks, 1563; Ernest C. Langley, 1791; T. T. Sherborne, I.G. 1445; Turle Lee, 2264; Herbert Emlyn, 1348; E. H. O'Brien, 594; J. Reynolds, 1665; P. Elliott, 1732; R. Elliott, 1732; and J. R. Leydell, 201.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of last regular meeting and of lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Edwin Styles, P.M., and Robert Owen Hall as joining members. It proved unanimous in favour of each, and Bro. Robert Owen Hall, being present, was admitted. Bro. Philip Docking Cox Sinclair was passed to the Degree of F.C. The installation of the W.M. elect then took place. Bro. T. Moss, B.A., S.W., was presented by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., to the Installing Master, the W.M., Bro. Thos. James Mercer, who performed the ceremony of installation in an admirable manner. After the new W.M. had been placed in the chair he invested the late W.M. as I.P.M. The W.M. was saluted by the Past Masters present in the usual manner. On the return of the brethren to lodge, the W.M. invested his officers: Bros. Edgar Gerson, S.W.; H. P. Hawson, J.W.; William Lawrence, P.M., Treas.; Alfred C. Webb, Sec.; G. A. Underwood, S.D.; W. E. Catesby, J.D.; Isaac Seaman, I.G.; W. G. Smith, Org.; Harry Williams, Asst. Org.; John Ralph Elliott, D.C.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., and W. Issott, Stwds.; and Henry Thomas, Tyler. The Installing Master delivered the three addresses in a thoroughly efficient and impressive style. There were two propositions for candidates at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

After the banquet, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were aptly given to, and heartily acknowledged by, the brethren.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Health of the W.M." was given in a few well-chosen sentences by the I.P.M.

The W.M. replied with commendable brevity.

As the hour was now late, the toasts of "The Visitors," "The I.P.M.," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were briefly submitted, and received due recognition.

The Tyler's toast brought the successful evening to a close.

The Misses Ada Potter and Florence Glover, Bros. W. G. Smith, G. Williams, and Herbert Emlyn contributed their valuable aid to the entertainment provided. Bro. Hudson gave two humorous sketches. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. W. G. Smith, Org., and H. Williams, Asst. Org.

### Willesden Lodge, No. 2489.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held by dispensation at the Trocadero Restaurant, W., on the 17th inst., when the members availed themselves of the opportunity of entertaining a large number of visitors. Bro. C. J. Marrian, the retiring W.M., had rendered invaluable service to the lodge in its earlier career, as Secretary, and during his occupancy of the chair he has set an example of conscientious work which has met with hearty approbation. In the installation of his successor, however, Bro. Marrian excelled his previous efforts by his rendering of the ceremony, a splendid piece of work, which Bro. Fenn set his imprimatur upon by declaring it to be absolutely word perfect according to Emulation working. Such high praise coming from so great an authority was well deserved. The members present included Bros. C. J. Marrian, W.M.; Stanley Machin, S.W., W.M. elect; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., P.M.; R. Claude Robson, P.M.; R. Bartley Dennis, P.P.G.W. Middx., P.M.; F. W. C. Hobrow, Treas.; W. G. Greig, Sec.; J. J. Hanbury, S.D.; Walter Wel'sman, P.M., D.C.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; W. F. Webster, I.G.; G. Reynolds Wood, Org.; C. Stanley Gibbs, J. W. Greig, and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Smithett, P.S.G.D.; C. D. Hoblyn, P.M., Sec. 231; H. Machin, W.M. 231; H. Wilks, J. A. Adams, J.D.; J. Clarke Saunders, Sec. 266; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 2191; B. D. Borradale, 1343; Stanley W. Bull, W.M. elect 2361; J. Terry, J.W. 1261; J. Minter Flegg, P.M. 101; R. V. F. Seton, P.M., Sec. 1965; Rev. S. I. H. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap. Middx.; J. Turner, P.M. 49; F. S. Hanson, G. Stwd.; J. J. Powell, C. Pendleham, 2361; F. G. Ivey, P.G. Stwd.; Percy Machin, J.W. 231; H. J. Gardner, P.M. 1261; Dr. J. Pollard, P.M. 2002; H. W. Schartau, S.W. 1261; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the dispensation read, the minutes confirmed, and communications from G. Lodge read. A very satisfactory report of the Permanent Committee was adopted. Bro. Stanley Machin was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed by Bro. Marrian, I.P.M., to whose working reference has already been made. The W.M. in excellent style invested the following officers: Bros. W. G. Greig, S.W.; J. J. Hanbury, J.W.; F. W. C. Hobrow, Treas.; F. W. Marrian, Sec.; R. E. H. Fisher, S.D.; W. F. Webster, J.D.; W. Wellsman, P.M., D.C.; J. Reynolds Wood, Org.; C. Stanley Gibbs, I.G.; J. W. Greig and H. A. Seagrove, Stwds.; and J. Whiteway, Tyler. The I.P.M. having proposed his brother as a candidate for initiation, lodge was formally closed.

