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THE NEXT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Under ordinary circumstances we do not consider it incumbent on us to draw attention to the approaching Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution until a month before Christmas. But the year in which so enormous a contribution has been raised for the Boys' Centenary as his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master had the pleasure of announcing in the Royal Albert Hall on the 10th June last, has also witnessed the comparative failure of the support which is invariably accorded to the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. We mention this as a simple fact. We have no intention of finding fault with the brethren for distributing their subscriptions and donations so unequally among our Charities that two of them together realised only about one-seventh of what was raised for the third. Everyone expected that something of this kind would happen, while none more gracefully fell in with this general expectation than the Secretaries of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, who were less urgent, if not less earnest, in their appeals for contributions, in order that as clear a field as possible might be left to their colleague of the Boys' School in his efforts to make the Centenary of that Institution the bumper Festival which was both expected and desired. Yet the fact remains that while the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions were unable to raise either of them more than about one half of their Festival Returns in ordinary years, the Boys' School obtained about seven times as much. It must also be borne in mind that the total sum annually raised for our three Institutions has this year been exceeded by, in round figures, £100,000, and the problem which now confronts us is how, in the face of so exceptionally successful a year as 1898 has proved, to raise for "Our Girls" and "Old People" sufficient, not only for their respective requirements in 1899, but likewise to make good, if possible, or as far as possible, the deficiencies of the present year. It seems hard lines to be perpetually appealing for funds to a body which has just given so magnificent a proof of its generosity. But the thing must be done. It is the settled determination of the Craft that the Girls' School shall provide for a certain number of children, and the Benevolent Institution for so many aged and indigent men and widows; and as the permanent incomes of these Charities are insufficient for the purpose, the wherewith to fulfil this task must be obtained from the general body of Craftsmen.

For the present, however, we must confine our attention to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, seeing that, in the order of time, its Festival takes precedence of that in aid of the Girls' School.

We have again and again set before our readers the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the generous support of the brethren both in town and country, but in view of the fact that its requirements are more pressing than usual, we feel we shall be justified in describing them even more circumstantially than is our wont. The number of annuitants, at £40 a year on the Male Fund is 202, the total sum distributable amongst them being £8080. The number on the Widows' Fund in receipt of £32 a year each is 245, the sum necessary to defray their annuities being £7840. In addition, there are 28 Widow Annuitants in receipt of £20 a year for a short term of years, who together receive £560; these being the widows of Annuitants entitled under the laws of the Institution to the half of their late husbands' annuities. Thus the total required for annuities alone falls only a little short of £16,500. The expenses of management and the maintenance of the Asylum together absorb about £3000 a year, so that we shall not be exaggerating the expenditure if we declare it at £19,000 and upwards. The permanent income, consisting of the annual grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of £1600 and £150 respectively, and interest on invested capital, amounts to between £5000 and £6000, so that the sum required to be raised in the shape of donations and subscriptions—obtained principally by means of the Anniversary Festival—is in round figures about £13,500. This year the usual Festival which was held in February under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of JERSEY, G.C.M.G., Prov. G. Master of Oxfordshire, produced about £9700. Fortunately the grant of £2000 voted by Grand Lodge in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was paid over to the Institution in the early part of the year, but before 1898 is ended the Committee of Management will have found themselves under the necessity of trenching upon the invested capital to the extent of about £2000. Hence the sum required to be raised chiefly, as we have said, through the medium of the approaching Festival, cannot be estimated at much less than £16,000, and that will just suffice to re-establish the equipoise between income and expenditure, which has been so seriously disturbed during the present year.

As regards the Festival itself, we had some time ago the pleasure of announcing that Bro. Lord LIANGATTOCK, Prov. G. Master of South Wales (E.D.) has very kindly consented to preside as Chairman, and that the date fixed for the celebration is Wednesday, the 22nd February, 1899. The Board of Stewards for so great an undertaking is by no means large, the number of those whose services Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., the Secretary of the Institution, has thus far succeeded in enlisting being about 120. But even in ordinary years, when there has been no exceptionally heavy demand upon the brethren the difficulty of obtaining between £13,000 and £14,000 to meet the necessary outlay is sufficiently great; while in 1899, this difficulty will be far greater, not only by reason of the lesser amount raised than usual towards the current year's expenditure, but likewise, and more particularly, in consequence of the serious drain which has been made in all directions upon the resources of our lodges and brethren which are available for the purposes of Charity. It matters not to which direction we turn, whether to London or the Provinces, we have but to glance

through the Summary of Returns at the Boys' Centenary as published in our Special Centenary Number, to be in a position to form some idea of the difficulties which will have to be encountered in raising the sum of £16,000 at the very least for the need of our "Old People" during the year 1899. London raised £48,000 instead of its usual £8000 or £10,000, while the Provinces, everyone of which took part in the celebration, in nearly every case returned three, four, and even five times as much as at ordinary Festivals. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that when the year's budget of petitions from new applicants has been made up, the lists of old and new candidates together for the Male and Widows' Funds will be found to range from 110 to 120, while the number of vacancies that have occurred so far during the year is small. Thus all circumstances combine to render the task which the Stewards for the Festival of next year will have to accomplish an exceptionally serious one and we most earnestly appeal to such lodges and Provinces as are not yet represented to furnish a Steward or Stewards for the occasion and to the whole body of the brethren to exhibit their accustomed generosity in supporting the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its approaching Anniversary Festival.

SOME STATISTICS OF WEST LANCASHIRE FREEMASONRY.

In our article of last week we confined our attention to the happy relations which have always existed between the Prov. G. Master and the brethren of West Lancashire. We further congratulated the latter on the reappearance amongst them of their respected Chief after his long seclusion from public life. But we had no space to refer to the condition of the Province and the splendid efforts it is always making in respect of our Central and its local Charitable Institutions. As our readers are aware, West Lancashire is the strongest, and we think we may venture to add without offence to others, the most influential of the Provinces under the Grand Lodge of England. At the present time, as the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. W. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., had the pleasure of announcing in his 15th annual report, there are 121 lodges on the roll, with an aggregate membership of 7910, and by way of emphasising the progress which West Lancashire has made under the able and genial rule of the Earl of LATHOM, the P.G. Secretary contrasted these figures with the returns in 1873, when his lordship was installed in office and the number of lodges was 64, with a membership of 3269. Thus in the 25 years of Lord LATHOM's presidency the number of lodges has been nearly doubled, while the subscribing members are not far short of being two and a half times as numerous. But this is but a part of the progress which the Province has made during this quarter of a century. In 1873, there was only one local Charitable Institution—the West Lancashire Educational—which was doing good work then as now but on a far more modest scale; now there are four such Institutions, which are all most generously supported by the brethren and are, therefore, doing splendid work for the indigent members in the Province and their belongings. The Educational Institution, which alone of the four was in existence when Lord LATHOM was appointed to office, has an invested capital of £23,000 and an annual income of about £1800, and last year assisted 182 children at a cost of close on £1600. The Hamer Institution, with a capital of £5600 and an income of over £660, made grants to or conferred annuities upon 23 aged and indigent brethren at a cost slightly exceeding £400. The Alpass Institution, with a capital of £7000 and an income of £1300 and upwards, expended about £1000 in annuities on 63 widows of brethren. Lastly, there is the Victoria Masonic Institution, which was founded last year in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee with a capital of over £1000, but in the brief period of its existence there is but little to record of the work it has had the opportunity of accomplishing. As regards our Central Masonic Institutions, its efforts in their behalf are made for the most part on the special occasions on which the Prov. G.M. has consented to preside at a Festival, or when one or other of our Charities has been celebrating some particular anniversary or making a special effort with a view to effecting

some particular object. Then the £800 or £1200 which it is content to distribute in ordinary years among our Central Institutions is enlarged to a three, five, or sevenfold extent, the latest and most conspicuous occasions being in 1891, when Lord LATHOM signalled his appointment as Pro G. Master by presiding at the Boys' School Festival, and the Province supported his lordship by subscribing upwards of £6000; and in June last, when it raised considerably over £4000 for the Boys' Centenary. These few facts, which we have culled from Bro. GOODACRE's report as summarised in our account last week of the recent annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, demonstrate clearly enough that there is a good deal of reality about West Lancashire Freemasonry, and we have every reason to hope that we shall always be in a position to lay before our readers statistics as favourable as those we have quoted. Nor under the circumstances of the present moment can we do aught else than reiterate the hope, to which we gave expression last week that, notwithstanding the serious attack of illness by which Lord LATHOM was suddenly prostrated on Sunday, the 23rd ult., the day may yet be very far distant when his lordship's association with the Province of West Lancashire shall cease and determine.

ANOTHER OLD MS.

Bro. Sadler has kindly informed me of the discovery of the "Henry Heade MS." of A.D. 1675, in the Library of the Inner Temple, London, through the fortunate recognition of Bro. W. M. Bywater.

Several of us have been on the look out for this document ever since Bro. Speth's finding a reference to it in Cochran's Catalogue of 1826, and which I announced in my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," 1895. It is described therein, Lot 633, with other MSS. as "*Constitutions of Freemasonry, signed by Henry Heade, 1675,*" and I said at the time that "the signature by Henry Heade, and being dated will secure its immediate recognition should the scroll ever be brought to light."

Since this intimation of the existence of the MS. I have traced it in the sale catalogue of Lebr's Library of 1859 as Lot 65, which apparently was purchased by the late Mr. Halliwell Philipps, and later it came into the Library of the Inner Temple.

Bro. Gould has fraternally examined the MS. (written on paper) on my behalf, and Bro. Sadler has also done so; the result being my conviction that it was copied, either from the same original, as the "*William Watson MS.*" of 1687, or from a similar scroll. The "*William Watson*" Roll was not copied from the "Henry Heade" MS. Indeed, it is not quite certain that the latter was transcribed in 1675, but possibly some twenty years later, but that is not material under present circumstances, as the valuable document of 1687 is clearly of the date recorded, and both are so much alike that the text of either answers for the prototype of both.

The "Henry Heade" MS. gives what is evidently the correct reading of the curious clause in the "*William Watson*" Roll, viz., "*A man on all sides,*" instead of "*anena within all sides.*" The discovery is an important one, and I wish it had been traced by Bro. Speth, who first noted its existence in Cochran's Catalogue, and has worked most assiduously to discover its whereabouts. I am now waiting for the next.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

For the first time for a period of many years Lewes had, on the 28th ult., an opportunity of welcoming a member of the Royal Family on an official visit. Such an event, it appears, has never happened since his Majesty King William the Fourth and Queen Adelaide visited the town in 1830, a matter which could be in the memory of very few of those who assisted on this occasion in giving H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught a loyal and enthusiastic reception on his arrival to preside at the annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge. It is true H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present last year at Lewes races, as the guest of the Marquis of Abergavenny, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of the county, but his visit was that of a private gentleman, and there was no formal reception, and no decoration of the town. Having at last a fitting occasion, loyal Lewes was not to be outdone by any town in its expression of attachment to the reigning family, and of welcome to one of its most popular members. The Mayor (Bro. Councillor Gates) had issued a request to the inhabitants of the streets along which the Duke would pass on his way from the station to the Masonic Hall, and from thence to the Town Hall, to decorate their houses in a suitable manner, and it was remarkable with what cheerful unanimity this request had been complied with. The Corporation did not themselves carry out any decorations except at the Town Hall, but so general was the display of bunting, draperies, flowers, and foliage throughout the chief thoroughfares that anything further seemed unnecessary. The view of Station-road, seen from the corner of Lansdowne-place, with the National Schools wreathed and festooned, and gay with flags, was delightful, and along Lansdowne-place itself the lines of bunting had a very bright appearance. School-hill also looked charming, many of the balconies being beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and other flowers, while the air was almost thick with waving banners. The weather being fortunately fine—though the sky presented an unbroken

mass of grey clouds, and mists hung heavy along the tops of the Downs—the streets were full of townspeople, mingled with not a few visitors from neighbouring towns and villages, and the Duke was heartily cheered at all points of the route to and from the station. His Royal Highness seemed, indeed, greatly pleased by his reception, which struck the right note throughout, being cordial and enthusiastic as a display of loyalty, without intrusion of a kind which might be resented. The arrangements made for the occasion were as nearly perfect as possible, and worked with a smoothness which reflected credit on those responsible. The local volunteer corps provided smart guards of honour, and the singing of the National Anthem by a number of school children at the Central National Schools was a happy idea, the effect of the young fresh voices heard amid the gay surroundings and all the circumstances of the Royal visit being one not soon to be forgotten.

The luncheon was held at the Town Hall. The entrance had a most attractive appearance, with groups of palms and other foliage plants on either side of the magnificent oak staircase. The band of the Buffs was stationed in the Gallery, and on the arrival of the Prov. G. Master played the National Anthem. The Duke was supported on his right by Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., Gen. Randolph, J. Strachan, and J. C. Parkinson, and on his left by Bros. the Mayor of Lewes (Councillor W. Gates), the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Rev. W. O. Thompson, J. S. Eastes, and F. West. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Dr. Irwin Scott, Bullock, and G. W. E. Loder, M.P.

Owing to the short time at the disposal of the brethren the speeches incidental to the toast list were necessarily short.

The Prov. G.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and, after that toast had been duly honoured, he submitted "The M.W. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales."

The DUKE then proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He made a graceful allusion to the bereavement sustained by the Earl of Lathom, and said it would be gratifying to the brethren to hear that that esteemed brother was fast recovering his accustomed health. (Applause.) Personally, he was glad to see Bros. J. Strachan and J. S. Eastes and other Grand Officers present.

Bro. J. STRACHAN, O.C., G. Reg., responded.

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT submitted "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." He said he was sure he rightly interpreted the thoughts and feelings of the brethren throughout Sussex when he stated that they believed no county in Great Britain was so fortunate as Sussex in possessing such a Provincial Grand Master as the Duke of Connaught. (Applause.) The inhabitants of Lewes had given the Duke a right hearty welcome, and the brethren throughout the province were always delighted to have him among them. (Applause.)

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER in responding, said he was grateful to Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott for so proposing the toast in such kind terms, and to the brethren for receiving it so cordially. He highly valued their kindly feelings, and was pleased to note the steady progress of Freemasonry throughout the county. It gave him special pleasure to meet with such a hearty reception at the hands of the people of Lewes, and he wished to warmly thank the Mayor (Bro. Gates), and those who had assisted him, for giving him such a cordial welcome. (Applause.) He then proposed "The W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., P.G. Deacon; and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Marriott was well known, he said, to all the brethren, who warmly appreciated his zealous work on behalf of the province, and he, himself, owed him a deep debt of gratitude for taking his place whenever he was called upon to do so. (Applause.)

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, in reply, said he was proud to act as Deputy Prov. G. Master, and his labours were materially lightened by the admirable way in which the other Provincial Officers, and particularly the Prov. G. Secretary, carried out their duties. (Applause.)

Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. CURRIE gave "The Visitors," and Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., responded.

