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FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

The recent visit to Southend-on-Sea of Bro. the Earl of WARWICK, Prov. Grand Master of Essex, was paid under most auspicious circumstances. The immediate purpose was to consecrate a new lodge under the style and title of the Albert Lucking Lodge, No. 2717, so named to commemorate the services of a highly-esteemed and popular brother to Freemasonry in general, but more especially to that section of it which is located in Essex. Bro. LUCKING'S career as a Mason has been one of high distinction. He has been one of us for upwards of 30 years, during the greater part of which period he has filled the important office of Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies of Essex. In 1885 his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, was pleased to appoint him Assistant G. Pursuivant, and the following year he was advanced to the office of Grand Pursuivant, while in 1890 he was made Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies of Supreme G. Chapter. He has also done good services in other spheres of Masonic duty, but more particularly in his help of our Charitable Institutions, towards which he has so liberally contributed of his means, while at the same time he has materially assisted in promoting their interests by taking upon himself the office of Steward at sundry of their festivals. The services he has thus rendered have been again and again recognised by his Essex brethren, but the crowning honour of all was that which was shown him on the 29th ult., when the lodge bearing his name was formally consecrated by the chief he has served so well. There are many other brethren who have won distinction in our ranks who have been similarly honoured, but more often than not this particular kind of honour is paid to those who have passed away after devoting the best years of their life to strengthening and advancing the welfare of the Craft. But as Bro. Archdeacon STEVENS very pointedly asked in the address he delivered at Southend on this occasion—"Why should they wait till a good brother has passed away before recognising the value of his services? Was it not better to recognise his work while he was with them and show to him and the outside world the value they put upon those services." We agree with our reverend brother that, in this instance at all events, the right course has been pursued and that the Province of Essex has done well in conferring this honour upon their respected brother

during his lifetime, while he is able to realise fully the estimation in which he is held. It is, undoubtedly, preferable to waiting until he is dead and gone before taking steps to perpetuate the memory of his services, and we most warmly congratulate both the Province of Essex, which has conferred this honour and Bro. LUCKING himself, on whom the honour has been conferred. His services have been of such a character that they were not likely to be soon forgotten even if there had been no Albert Lucking Lodge to perpetuate them, but now this lodge has been established it will be next to impossible for the memory of these services to be lost.

So much for the purpose which Bro. Lord WARWICK had before him on the occasion of his recent visit to Southend. But there were other circumstances which must have greatly enhanced the pleasure his lordship must have felt in paying it at this particular time. Not only has Essex thriven apace under the wise and genial rule of its present chief, but during the present year it has greatly distinguished itself by the more than usually generous support it has given to our Institutions. It did not overlook the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution when it celebrated its Anniversary in the month of February, and there was a small contribution from one of its members to the Girls' School Festival in May; but, like the rest of the Craft, it made up its mind to be efficiently and handsomely represented at the Boys' Centenary on the 10th June. Nor was it unsuccessful in carrying out its intention—the total of its subscriptions to that memorable celebration being substantially in excess of £4000—or not far short of £2000 more than it has ever previously raised at any similar gathering. In subscribing this amount nearly all, if not all, of the lodges on its roll took part; the number of brethren who gave their services being close upon 80; while among these Stewards one of the most successful in the compilation of his list was Bro. LUCKING himself, as the representative of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, the senior of the lodges located at Southend-on-Sea. The knowledge of these circumstances must have greatly added to the pleasure of Lord WARWICK'S visit, nor was he slow to acknowledge the manner in which the lodges under his sway were in the habit of fulfilling their duties. We trust that the relations now existing between his lordship and his Province will always continue, and that both will experience the same pleasure at their future meetings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for Wilts took place on the 9th inst. at Swindon, the receiving lodge being the "Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation," No. 355, Old Swindon. The brethren assembled at two o'clock at the Town Hall, which has recently become the head-quarters of the Old Swindon Lodge. The hall and ante-rooms have undergone alterations and decoration to fit them for Masonic gatherings, the effect being to transform the apartments beyond recognition, and to render the hall especially a very handsome place of accommodation for Masonry—the finest indeed in the whole Province. Special interest attached to the occasion, as it had been arranged that the ceremony of dedicating the hall should take place on the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Under the direction of the W.M. of the Old Swindon Lodge (Bro. J. A. Y. Matthews) the lodge room was elaborately fitted with Masonic emblems, furniture, and decorations, and presented altogether an appearance in perfect accord with Masonic traditions. A particularly noble feature was the banner of the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Radnor, immediately over the