After an enjoyable banquet, the toast list was proceeded with.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said the Willesden Lodge was particularly favoured, as they had amongst them an array of Grand Officers such as they

had not seen since the consecration. Bro. Sir John Monckton, whom they were proud to number as an honorary member, had honoured them with his presence, and Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson they recognised as their principal founder and Past Master. They also welcomed Bro. Fenn, that most excellent worker, whose impressive rendering of the duties of Chaplain at the consecration they would never forget. There were also present Bros. Smithett, P.G.D., and Frank Hanson, Grand Steward. The Grand Officers saw the lodge on its fifth anniversary, and he trusted they were satisfied it had justified its existence. Their presence would give the members additional enthusiasm in their work, and put new life into those who composed the lodge, that they might be humble but worthy followers of the example set them in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., said it might be a bit rebellious, but he would contest the utterance of the W.M., who said that Bro. Fenn was the only Grand Officer present who took part in the consecration of the lodge. He (Bro. Monckton) took a very active part in that consecration. He was invited to be S.W., and with a very bad cold on a very foggy night he duly arrived at Willesden Junction. A porter directed him to a hall where the Christian Brothers were holding their annual meeting, and after a journey across a coal-yard he arrived at another hall and a mother's meeting. As he was sneezing so badly he went home, and the lodge made him an honorary member, and he could say he took a very active part during the consecration ceremony. He was replying to the toast of the Grand Officers for the third time in six days, and could not say anything new. They must judge the Grand Officers as they saw them. They were a fairly well set-up lot that night, and the bulk equalled the sample.

Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.W., also responded.

Bro. C. J. Marrian, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, said that, as good wine needed no bush, so "The Health of the W.M." needed no elaborate speech to recommend it. Bro. Stanley Machin was one of his earliest and most esteemed friends, and he could look back upon 30 years' friendship with his family. A happy year of office had, therefore, been rendered doubly so by the pleasure of installing Bro. Machin as his successor and of proposing his health.

Bro. Stanley Machin, W.M., who was very heartily received, said he felt it difficult to return thanks in an adequate manner for the I.P.M.'s kindness in proposing the toast. The I.P.M. had alluded to the lengthened friendship that had existed between them—a friendship which had been mutually appreciated. In connection with the Willesden Lodge, he could look back upon many friendships which had been cemented and increased, and also upon mere acquaintances that had been ripened, he was glad to say, into sincere and pure friendships. They were accepting an unknown quantity in him as their W.M. He appreciated their kindness and would do his utmost to deserve their confidence. He could not fail to realise the responsibility of the proud position he held, which was increased by the splendid working done in the lodge by preceding Masters. In returning their sincere thanks for the fraternal way in which they had received the toast he could only say his earnest efforts would be made to carry on the work in the future as it had been carried on in the past. He only trusted that when his turn came to hand over his duties to his successor he might be found deserving of at least some small share of their kind words and expressions.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," who he said had fulfilled their prognostications. The I.P.M. was able to look back upon a year of work that might be equalled and would never be excelled. So long as the lodge lasted so long would Bro. Marrian's work remain a bright and happy example. The I.P.M. took a most active part as Secretary in the conception of the lodge and did such work as they could never forget. In presenting Bro. Marrian, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel he asked him to accept it as a small token of their sincere respect and personal esteem and as a small mark of grateful admiration for work done.

Bro. C. J. Marrian, I.P.M., returned thanks for the kind references of Bro. Fenn to his work and to the W.M. for his kindly proposition of the toast. He heartily appreciated the gift of the handsome jewel which would always be the proudest jewel he could wear coming from a lodge in which he had taken such interest and of which he was a founder. He had had a difficult task to perform, being the first Master to reach the chair who was new to the work, and was therefore anxious to do his very best. If he had had any small measure of success he must attribute it entirely to the kind support he had received from the officers. Speaking for the Past Masters he was sure the W.M. would receive the same support, and could, therefore, rely upon a similar amount of success.