On the termination of the luncheon the brethren proceeded to the Assembly Room, where the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held. The room, one of the handsomest in the county, had been elaborately decorated. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Duke of Connaught, presided, and was supported by the following Grand and Provincial Grand Officers:

Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; J. Strachan, O.C., G. Reg.; Gen. Randolph, P.G.D.; Rev. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G.C.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Kent; F. West, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Surrey; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. King, G. Org.; F. J. Budd-Budd, P.S.G.D.; H. Balean, P.G.D.C.; W. C. Blaker, P.G.S.; B. Burfield, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Bullock, Prov. G.S.; W. H. Brodie, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Harold Brown, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Billingham, 1821, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Berry, 1821, P.P.G.P.; A. H. Bevan, W.M. 1383, P.P.G.R.; H. J. Capon, P.G.P.; P. Crick, P.P.G.C.; E. C. Burrie, P.G.C.; George Cole, P.P.G.O.; G. E. Chapman, P.P.G.P.; W. M. Caffyn, 1110, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Stanley Cooke, P.P.G.O.; E. Collings, 56, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Clark, P.M. 1178, 2246, P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Carpenter, P.M. 1829, P.P.A.G.S.; B. W. Drury, P.J.G.; W. H. Dunn, W. Dawes, P.P.S.G.W.; O. Embling, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Every, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Eberall, P.P.G.P.; F. O. Edwards, P.M. 40, P.P.G.S.B.; H. W. H. C. Elwes, P.M. 1452; P.P.G.J.W.; A. J. Freeman, P.A.G.S.; J. Farncombe, P.G.W.; J. B. Foster, P.M. 1184, P.P.A.G.P.; E. W. Franklyn, P.D.G.S.B.; J. Easter, P.P.G.O.; R. Gallier, P.S.G.D.; G. H. Gaze, P.G.D.C.; W. H. Glass, 732, P. Prov. G.S.; H. G. Giles, P.G.S.; G. S. Godfree, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. E. Hughes, P.J.G.D.; F. D. Hotham, P.G.S.; C. H. Haine, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Howard, P. Prov. G.S.; T. Henson, P.G.S.D.; J. H. Hawes, 38, P.P.G.S.B.; R. B. Higham, P.P.G.P.; E. A. Head, P.P.S.G.D.; H. W. Ingledew, J. W. 1821; W. Insell, 1829; W. T. Jordan, 1184, 2692, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Jenkins, P.G.S.B.; L. Jeffrey, P.M. 916, P.G.R.; K. King, P.G.D.; R. Kearns, P.M. 1884; R. W. Kingswood, 311; Gerald Loder, M.P., Prov. S.G.W.; A. Lloyd, P.P.S.G.W.; M. Lelew, P.P.G.S.W.; A. T. Long, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; A. Lambert, P.P.G.W.; R. Lunn, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Longman, 56, P. Prov. D.G.D. of C.; T. J. Lyne, 851, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. Nye, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; C. T. Naylor, P.G.S.; W. E. Nash, W.M. 315; J. Piper, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Ponting, S.W. 2032; J. Pearce, P.P.S.G.B.; H. Pearce, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Puttick, P.P.G. Chap.; S. Penzer, P.P.G. Chap.; J. M. Reid, P.G.T.; A. Routh, P.G.S.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Randell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Stone, P.S.G.W.; F. Bolton Sutton, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Sangster, P.G.O.; G. T. Shaft, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. Irwin Scott, 811, Prov. G.S.; and many others.

The report of the Board of Finance, with the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts and the report of the Charities Committee, were submitted and adopted, when the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren as follows:

Brethren,—It is with great pleasure I attend here to-day to hold the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in the celebrated town of Lewes, the antiquity of which is exemplified by the remains of the Castle, the ruins of the Priory, and other associations which are a matter of history. I was also pleased to note your handsome and convenient Temple, of which the foundation-stone was laid more than one hundred years ago, and a second stone, laid within the memory of many of you, was the commencement of the handsome building since erected, which I understand is practically free of charges and dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry for ever. This is the only town in the province which hitherto has had a building specially appropriated as such. I am also more glad to be here because I was unable to attend any of your centenary celebrations. I should have rejoiced to participate in your festivities, but the claims of my profession prevented me. I was glad to hear that all went well, and that you had most successful meetings. Since we last met a warrant has been granted for a new lodge at Hastings, which was consecrated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Battle in February last. I am glad to find that, although they have had 12 initiations, this has not in any way affected the other lodges in the town. The Derwent has had 12 initiations, and, as regards numbers, stands first in the province. It is also pleasant to know that the addition of the Royal Connaught Lodge to the town of Eastbourne has not interfered with the other lodges, as they all have a fair share of initiates and joining members. With regard to the other lodges, they all seem prosperous; only two have been without an initiate, but they have both had joining members, so that the increase in numbers after deducting resignations, &c., amounts to 116—a larger addition than has been made in any one year.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:

Bro. Rev. J. Puttick, P.M. 40, 2591	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. H. Haine, P.M. 110	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Seymour Penzer, S.W. 811	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. F. W. Pawson, S.W. 2483	...	...
" J. M. Reed, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. W. Hotham, P.M. 1184	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. J. Scott, P.M. 811	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" C. J. Naylor, P.M. 1465	...	...
" W. C. Blaker, P.M. 1726	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" A. C. Routh, P.M. 1842	...	...
" J. Bullock, P.M. 1821	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Albion Russell, P.M. 311	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. H. Challis, P.M. 315	...	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" E. M. Ffennell, P.M. 1829	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" W. Flint, P.M. 311, 2450	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Yorke, P.M. 56	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. Smith, P.M. 1141	...	...
" F. D. Carnell, P.M. 851	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. J. Freeman, S.W. 2201	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. Masters, P.M. 1797	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. W. Welling, P.M. 2187	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" D. M. Ross, P.M. 271	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Bennett, P.M. 732	...	...
" J. H. Ewart, P.M. 915	...	...
" C. R. Foster, P.M. 1466	...	...
" W. Potter, P.M. 1947	...	...
" F. Lawson Lewis, P.M. 2434	...	...

At the request of the Duke of Connaught, who, with Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott and other brethren left the Prov. Grand Lodge shortly before five o'clock to catch their trains, the chair was taken during the remainder of the meeting by the Bro. E. R. Currie, the Very Rev. the Dean of Battle.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held on the 25th ult., in the Masonic Hall, North Shields, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart, M.P. There was a large assemblage of brethren, including Bro. Alderman Richard Henry Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., Deputy Prov. G.M., and the following, who have also attained Provincial Grand Lodge honours:

Bros. Seymour Bell, Ralph Carr, Fred H. Corder, Thomas Purvis, T. J. Armstrong, J. Straker Wilson, J. Gibson Youll, F. Turnbull, J. H. Richardson, William Bell, M. Murray, John G. Cole, John T. Heslop, J. U. Simpson, J. Hewitson Walton, Y. Terry, H. W. Walton, W. F. Croxton, Jos. J. Holme, Geo. C. Coates, T. Appleby, Jas. Ferguson, N. H. Martin, Robert Weddell, Ralph Thompson, John Page, J. D. Gillespie, T. Brudson, William Green, J. Arthur Forbes, John Spearman, J. M. Crow, Thomas Kidd, G. H. Heslop, John T. Dove, E. W. Middlemast, R. Brand, William Reed, G. F. Charlton, Herbert Bott, Rev. W. M. O'Brady-Jones, W. G. Reynolds, A. T. Aitchison, W. Fawcett, W. E. Harker, Isaac Black, M. J. Cohen, J. H. Heywood, A. Barker, Jno. Calvert, E. J. Gibbon, Wm. Spicer, Adam P. Scott, Thos. Ellis, E. Purvis, E. Dunford, F. W. Sykes, John Joel, Thos. Gillespie, T. S. Hudson, Robt. Elwes, H. E. Hollis, Geo. A. Allan, L. Winstone, and E. Forster.

After the transaction of the ordinary business, three lodges were duly consecrated, the Lodge of Swinburne, No. 2680; the Wallsend Lodge, No. 2703; and the Heaton Lodge, No. 2723.

The Prov. Grand Master next proceeded with the appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, which were as follows:

Bro. T. Pickering, 24	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. Young, 2327	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Fairbrother, 1879	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Ralph Carr, 24 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. F. Kidd, 1863	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. H. Corder, 1664	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. C. Beatley, M.D., 1664	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" A. P. Farthing Holmes, 2571	...	...
" Ralph Allan, jun., 431	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" H. Geipel, 1427	...	...

Bro. C. M. Forster, 1626	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Straker Wilson, 685	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Rochester, 541	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" Lewis F. Allan, 991	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Wm. Robson Blagdon, 659	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. R. Turner, 636	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Mark Swan, 1167	...	...
" G. J. Wilson, 1676	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" H. Paige, M.D., 1664	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Wm. R. Leighton, 1879	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Wm. Hogarth, 1902	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Joshua Curry, 48	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. G.M., in the course of a brief address, expressed his pleasure on finding the position of the lodges to be satisfactory, and the province in a prosperous condition. He also expressed his warmest thanks for the gracious response the brethren had made to his request by the splendid contributions they had given to the fund for Masonic schools.

On the motion of Bro. RICHARD HENRY HOLMES, D.P.G.M., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., officers, and brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 431, for the excellent arrangement made for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge that day.

It was announced by the Prov. G.M. that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would be held under the banner of Priory Lodge, No. 1863.

In the evening the brethren dined together at the Bath Hotel, Tyne-mouth, the Prov. G.M. presiding.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was held on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, Grand H., acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. Lieut.-Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent Cambridge, acted as H.; and Comp. Lieut.-General Charles Wilson Randolph, Grand Superintendent Sussex, as J.; Comp. Edward Letchworth, G.S.E.; Comp. Robert Grey, as S.N.; Comp. Baron de Ferrieres acted as P.S.; and among other companions present were: Comps. Sir George David Harris, Thomas Jones, T. L. Wilkinson, James Boulton, W. Lake, Asst. G.S.E., W. M. Bywater, H. J. T. Dumas, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Rev. C. L. E. Wright, G.C. Egypt; W. A. Scurrah, J. D. Langton, J. E. Le Feuvre, W. P. Brown, Lewis Lazarus, and Major T. C. Walls.

After the minutes of the August convocation had been read and confirmed,

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH said he had received the commands from the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to instal Comp. George Richards as Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch for the District of the Transvaal.

Comp. George Richards was then conducted by Comp. Frank Richardson, D.C., to the altar, and Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., read H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's patent of appointment of Comp. George Richards as District Grand Superintendent of the Transvaal. Comp. W. Beach then administered the obligation, after taking which Comp. George Richards was conducted by Comp. Frank Richardson to the throne, where he was invested by Comp. W. W. B. Beach as District Grand Superintendent of the Transvaal.

Comp. W. W. BEACH, in investing Comp. George Richards, said: I invest you as District Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch in the Transvaal, not doubting that your conduct in that position will be such as to merit the approval of M.E.G.Z., as well as be for the good of the Royal Arch Degree in the district over which you are about to preside. (Applause.)

On the motion of Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, President of the Committee of General Purposes, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., the recommendations of the Committee, as published in the *Freemason* of last week, were adopted. Charters for chapters were granted for Lodge No. 2656, Hatton, Ceylon; No. 1152, Singapore; No. 2132, New Brighton, Cheshire, No. 1459, West Gorton, East Lancashire; and No. 2329, Calle Cuyo, Buenos Ayres. The Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, was authorised to remove from the Masonic Hall to the New Masonic Hall, Swindon; and the Friendly Chapter, No. 383, Jamaica, having made no return since 1874, and a report having been received that there are no Principals or members existing, it was ordered to be erased from the Roll of Chapters.

Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. AND COMP. GEORGE BASTABLE LAFFAN.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., an interesting and somewhat unique ceremony took place in the Knights' Room, Holborn Restaurant, W.C., the occasion being a complimentary banquet and presentation to Bro. and Comp. George Bastable Laffan, C.E., P.M.-Craft Lodge No. 135, P.M. Mark Lodge No. 191, P.G.O. Somerset, and A.S. in R.A. Chapter No. 1793, late Surveyor to the Twickenham Urban District Council, the occasion being on his appointment as Borough Engineer to the City of Pietermaritzburg, Natal. There was a good and thoroughly representative gathering, the chair being occupied by Montague Davenport, Esq., C.C., J.P., and the vice-chair by J. Maskell Cottrell, Esq. There were also present members of the Twickenham Urban District Council, Bro. Dr. Ward (chairman), Bro. W. Beard, P.M. 946; T. J. Messon, Bro. W. Poupart, P.M. 9; Dr. Clark, Medical Officer of Health; also Bros. Dr. Leeson, 788; J. P. Hoddinott, P.M. 901; W. Ruston, P.M., P.G. Reg. Middx.; and R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793; and Messrs. Dunan and S. Bowyer.

A most *recherche* banquet was provided, after which

The CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Queen," which was loyally honoured.

In giving "The Health of the Guest," the CHAIRMAN, after brief reference to Bro. Laffan's many excellent qualities, stated that he had the happy privilege of handing him a diamond pin as a slight mark of their esteem and appreciation; he also asked his acceptance on behalf of Mrs. Laffan, of a handsome crescent brooch. In the name of those present and outside friends he wished him a pleasant journey, future prosperity, and a safe return should he desire it.

Bro. LAFFAN in feeling terms suitably acknowledged the honour that had been done him, and also his deep gratitude for the valuable presents.

During the evening Comp. R. W. Forge, on behalf of the members of the Sir Charles Bright Chapter, No. 1793, handed to Comp. Laffan a certificate commending him to all true and lawful companions of the Order.

The proceedings terminated by all joining in Auld Lang Syne.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The half-yearly meeting of the General Committee was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. C. D. Cheetham, Chairman of the Committee, presided. There was a numerous attendance from all parts of the province, amongst others present being Bros. E. G. Harewood, Jas. Andrew, C. E. Collingwood, J. B. Goulburn, E. Halliwell, Jas. Kershaw, F. W. Lean, Saml. Porritt, T. H. Smethurst, Chas. Turner, H. A. Warburton, Jno. Whittaker, S. Wrigley, T. H. Williams, Col. Rocca, Wm. Jaffrey, Wm. Brookes, Josh. Snape, W. H. Cunliffe, A. Clegg, Jas. Walker, and James Newton, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee and of the meetings of the various Sub-Committees were read and confirmed. One boy was elected to the educational benefits of the Institution, with a grant of £12 per year. Two annuitants (one male and one widow) were elected, with annuities of £26 per year each.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

Craft Masonry.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.