Prov. G.M.'s seat, flanked by the banners of his immediate predecessors—Bros. Lord Methuen and Grosset. The following were present:

Bros. Earl Radnor, Prov. G.M.; C. N. P. Phipps, Dep. P.G.M.; W. E. Nicolson Brownie, 355, P.G.R., P.G. Reg.; H. Bevir, 355, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; G. E. Harris, P.J.G.D.; J. A. Y. Matthews, W.M.; E. Bishop, S.W.; W. H. Shepherd, J.W.; Rev. D. Ware, Chap.; John Chandler, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C., Treas., P.P.G. Supt.; Samuel Snell, Sec.; H. W. Thomas, S.D.; F. G. Wride, J.D.; H. W. Reynolds, D.C.; C. R. Baily, Stwd.; Ellis H. Pritchett, P.M.; A. Plummer, P.M., P.S.G.W.; C. Bishop, P.M.; J. G. Toomer, P.M.; F. P. Goddard, P.M., P.S.G.D.; G. M. Butterworth, P.M.; A. Barns, P.M.; Thomas Turner, P.M.; John J. Jervis, P.M.; A. E. Withy, P.M.; J. Godwin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Adam Twine, H. F. Nash, T. Bazzard, H. W. Rose, Stewart Campbell, H. Ing, J. P. P. Phillips, W. Ruddle Brown, F. Le Warne, Rev. W. Gardiner, P.M. 1533, P.G. Chap.; R. W. Merriman, P.M. 1533, P.P.J.G.W.; A. H. L. Bolton, P.M. 626, P.P.G. Chap.; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Menick, P.M. 1271, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Leader, P.M. 1533; C. J. Hibbard, P.M. 626, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Mead, H. B. Napier, P.M. 626; J. Parker, P.M. 626; C. W. B. Bryant, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Theodore Wood, P.P.G. Chap.; George W. Collen, P.M. 622, P.P.G.R.; S. Sparks, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Maclean, 355, P.P.S.G.W.; Francis Hodding, W.M. 586; C. T. Turner, P.M. 1295; E. E. Bartlett, P.M. 586, P.P.G.P.; E. A. B. Elers, P.M. 586; Fred Sutton, I.P.M. 586; Rev. F. Chester-Master, P.P.G. Chap. West Lanes; and many others.

After the opening of the Prov. G. Lodge, the dedication of the new hall was performed with impressive ceremony. The usual business of Provincial Grand Lodge was then transacted, and subsequently the P.G.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. J. Chandler, 355	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Sir W. Roger Brown, 632	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap. England, 335	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. B. Merriman, Marlborough	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. B. Napier, 626	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Bevir, Wootton Bassett	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. A. B. Elers, 586	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. A. Y. Matthews, 355	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Ellis H. Pritchett, 355	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Reynolds, 663	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. G. Toomer, 355	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. Bishop, 355	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Millington, Trowbridge	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. G. Billingham, 663	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. White, 632	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. F. Goodall, 1271	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. J. Jervis, 1295	...	...
" W. Dean, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

It is worthy of note that Bro. J. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C., was re-appointed to the office of P.S.G.W., which he held 25 years ago, the P.G.M. thereby designing to mark his sense of the services rendered by Bro. Chandler to Masonry in the province.

The popular W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge received a purple collar, being chosen as P.J.G.D., while the services of the I.P.M., Bro. Ellis Pritchett, as architect of the new hall, were recognised by the gift of the collar of P.G.S. of W.

It is understood that the P.G.M. expressed himself extremely pleased with the handsome appearance of the new hall, and complimented Bro. Pritchett on the manner in which the work had been carried out. In his lordship's judgment the hall was the finest Masonic hall to be found in the province.

The alms collected, amounting to between £4 and £5, were given to the Swindon Victoria Hospital.

On the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge a banquet was served at the Goddard Arms Hotel, about 60 brethren sitting down, under the presidency of the P.G.M., supported by Bros. C. N. P. Phipps, D.P.G.M.; Viscount Folkestone, G.W. Eng.; and others.

Bro. Earl Radnor had to leave early. On his departure the W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge succeeded to the chair, and the proceedings were pleasantly maintained under his genial direction.

CONSECRATION OF THE CUTLERS' LODGE, No. 2730.

The number of "class" lodges has for some time past been steadily increasing, and an innovation was made a short time ago by the formation of a lodge in connection with the Skinners' Company, called the Pellipar Lodge. In a worthy spirit of emulation, the Cutlers' Company can now boast of the Cutlers' Lodge, No. 2730, which was consecrated at the Cutlers' Hall, Warwick-lane, E.C., on the 10th inst.