For "The Visitors"—which included the largest number of visiting brethren ever entertained by the lodge—Bros. Ivey, P.G. Stwd., who initiated the W.M., and Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., returned suitable thanks.

"The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.M.; Claude Robson, P.M.; Butler, P.M.; and Bartley Dennis, P.M.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers," having been duly honoured a red letter night in the history of the Willesden Lodge was terminated by the Tyler's toast.

Bro. Reynolds Wood, Org., was ably assisted in the musical programme by Master Willie Gammage, and Bros. Arthur Johnson and Herbert Schartau, the latter of whom contributed several humorous songs in his own inimitable manner.

### Molesey Lodge, No. 2473.

On the 8th inst., under the gavel of Bro. C. G. Sherwood, W.M., the above lodge held what is practically the last of its summer meetings, at the Caste Hotel, East Molesey. On this, the first occasion since his installation, the W.M., well supported by his P.M.s, amongst whom were Bros. C. O. Burgess, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and Prov. S.G.W. of Berks; E. L. Berry, P.M., P.P. J.G.D.; and Walter Dennis, I.P.M., had the opportunity of proving that the choice of the brethren had not fallen in a barren spot, the ceremony of initiation being admirably worked by him. As is usual at the meetings of the Molesey Lodge, the Fourth Degree was not in any way behind its predecessors, and the hospitality of the lodge was shared and appreciated by many well-known Masons of the Craft, amongst whom were Bro. Percy Hutton, W.M. 2246, and many other brethren.

The W.M. proved himself no less at home at the banqueting table than in the working of the lodge.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly given, the evening was enlivened and rendered highly successful by the admirable rendering of songs and music by Bros. Berry, P.M.; C. S. Mart Walker, Botwright, and the Organist and accompanist, Bro. H. J. Foan, and in time to catch the return train to London, the Tyler's toast was drunk, and all departed with regrets that it would probably not be before March next that they would again be able to meet in a similar genial manner.

### Victoria Lodge, No. 2671.

The first annual installation meeting of the above lodge (since its consecration on October 9th, 1897) was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, attended by the following members: Bros. Edward Prince, P.M. 209, P.P.G.S. of W., W.M.; John Baynes, J.W.; E. C. Broquet, P.M. 209, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. A. Cocks, P.M. 2163, Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 382, S.D.; Ernest Marshall, P.M. 771, P.P.G. Std. Br., J.D.; H. W. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 382, P.P.D. G.D.C. Middlesex, D.C.; T. W. Turner, A.D.C.; J. J. Simcox, P.M. 1501, Prov. G. Treas. Bucks, Org.; A. A. Hardy, W.M. elect 2163, I.G.; W. A. Hardy, S.W. 87, Steward; A. Foyer, P.M. 382; A. W. Hall, sen., A. W. Hall, jun., W. J. Wilson, A. Starkey, W. L. James, J. M. Payne, J. H. Harding, H. Scott, W. B. Kempton, and H. W. Barney. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Martin, P.M. 414, P.A.G.D.C. England, Prov. G. Sec.; R. J. Ball, P.M. 209, P.P.G. Reg.; W. H. Sales, P.M., Treas. 87; Sydney Smith, W.M. 209; W. Andrews, J.W. 209; S. Knight, jun., W.M. 574, P.J.G.D.; A. C. Layton, W.M. 771; H. G. W. D'Almaine, W.M. 945; F. J. C. Forss, W.M. 1566; G. W. Fortescue, W.M. 2437; L. H. Walker, J.D. 2157, J.W. 2163, S.W. 2662; A. Newman, 382; J. I. Fielder, 2096; S. E. Young, 1563; and Humphreys.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, and other formal business disposed of, the W.M. performed the ceremonies of initiating Mr. W. B. Kempton and passing Bro. A. W. Hall, jun. Bro. J. B. nee, J.W., was then presented as Master elect by Bro. Simcox, P.M.—who acted as D. of C. throughout the remainder of the proceedings—and was duly installed in an impressive manner by the outgoing Master, at whose request Bros. Sydney Smith, W.M. 209; A. C. Layton, W.M. 771; and R. J. Ball, P.M. 209, P.P.G. Reg., acted as S.W., J.W., and I.G. respectively during the ceremony. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Edward Prince, P.M. 209, P.P.G.S. of W., I.P.M. and Sec.; E. C. Broquet, P.M. 209, P.P. G. Std. Br., S.W.; W. A. Cocks, P.M. 2163,