The members of this old lodge celebrated the 163rd anniversary at Colchester, on Thursday, the 27th ult., when there was a large attendance. Bro. H. G. H. Elliott, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Charles Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., as S.W.; John J. C. Turner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. C. C. Naters, Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; J. E. Cheese, S.D.; F. Graham Macdonald, J.D.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; A. S. B. Sparling, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Harris Hills, P.M. 2154, P.P.J.G.W.; Harold Francis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; D. Burston, Thomas Gilbert, W. J. Bean, P. G. Laver, J. F. Wheeler, C. T. Wright, W. R. Seabrooke, A. Turner, and A. W. Ralling. The visitors included Bros. Geo. Corble, P.M. and Sec. 453, P.P.J.G.W.; Robert Emsom, W.M. 697; M. F. Frelove, W.M. 1280, P.P.G.D.; J. S. Hammond, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.S. Wks.; T. P. Trounce, W.M. 453; H. A. Jager, P.M. 453; J. T. Bailey, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. J. Skingley, P.M. 697, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. F. Hawkins, P.M. 1224, P.P.G.D. Suffolk; A. J. Constable, W.M. 2006; J. W. Moss, W.M. 2342; J. F. Marlar, I.P.M. 2154; G. A. Eustace, P.M. and Sec. 1977, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Rudrum, P.M. 1977, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. J. Booth, P.M. and Treas. 697, P.P.G.P.; J. P. Smith, S.W. 697; Turner B. Ennew, P.M. 2477, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Siggers, Sec. 2342; G. L. Oxborrow, W.M. 376; H. E. Leach, Sec. 375, Prov. A. G. Sec.; J. Chaplin, I.P.M. 433; C. Fisher, P.M. 433, P.P.G. Std.; J. F. Flux, and others.

The principal business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Gilbert, S.W., the ceremony appertaining to which was very ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. G. H. Elliott. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. Willoughby J. Bean, S.W.; John E. Cheese, J.W.; the Rev. H. E. Legh, Chap.; Joseph Grimes, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A. G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; the Rev. C. C. Naters, P.P.G. Chap., S.D.; Chas. T. Wright, J.D.; A. Turner, I.G.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; C. Osmond, P.P.G.O. Org.; H. J. Fuller, J. F. Wheeler, and P. G. Laver, Stwds.; and A. Wright, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master. Bro. Joseph Grimes, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., having been re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, the lodge was closed.

Between 40 and 50 brethren dined together at the Cups Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by Mr. and Mrs. Woodward.

After dinner, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The fine string band of the 7th Dragoon Guards was in attendance, and played a choice selection of music, under the direction of Mr. Willie, bandmaster, and during the evening Mr. Hilliar gave a drawing-room entertainment, whilst songs were sung by Bro. F. J. Motum, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Org., and vocal quartettes by gentlemen of St. Mary's choir, Colchester. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. Osmond, P.M., and were much appreciated.

Letters expressing their inability to attend were received from Bros. Col. Lockwood, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.P.S.G.W.; Sir Weetman, Bart., M.P.; N. Tracy, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; and others.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024.

Very special interest attached to the annual meeting of the above lodge at Maldon, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., from the fact that Bro. F. Geo. Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., having resigned the Secretaryship (which he has held for 32 years), it had been decided to offer him the honorary membership of the lodge, and to present him with a purse of money. The meeting was held as usual in the Masonic Hall, and was presided over by Bro. W. E. Facey, W.M., Prov. S.G.D., supported by Bros. J. P. Sayer, S.W., W.M. elect; Rev. Donald Gotto, P.P.G. Chap, J.W.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. E. R. Harwood, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; F. Geo. Green, P.M. and Sec., P.P.S.G.W.; Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. (Acting Sec.); T. Aldham, P.M., P.P.G.P.; D. J. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. R. Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Bright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. Orttewell, P.M., P.P.G. Std.; W. Howard Flanders, P.M., P.P.G. Std.; Saml. Shawyer, P.M. and Treas. 1977, P.P.G.S.B.; E. E. Eve, I.P.M. 1977, Prov. G. Std.; T. P. Pechey, S.D.; W. Archer, I.G.; C. F. Rush, P.P.G.O.; Ernest Brown, T. H. Solly, A. L. Clarke, G. Burnes, and others.

After some preliminary business, the W.M. said there was only one case on the records of the lodge of a brother having been elected an honorary member, that distinction being very rightly reserved for brethren whose services to the lodge or to Masonry generally had been exceptional. This they all felt applied to Bro. Green, who for over 30 years had exerted himself to promote the best interests of the lodge, devoting a large amount of time and labour, cheerfully and ungrudgingly. (Hear, hear.) For this reason they were desirous of paying to him the highest mark of respect they possibly could. He therefore moved: "That as a mark of respect for, and in consideration of, the invaluable services rendered to the lodge by W. Bro. Frederick George Green (P.M. of the lodge, P.P.S.G.W. Essex), as Secretary during 32 years, and he having retired from that office and resigned his membership of the lodge, the lodge do by this unanimous vote confer upon him the distinction of Honorary Membership." Bro. the Rev. E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. (who was the first initiate when the lodge was formed in 1864), seconded the resolution. If anyone had done great service for the lodge it was Bro. Green, who was one of the Founders, and who had during the many years he had been Secretary greatly contributed towards its success by his unflinching courtesy and his readiness at all times to assist with his experienced counsel the less expert brethren. When Bro. Green first tendered his resignation it was understood that he was likely to go to

Canada. This recalled to him the lines of Horace "*Caelum non animum mutant qui trans mare currunt*"—"Those who cross the seas change their climate but not their mind." He was happy to think that Bro. Green was not now going abroad, but had he done so he would have always looked back to his old friends and home here in England with the assurance that they still remembered him with gratitude and affection. (Hear, hear.) The resolution having been put and carried by acclamation, Bro. Green was invited into the lodge, the brethren receiving him standing and with Masonic greetings. The W.M. said it had been a source of very great regret to them all that Bro. Green had felt obliged to resign the office he had held amongst them for so many years, and in order to show their deep sense of the value of his past services he had much pleasure in handing to him a purse of £75, subscribed for by the members of his lodge and of the chapter attached thereto. They had also just elected him the only honorary member on their books, and whereas at one time they feared they should lose his presence amongst them altogether, they looked forward to often seeing him at their meetings. He might assure Bro. Green that he would always be received by his brethren with respect and affection, and he trusted that he might live long to enjoy the rest he had so well earned. (Applause.) Bro. F. G. Green, who was cordially received, heartily thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had said and the brethren generally for the substantial mark of esteem he had received at their hands. He certainly had had a pretty good spell of work for the lodge—he had seen it in great prosperity and when its affairs were at a low ebb. It was a pleasure to him to feel that at the present time the lodge was in a prosperous condition, and he trusted this would continue. He was most grateful to the Committee, to the W.M., as chairman of that Committee, and Bro. E. Gowers, as Secretary, for the labour they must have had in carrying out the handsome testimonial he had just received. He thanked them all for the distinction they had conferred upon him by electing him an honorary member, and assured them that he should take as deep an interest as ever in the well-being of the lodge. (Applause.) The installation of Bro. J. P. Sayer, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year was next preceded with the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. E. Facey, Prov. S.G.D., the retiring W.M. At its close the officers for the year were appointed as under: Bros. Rev. Donald Gotto, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; Thos. P. Pechey, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; E. Gowers, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; A. L. Clarke, S.D.; Albert Brown, J.D.; Earnest Brown, I.G.; F. H. Bright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; C. F. Rush, P.P.G. Org., Organist; I. L. Eve and T. H. Solly, Stwds.; and Burnes, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a well-appointed and well-served dinner was provided by the host, Bro. J. H. Taylor.

The hero of the day—Bro. F. Geo. Green—was seated on the right of the W.M., who, in the course of the after proceedings, proposed a special toast—"Our Honorary Member"—in his honour. Bro. Green, he said, would, he was sure, appreciate the distinction that had just been conferred upon him of being their only hon. member. He had served them faithfully and well for more than 30 years, and they were all glad that though retiring from active work they should retain him amongst them, he hoped, for many years to come.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, Bro. Green responded. He reiterated his thanks for the honour that had that day been conferred upon him, and ventured to think that too much had been made of any service he had been able to render. (No, no.) Whatever labour he had expended had been that of love. The lodge was now in a very prosperous state, and in all his experience he never recollected a better set of officers than those appointed by the W.M. that day. The Lodge of St. Peter was not his mother lodge, but having been one of the founders—the only one, alas, now living—he had always felt towards it the affection of a father for his son.

Lodge of Hope, No. 433.

By dispensation from the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Warwick, the installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Foresters' Hall, Brightonsea, on Monday, the 24th ult., and was very largely attended. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.M., 51, P.P.S.G.W., the ceremony of installing Bro. Wm. Fieldgate as W.M. was performed by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Ralling. The officers were appointed and invested as under: Bros. William Herbert, S.W.; Hazell-Griggs, J.W.; the Rev. A. Pertwee, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Geo. Riches, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Walter Wenlock, S.D.; Wm. Goddard, J.D.; C. Bates, I.G.; Robt. Pitt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; F. Cooper, Org.; W. Pattison, H. Cross, and William Bulitude, Stwds.; and F. Cross, P.M., Tyler. As representative on the Charity Committee of the Province, Bro. R. D. Poppleton, P.M., P.P.G.D., was unanimously re-elected, with thanks for his past services. The W.M. then presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. James Chaplin, a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members, at the same time wishing him long life to wear it. Bro. J. Chaplin acknowledged the gift, expressing great pride and pleasure in having received so unexpected and handsome a testimony of the esteem of the members. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Ralling for his kindness in performing the installation ceremony, and on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by the W.M., he was unanimously elected a hon. member of the lodge, a compliment which that brother duly acknowledged.

Between 50 and 60 brethren afterwards dined together at the Duke of Wellington Inn, a capital dinner being well served by Bro. Pitt, the host.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several brethren contributed to the harmony of the proceedings by some excellent songs.

The visitors present included Bros. Robt. Emson, W.M. 697; Clement Harman, W.M. 2063; A. S. B. Sparling, P.M. 51, P.P.G.T.; Capt. Frayling, Sec. 2063; J. T. Bailey, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. A. Eustace, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. J. Skingley, P.M. 697, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Capt. W. H. Ham, P.M. 2063, P.P.G.S.B.; Henry Finer, P.M. 1799, P.P.A.G.P.; and others.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.

The installation meeting of this, the first of the musical and dramatic lodges, was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. J. Holloway, W.M., being away professionally, Bro. F. H. Macklin, P.M., occupied the W. Master's chair, and there were also present Bros. Luigi Lablache, S.W.; Charles Powell, J.W.; Charles Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Mathews, J.D.; W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C.; Charles E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; Algernon Syms, I.G.; Louis Honig, Stwd.; Akerman May, F. H. Macklin, P.M.; J. D. Beveridge, P.M.; J. Edward Hambleton, P.M.; Edward Swanborough, P.M.; T. de B. Holmes, P.M.; A. E. Bishop, P.M.; W. S. Penley, P.M.; Leonard Russell, Herbert Leonard, Chris. Hilton, Frank Boor, Nicola Corrello, J. F. Carrodus, Charles Appleford, Charles Coborn, John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg.; T. E. Turrell, M. Cornish, H. S. Yeldham, Ernest H. Paterson, E. Dagnall, C. Kiefert, F. Conquest, D. Gottlieb, Charles E. Hurd, T. H. Bolton, John Solomon, J. J. Dallas, E. W. Whitmore, J. M. East, F. H. Hambleton, O. G. Eincaldin, Frank Lister, C. W. Lowne, Edw. Christopher, Ambrose Austin, H. Towiders, H. J. Calcott, Frederick Terry, T. B. Thalberg, George Conquest, Henry Arncliffe, J. Ettinson, Charles Coote, Arthur Thomas, George Conquest, jun., Charles East, J. Baker, John Webb, A. E. Hambleton, John Geary, Edmund Woolhouse, Edmund Woolhouse, jun., F. Henchenberg, James A. Hamilton, W. L. Barrett, R. P. Black, Jesse J. Birch, F. Franklin Clive, and Algernon S. Rose. The visitors were Bros. G. Hermetin, 1366; Thomas Hy. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; Nelson Trueman, 1670; Thomas Powell, S.D., 2182; W. P. Metchim, 1226; A. H. Kendall, J.W., 657; Robert D. Trimmings, P.M., 2168; Harry Nicholls, P.M., 2127; F. Inskip, W.M., 2651; Frank H. Jackson, 1910; William H. Walker, S.W., 452; Victor Opperman, 1706; Dr. J. Hornsey Casson, P.M., 2128, P.P.G. Org. Derbyshire; Charles E. Johnson, I.G. 453; Charles Stevens, I.P.M. 2661; A. Walter, SS9; G. J. Garland, P.M. 1728; A. Cooper Bradley, P.M. 1216; C. W. Garthorne-Grunston, 2127; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std.Br.; R. Green, 2108; J. A. Atkin, 2488; Edwd. Jones, 2190; Robert Manuel, B.M. 1196; Hy. Esling, P.M. 1321; J. C. Sleiner, 2167; E. Luxmoore Marshall, P.M. 235; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Gerald Maxwell, W.M. 2127; Wm. Jas. Harvey, J.D. 1291; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; A. H. Rimbault, J.W., 1441; H. G. Darby, P.M. 1056; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.G.C. (Egypt); W. B. Maxwell, 2127; James Fernandez, P.M. 2127; J. D. White, 190; Charles L. Carson, Charles A. Magrath, 3 (I.C.); J. Passmore Edwards, 2369; T. Hastings Milier,

P.G.S.B.; Thomas R. Busby, J.W. 1559; S. Tinney, 1670; J. D. Langton, P. Dep. G.D.C.; John Brill, 780; Gustave Herker, 568; Harry Davenport, 415; C. T. Johnson, 1706; Arthur Cash, 1348; Claude B. Lumley, J.W. 2323; J. A. E. Malone, 1607; Alfreid Plumptre, 317; H. Messenger, 341; William Marston, P.M. 162; and David Day, 1937.

Bro. Macklin, after the formal opening proceedings had been completed, feelingly referred to the death, in August last, of Bro. C. Frere, who was to have been appointed the new J.W., a brother whose perfect working of the Masonic ceremonies was known to all the brethren, and he concluded by moving that a letter of sympathy be sent to the deceased brother's relatives. Bro. William Lestocq, P.M., D.C., seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. Bro. Macklin then installed Bro. Luigi Lablache, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M., and in the absence of Bro. Holloway, received the I.P.M.'s collar. The following brethren received the other collars: Bros. C. B. Powell, S.W.; J. W. Mathews, J.W.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; Algernon Syms, G.D.; Louis Honig, J.D.; W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C.; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; Akerman May, I.G.; Herbert Leonard, Frank Wheeler, and Carl Kiefert, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, and when the balance sheet was adopted, Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M., Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, stated that the fund now amounted to £1000.

When the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern.

The musical entertainment was provided under the conductors Bros. J. Carrodus, Charles Stevens, and Charles E. Tinney, and was performed by Master Harold Curd, and Bros. Thomas Powell, Frank Boor, Nelson Trueman, Leonard Russell, Charles E. Tinney, and Richard Green (who was elected that day a joining member of the lodge). Bro. George Lieblich (solo pianoforte), Bro. J. E. Hambleton (solo violoncello), Bro. Frank James (solo bassoon), Bro. Nicola Coviello (solo cornet), Bro. Chris. Hilton, and Bro. Harry Nicholls also took part.