The Consecrating Officer—Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary—was assisted by Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and J. H. Milton, as I.G.

The founders—who are all associated with the Cutlers' Company—are Bros. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas.; W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Cato Worsfold, 2511; J. P. Hamilton, P.M. 1708; Frank W. Williams, P.M. and Treas. 101, P.M. 1559; Sydney Pocock, 1818; J. Simpson, P.M., W.M. 704; Henry Von Joel, P.M. 957; Atwood Thorne, 2682; H. Tatton Sykes, P.M. 172; John F. Latham, P.M. 1717; Alfred Pocock, P.M. 463; W. M. Worsfold, 507; and Alf. J. Thomas, P.M. 227.

The visitors present included—Bros. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; R. Voisey, P.M. 1329; R. L. Sindall, P.M. 1293; H. A. Higgs, 511; Millner Jutsum, P.M. 95; A. W. Lockhart, 2650; H. Brandon White, P.M. 101; W. Lempriere, 2650; S. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; R. T. Palmer, P.M. 1732; E. J. Leveson, W.M. 26; J. F. Roberts, J.W. 76; Wm. Hill, 2682; W. Hastings Beaumont, 26; H. W. Butcher, 2551; D. F. Heywood, 2650; T. W. Withers, W.M. 1671; A. Rusby, W.M. 2511; J. A. Beaumont, P.G. Stwd.; J. Henschel, 704; A. Hughes, 704; J. J. Franco, 704; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; J. Bergmann, P.M.

1671; F. J. Sykes, P.M. 256; S. Parkhouse, 256; A. Barton Kent, I.G. 2693; E. Herbert Draper, Sec. 2693; Lionel W. Harris, W.M. 2488; W. R. G. Emerson, Org. 45; A. Carlyle, 2146; H. Emlyn, 1348; R. J. Harris, 1695; J. H. Dellmer Todd, I.P.M. 2317; G. F. Edwards, P.M. 766; H. Bertram, W.M. Fitzroy; W. Hunt, P.M. 172; Wm. Briant, W.M. 101; G. P. Hadley, J.W. 2488; L. W. Thomas, P.M. 91; J. N. Bredin, 29; A. Tite, Temple; C. F. H. Smith, Gallery; and W. W. Lee, P.M.

Lodge having been opened, the Consecrating Officer addressing the brethren, said: We are gathered together this afternoon within the walls of this ancient guild for the purpose of starting into existence a new lodge. This lodge will be composed to a great extent, if not entirely, of those associated with the Cutlers' Company, whose name it will bear; and I sincerely trust it may be the means of uniting, if possible, more closely those already associated together as members of this company. I trust it may accomplish all those objects the founders have in view, and advance the very best interests of our Order. I congratulate the founders on having as their first Master one so able to rule and guide them as the very distinguished brother whom it will be my privilege very shortly to place in the chair I now occupy. I refer to Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan.

The Founders signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap., in delivering an oration, said there was probably no portion of the universe where, during those hours which were marked out on the 24 inch gauge for labour, more was done than in the great City of London, in the heart of which they had met. More real work, more hard work, was probably done here than in any other part of the known world. They might go a step further and say that even their enemies would admit there was no place where more honourable work was done. The commercial name of this great centre stood highest in the civilised world. What had contributed to make it so? He answered without hesitation, in a great measure these great city companies of which one has formed this lodge. And why? Because they ever set before them that great principle—the practice of which was the foundation of all Masonic precept and principle—to work not merely for self, but for God's honour, for the benefit of the common weal, and for the welfare of one another. Work was organised and united by their Masonic Guild, the earliest that occurred, because it was filled with men working alone; and then they went a step further, and it was not men working in conjunction with, but for his brother. It was these principles which the great City companies had supported in their metropolis, and it was these principles which they trusted their Masonic body would support. The difference between their body and others formed for mere personal interests was that they did not think of self first, but desired, whilst protecting their own welfare, to study the interests of others. Might this lodge and the great company ever be actuated, as in times past, by these great principles!

The new lodge was then dedicated and constituted with the usual ceremonial.

Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T., having been inducted as W.M., invested the following officers: Bros. W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D. of C., acting I.P.M.; T. Cato Worsfold, S.W.; J. P. Hamilton, P.M., J.W.; Frank W. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Sydney Pocock, Sec.; H. Von Joel, P.M., S.D.; A. J. Thomas, P.M., J.D.; Atwood Thorne, I.G.; H. Tatton Sykes, P.M., D.C.; J. Simpson, P.M., Stwd.; and J. Baker, P.M., Tyler.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in tendering sincere thanks to the Consecrating Officers, asked them to accept the honorary membership of the lodge, and also presented each with a handsome silver cigarette case bearing a suitable inscription.