Prov. G. Steward, J.W.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 382, Treas.; Ernest Marshall, P.M. 771, Prov. G. Std. Br., S.D.; H. W. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 382, P.P.D.G.D. of C. Middlesex, J.D.; T. W. Turner, D.C.; A. A. Hardy, W.M. elect 2163, A.D.C.; W. T. Harvey, W.M. 382 (invested by deputy), I.G.; A. W. Hall, jun., Org.; W. A. Hardy, S.W. 87, A. W. Hall, sen., and J. J. Simcox, P.M. 1501, Prov. Grand Treas. Bucks, Stewards; and G. H. Powell, P.M. 209 and 771, P.P.G.D., Tyler. The usual addresses were ably rendered by Bros. Prince, I.P.M., W. H. Reed, Treas., and W. A. Cocks, J.W., and the outgoing Master was presented by the W.M. in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, also presented a P. Sec.'s jewel to Bro. Cocks, in consideration of the special duties which had devolved on him during the past year. In handing these jewels to the recipients, the W.M. made some eulogistic remarks, particularly referring to the untiring energy and devoted attention displayed by Bro. Prince, whom he considered to be "the Founder" of the lodge in piloting it through its first year's existence, and these remarks were suitably acknowledged. Bros. Reed, Treas., and Simcox, Stwd., announced their intention of attending as Stewards at the annual festival of the R.M.B. Institution in February next, and, after the offering of hearty congratulations by the visitors present, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren repaired to the White Hart Hotel and partook of an excellent banquet, spending the remainder of the evening in a most enjoyable manner, enhanced by a splendid programme of music arranged and contributed to by Bro. T. W. Turner, D.C., assisted by Misses Winifred Marwood and Alice Thomas, Bro. Humphreys, and by Bro. A. W. Hall, jun., Org., who acted as accompanist.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., that of "The M.W.G. Master and the rest of the Grand Officers" being responded to, in his usual happy and fluent style, by Bro. Martin, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec., who after alluding to the magnificent gathering of Berks Masons at Reading the previous day, to welcome their newly-appointed Prov. G. Master, Lord Wantage, and witness the beautiful ceremony of his installation, which was so impressively performed by the Deputy G. Master, the Earl Amherst, referred in very kind and encouraging terms to the advance already made by the lodge in the province.

In proposing the toast of "The Right Hon. Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., P.G. W. Eng., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. referred to the honour which devolved on him in being the first W.M. in the province to propose the health of the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master.

This toast was responded to by Bro. Ball, P. Prov. G. Reg., in the excellent manner which is characteristic of him.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., and was most heartily received. The I.P.M. spoke of the peculiar interest felt by him in Bro. Baynes's progress in Masonry, and the great pleasure it had given him in installing him that day.

The W.M. responded in a hearty and feeling manner, and after thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, promised to do his best to discharge the duties of his office satisfactorily. He expressed with confidence the hope that he would receive the kind and valuable support of his able body of officers during the year, and expressed also his gratification at the cordial reception given him.

The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was generally responded to by Bros. S. Knight, jun., W.M. 574, Prov. J.G.D.: S. E. Young, 1563; and W. H. Bale, P.M. and Treas. 87.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. E. Prince, I.P.M.," expressing his thanks and those of the brethren for the manner in which he had conducted all the proceedings which had led up to the consecration of the lodge and to the proud position in which it now stood, and assuring him of the great regard felt by the brethren towards him.

Bro. Prince responded by saying that though he felt much diffidence in undertaking the responsible duties of W.M. and had many misgivings as to his ability to perform them satisfactorily, yet when he accepted the office he made up his mind to do his very best to deserve the approbation of his brother founders and the members generally. He felt more comfortable at the outset by knowing what an exceptionally strong body of officers he had to back him upon whose support and assistance he could confidently rely; that support had been zealously and ably given, and he wished to return his most sincere and heartfelt thanks for it. In conclusion, he thanked the lodge for the handsome Past Master's jewel presented to him, which he said he should always highly prize as he regarded it as a true testimony of their esteem for, and satisfaction with him, and he signified his hope that it would be handed down to posterity, provided any posterity came to his family which seemed to be doubtful.