Bro. Luigi Lablache, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," said it needed no words from him to tell the brethren what their M.W.G.M. had done for the good of Freemasonry. In consequence of what he had done, every joy or sorrow which affected him found an echo of sympathy throughout the world, and particularly throughout the Craft, which showed the affection in which his Royal Highness was held by them all. Their sympathy went out to him at the time of his recent accident, not only for the physical pain caused to him, but because it stopped his enjoyment of pleasure and his taking part in those good works to which he was devoted. To his Royal Consort also their sympathy went out on the death of her mother, the Queen of Denmark.

Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., G.R., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said that the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, lying on his sick-bed, had he known the heartiness with which the brethren had drunk his renewed health, would have derived great gratification. He was glad to say that the latest news of his lordship was that there was every prospect that they would have him with them again, and that he would be able shortly to perform again those high functions of State, as Lord Chamberlain, he had already performed so well. Lord Amherst would have been glad to be present had he not been prevented by another engagement. As to the other Grand Officers present, they were delighted to see what they had witnessed in the lodge and also at the festive board, and he was glad to see that the brethren of the Lodge of Asaph consecrated their profession and their voice to the cause of Charity.

Bro. F. H. Macklin, Acting I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was in the position of I.P.M. because Bro. Holloway was now upon the sea. He (Bro. Macklin) was only too pleased to have it in his power to propose this toast, because Bro. Lablache and he were very old friends. It had been a pride and a pleasure to him that day to be enabled to instal Bro. Lablache in the chair of K.S., as Bro. Lablache was an old member of the Lodge of Asaph, senior to him and many other of the Past Masters. It was only Bro. Lablache's modesty that had kept him back from going into the chair sooner. He would draw the attention of the brethren to the fact that in this lodge of actors and musicians Bro. Lablache combined the two professions; he was born a musician, and he was by profession an actor; he had a very pretty voice, but what music had lost the stage had gained. The W.M. had tenderly referred to the Prince of Wales's accident, but he had very modestly referred to his own. The brethren should know that the W.M. had also been lying on a bed of sickness for four months, having broken his leg. The brethren were very glad to find him with them now. He hoped the W.M. would have a successful year of office, and also acquire strength in his injured limb.

Bro. Luigi Lablache, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he was sure he did not deserve the charming things Bro. Macklin had expressed, although he certainly tried to do his duty to the Lodge of Asaph. He had been unfortunate. Whenever he had happened to be in office he was either away in America or in the English provinces, and shortly after he had the misfortune to break both his ankles; and now that the brethren had elected him as their W.M. he had again to leave them. He had hoped he would have been able to stay through his year of office, but it was not to be. Although all Englishmen, especially those of the profession to which he had the honour of belonging, were always received with cordiality by our American friends, he felt sure that going among them as W.M. of the Asaph Lodge would give him a claim on their fellowship, which he could not otherwise expect. One thing would console him in his absence, that under the excellent Past Masters and officers the work of the Lodge of Asaph would be far better performed during his absence than if he had been present.

Bro. Luigi Lablache, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Holloway." Although it was unfortunate that Bro. Holloway was away, yet in a monetary point of view it was fortunate for Bro. Holloway. The brethren who heard him do the work at the installation meeting and the two succeeding meetings knew how well he could do it. Bro. Holloway was an earnest Mason, who commanded the respect and love of all the brethren, a brother who would keep up the position of the Lodge of Asaph, and maintain the admirable working for which the lodge was justly celebrated.

Bro. F. H. Macklin in a few words replied to the toast.

Bros. Maxwell, W.M. 2190; Manuel, and Passmore Edwards responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Luigi Lablache, W.M., in giving the toast of "The P.M.s.," said it was always safe to say of those brethren that to them the lodge owed its present position. When the brethren looked back to and thought of the days of the P.M.s. it was not to be wondered at that they were glad to see them among the brethren today, and they might justly feel proud of the tradition created by them. The interest taken by them in advancing the position of the younger members of the lodge was evidence of the fact. All the P.M.s. were capable of taking the ceremonies of the Three Degrees. It was always pleasant to say that they owed a great deal to the officers, but it was far pleasanter to say they owed a great deal to the P.M.s.

Bro. W. A. Tinney, P.M. and Sec., in responding, said he was the oldest P.M. of the lodge present, and he was very pleased indeed to be of service to the lodge.

Bro. F. H. Macklin, P.M., said he was very pleased to be *locum tenens* for the I.P.M. The I.P.M. was one of his best friends. He, Bro. Tinney, and the W.M. all started together and ran side by side, they were all much about the same age. It was a great pleasure to him to go through the installation ceremony. The W.M. had been kind enough to say how the ceremony had been performed, but there was not much credit due to him (Bro. Macklin), because they were a body of actors, and if an actor could not do something with ritual it would be disgraceful. It was pleasing to him to give utterance to those feelings. The Asaph Lodge was his only lodge, and he loved it very much.

Bro. Luigi Lablache, W.M., proposed "The Officers." He fully realised that much of the success or failure of the work that might be done from the chair depended on the loyal support and the proper rendering of their duties of the officers. Looking at the Treasurer, he trusted he would for many, many years continue in that office. And the genial, kind-hearted Secretary also—"Bill Tinney," as he was familiarly called. To the other officers he would say that whilst thanking them for having accepted their offices, he was sure they would give him loyal support.

Bro. S. Wellard, P.M., Treasurer, said the office of Treasurer of a lodge was one that anybody might be proud of. He was proud to be elected to it year after year. He hoped to continue to be elected. He thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for their cordial reception of them. He could bear out the W.M.'s testimony to the officers of the Lodge of Asaph having always been capable men. It had been a practice in their lodge for them to show themselves capable men before they were elected; he hoped that practice would be continued.

Bro. Honig, J.D., also replied, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1898.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There was about the usual attendance, but, as will be seen from our report in another column, the only business that was brought before the companions was the Report of the General Committee, which was submitted and adopted.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Charles E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, has very kindly consented to preside as Chairman at the 101st Festival on behalf of the Boys' School. This will not be Bro. Keyser's first experience as Chairman at one of our Masonic Festivals. In 1893, when Bro. Terry's endeavours failed to obtain the services of a Chairman from the ranks of the Prov. G. Masters at the Benevolent Festival, Bro. Keyser, who happened to be President of the Board of Stewards, very generously offered his services, his presidency proving, under the circumstances

a very successful one. We trust that at next year's Boys' School Anniversary Bro. Keyser's advocacy of its interest will be followed by equally satisfactory results.

We are informed that on the recommendation of the Earl of Ilchester, Lord Lieutenant of Dorsetshire, the Lord Chancellor has placed the name of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, Mayor of Poole, on the Commission of the Peace for that county. Bro. Whadcoat has rendered important services to the town of Poole during his residence there, but more especially during his mayoralty. He is also well known to our readers as a consistent and generous supporter of our Masonic Charitable Institutions, the latest illustration of this being his magnificent gift of 1000 guineas to the Boys' School, as announced in the Royal Albert Hall at the Centenary Festival of that Institution. We heartily congratulate him on the honour just conferred on him, and sincerely hope that others still may be awaiting him in the future.

The banquet recently given by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London—Bro. Alderman and Colonel Davies, M.P.—though by no means the first of its kind that has taken place under the hospitable roof of the Mansion House, may be said to have been in its way about the most successful gathering during the present year. In the first place, it does not often happen that so large a number of the *élite* of English Freemasonry is congregated together on such an occasion. In the next, the prestige of our City Magnates was grandly upheld, as was only natural it should be so upheld, where the guests—as well as the host himself—were chiefly members of our Grand Lodge; and, lastly, the after-dinner speeches were far more felicitous and to the point than the speeches made at the festive board usually are. They had the further merit of being brief, and not a few of our more windy after-dinner orators might with advantage to themselves, and still more to the advantage of their auditors, take example from such accomplished speakers as Bro. the Earl of Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Bro. Sir Gainsford Bruce (one of the judges of the High Court of Judicature), and Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Bro. Lord Mayor Davies, too, was very happy in his remarks, more especially in his sympathetic references to the Prov. G. Master, the many parts he filled with such exemplary tact and ability, both in public and private life, but above all in what he said of the kindly feelings that were universally exhibited towards his lordship both a year ago when the great calamity of his life befel him and recently, when he was overtaken by the serious illness from which he is still suffering. Doubtless the Lord Chancellor was right in his surmise when he ascribed that illness to the mental suffering caused him by the terribly sudden death of the Countess of Lathom.

The Lord Mayor's suggestion that he might hold a close-tyled lodge of Masons in the Mansion House, with himself in the chair of W.M., his Sheriffs—Bro. Alderman Alliston and Col. Probyn, G. Treas., as Wardens, the Sword and Mace as Deacons, and the City Marshal as I.G., was a piece of pleasantry which all who heard it uttered must have appreciated. But what must have greatly pleased his hearers was his reference to the friendly relations existing between the Corporation of London and the Society of Freemasons. Not all who occupy the position of Chief Magistrate of the City are members of any Order, whenever it happens that he is a Mason, there is invariably such an interchange of hospitality and courtesy between the two bodies as we had the pleasure of recording last week.

Nor was Bro. Beach, M.P., less fortunate in his contribution to the evening's oratory. He carefully impressed upon his hearers that while brethren were naturally proud of their Masonic Charities "as an exemplification of the manner in which Masons acted up to their obligation," the generous support of those Charities "did not alone constitute Masonry." It was part of their duty to apply the principles of the Craft to bear upon our everyday life, to take a charitable view of the failings of a brother to strive each in his own day and sphere of life to rub away the asperities by which the world is troubled, and to endeavour to promote the good and happiness of all. In our zeal to support those Institutions which we have established and so liberally maintain, we are apt to lose sight of those other constituents of that virtue which we rightly

claim to be the distinguishing characteristic of our Society.

Equally truthful was his explanation of the reason why Freemasonry had increased and multiplied as it had done of late years, namely, that the Provincial and District Grand Masters had been at such pains "to impress upon every individual member of the Order the necessity" of illustrating in his own person the fact of his being a creditable member of the Craft, and that he was never to accept as a Freemason anyone who was unworthy. Those who insist most earnestly, as Bro. Beach did upon this occasion, on the necessity of doing those things are the truest friends of our Society.

Our readers probably will not be greatly surprised at the information which Bro. W. F. Lamsony was kind enough to furnish in the letter of his we published last week. It appears from a communication he has received from the District Grand Master of Canterbury (N.Z.) that of the lodges under his rule all but two have declared unanimously in favour of remaining under their mother Constitution, while the other two were all but unanimous in the same direction. No doubt the day will come when all the lodges in the colony will acknowledge the supremacy of the recently recognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand. But it was hardly to be expected that our recognition of that body as a sister Grand Lodge would have an instantaneous effect in removing that bitterness of feeling which existed for so long between the Masons of the New Zealand and those of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions. That bitterness is undoubtedly less acute now than it was a year ago, but it would have been little less than miraculous had it disappeared entirely in so brief a space of time.

The case mentioned by Bro. J. T. Last in his interesting letter of last week entitled "Re English View of American Freemasonry," of a blind candidate having been, not many years since, initiated in a London lodge, is paralleled by that of the late George V. of Hanover, who became blind through an accident, and who, on succeeding his father Ernest as King, had himself proclaimed Protector of the Grand Lodge of Hanover, which was disestablished by a Prussian State Order after the war of 1866, when Hanover ceased to be a kingdom. A few years later—if we remember rightly, in 1857—King George was initiated in the Lodge of the Brown Bear. He was at once elected Grand Master, and is said to have taken a great interest in the work of the lodge, often attending their meetings, and mingling freely with the members.

The Royal York Lodge, No. 2709, which was consecrated at Nailsworth, on the 6th ult., by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire, is the 17th on the roll of that Province and the third that has been constituted since the year 1880, when the present Pro G. Master was appointed to office, the other two being the Hicks-Beach Lodge, No. 2407, Stroud, which dates from 1891, and the St. Andrew's, No. 2541, Avonmouth, which was warranted in 1895. But if the Province is of moderate strength, it does some splendid work, as the character of the work it does and more especially the consistent and generous support it gives to all our Charitable Institutions most amply testify.

We see it was stated in the report of the meeting at which the consecration took place that Gloucestershire was formed into a Province under the late Bro. Lord Sherborne "in 1856." But a reference to Grand Lodge Calendar discloses the fact that Sir Robert de Cornwall, Bart., was Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire—and likewise of Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Shropshire, and Worcestershire—in 1753; Bro. Thomas Dunckerley in 1784; the Marquis of Worcester—afterwards sixth Duke of Beaufort—in 1799; and the seventh Duke of Beaufort in 1745. In 1856 the Hon. J. H. Legge—afterwards third Lord Sherborne—was appointed to the office, and in 1880 was succeeded by the present ruler.

The Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, which this week held its annual meeting for the installation of its Worshipful Master for the ensuing 12 months, is to be congratulated on its prosperous condition both generally and financially, the worthy Treasurer being able to announce a balance in hand of £1000 in favour of its Benevolent Fund. There are not many of our private lodges that can point to so large an accumulation of funds as the Asaph for charitable purposes.

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 HONORARIUM TO BRO. MCLEOD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your leader will give satisfaction to the Craft, as while everybody feels that the worthy Secretary deserves some remuneration for his arduous labours, it cannot be right to vote money to him and his clerks from the funds of the Institution.

No notice was given of the donation to the clerks, and if three hundred pounds can be voted why not three thousand. Then was it quite straightforward to advertise that a sum of money was to be given and in the Hall to circulate a notice of motion in altered terms giving the amount? Is this quite legal?

The Stewards of the Festival are the proper brethren to suitably reward Bro. McLeod and his staff, and if the balance of the Stewards' fees will not be sufficient start a list, many would be pleased to contribute.

We also hear of wild schemes for buying bricks, surely the first thing to be done is to prove that a responsible contractor can build the whole structure within the estimate of the architects, or building by instalments may result in a building costing two hundred thousand pounds.

I hope with you that brethren will do their utmost in 1898 to furnish funds for Bros. Terry and Hedges.—Yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I cordially approve of every word in your leader of to-day's *Freemason*, for I consider the undue "fuss" made over the Boys' Centenary was not only a reflection on, but unfair to, the two other Masonic Institutions.

Bro. McLeod has indeed done noble work on behalf of his Institution, but the Secretaries of the other two Institutions have also devoted their best energies and very many years of their lives to do the best for theirs. As you well remark, the precedent of taking a large sum of money from the Charity itself to give away as an "honorarium" is most dangerous; and when a well-known and worthy brother told me he was going up to support £1000 being presented to the Boys' Secretary I ventured to protest, first, against the principle of taking money from the Charity; and, second, that the amount was excessive, and that half would have been a handsome gift; and, lastly, do the brethren generally realise what a very large if not extravagant sum is going to be spent on the new buildings? It will prove a dead weight on the Boys' Funds, and necessitate constant pressure being laid on Masonic benevolence to the detriment of the "Old People and Girls."—Yours fraternally,

DE FERRIERES, P.G.D.

Bays Hill House, Cheltenham,
October 10th.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A person giving the name of Ralph Sinclair, Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, Cornwall, is going about obtaining assistance from lodge Almoners. The Secretary of the lodge says that no such name has ever been attached to that lodge and that he has had several enquiries about this man during the last 12 months. He has several aliases, viz., Charles Buckle, Robert Miller, and A. Ballington. It is to be hoped that Almoners will be on their guard against him.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES NEWTON,
Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire.