The GRAND SECRETARY, on behalf of himself and colleagues, returned thanks for this three-fold compliment.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Master, Wardens and Court of the Cutlers' Company for the use of the hall for the purpose of Freemasonry.

Candidates having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was then closed.

After an excellent banquet, the first toasts honoured were "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. expressed his great regret at the serious state of health of the Pro Grand Master but hoped the Great Architect would be pleased to restore him to health and strength. They had that day had a specimen of the good work of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., regretted that Bro. Sir John Monckton had been obliged to leave as he would have responded for this toast, but his own motto was "where I lodge I dine." There was another toast coming on, and, therefore, he had not the opportunity of alluding to the marvellous correctness of the Grand Secretary, or the exactitude of the D.C., Bro. Frank Richardson, who marshalled everybody and from whose decision there can be no appeal. The G. Chaplain had in his position a position of greater freedom—he would not say of less responsibility. Speaking personally, he hoped to do his duty in that state of life in which it pleased the Grand Secretary to call him. The Grand Officers were always willing to serve the Craft, especially on such occasions as this. Anything they could contribute to the good of the Craft, and particularly for a new lodge founded in connection with a Company they all knew in the City, they were pleased to do. He hoped he was not expressing a heresy in saying the Grand Officers might reasonably come on such occasions in full dress, rather than in the undress regalia, which at present appeared to be the custom. It seemed as inappropriate as to go in a shooting coat to a Christmas party.

The W.M. proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said he had had the honour and pleasure of listening to the Grand Secretary on several occasions, when, unfortunately for the lodges, he (the W.M.) had been the victim, although he had not suffered much. He had been honoured by being asked to assist on some occasions when he had not been the victim; when he had been more than pleased with the way in which the ceremony had been performed. His only regret was that he was not present at the consecration for the first time, for all must leave happier and brighter men and Masons. This was due largely to the admirable manner in which the Grand Secretary performed the ceremony, as he performed all duties that fell to him. They were indebted to the Grand Secretary for his kindness, and they had to thank the other Grand Officers who assisted him.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., said they had been compelled to listen to his voice for no inconsiderable period that evening, and he would not be so ungracious as to inflict anything in the nature of a speech. He desired in words as sincere as they would be brief to tender, on behalf of the Consecrating Officers, their warmest thanks for the kind manner in which the

W.M. had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the cordial reception they had been pleased to give to it. He could only repeat what he said in the lodge—that it had afforded them one and all the greatest pleasure to assist in the inauguration of that lodge, which, they ventured to believe, would occupy a very prominent position in the lodges of the Metropolis. That was not the first occasion upon which he had had the privilege of consecrating a lodge connected with a City Company. It seemed only the other day that he had the honour of consecrating the Pellipar Lodge, connected with the Skinners' Company, several members of which he saw present. He believed that lodge had been successful, and doubted not that equal success would attend the Cutlers' Lodge. The Masonic Craft was deeply indebted to the City Companies, because he was reminded that in past days the City Companies extended their hospitality to the Grand Lodge of England's annual meetings, and which were held in the halls of those companies. He was giving expression to the feelings of those associated with him in the consecration when he wished the lodge every possible success, and that it might achieve all the founders had in view. He would next offer to them what was really the toast of the evening. He asked them to join with him in drinking the Health of his old friend, the W. Master, whom, not for the first time, he had had the pleasure of installing into the chair of a Masonic lodge. He most heartily congratulated this lodge on having as its first W. Master one so able to rule and guide it during the first and most important year of its existence. They might be justly proud of their W.M., an honoured Alderman of the City of London, and the Treasurer of that noble Institution, Christ's Hospital, and a Past Grand Treasurer of England. He sincerely trusted the W.M.'s year might be a pleasant one for himself and a prosperous one for the lodge. With these words he offered them the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W. Master."

The W.M. returned hearty thanks for the toast. The Grand Secretary and he were old friends, and he was always pleased to meet him. He hoped the new lodge would grow and improve in strength, and those not acquainted with the size of his two Wardens must have been struck with the proper protection they could afford to a W.M. in enforcing obedience to his mandates. He was obliged to the Grand Secretary for the kindness always shown him, and to the brethren for their kind reception of the toast.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. E. J. LEVESON, W.M. 26, and BARTON KENT, I.P.M. of the Skinners' Company, and I.G. of the Pellipar Lodge, No. 2593.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical programme was contributed by Miss Edith Serpell, Miss Alma Jones, Mr. Sydney Strong, and Bros. R. J. Harris, Valentine Hill, Herbert Emlin, and W. Emerson.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 7th inst. Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., D.P.G.M., presided, and there was a good attendance. Every lodge in the province was represented.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts, presented by Bro. J. FARNCOMBE, showing a substantial balance in hand, were approved. Having served the office of P.G. Treasurer for six years, he felt it his duty to give place to some other brother, and intimated his intention not to seek re-election. Having been heartily thanked for his past services, Bro. J. H. Wright was elected P.G. Treasurer.