The toast of "The Initiate" was given and suitably responded to by Bro. Kempton.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, and the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Windsor Castle, No. 771" (the two sister lodges in Windsor), was very ably proposed by the W.M., who expressed the sincere thanks of his lodge for the kind assistance and sympathy given by those lodges to the Victoria Lodge, and the gratification which was felt at the brotherly feeling which existed between the three lodges and which he hoped would always continue.

Bros. Sydney Smith, W.M. 209, and A. C. Layton, W.M. 771, both responded most heartily and with expressions of the greatest kindness, stating their assurance that their lodges were most pleased with the addition of the third lodge to meet in the Masonic Temple at Windsor, and hoping the same good feelings of brotherly love and fellowship would continue for all time.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Officers of the Victoria Lodge," and said that he felt his position to be materially strengthened by the knowledge that he had such experienced and able brethren to work with him.

This toast was responded to by Bro. E. C. Broquet, P.M. 209, P.P.G. Std. Br., who presided, on behalf of himself and brother officers, to afford every possible assistance to the W.M.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The Jewel was designed and manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, Little Britain, London.

## Royal Arch.

Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901.

The installation meeting of this flourishing South London chapter was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there were present Comps. Wm. Wills, M.E.Z.; J. Lightfoot, P.Z., acting H.; A. H. Fraser, J., M.E.Z. elect; W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z.; Edwin Gauntlett, P.Z.; Benj. Morgan, P.Z.; Fred. E. Pow, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. C. Turner, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Thos. Bowler, Janitor; Chas.

H. Harrison, H. Hayward, R. Weddall Thomas, Jos. Pointon, Hy. Mills, F. H. Ford, and H. P. White. Comp. G. S. Graham, P.Z. 1503, P.P.G. Org. Middx. and Surrey, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The dispensation from Grand Chapter was read and a warrant was granted to hold a Selwyn Chapter of Instruction, Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor. A conclave of Installed Third Principals was formed and Comps. F. E. Pow and H. C. Turner installed into the J. chair by Comp. Thos. Grummant, P.Z. A conclave of Installed Second Principals was formed and Comp. A. H. Fraser and F. E. Pow installed into the H. chair by Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z. A conclave of Installed First Principals was formed and Comp. A. H. Fraser installed in the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Wm. Wills, I.P.Z. The installations were performed in an exemplary manner. Comp. A. H. Fraser, M.E.Z. invested the officers as follows: Comps. W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. Lightfoot, P.Z., D.C.; Hy. Hayward, S.N.; J. Pointon, P.S.; J. A. May, 1st A.S.; H. P. White, 2nd A.S.; E. E. Aggleton, Stwd. (deferred); and Thos. Bowler, Janitor. Expressions of deep sympathy were made toward Comp. Poole in his serious illness and the S.E. was instructed to write and tender the same. A proposition for exaltation was handed in to the S.E. The M.E.Z. rose and said the proposition was made at the previous convocation that the P.Z.'s jewel should be given to Comp. Wm. Wills and he had now the very great privilege to present the same, not in any mere formal manner but as a token of the love and esteem that Comp. Wills was held in, and also for the admirable manner in which the duties of the chapter had been carried out during the past year. It was the desire of every companion that the Great I Am would spare him many years to wear the same. Also to still further show their appreciation the companions of the chapter presented him with the Past Principal's collar and jewel, which the M.E.Z. hoped would adorn his neck for very long years to come. In reply Comp. Wm. Wills tendered his sincere and heartfelt thanks to the companions and stated that his year had been a most pleasant and, he was happy to say, successful one, which was very gratifying. He thanked them, indeed, for the splendid Past Principal's jewel and also the collar and jewel attached; he trusted that the Great I Am would spare him many years to wear it. Like Comp. Benj. Morgan, P.Z., when he left the chair last year he made a presentation of a beautiful Charity box, so now on his retiring, as a memento of his year, he had very great pleasure in presenting a gavel, very suitably inscribed. It was resolved that a very hearty vote of thanks be given to Comp. Wm. Wills for the gift. The Auditors, Comps. Lightfoot, Morgan, and Pow presented their report, which showed the chapter to be financially sound. They received a vote of thanks for their labours.