23, Silverwell-street, Bolton.
October 27th.

LINES.

On being refused admittance to Messrs. Cowans' Paper Mill at Penicuik.

Armed with drawn sword I've sometimes stood
Outside a close-tyled door,
My care to keep off "Cowans" rude
Who'd cross our threshold floor.
Behold the Irony of Fate!
Rude Justice here we see!!
For I stand vainly at the gate,
While "Cowans" keep off me!!!

A. TYLER.

Craft Masonry.

Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706.

This excellent musical lodge held its installation meeting at the Holborn Restaurant on the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Albert Fox, W.M. A very large gathering of brethren witnessed the proceedings. Those present were Bros. Sutton Shepley, I.P.M., James Gawthrop, S.W.; Charles G. Sadler, J.W.; Richard Clowes, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Richard J. Hennings, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Kempling, S.D.; F. W. Murton, J.D.; George F. Smith, P.G.Org., D.C.; W. J. Wimbolt, Org.; R. Stokoe and George E. W. Ackerman, Stewards; R. A. Kemp, P.M.; Eaton Fanning, P.M.; Frederick Cambridge, P.M.; Henry Guy, P.M.; H. Walmsley Little, P.M.; Henry Parker, P.M.; William Stevenson Hoyte, P.M., P.G.Org.; Henry P. Ralling, Arthur Smith, E. M. Woods, J. H. Smith, Henry W. Richards, Charles William Paine, Ernest Taylor, Harry Lohe, Jesse Hawkes, C. M. Gray, William Fiell, R. Rodgers, Walter J. Tull, W. H. Cook, Ernest M. Cullum, Charles Lewis, Isaac C. Griffith, W. H. Cox, M. Hubbard, R. J. Stevenson, J. R. Hindley, L. Loewenthal, C. H. Greet, F. Marchant, Joshua Drue, John Curran, Malcolm Stodart, Basil Free, Sidney Galer, J. L. Haddon, A. J. Wood, J. Chubb, Samuel Noble, James Brand, David Strong, C. T. Johnson, R. J. Hawkins, A. J. Maltster, W. H. Brereton, P.M.; W. Hiles Smith, James J. Dixon, F. J. Barthorpe, A. J. Holme, and Agar Grover. Among the visitors were Bros. E. L. Horne, P.M. and Sec. 227; Rev. J. Rupert Patterson, Chap. 3; Percy B. Hollick, I.P.M. 1106; L. Bernard, P.M. 1381; Henry Cattermole, P.M. 1839; A. Burgoyne Stutfield, J.W. 1920; H. W. Hope, P.M. 503; A. Austin, W.M. 2637; Charles Upton, P.M. 63; E. F. Browne, 784; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; S. McK. Barry, P.M., 272; D. W. Barry, 139; J. W. Sanderson, J.D. 2006; Carl Heitzman, 2395; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923; William Gray, P.M. 1489; Henry Cornford, S.W. 1922;

Victor Gray, P.M. 957; F. S. Thorn, 1348; H. Traill, 2136; R. W. James, S.W. 1924; H. P. Grover, P.M. 1135; W. Manger, P.M. 1314; H. Bloyd, Stwd. 2409; H. G. Blackman, S.W. 2410; George W. Taylor, P.M. 171; Henry John Burgess, G.S.M. 2454; H. Morley Perfect, 750; George Stubbs, 771; Charles Jackman, and Frank Wills.

After the formal opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Albert Fox, W.M., installed Bro. James Gawthrop, S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Albert Fox was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren appointed to office were Bros. C. G. Sadler, S.W.; C. H. Kempling, Prov. G. Org. Essex, J.W.; Richard Clowes, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas. (elected); Richard J. Hennings, P.M. 2508, Sec.; F. W. Murton, S.D.; H. G. Hast, J.D.; W. J. Wimbolt, I.G.; George Ackerman, Org.; Henry Guy, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Greet, Stwd.; and Bro. Potter, P.M., Tyler (elected.) On the motion of Bro. G. F. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., seconded by Bro. Albert Fox, I.P.M., the balance-sheet was adopted. Bro. Charles Lewis, P.M. 2508, then informed the brethren that the seventh annual festival of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, No. 265, in which lodge the W.M. of the Orpheus Lodge (Bro. Gawthrop) had worked, and learned his Masonry, with what effect the brethren had seen, would be held at the Midland Grand Hotel, at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, November 15th, and he hoped there would be a large attendance. The First Lecture would be worked, Bro. George Rankin, 1641, J.D. 2397, and I.G. 2508, Preceptor of the Kirby, acting as W.M. Bro. Albert Fox, W.M., announced that the testimonial to Bro. Frederick Bevan, P.M., who had gone to Australia, was on view in an adjoining room, where the brethren could inspect it. Bro. Hennings read a letter from Bro. F. Bevan conveying his best wishes for the success of the lodge, and a happy year of office for the W.M. Bro. Albert Fox, I.P.M., was then presented by the W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The I.P.M. thanked the brethren for the gift, which he said he should wear with pride.

Lodge was thereupon closed, and a banquet, of which 110 brethren partook, followed. Between the speeches, in which the toasts were proposed and acknowledged, some charming part singing was performed by the W.M., and Bros. E. Taylor, S. Noble, Hiles Smith, Guy, Fell, Strong, Grover, Brand, Brereton, Ackerman, Sutton Shepley, Haddon, and Paine.

Bros. James Terry and Richard Clowes, P.G.S.Bs., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Albert Fox, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," whom all the brethren knew as an excellent Mason from their long association with him in lodge. They also knew him as a singer, and they greeted him with all heartiness as W.M. of the Orpheus Lodge.

Bro. Gawthrop, W.M., in reply, expressed his thanks to the brethren, and particularly to the I.P.M. for his kind remarks. But he could not forget the general brethren of the lodge who had so well supported him.

The Benevolent box yielded three guineas. Bro. Gawthrop, W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," said that Bro. Albert Fox had performed all the duties of the chair during the past year in an exemplary manner, and that performance had been to the satisfaction of the brethren and the benefit of the lodge. He had wound up his year by installing his successor, and his performance of that work was a Masonic treat for all the brethren.

Bro. Albert Fox, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he was very proud to have had the privilege of installing the W.M. It was the first time he had done it outside a rehearsal. He was conscious that there were many shortcomings in it but they must forgive him. He thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel they had voted him. He should prize it very much indeed. At any time he should be of service to the lodge he should be happy to give his assistance he should be only too proud and happy to do so.

Several brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. G. F. Smith, P.G. Org., responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," said the Past Masters had great pleasure in receiving Bro. Albert Fox into their ranks. All the brethren who had heard the admirable manner in which he had installed the W.M. would acknowledge that the ceremony could not have been better performed. The Orpheus Lodge had a reputation, which he trusted those who were coming on to the chair would sustain, and the lodge would go on for many years as grandly as it had proceeded hitherto.

Bros. Guy, P.M., and Hoyte, P.M., also replied to the toast. Bro. Richard J. Hennings, P.M., Sec., responding to the toast of "The Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Officers," said he felt convinced that the jovial manner in which the W.M. proposed the toast proceeded from jovial spirits, not born of Dutch courage but from the genuine feelings of the W.M.'s heart. It would be the duty of the officers to make the lodge a grand success.

Bro. C. G. Sadler, S.W., said all the officers were thirsting for work, and he hoped that the work they had to do would bring credit to the lodge in general, and also to themselves, and that they would have a very happy year of office.

Bro. Potter gave the Tyler's toast and the brethren then separated. The jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

This lodge celebrated the festival of St. John in a highly successful manner on Thursday, the 6th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford. Bro. John Morton, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. S. A. Bailey, I.P.M.; J. B. Fearnley, as S.W.; J. A. Drake, J.W.; Fredk. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; C. H. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; T. P. Sykes, S.D.; Wm. Docksey, J.D.; J. S. Hedley, I.G.; J. S. Cooper, Tyler; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Thos. H. Bedford, S. of W.; W. H. Townend, Stwd.; W. Durrance, Asst. Sec.; John Niven, P.M.; Samuel Robinson, P.M.; H. Lea, R. B. Nicholls, W. H. Barton, Wm. Walker, J. L. Turner, R. S. Hird, F. Kinder, John Harland, and Jere. Ledgard. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D. Eng., D. Prov. G.M.; Rev. J. Moxon Walton, 307, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, P.M. 1214, 2069, P.P.G.C.; W. Dyson, 2261, P.P.G.D.; John Dawson, P.M. 521, P.P.G.D.C.; Rich. Revell, P.M. 1034, Prov. G.D.; W. Butterworth, 1302, Prov. A.G.P.; S. Whiteley, W.M. 1034, P.P.G.O.; G. H. Holroyd, P.M. 1541, P.P.G.P.; W. Greenwood, P.M. 439, Prov. G. Stwd.; A. Holmes, P.M. 1522, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Wilson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. T. Town, 61; Geo. Whitaker, S.W. 408; Fred Hall, 439; R. Wolff, W.M. 302; John Hill, 302; J. T. Mugglestone, W.M. 600; S. Mortimer, P.M. 603; Rich. Gill, W.M. 258; Jas. Robinson, I.P.M. 750; Geo. Niven, P.M. 750; J. Sowden, P.M. 258; H. A. Ellis, 971; H. Holland, W.M. 1018; C. V. Woodcock, W.M. 1648; J. Barraclough, J.W. 1648; W. H. Moxon, 1648; E. Clarkson, 1648; Wm. Miles, 1648; F. H. Jones, W.M. 2330; W. Metcalfe, P.M. 1545; J. Marshall, Sec. 2608; Jas. Tilley, J.W. 2669; Joseph Taylor, Chap. 2669; A. J. Taylor, Org. 2669; and J. W. Ackroyd, 2669.

The W.M. having opened the lodge, the minutes of the election meeting and also of an emergent meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M., escorted by a number of present and past Prov. G. Officers, entered the lodge and was saluted. Bro. James R. Fearnley, the W.M. elect, was then presented by the Dep. Prov. G.M., and was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. T. Last, P.M., Sec., P.P.G. Reg., in the presence of a Board of 30 installed Master. The charges were given by Bros. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.; Niven, P.M.; and Bailey, P.M. The W.M. afterwards invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Jno. Morton, I.P.M.; T. P. Sykes, S.W.; W. Docksey, J.W.; Fred. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; J. W. Bland, Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; W. Durrance, Asst. Sec.; J. S. Hedley, S.D.; T. H. Bedford, J.D.; W. Walker, I.G.; Jno. T. Cooper, Tyler; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; R. B. Nicholls, S. of W.; W. H. Townend, H. Lea, W. H. Barton, J. L. Turner, and J. Ledgard, Stwds. Bro. John Niven, P.M., was elected as the Representative of the lodge on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee. A brother who had removed to Devonshire was, at his request, placed on the non-resident list of members, pursuant to the lodge by-laws. A former member of the lodge was proposed as a re-joining member, and the names of three gentlemen were submitted as candidates for initiation. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M. and a considerable number of present and past Provincial Officers and distinguished brethren, the Leeds Musical Festival being responsible for preventing the attendance of several who would otherwise have honoured the W.M. by their presence.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the large number of visitors the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where they dined together under the presidency of the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D. of England, responded for "the Grand Officers" in a very interesting speech. He referred to the meetings of Grand Lodge, and also took occasion to mention the important position taken up by the West Yorkshire brethren in contributing the magnificent sum of £6100 to the recent Centenary Festival of the Boys' School held at the Royal Albert Hall, thus establishing a record. Bro. Malcolm expressed the pleasure it had given him to again visit the lodge, and stated that it would give him pleasure to report to the Prov. G. Master the very successful meeting they had had that evening.

The toast of "The Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past" was responded to by Bro. Rev. J. Moxon Walton, Prov. G. Chaplain.

The W.M. in proposing "The Visitors," expressed the extreme gratification he felt that so many brethren honoured him by their presence on that occasion. He assured them that they were all heartily welcome and that he and the members of Lodge Acacia would be delighted to see them again at any time.

The toast was very cordially received and responded to by the W. Masters of Lodges 258, 302, 600, 1018, 1648, and 2330.

Bro. C. H. Ellis, P.M., submitted the toast of "The W.M.," which was received with much enthusiasm. He (Bro. Ellis) stated that he had assisted at the initiation of the W.M., had been in office with him and bore his testimony to the conscientious and zealous manner in which he had discharged the duties of the various offices leading up to the chair, and he (Bro. Ellis) had every confidence that the W.M. would have both a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in rising to acknowledge the toast of his health received a most hearty greeting. He thanked Bro. Ellis for the kindly manner he had spoken of him in proposing the toast, and assured them that he intended to do his best as Master of the lodge to merit the opinion of the brethren. He was particularly grateful that so many visitors, many of whom had come from a distance, had honoured him with their presence, and he hoped that during his year of office he would have the pleasure of seeing many of them again. He was gratified that the brethren were likely to find him plenty of work at their meetings, but with the hearty support of the P.Ms., and the cordial assistance of a good staff of officers, which he was sure he could rely on having, he anticipated a very pleasant year.

"The Masonic Institutions" was proposed by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D., a Governor of all the London Masonic Institutions, who referred particularly to the general success of all the West Yorkshire candidates at the elections, and also made special reference to the generous support that had been rendered by the province in attaining the splendid result at the late Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Royal Albert Hall; he also urged that support should be given to the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Fund.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.P.G. Std. Br., a founder of the lodge, and responded to by Bro. Niven, P.M.

After the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" had been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful meetings the lodge had experienced.

The brethren were pleasantly entertained during the evening by Bro. Miles, with his zither; Bro. Taylor, with his violin; and songs by Bros. Tilley, Townend, Docksey, Sykes, Walker, and Whittaker.

Alleyne Lodge, No 2647.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., at the Crown and Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich. Present: Bros. G. W. Capel, F.R.G.S., W.M.; J. Joel, S.W.; W. H. Stone, J.W.; W. J. Songhurst, P.M. and Treas.; John Read, G. Std. Br., Sec.; T. Compton Stanley, S.D.; E. J. W. Scott, J.D.; E. J. Austin, Org.; J. F. Henley, I.G.; R. Omash and W. J. Mars, Stwds.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; C. J. Axford, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, I.P.M.; A. D. Jolly, M.D.; J. W. Stevens, P.M. and P.P.G. Supt. of Works Surrey; H. Harewood, F. J. Ritson, Anthony Browne, and N. W. Buis. Visitors: Bros. F. J. Eedle, 179, P.P. G. Supt. of Works, Essex; E. G. Lundberg, 1287; and W. E. Dean, 507.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting of 26th March, and subsequently the minutes of an emergency meeting held on the 9th July were read and confirmed. Bro. N. W. Buis was passed to the F.C. Degree in a most able and efficient manner by the W.M. A communication was received from Bro. Rev. A. E. Woodward, M.A., Chap., regretting his inability to be present at this meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Under the genial presidency of the W.M., the brethren had supper.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs and recitations, contributed by Bros. F. J. Eedle, Omash, Scott, and Ritson. Bro. E. J. Austin proved a most efficient accompanist to the songs.