The business of the convocation ended, the companions adjourned to an excellent repast supplied by Comp. Pow and Mrs. Pow.

The M.E.Z. presented the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.Z.," and remarked all present sympathised with his Royal Highness in his late accident, and hoped that he would soon be enabled to continue his Masonic duties in which he always took so deep an interest, especially in the Charities. They were most loyally responded to.

That of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., and G.J.," also received high eulogiums, and was duly honoured.

Comp. Wm. Wills said for the first time in the Selwyn Chapter he had the pleasure of presenting the toast of "The M.E.Z.," who had done splendid service in the Selwyn Lodge and had shown himself so capable already in the chapter. He hoped the companions would rally round the First Principal and make the year a still more prosperous one.

Comp. A. H. Fraser, M.E.Z., thanked all for their very kind expressions and the flattering remarks of Comp. Wills which it would be his endeavours to fully carry out. His utmost aim would be to uphold the prestige of the chapter, and also perform the duties (so long as the companions brought him worthy brethren) in the same perfect manner as hitherto. He most heartily thanked the companions.

The toast of "The Co-Principals H. and J.," was next presented by the M.E.Z., who remarked of Comp. Pow, H., that he had done yeoman service in the Selwyn Lodge while its Master, and he was thoroughly capable of performing the duties as H. of the chapter, having already done so in the Selwyn Chapter of Instruction under the able Preceptor, Comp. Thomas Grummant, P.Z. The same remarks were applicable to Comp. H. C. Turner, J., who was P.M. of the Beaconsfield Lodge, where he had thoroughly made his mark.

The H. and J. most ably responded, thanking the chapter for electing them to their respective proud positions.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by the M.E.Z., and Comp. Graham very ably replied.

The toast of "The Past Principals" received at the hands of the M.E.Z. the measure of gratitude which the companions owed to them for their past able services.

The toast was responded to by Comps. Wills, I.P.Z., and E. Gauntlett, senior P.Z., who paid a high compliment to the M.E.Z., having known him for 12 years, he being his sponsor into Freemasonry, and also stated of himself that it was a quarter of a century that very evening since he saw the light of Freemasonry.

Comps. Lightfoot, Stone, and Morgan also suitably replied. Comp. Fraser, M.E.Z., next proposed "The Past Principals in the Chapter," and stated the chapter was greatly indebted to them for their splendid services.

Comps. W. H. Hook, P.Z., first acting I.P.Z., and T. Grummant, P.Z. (honorary member for services rendered), very cordially responded.

The toast of "The Treasurer and S.E." was next proposed in appreciative terms, and replied to very forcibly by Comps. Hook, P.Z., and Stone, P.Z., Treas. and S.E., respectively.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers," congratulating himself and the chapter on their efficiency.

Comp. H. Hayward, S.N., in reply, said he felt the great honour of having a collar placed round his neck for the first time in his life, although 23 years a Freemason. He hoped he should deserve every kind remark of the M.E.Z.

Comp. J. Pointon, P.S., also acknowledged the honour done him, although so young a Royal Arch Mason, but he should perform his duties as thoroughly as he had endeavoured in the Selwyn Lodge.

The Janitor's toast closed a happy and successful convocation.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. G. S. Graham, P.Z. 1503, ably supported by Comps. Hook, Stone, H. Prenton, Arthur Carlyle, Dyved Lewys, and E. Delevanti (the Court Part Singers), and Graham. Comp. E. Delevanti ably presided at the piano.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES received the Danish Minister, Monsieur de Bille, on Monday.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein and the Duchess of Devonshire, left King's Cross on Monday afternoon, in a special saloon attached to the 1.30 train for Ripon, on a visit to the Bishop of Ripon and Mrs. Boyd Carpenter.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

COMP. T. LEWES SAYER has been elected Scribe E. of the Beadon Chapter No. 619.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, left Euston on Monday night for Dublin.

HIS EXCELLENCY Count Deym, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, returned to London on Monday from his leave of absence.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE arrived on Monday night at Blythwood House, Renfrewshire, on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Blithwood.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK left Warwick Castle for Wynyard Park, Stockton, on Monday on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry.

THE QUEEN, according to present arrangements, is expected to reside in Scotland until about the middle of next month, when the Court leaves Balmoral for Windsor Castle.

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT will be the guest of the Alliance Lodge at their installation banquet on Tuesday, the 15th proximo. Bro. Baron de Bush is the W. Master elect.

THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, after the recess will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday next. Bro. H. C. Kemp is the W. Master.

COUNTESS PERCY is lending her house, 28, Grosvenor-square, for a floral bazaar and concert on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, in aid of Sister Katherine's Nursing Work at Plaistow.

THE QUEEN has forwarded, through Colonel the Right Hon. Sir Fleetwood Edwards, K.C.B., her annual subscription of £50 to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, of which her Majesty is patron.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE and Bro. Colonel the Earl of Strafford, who represented the Queen at the funeral of the late Queen of Denmark, reached Victoria Station on Tuesday evening on their return from Copenhagen.

AT THE STABILITY CHAPTER, No. 217, on the 17th instant, Comp. W. R. Smith, M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, exalted to the Supreme Degree Bro. Cornelius H. Barham, 1278. The ceremony was rendered with that perfectness for which this chapter has always been known.

BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON has arrived as Minister in attendance on her Majesty, and, with the Very Rev. Principal Story, M.D., Chaplain to the Queen, who has also arrived at the Castle, had the honour of being included in the Royal dinner party. Bro. Sir Walter Parratt left the Castle.

BRO. THE EARL OF DERBY presided on Saturday last at the annual meeting of the Governors of University College, Liverpool, and, urging the necessity of the erection of a building for the school of anatomy, intimated his intention of giving £5000 towards the £20,000 required. Another donation of £2000 was announced.

AT THE monthly meeting of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, a handsome and costly carved oak frame, containing the photos of the Past Masters, was presented for exhibition in the lodge room by Bros. A. E. Burnett, P.M., and H. Cox, S.W. The gift was accepted by the W.M., Bro. F. W. Bishop, with thanks.

LORD MASHAM was presented with the freedom of Bradford at a special meeting of the Corporation. The scroll was enclosed in a golden casket. Lord Masham recently gave £40,000 to the Corporation to erect an Art Gallery and Museum in memory of Cartwright, whom he recognised as the original inventor of the wool-combing machine.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) will receive the Lord Mayor-Elect at the House of Lords on Monday, the 24th instant, at 11.15 a.m. On the same day, at 11.45, there will be a special service at Westminster Abbey. Places will be reserved for the Judges, Queen's Counsel, and officers of the Supreme Court who may attend. The Dean will receive the Judges at the west door. The Lord Chancellor's reception at the House of Lords will take place at 12.45.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY has accepted Bro. Lord Mayor Davies's invitation to the Mansion House banquet on the 4th prox., to meet the Sirdar on his admission to the Freedom of the City, as have also the Marquis of Lansdowne (Secretary of State for War), the Earl of Rosebery, Bro. Lord Roberts, and the Speaker, Bro. the Right Hon. W. C. Gully, M.P. The London Rifle Brigade will form a guard of honour for the Sirdar on the occasion of his visit.

MEMBERS OF THE Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee have been daily engaged in making arrangements for the annual civic pageant on the 9th proximo. The triumphal cars will be confined to three in number, and will be symbolical of Anglo-American Unity, British South Africa, and the Advance of Technical Education. With a view to introducing into the procession a strong military element, the Committee has made application to the commanding officers of some of the leading Metropolitan Volunteer corps, inviting them to send detachments.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by Princess Victoria, arrived at Marlborough House early on Wednesday morning, from Balmoral Castle. Bro. Capt. Holford was in attendance. Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, and Princess Louis of Battenberg visited the Prince of Wales during the day. Bros. the Duke of Abercorn represented the Prince of Wales, and Lord Colville of Culross the Princess of Wales, at the funeral service in the German Chapel, Marlborough-gate, on Saturday last, for the Queen of Denmark.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE, of the Royal Horse Guards (Blue), who has been serving throughout the two Egyptian Campaigns of this year, arrived from Khartoum a fortnight ago at his father's house in Eaton-place, en route for Blair, where great festivities were in preparation in his honour. Unfortunately he at once developed an acute attack of malaria and Egyptian fever. The Duchess of Atholl has come up to town to nurse her son, whose condition necessitates, in his medical adviser's opinion, the most absolute quiet, although his temperature is not so high as might have been expected.

THE QUEEN, with her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick and their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Princess Victoria of Wales, Princess Adolphe of Schaumburg-Lippe, and her Royal Highness Princess Louise Duchess of Fife, and the Duke of Fife, attended on Saturday morning last in Craithie Church a memorial service for her Majesty the Queen of Denmark. The Rev. S. J. Ramsay Sibbald officiated. The Countess of Lytton and Captain Ponsonby were in attendance. The Countess Perponcher and Count Seckendorff were in attendance on her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, and Bro. Captain Holford was in attendance on his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The musical portion of the service was conducted by Bro. Sir Walter Parratt, P.G.O.

THE MANSION HOUSE West Indies Hurricane Relief Fund amounted last night (Thursday) to £33,900.

BRO. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD arrived at Pekin on Sunday last, and is staying with Sir Claude MacDonald as his guest.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT arrived at Bedale, Yorkshire, on Saturday night last, on a visit to the Earl of Listowel, who has rented Thorpe Perrow Hall.

A MARRIAGE is arranged to take place between Bro. the Earl of Strafford, Equerry to the Queen, and Mrs. Colgate, of Uplands, New Hamburg-on-Hudson, United States.

MISS GRACE JACKSON, daughter of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., of Allerton Hall, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, was on Saturday afternoon last married to Mr. Aubrey Brocklebank, son of Mr. Thomas Brocklebank, of Irton Hall, Cumberland, and the Hollies, Liverpool. The wedding was solemnised at the Leeds Parish Church, the officiating clergy, including the Bishop of Ripon and the Vicar of Leeds (the Rev. Dr. Gibson). The bride was given away by her father.

THE LATE BRO. SIR FRANK LOCKWOOD.—The member for the Whitby division, Mr. E. W. Beckett, on Tuesday unveiled the memorial tablet to and the portrait of the late Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood subscribed for by the members of the Reading Room at Cloughton, near Scarborough. Mr. Beckett and Mr. J. E. Ellis, M.P., each paid tributes to the memory of Sir Frank, who, during his residence in Cloughton, did a great deal to improve and cheer the lives of the villagers.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd prox., at 3 p.m., the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, will attend at St. Botolph Church, Bishopsgate, a Masonic service, at which the offertory will be given in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. the Lord Bishop of Marlborough will preach the sermon, and the Lord Mayor will attend in state. A dispensation has been obtained for the brethren to appear in Craft clothing and jewels. Full directions as to the service will be printed on the tickets, which are to be obtained of Bro. Lionel H. Lemon, Sec., 4, King-street, Cheapside, E.C.

THE COMMITTEE of the Hospital Saturday Fund held their annual collection throughout the metropolis on Saturday last, but on account of the numerous complaints which were made to the police the familiar street collection was abandoned. Instead they availed themselves of the offer of upwards of 1500 London tradesmen to place boxes in their shops, and the ladies who used to have stands at various points of vantage in the streets have this year gone round with subscription sheets. It is said that so far the collections in the workshops has been most satisfactory, and that, all things considered, there will be a more favourable return this year from all sources than in 1897.

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THE REMAINING WEEKS of Bro. the Lord Mayor's year of office are to be devoted, in a great measure, to a revival of the hospitality which has been all along the characteristic of the mayoralty. To-morrow (Saturday) Bro. the Lord Mayor gives a banquet, on the occasion of the reception of the Elcho Shield, to the English Eight and the Commanding Officers of Metropolitan Volunteers. For the first time in the history of the trophy, Lord Wemyss—the donor—will be present at the dinner. On the same evening the Mackinnon Cup for volley firing and the Volunteer Ambulance Shield, won again this year by Metropolitan Corps, will be handed to Bro. the Lord Mayor for retention at the Mansion House until the next competition. On the 26th instant a Masonic banquet to the Grand Officers of the year, the Provincial Grand Masters, and other leading members of the Craft, will be given in celebration of Bro. the Lord Mayor's promotion as Past Grand Deacon. By dispensation of the Grand Master, full dress Masonic clothing and jewels will be worn. On Tuesday, the 1st prox., the Lady Mayoress will have her final afternoon reception. On the 2nd prox. the much-debated dinner to the Chairman and members of the London County Council will be held, and on the 4th prox. the Lord Mayor will receive the Sirdar. On the 5th prox. the boys and girls of the Freeman's Orphan School will be entertained. On the 8th prox. the Mayoralty changes hands, and, prior to the annual ceremonial, Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lord Mayor elect will jointly give a *dejeuner* at the Mansion House.

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