Old Masonians' Lodge, No. 2700.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., W.M.; Robert Stanley Chandler, S.W.; E. Roehrich, J.W.; R. Harold Williams, Treas.; Patrick O'Doherty, Sec.; H. Bowler, S.D.; R. E. Barnes, J.D.; Roland H. Ward, D.C.; W. W. Chate, I.G.; R. W. Goddard, Tyler; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; James Burgess, P.P.G.D. W. Lancs.; James Speller, P.P.G.D. Essex; Sholto H. Hare, P.P.G.D. Cornwall; A. G. Neville, Richard Davies, Robert H. McLeod, W. J. Packer, E. A. B. Gough, H. Lewis, and Herbert Bingham. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Sarjeant, P.M. 1765; Robert Manuel, P.M. 1196; and W. T. Barnard, 1305.

At the request of the W.M., who was detained at a Council meeting at Reading, Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., opened the lodge. Bro. Sholto Henry Hare, of Lodges 189, 2025, 2569, and 2655, P.M. 1954, P.G.D. Cornwall, Life Governor of R.M.I.B., was then balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected. The ballot was then taken for the following candidates: Messrs. Robert Henry McLeod, William James Packer, Ernest Arthur Gough, Horace Lewis, and Herbert Bingham, each of whom was duly elected. Bro. McLeod resigning the chair in favour of the W.M., who duly initiated the five candidates, afterwards giving the charge in a very impressive manner. A letter from Bro. Watkins resigning the office of J.D., owing to his removal to Plymouth was read, and the following officers were invested: Bros. R. E. Barnes, J.D., and W. W. Chate, I.G. The W.M. then retired, and the chair was resumed by Bro. J. M. McLeod. The Secretary reported that he had received the following presentations: master's collar and jewel, and gauntlets presented by the W.M. The working tools and gavel by Bro. E. Roehrich, jun.; pair of gauntlets by Bro. W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; pair of gauntlets by Bro. Richard Davies. A very hearty vote of thanks for these gifts was proposed by Bro. A. G. Neville seconded by Bro. J. M. McLeod, and a record of the same was ordered to be placed on the minutes. The following resolution was also laid before the meeting and carried with acclamation: "Proposed by Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., W.M., seconded by Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B., that the hearty congratulations of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Colonel Clifford Probyn, acting I.P.M., on his unanimous election to the distinguished offices of Grand Treasurer of English Freemasonry and Sheriff of the City of London." Letters of regret from Bro. Colonel Clifford Probyn, acting I.P.M.; Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain; and Bro. L. Wain were read by the Secretary. A copy of the proposed by-laws was then submitted by the Secretary, and after a few slight alterations they were confirmed subject to the approval of the Grand Secretary. Three initiates and two joining members, all of them being old Masonians, were duly proposed and seconded, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

Royal Arch,

Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 13th ult. Among those present were Comps. A. Lundie, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z.; P.P.G. Std. Br., as H.; H. Whitney, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; S.E.; Wolsey, P.S.; Hopkins, Org.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; W. W. Wolsey, P.Z.; H. Dennis, P.Z.; and H. Salter, P.Z.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on

behalf of Bro. Edward Owen, 186, but he was unable to be present. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Geo. Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Ayling, P.Z.; R. Lingley, P.Z.; C. Sims, P.Z.; W. Buxton, I.P.Z.; W. Smith, H. W. Clay, and others. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.

The M.E.Z. presided most genially, but the proceedings were shorn of the usually festive and convivial character by the melancholy circumstance that the respected wife of the proprietor of the tavern, Comp. Ferguson, had died suddenly two days before.

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

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in flattering terms. Comp. Lundie had been a popular and successful W.M. of No. 1381, and it was thought no fault of his that similar success had but attended his efforts in the chair of the chapter. The speaker said that in many other chapters exaltations were few and far between. It was difficult to say or explain why, but the fact remained. However, the M.E.Z. had discharged what duties he had to perform hitherto in a satisfactory manner, and he was worthy of the support of the chapter in every way.

This toast having been warmly received, the First Principal responded to the effect that he was greatly disappointed that his friend, Bro. Owen, of the Lodge of Industry, had not been able to attend that evening, but he had promised to put in an appearance in December next. In conclusion, he said that the proposer of the toast had said many complimentary things about him, and which he did not think that he deserved. However, he would endeavour during the remainder of his year of office to enhance the prosperity of the chapter in every conceivable way.

"The Health of the H. and J." followed, coupled with the name of Comp. Whitney, who responded.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the names of Comps. H. J. Lardner, W. W. Westley, H. Dennis, and H. Salter.

In giving the toast of "The S.E. and Treasurer," the M.E.Z., after speaking in very commendable terms of the excellent services of Comp. H. Higgins as S.E., expressed his personal gratification, which, he felt sure, was shared by all, that their old and respected Treasurer, Comp. George Everett, was about again. He trusted that the improvement in his health would continue.

This pledge having been received with acclamation, Comp. Higgins briefly replied on behalf of himself and absent colleagues.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Wolsey and Hopkins, terminated the proceedings.

Inkerman Chapter, No. 1222.

The annual meeting of the above chapter was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare. The following officers were installed: Comps. W. E. Perrett, re-elected M.E.Z.; E. E. Baker, re-elected H.; J. Cooper, J.; S. J. Sellick, S.E.; W. E. Perrett, jun., Treas.; W. C. Thomas, S.N.; R. J. Dart, P.S.; A. E. Jefferies, 1st A.S.; R. W. Mattock, 2nd A.S.; T. Cox, D.C.; W. Franklin, Org.; J. Glass, Steward; and W. M. Carter, Janitor. Comp. W. E. Perrett, jun., who performed the installation ceremony, had the unique distinction of installing his own father.

Subsequently the usual banquet was held, Bro. E. G. Huntley's catering giving every satisfaction.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, No. 1602.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on the 27th ult., Comp. Arthur Cox, P.M., 1471, M.E.Z., presiding. The other companions present were Comps. J. G. W. James, H., and M.E.Z. elect; R. S. Davies, J.; John Weston, P.Z., Treas.; John Osborn, P.Z., Scribe E.; James Bayne, Scribe N.; Henry Pickett, P.S.; I. Bailey, P.Z.; W. Wright, P.Z.; Charles Wearing, P.Z.; John Greenfield, P.Z.; T. J. Mercer, W. Willshire, Thomas A. Key, W. Beckett, W. G. Drew, John W. Elam, Edw. Hambridge, G. W. A. Dowse, J. Drinkwater A. J. Cave, jun. and G. Porter. The visitors were: Comps. George S. Dauntion, H. 1423; W. J. Garland, 169; George W. Larter, 3; J. M. Sulby, 1716; Henry Cox, P.Z. 1471; W. B. Trick, 1366; R. J. Homan, E. Selling, E. Morgan, P.S. 1184; C. Weeden, P.Z. 813; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; and E. Holland, 1708. Bro. Thomas Alfred Key, 1288, was duly exalted in R.A. Masonry, after which ceremony the installation of Principals commenced. This was admirably performed by Comps. John Weston, P.Z., Treas., and John Osborn, P.Z., Scribe, E.; and Comp. Lieut. J. G. W. James, P.M. 795 and 1602, P.P.G.S.B. Berks, H. and M.E.Z. elect, was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. R. V. Davies, P.Z. 733 and 753, as H.; and Comp. H. Pickett, P.M. 1602, as J. Comp. J. Weston, P.Z., was again invested as Treasurer; and Comp. J. Osborn, P.Z., as S.E. Comp. J. Bayne was invested as S.N.; Comps. A. T. Cave, jun., as P.S.; T. J. Mercer, 1st A.S.; E. A. Hambridge, 2nd A.S.; W. Wright, P.Z., Org.; and C. Shepherd, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. A. Cox before the chapter was closed.

A very choice banquet was afterwards partaken of, the tables being most tastefully decorated.

An excellent arrangement was adopted by which the toasts were not interspersed with singing, the concert being given as a separate entertainment in the Barford Room.

Comp. Arthur Cox, I.P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z.," who, he said, all the companions knew would make a Most Excellent second to none.

Comp. Lieut. James, M.E.Z., acknowledging the toast, said he loved Freemasonry, although as a worker he was of the poorest, probably the worst they had in the chapter. But underneath his bad work there was the heart that beat for Freemasonry, and it was a pleasure to be in a chapter where one was appreciated by the members. The Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter was one in which he wished to occupy the chair; he thought it was the acme of Freemasonry. He had occupied two W.M.'s chairs in the Craft, and he had been in Grand Office in the Province of Berkshire, and now, thanks to Comp. Past Principal Osborn, he was in the Z. chair of this chapter. Comp. Osborn had crowned his (Lieut. James) Masonic career by installing him; he had put the top stone to his Freemasonry; he could not go beyond that. It was a proud moment in his Masonic career to be installed by a man who was the father and essence of his Masonic being. He thanked the companions for their confidence, and he hoped it would not be abused. He hoped in 12 months' time to stand in the same position as Comp. Arthur Cox now stood in, and be rewarded with the reflection that he had done his duty. That was the only reward he desired. He then proposed "The H. and J." It was a great blessing to be supported by Past Principal Davies, who was a great acquisition to the chair of H., as he was one of the best of men and the best of Masons. It was a great pride to him to see Comp. Pickett in the third chair. He (Lieut. James) and Comp. Pickett went into Masonry together, into the lodge together, and into the chapter together. Comp. Pickett was enthusiastic, and he would fill his position with lustre, and make even more friends and new acquaintances than he did in the Craft.

Comp. Davies, H., having thanked the M.E.Z., Comp. Pickett, J., said it was a great pleasure to be associated with Lieut. James so closely in the lodge and in the chapter. At first he felt very strange in the chapter, but at each succeeding meeting he seemed more at home, and became surrounded more and more by faces he knew and had known.

Comp. Lieut. James, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Exalte," said it was no good getting married unless there was a prospect of getting a family, and in the Craft or in the Arch it was necessary that good seed should be sown. New accessions were the very essence and the necessity of the existence of both. He welcomed Comp. Key to this chapter with a large amount of pleasure as he was a most estimable man, Mason, and companion. Recommended as he was by Comp. Davies it was a proof that he was the sort of man they should have among them. None of them would bring into this chapter any one who was not a good Mason.

Comp. Key responded, and Comps. Garland, Larter, Trick, Morgan, and others replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Comp. Arthur Cox, I.P.Z., responded to the toast of "The I.P.Z.," and said he had tried to do his level best in the Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter. If the companions thought so that was all he required. He thanked them very much for the very handsome present they had made him of a P.Z.'s jewel. It would be put among his treasures, and he hoped to be among the companions many years to wear it.

Comps. J. Weston, P.Z., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.Z., S.E.; J. Greenfield, P.Z.; C. Dearing, P.Z.; and others, responded as P.Zs. of the chapter, and the Janitor's toast finished this part of the proceedings.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the Barford Saloon, where Mrs. James sat on the right hand of her husband, who presided over the entertainment. This consisted of a selection of music beautifully executed under the direction of Comp. Willie Wright, P.Z., who was assisted by Miss Emily Davies, Comp. James Bayne, Mr. Iver Foster, Bros. Trefelyn David, Herbert Linwood, R. B. Hopkins (silver bells), and Sam Wright. Herr Hugo Hundt played violin solos. At the piano were Comp. Willie Wright and Herr Grünebaum. The entertainment was a great success.

Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614.

A very successful meeting was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 27th ult. The members present included Comps. Arthur L. Bullen, M.E.Z.; C. O. Burgess, P.Z., H., M.E.Z. elect; Jas. D. Graham, J., H. elect; Walter Hancock, P.Z., J. elect; S. Hewett, P.Z.; F. Kedge, P.Z., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.Z., S.E.; G. H. Foan, P.Z.; J. Woodward; J. Rowe; W. J. Thrussell, Org.; H. G. Walker, S.N.; J. W. Dennis, M. C. Citreon, and others. Visitors: Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; R. S. Hart, 1851; W. W. Lee, P.Z. 1524; and others.

Chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The following installations took place: Comps. C. O. Burgess, M.E.Z.; J. D. Graham, H.; and W. Hancock, P.Z., J. Bro. M. G. Benlian, 1614, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being well rendered by all concerned. The following officers were invested: Comps. F. Kedge, P.Z., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.Z., S.E.; H. G. Walker, S.N.; S. Blum, P.S.; E. Parsons, 1st A.S.; J. Woodward, Stwd.; W. J. Thrussell, Org.; and R. Potter, Janitor. Other business was transacted, and the chapter was closed.

An excellent banquet was then partaken of, and after dessert, the customary toast list was proceeded with.

Comp. A. L. Bullen, I.P.Z., in giving the toast of "The M.E.Z." said it was always received with enthusiasm in this chapter, for the occupants of the chair had been a credit to it. The present M.E.Z. was well known to them all, most of the companions having worked with him either in Craft or R.A. Masonry for years past. They therefore knew that Comp. Burgess would do honour to the Covent Garden Chapter in the position in which they had placed him. They would bear him out in the remark that everything Comp. Burgess had undertaken he had done to the best of his ability, and that ability was of a very high order. They might congratulate themselves, therefore, on having such a M.E.Z. to rule over the destinies of the chapter for the next 12 months. By his wise order of business, his superlative qualities, and his extensive knowledge of the ritual, Comp. Burgess had brought credit and success to other chapters, and although they were not wanting in success, they wished to soar to still higher heights, and hoped to do so. They would all take the present opportunity, although they had met in chapter, of offering their hearty congratulations to Comp. Burgess on his recent appointment as Prov. G.S.W. of Berkshire—a high honour that was thoroughly well deserved. He (the I.P.Z.) gave them with all heartiness the healths of the M.E.Z. and prosperity to the Covent Garden Chapter.

Comp. C. O. Burgess, M.E.Z., thanked the I.P.Z. for the more than kind and friendly terms in which he had proposed the toast, and was confident Comp. Bullen had spoken in all sincerity. It was always difficult to reply to the toast of one's own health because one might be thought to be egotistical. He might say, however, that he was one of the founders of this chapter and had seen it advance and flourish, and hoped to see it so for many years in a greater degree. There was a good reason why, as the I.P.Z. had said, this toast was always well received—if they looked at those who had occupied the chair. There was Comp. Hewett, one of the most genial of men, Comp. Kedge, P.Z. and Treasurer, an excellent exponent of the ritual, and a popular man, Comp. Hancock, who commanded respect and esteem, Comp. Foan, who appeared to have renewed his youth, and last, but not least, Comp. Bullen, who was a sincere friend to them all. In mentioning them, he was explaining the I.P.Z.'s expression, and they had had extreme good fortune to have been ruled by such companions of the Order. He hoped the companions would rally round him and introduce some exaltees, always taking care that they were those who would be a credit to the chapter, which they desired to be one of the first in the metropolis. He would ask all to be careful whom they proposed, for the future of the chapter depended upon the *personnel* of those brought in. He hoped it would flourish, if not rapidly, at least solidly and satisfactorily, and that they might look forward in the future to a renewal of those very agreeable meetings.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.Z.," and remarked that Comp. Bullen was a friend to them all, and as an exponent of the ritual, was in the front rank. In presenting the I.P.Z. with a P.Z.'s jewel, he could say it had never been earned more worthily. He hoped that in wearing that jewel for many years Comp. Bullen would feel it had an additional value in the hearty goodwill of every member.

Comp. Arthur L. Bullen, I.P.Z., thanked the M.E.Z. for his flattering remarks. He should like to give expression to the thoughts of his heart, but his tongue could not give voice to them. He had always taken a great interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and had looked forward to being in the chair of that chapter, and now that time had passed. It had been a pleasant year to him in many respects, for all had been kind to him and made his reign a successful one. He thanked them sincerely for the jewel, and so long as he was able, he would render whatever assistance he could to the chapter.

"The H. and J.," was next given, the M.E.Z. referring to the respect in which they held Comp. Graham, H. The J., Comp. Hancock, was well-known throughout Masonry for his zeal and exertions, both in the Craft and the Royal Arch.

Comps. Graham, H., and W. Hancock, P.Z., J., replied, after which Comp. Benlian answered for "The Exaltees," in a brief, but excellent speech, expressing the hope that as he gained more knowledge he might become a useful member.

The visiting companions acknowledged the hospitality they had received and expressed their admiration for the working they had witnessed.

Other toasts followed, embracing "The Officers of the Chapter," after which a very pleasant evening terminated.

Comp. W. J. Thrussell, Org., provided a good musical programme and was assisted by Miss Edith Kingsford, Miss Esther Franklin, and Bro. G. H. Dawson. Bro. Mel. B. Spurr contributed a couple of musical and mimetic interludes the humorous vein of which were heartily appreciated and keenly enjoyed.

PRACTICAL MASONRY.

The strength of the three-fold cord brotherly love, relief, and truth, that binds Freemasons together, no matter from what country they hail, has just been beautifully and forcibly illustrated in connection with the heart-rending break of the Mohegan. Last summer an American gentleman Thos. Worthington King, of Nantucket, Man., his mother-in-law, wife, and two sons, were visitors at one of the picturesque bays on the coast of Cornwall. In the house next that occupied by the American visitors, Bro. J. M. Cornish (now W.M. of Sinai Lodge, Penzance), his wife and children, were spending their holiday. The two families became intimate and the union between them was strengthened when Bro. Cornish found that Mr. King was a distinguished and prominent member of the Craft in America, he having attained to the 3^d. The acquaintanceship grew into friendship, and Bro. King was on several occasions a visitor at Sinai Lodge, Penzance. The whole party of the King's took their passage on board the ill-fated Mohegan, accompanied by a young Irish-American named O'Rourke, who was Mr. King's valet. O'Rourke was the only one of the party saved, he climbed up one of the masts as she was sinking and clung to the rigging until the morning, when he was released from his perilous position in a state, really more dead than alive. As soon as he learned on being taken ashore that he was in Cornwall he telegraphed to Bro. Cornish, as the only friend of his master's he knew, who, accompanied by Bro. P. M. Mockridge, at once went to the scene of the wreck and assisted in identifying the bodies of Mrs. King, her mother Mr. Weller, and her seven-year old son Tom.

Cablegrams were sent to William Neal King, Esq., Columbus, Ohio, who responded by directing the bodies to be embalmed, and that no expense was to be spared in forwarding them to America. The brethren of the Sinai Lodge placed the Masonic Hall at the disposal of Bro. Cornish, and there the bodies were laid out. Bros. R. Waters and V. Corian undertook the necessary preparations. Each body was put in a mahogany shell, with a glass panel over the face; the shells were then put into lead coffins, the upper part of the lids so arranged that they could easily be cut open and turned back to show the faces of the deceased. The outside coffins were made of beautiful English oak, polished, with brass ornaments, the top panel of each being a door with lock and key. Oblong deal boxes were provided for each coffin, so that they had really the appearance of boxes of merchandise—this precaution was necessary, as sailors still retain the old superstition of not sailing in a vessel with a corpse. Bros. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.D.G.C. Sussex, who was at the time a visitor in Penzance; W. M. Cornish; Mockridge, P.M.; Colenso, P.M.; Waters; Corian; and J. E. Rogers, P.P.G. Tyler, who had charge of the bodies, were present at the closing of the cases, and witnessed their despatch—Mrs. Weller to Saratoga and Mrs. King and her son to Cincinnati.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Preceptory D (or Early Grand Encampment of England).

The election meeting of this preceptory was held at the Inns of Court Hotel on the 14th ult., when there were present Sir Knights Basil Stewart, E.P., J. R. Carter, Constable, Major T. C. Walls, P.E.P., P.G.C. of Gds., Reg.; C. Horst, Marshal; F. F. Bonney, Herald; Haysom, 1st Std. Br.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.P.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.P.; C. Slater, P.E.P.; H. Lindus, Walter Fisher, and J. Rawes, Equerry. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. G. E. Gratton, No. 2501, and C. J. Smith, No. 2501, but they were unable to be present. Sir Knight J. R. Carter was unanimously elected E.P.; Sir Knights Lt.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.P., Almoner; and Sir Knights W. Fisher and Captain G. Carpenter, Auditors. A Past Preceptor's jewel was voted to the E.P. and a vote of thanks recorded to him. Apologies for non-attendance were received and read from Sir Knights G. Graveley, P.E.P.; T. Wood, P.E.P.; L. Steele, P.E.P.; H. Hills, P.E.P.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.E.P.; Egbert Roberts, Org.; H. Schartau, Assistant Org.; J. Owen, and others.

The preceptory was then closed and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet, which was capitally served and did great credit to the establishment.

The E.P. proved to be an excellent chairman. After his own health had been proposed and drunk, he gave "The Preceptor Elect." He said that Sir Knight Carter was a shining light in other Degrees in Freemasonry, and he felt sure that he would be an excellent worker in the Templar Degree as a Preceptor. Since his initiation as a member of the Old Mount Calvary their Preceptor elect had shown his interest in its affairs by introducing several good members, and he believed that Sir Knight Carter's year would be a highly successful one.

The Preceptor elect having replied, the toast of "The P.E. Preceptors" was coupled with the names of Sir Knights F. W. Driver, H. J. Lardner, and C. Slater, who acknowledged the compliment.

"The Health of the Officers" was responded to by Sir Knights Horst, Bonney, and Haysom.

During the proceedings Sir Knight F. W. Driver contributed some original contributions in prose and verse.

The proceedings, which were throughout highly successful, then terminated.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Old York Lodge, No. T.I.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford, on Monday, the 10th ult. Bro. Charles Crabtree, W.C.N., presided, the other officers present were Bros. J. L. Atherton, I.P.N.; S. Whitely, J.; Thos. Norfolk, S.; J. C. W. Hudson, Scribe; Wm. Laycock, S.D.; Geo. Whittaker, J.D.; W. Vaux, Guardian; and J. T. Last, Warder.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Wm. Woodiwiss, Charles Mason, Wright Wagstaff, Wm. Foster, and James Tilley, all of the Old York Lodge, No. T.I., Mark Master Masons, and John A. Godwin, J.P., of St. Chad's Mark Lodge, No. 371, Leeds, were balloted for and elected and elevated, the ritual being very ably rendered by the several officers. The elections for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Bros. S. Whitely, as W.C.N., and Chas. Crabtree, Treasurer.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Shadwell Clerke Chapter, No. 107.

A meeting of the above chapter was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on Wednesday the 26th inst., when there were present Ex. and P. Bro. A. H. Scurrah, 18^o, M.W.S., in the chair; Ill. Bro. G. W. Capel, F.R.G.S., 30^o, Prelate; Ex. and P. Bros. J. W. Stevens, 18^o, 1st General, and John Purrott, 18^o, 2nd General; Ill. Bros. H. Lovegrove, 31^o, P.M.W.S., Treas., and John Read, 30^o, P.M.W.S., Rec.; Ex. and P. Bros. T. Parker, 18^o, Marshal, E. W. Glaeser, 18^o, Herald, and Metcalfe, 18^o, C. of G.; Ill. Bros. W. A. Scurrah, 30^o, P.M.W.S., and E. Storr, 18^o, P.M.W.S.; and Ex. and P. Bro. L. M. Biden, 18^o. Visitors: Ill. Bro. W. J. Songhurst, 30^o, M.W.S. 139; Ex. and P. Bros. F. A. Powell, 18^o, 1st General 139, J. F. Henley, 18^o, 139, and J. P. Robinson, 18^o, 29; and Bro. Austin, Outer Guard.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th April read and confirmed. This being the annual period of installation of M.W.S., Ill. Bro. G. W. Capel, 30^o, was presented to the acting M.W.S., Ill. Bro. John Read, 30^o, and was by him regularly installed as M.W.S. of the chapter. The M.W.S. invested and appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Ex. and P. Bros. J. W. Stevens, 18^o, Prelate, J. Purrott, 18^o, 1st General, and T. Parker, 18^o, 2nd General; Ill. Bros. H. Lovegrove, 31^o, Treas., and John Read, 30^o, Rec.; Ex. and P. Bros. J. H. Baxter, 18^o, Marshal, E. N. Glaeser, 18^o, Raphael, Metcalfe, 18^o, D.C., and L. M. Biden, 18^o, Herald; and Bro. Austin, Outer Guard. A satisfactory report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A P.M.W.S.s jewel was presented to Ex. and P. Bro. A. H. Scurrah, 18^o, on his vacating the chair, as a token of respect and esteem from the brethren. The chapter was then closed.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Criterion, under the presidency of Ill. Bro. G. W. Capel, 30^o, and an agreeable evening was brought to a pleasant close.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON, Lady Marjorie Carrington, Mr. Bryce, Madame D'Arcos, Mrs. Vaughan, Miss Vaughan, Mr. Gye, the Rev. S. J. Ramsay Sibbald, and the ladies and gentlemen of the household had the honour of being invited.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Rose and Lily Council, No. 15.

The installation meeting of this council was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, on Friday, the 28th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Nathl. Goodchild, I.P.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; Harry Tipper, P.M.; A. Molony, S.W.; Charles Sheppard, J.W.; Edwin Styles, S.D.; and others. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. Phipps Dorman, G.J.D., the chair was taken by Bro. N. Goodchild, I.P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Alfred Molony, W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested. The W.M., Bro. Molony, then initiated Bro. R. Barnes into the Degrees of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople and Red Cross of Babylon. A Tabernacle of the Order of Grand High Priest was opened, and the W.M. initiated Comps. Styles and Barnes into that beautiful Degree. A resolution was unanimously carried altering the dates of meeting from the fourth Friday to the fourth Saturday in April and October.

After the council was closed, the brethren dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern.

Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, E.C. Present: Bros. William Baker, W.M.; J. G. Robeson, S.W.; E. Collins, J.W.; H. T. Meadows, P.M., Sec.; A. Fergusson, S.D.; Gernon, J.D.; Arthur Rippin, I.G.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; E. Croft Wise, P.M.; C. Butcher, P.M.; Randell, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Williams, Read, Page, Miles, Rix, Brooks, Farr, Taylor, and several others.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, it was notified by the Secretary that that would be the last meeting held at their present quarters, circumstances having arisen necessitating the removal of the lodge of instruction to some other house, for which the W.M. of the Mother Lodge had given his permission and the Grand Secretary his sanction, and that, consequently, on and after the 9th inst. the lodge will meet at Bro. Stevenson's, The Whittington, 5 and 7, Moor-lane, Fore-street, and on the opening night at their new house, the Preceptor, Bro. D. Harlow, P.M., by special request, will occupy the chair, and it is hoped that an extra strong muster of brethren will be present to support the worthy Preceptor on that occasion. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Brown, W.M. 1446, answering the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. The W.M. afterwards resumed the lodge in the First Degree, and rising the first and second times, Bros. Randell and Page were unanimously elected members. Rising for the third time, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered to the W.M., and the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1056.

This lodge of instruction which has achieved no mean reputation, gave visitors a very pleasant and profitable evening at the Mail Coach, Farringdon-street, on Friday, the 28th ult., when Bro. J. Knight, S.D. 861, Section Master for the occasion, had for his officers Bros. H. Whiting, P.M. 861, in the W.; H. B. Spaul, S.W. 145, in the S.; F. P. Weinell, P.M. 1828, the Preceptor, as I.P.M.; and Waldvogel, P.M. 1828, as I.G. The programme promised the Fifteen Sections, and these were so given as to add to the reputation of the lodge. The Section Master was assisted by the following brethren, who combined to make his task a most agreeable one. In the First Lecture, Bro. Sayer, 1950, gave the First Section; Bro. J. Evans, P.M. 1745, the Second; Bro. T. S. Neville, S.W. 860, the Third; Bro. F. P. Weinell, P.M. 1828, the Fourth; Bro. W. W. Snelling, P.M. 1541, the Fifth; Bro. N. P. Lardner, P.M. 1755, the Sixth; and Bro. E. S. Lardner, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 101, 91, the Seventh. In the Second Lecture, the First Section was taken by Bro. J. Knight, S.D. 1828; the Second, by Bro. H. B. Spaul, J.W. 145; the Third, by Bro. F. P. Weinell; the Fourth by Bro. J. D. Webb, W.M. 1314; and the Fifth by Bro. G. Newnham, S.W. 145. In the Third Lecture, Bro. W. Waldvogel gave the First Section, and Bro. H. Whitney the Second and Third. Bro. E. S. Lardner created a profound impression by his rendering of the Grand Section which he had undertaken, as was testified by the close attention with which he was followed, and the emphatic expression of approval which was elicited. Bro. Weinell and Bro. Whitney both did double duty, each in the second instance, at the call of the Section Master, promptly taking up work which had been allotted to brethren who were unable to attend. Not infrequently the work in a lodge of instruction lacks the *verve* shown on other occasions; but the brethren to whom on this night the votes of thanks were accorded had justly earned what was no mere empty compliment, some of the visiting brethren being so influenced by the excellence of the working, as eagerly to avail themselves of the opportunity offered for joining. Indeed, there can be no doubt that this lodge is doing good work for the Craft, the zeal and earnestness of the popular Preceptor in no small degree contributing to that desirable end.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

The first meeting on Monday evenings was held on the 31st ultimo at the Earl Derby, High-road, Kilburn, under the presidency of Bro. Harry Willsmer, W.M., ably supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. Brown, S.W.; G. D. Fraser, J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, Preceptor; R. J. Campbell, P.M., Treasurer, acting as Sec.; Marks, S.D. and J.D.; J. Buck, I.G.; A. E. Horstead, Org.; J. Bennett, W. G. Coxen, H. J. Crook, G. Coxen, Smith, P.M., and others.

Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. G. Coxen acting as candidate. The ancient charge was impressively delivered. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. J. Campbell, who proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of passing, Bro. Greaves acting as candidate. Bro. Greaves was proposed and accepted as a joining member. Acknowledgments were made of presentations of a set of officers' collars by Bro. A. W. Wyatt and a box of working tools by Bro. Harry Willsmer, Hon. Sec. Promises were given by three other prominent members of the lodge to provide jewels, a pair of pedestals, and square and compasses for the bib'e by next meeting. Bro. Brown was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., Bro. W. B. Ladler presiding, supported by Bros. G. de L. Larner, S.W.; Wallace, J.W.; F. Dunstan, P.M., Preceptor; T. I. Bird, Treas.; Harry Willsmer, Sec.; Collingridge, S.D.; T. Feistel, J.D.; Leher, I.G.; Brett, Palmer, Tilley, Harris, sen., Harris, jun., Skates, Foyer, Platt, Worthington, Geo. Clark, P.M., and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Palmer being the candidate. The W.M. delivered the ancient charge for the first time in a very praiseworthy manner. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Platt as candidate. A meeting of the Masonic Charities Association was held and four ballots taken, resulting in favour of Bros. J. Carter, W. F. Fagan, A. Rusby, and G. Brown, for life subscriberships.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. THOMAS DOUGHTY.

The funeral of Bro. the Rev. Thomas Doughty, who for two years and nine months had been an inmate of St. Barnabas' Home for aged and disabled clergy, took place on the 25th ult. Bro. Doughty was the second inmate admitted to the Home; he was strongly recommended by the Bishop of Ely and two beneficed clergy. His was a very sad case. For 36 years he had worked well, and with great acceptability, in a number of important curacies and sole charges. In 1891 he broke down completely from a complication of chest and heart disease, and for five years was living in great penury, unable to get more than the barest necessities of life. On his admission to the Home, under the care of the doctor and nursing staff, his health so much improved that he was soon able to attend the chapel services, and to go out for drives and short walks. He bore with great resignation his long and often painful illness, and passed away, deeply mourned by every member of the staff and inmate of the Home, on the 15th ult. His last words to the Warden were, "God bless you, you have been a true brother to me. Thank God for all the Home has done for me!" Bro. Doughty was buried in the beautiful churchyard at Lingfield; the Rev. W. G. Bryan (Vicar) officiating. The funeral was attended by all the present inmates of the Home. The Hon. Sec. and Warden, much to his regret, was unavoidably absent. Bro. Doughty was an old Freemason, having been initiated in the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, in the year 1865.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. EDWARD G. SENINGTON.

At the funeral, on the 22nd ult., of the late Bro. Edward C. Senington, who lost his life in the wreck of the Mohegan, there were many strangers, as well as relations and friends present to pay a tribute to the memory of a brave man. The coffin was borne from St. Paul's-street, Bristol, the residence of the deceased's sister, to the quiet little burial ground in Brunswick-square, and the sad procession on its brief journey was watched with respectful and sympathetic interest by those who chanced to be in the neighbourhood. The widow and three young daughters, Mr. Frank Senington (only brother), Mrs. N. Revie (sister), and Mr. N. Revie (brother-in-law), with other relatives, followed immediately behind the coffin, and others at the graveside were Mr. C. Harris, a personal friend of the deceased mariner, who represented the owners of the Mohegan (the Atlantic Transport Company), Mr. S. Cox, Messrs. D. Churchill, Arthur Phillips, H. J. Roberts, A. G. Powell, L. F. Stevens, W. Powell, A. Powell, and Frank Forse (representing the Old Croft School Boys Society), and the following representatives of the Craft: Bros. Harford, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Owner, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. G. Courtenay, S.W.; S. G. Moxey, I.P.M.; W. Ireland, F. Owen, W. James, H. B. Stone, J. Stoaite, and G. Langford. Before the burial the mourners and friends gathered in the little chapel, and the Rev. A. N. Blatchford, who had known the deceased for very many years, gave a brief address, in the course of which he paid eloquent tribute to the deceased's simple, brave, and unpretentious manhood, and of the example he set to all, even to those whose lives were cast in a quieter sphere, by his steadfast adherence to the supreme principle of duty. The coffin, which bore a simple inscription, without reference to the terrible disaster which had occasioned the loss of so many lives, was covered with beautiful wreaths, including one from the survivors of the crew of the ill-fated steamship Mohegan.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE left Beaufort House, Newmarket, on Saturday last, for Chatsworth.

BRO. THE RT. HON. WALTER LONG, M.P., Lady Doreen Long, and Miss Long have returned to 11, Ennismore-gardens for the winter.

BRO. LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT have returned to Pirbright from the Continent, and will entertain a succession of guests throughout the season.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, Lord President of the Council, has appointed Mr. Riversdale Walrond, of the Education Department, to be his private secretary.

BRO. SIR SQUIRE BANCROFT will give the "Christmas Carol" and other selections from Dickens at Highbury Athenæum, on Thursday, the 1st prox., on behalf of the North London Nursing Association.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, who is High Steward of Great Yarmouth, has contributed £50 towards the erection of the Missions to Seamen Church and Institute on the South Quay at Yarmouth, for the sole use of sailors and fishermen frequenting that port.

BRO. SIR WALTER PARRATT, the Queen's Master of Music, presided at the annual concert of the St. George's Chapel choir which was given on Monday night, under the patronage of her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family, at the Windsor Albert Institute. Dr. F. H. Cowen and Dr. Lloyd, of Eton College, conducted their own compositions.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, the Commander-in-Chief, is about to take up his residence in Brighton for some time, having engaged a house on the west front. Considerable local interest is being manifested in his lordship's promised presence at the forthcoming distribution of prizes to the 1st Sussex Volunteer Rifle Corps, the ceremony being fixed at the Pavilion, where a reception and ball will follow.

BRO. J. E. SHAND, P.M., P.Z., Registrar of Westminster, has been presented with a handsome massive marble timepiece, with the following inscription on a gold plate: "Presented to J. E. Shand, by some of his old Westminster friends, Freemasons, and others, in recognition of many years of friendship, and to commemorate his 60th birthday, October, 1898." The presentation was made by Bro. Frank Todman, W.M. 2030.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and attended by Baroness Von und Zu Egloffstein, left Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, on Tuesday, on a visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby, at Knowsley Hall, Lancashire. Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein travelled as far as the Metropolis. Princess Christian is expected to return to Cumberland Lodge towards the end of the week.

BRO. BERNARD F. EDYVEAN, of Bodmin, has been appointed to succeed the lamented Bro. E. D. Anderton, P.G.D., as Provincial Grand Secretary, and Prov. G. Scribe E. of Cornwall. The appointment is a very popular one, as Bro. Edyvean is a P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall, P.A.G.D.C. of England, and for several years Manager of the votes for the Central Masonic Charities in London. Of the previous Provincial Grand Secretaries of the province the only one living, as well as still subscribing to a Cornish lodge, is Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.

THE SIRDAR, accompanied by the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., who is to take up the duties of Minister-in-Waiting at Balmoral, arrived shortly after one o'clock on Monday at Ballater, en route for Balmoral, in accordance with her Majesty's command. There was a great crowd gathered, the Queen's carriage from Balmoral was in waiting, and as the hero of Omdurman and Mr. Balfour drove off they were heartily cheered again and again. Balmoral was reached about three o'clock. The Empress Frederic and the Sirdar met in the Palace Hotel, Aberdeen, her Imperial Majesty having, on hearing of his arrival, sent for him.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, who went to Copenhagen some three months ago on receipt of the intelligence of the illness of her mother, the Queen of Denmark, returned to London on Tuesday night, accompanied by the Duke of York. Their Royal Highnesses travelled from Calais to Dover by special boat, and thence by special train to Charing-cross. Shortly after 7 p.m. Count Moltke, Secretary at the Danish Legation, arrived at the station to receive the Royal travellers, on behalf of the Danish Minister and Madame de Bille. Subsequently the Duchess of York drove up, and at 7.30 H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Wales, and attended by General Sir Arthur Ellis and General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., arrived. Miss Knollys was in attendance on the Princess, and Bro. Captain Holford upon the Duke of York.

HER MAJESTY went out on Saturday morning last with the Empress Frederic and Princess Henry of Battenberg. In the afternoon the Queen presented colours to the newly-raised 2nd Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, under the command of Lieut.-Col. J. M. Hunt. Two hundred men of the battalion marched from Ballater, and were drawn up in line on the lawn in front of the Castle. Her Majesty drove on to the ground at a quarter to one, accompanied by the Empress Frederic and Princess Henry of Battenberg and her children. After the consecration of the colours by the Rev. S. J. Ramsay Sibbald, the Queen's and the Regimental Colours were handed to the Queen by Major H. Malcolm and Major D. Davidson, and were then presented by her Majesty to Lieutenant P. Baird and Lieutenant the Hon. A. Maitland. The Queen having addressed a few words to the officers and men, and having acknowledged the honour, the battalion marched past, the line was reformed, and the troops gave three cheers for the Queen.

AMONG THE exhibitions of pictures at the present time, there are three galleries which will well repay a visit. They are the Society of Oil Painters (late Institute of Painters in Oil Colours), Piccadilly. There are some fine pictures by Sir J. D. Linton, Frank Warton (President), and others—the landscapes are a great feature. There is a small but choice collection of important works at Thomas McLean's Gallery, 7, Haymarket. Amongst them are pictures by Roybet, Chatran, Bisschop, Peter Graham (R.A.), J. McWhorter (R.A.), Max Gaisser, H. Zügel, L. B. Hust, and M. De Munkacsy. The London Sketch Club holds its inaugural exhibition at the Modern Gallery, 175, Bond-street, W. The contributors comprise the well-known names of Geo. C. Haite, Dudley Hardy, Walter Fowler, Cecil Quennell, Phil May, Robert Sauber, &c. As the gallery closes to-morrow (Saturday), the opportunity should not be lost of visiting this, the first exhibition of the London Sketch Club. At the Continental Gallery, 157, New Bond-street, W., will be found a collection of the leading pictures from the Paris Salons of 1898. We would commend this exhibition to admirers of foreign art.

THE COUNTESS CADOGAN has been paying a visit to Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby at Knowsley.

THE EARL OF MINTO, the new Governor-General of Canada, has been appointed a Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK have left town for York Cottage, Sandringham, attended by Lady Mary Lygon and Sir Charles Cust.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM has fixed Tuesday, the 29th inst., as the date on which he will visit Edinburgh to receive the freedom of the city.

ON and after the 9th inst. the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, will meet every Wednesday night, seven o'clock, at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moor-lane, Fore-street, E.C., instead of the Weaver's Arms, London Wall.

ON TUESDAY NIGHT it was stated that the condition of Bro. Sir Henry Irving, who is staying at the Windsor Hotel, Glasgow, was less satisfactory, and that progress is slow. He was ordered to keep to his bed throughout the day.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES received the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, on Tuesday morning previous to his departure from England. Major-General Sir Arthur Ellis has succeeded Bro. Captain Holford as Equerry in Waiting to his Royal Highness.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S *Gazette* officially announces that the "Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom unto Major-General Sir Horatio Herbert Kitchener, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., R.E., Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Kitchener of Khartoum, and of Aspell, in the county of Suffolk."

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR presided for the last time on the 3rd inst., at a business Court of Common Council, and on taking his seat spoke of the pleasure and pain with which he did so—pleasure at the thought of his coming rest, and pain at what seemed something like a parting. He thanked both members and high officers for the aid he had received in performing the arduous work of the City. His lordship was feelingly addressed by the Chief Commoner, and on his departure late in the day was loudly cheered.

THE EMPRESS FREDERIC OF GERMANY on Thursday left Dalmeny, where she has been the guest of the Earl of Rosebery, and travelled by special train, *via* Glasgow, to Drumlanrig Castle, Thornhill, where her Imperial Majesty will stay with the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch for a week. The Empress was attended by Major-General Sir Charles Du Plat, Count Seckendorff, and Countess Perponcher, and was met by the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and Lord Henry Scott. Loud cheers were raised when the distinguished party drove off to Drumlanrig Castle, Nithsdale.

ISSUE OF TOURIST AND WEEK-END TICKETS DURING THE WINTER.—The Great Northern Railway Company announce that they have arranged to continue the issue of tourist tickets during the winter months to many of the principal seaside and health resorts to which such tickets were issued during the summer months. The same fares will be charged and the tickets will be issued by ordinary trains, available for return on any day within two calendar months. The cheap week-end tickets will also be issued as usual on each Friday and Saturday throughout the year. Programmes containing full information as to fares, routes, &c., can be obtained on application at Great Northern Stations or town offices.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, who has been the guest of the Earl and Countess of Derby, at Knowsley, since Monday, visited Birkenhead on Thursday, and was present at a meeting in the Town Hall in connection with the Birkenhead District Nursing Society, one of the numerous associations affiliated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nursing Institute. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Princess Victoria, Lady Margaret Ismay, the Earl of Derby, Baroness Egloffstein, the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, and many others.

THE MASONIC FRATERNITY of Hawaii is doing a wise thing in sounding a timely note of warning to the American fortune hunters who are preparing to flock there. The Masonic Lodge of Honolulu has sent a circular to kindred lodges in this country warning them to discourage emigration to the islands, excepting those who come prepared to wage the battle of life under practically the same auspices that they leave behind. In other words, there are no roast pigs with saucers of apple sauce in their mouths running around loose in Hawaii. The islands are marvels of fertility, but the man who goes there must be prepared to work hard for his living and also to spend money for success. Labour is cheap there, and it is only the capitalist, small or large, who has a chance to succeed.

AT THE INSTANCE of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, a Masonic service, which was attended in State by the Lord Mayor (a Past Master of the Lodge) and the Sheriffs, was held on the 2nd inst., at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A dispensation had been obtained for brethren to appear in Craft clothing and jewels. The service was opened with the hymn "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow," which was sung as a processional. The procession was headed by the Rev. Bro. H. Hebb, Head Master of the Boys' School, and was followed by the choir of the Institution, officers of Grand Lodge, the officers of the Bishopsgate lodge (including Bros. Woolf Jacobs, W.M.; Newman, I.P.M.; Edgar Mead, S.W.; Gilbert Mead, J.W.; and S. Jacobs, D.C.) and the clergy, who were followed immediately afterwards by the Lord Mayor's procession, which was headed by the City Marshal. The service included Psalm xix., the lessons, *Magnificat*, and *Nunc Dimittis*. In the absence, through illness, of Bro. the Bishop of Marlborough, the Rector of St. Botolph's, the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders, Vicar of St. Mark's, Dalston.

THAT CHRISTMAS is rapidly approaching is certified not only by the calendar, but by the fact that Bro. Alderman Treloar has commenced his preparations for the distribution of Christmas hampers to 4000 crippled children in the Guildhall. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has always taken a great interest in this excellent movement, and Sir Dighton Probyn has written from Marlborough House to the Alderman the following letter: "I have submitted to the Prince of Wales your letter of September 27th; and in reply I am desired to inform you that his Royal Highness will be happy to contribute the sum of £5 to the fund which you are again kindly raising for the purpose of providing dinners and hampers for the crippled children of London at Christmas next." Contributions will be gladly received at 68, Ludgate-hill, E.C., addressed to Mr. Alderman Treloar, or at 37, Norfolk-street, Strand, W.C., addressed to the Marquis of Northampton. The intention is to distribute, if possible, hampers to the whole number of deserving crippled children (upwards of 5000) registered on the books of the Ragged School Union.

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