In addressing the brethren, Bro. the Rev. CURRIE expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. He had desired him to express satisfaction at the position of Mark Masonry in Sussex. They had increased numbers, the finances were satisfactory, and the working showed a decided improvement all round. That Mark Masonry would develop in the Western Division of Sussex was the wish of all interested in the subject.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. A. Lloyd	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Jos. Farncombe	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Seymour Penzer	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Gates	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" F. B. Sutton	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" W. C. Blaker	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" J. H. Wright	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. D. Sapey	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. P. Slingsby Roberts	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Boyce	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" L. Davidson	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. J. Howard	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. Pearce	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Glassington	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. A. Milnes	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. P. Smith	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Easter	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Corringham	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" H. Langton	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" E. T. Cooksey	...	...
" W. A. Field	...	...
" F. C. Golding	...	...
" A. Coe	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business of the Prov. G. Lodge, which included some slight alterations in the by-laws, the brethren dined together in one of the newly-decorated rooms of the Royal Pavilion. The Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Currie, presided. The catering of Messrs. Booth and Sons was greatly appreciated.

Music was interspersed between the various loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. MATIER, G. Sec., responded for "The Grand Officers of England," and Bro. FARNCOMBE for "The Newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers."

The Prov. G. Stewards discharged their duties admirably and were deservedly thanked.

The Craft Abroad.

Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No: 656, E.C., Sydney

The installation meeting of this old English lodge in Australia was held on Wednesday evening, the 5th ult., in the Protestant Hall, Sydney. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from other Constitutions, including Bro. Lieut.-Col. F. A. Wright, M.P., Past Deputy District Grand Master of New South Wales, under the English Constitution, who acted as Installing Master.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. Beresford G. Campbell, late 1st Royal Dragoons, was duly installed in the chair, and his officers were invested as follows: Bros. L. Parkinson, I.P.M.; Capt. Salt, R.N., S.W.; J. G. E. Bradwyn, J.W.; C. J. Cranyon, Treas.; G. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; H. S. Land, S.D.; W. J. Hall, J.D.; D. Hogarth, D.C.; C. Rigg, I.G.; and M. Smillie, Tyler.

Subsequently a banquet was held, when the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The newly installed W.M. was the recipient of numerous telegrams and letters of congratulation, amongst them from Bros. the Right Hon. G. H. Reid, Premier; the Hon. W. H. Pigott, M.P.; E. Barton, O.C., M.P.; Mr. Justice Boncán; P.P.G.M. South Australia, I.C.; and C. C. M'Millan, R.W. Distinct Grand Master Auckland, E.C.

Craft Masonry.

Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 15th inst. at the Hotel Cecil, under the presidency of Bro. John William Carlyon Hughes, W.M. The lodge, which is composed principally of members and officers of the Corporation, has its ordinary location at the Guildhall Tavern, and its regular day of meeting is the second Wednesday in the month. As, however, the second Wednesday of the present November was Lord Mayor's Day, it was impossible to hold the meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, and a dispensation was therefore obtained from the M.W.G.M. to hold it on Tuesday, and at the Hotel Cecil, as the occasion was to be celebrated with more than usual circumstance and observance, and a very large company was expected. At the hour appointed for meeting a very large number of brethren had assembled.

Those present included the Lord Mayor, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Alliston, P.M.; Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, L.C.C., G. Treas.; J. Read, G. Std. Br.; T. H. Gardiner, A.G.D.C.; Capt. G. Hearn, G.S. Br.; E. E. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. C. Winkfield, Asst. G.D.C.; E. Luxmoore Marshall, D.G.D.C.; H. Homewood Crawford, P.G.D.; R. Berridge, P.G.D.; R. Mure, M.A., J.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, O.C., P.B.G.P.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., P.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. Strachan, O.C., G. Reg.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.A.G. Reg.; the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, S.G.D.; Surg.-Lieut.-Col. H. W. Kiallmark, J.G.D.; Capt. N. G. S. Phillips, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; A. Cooper, F.R.G.S., P.G.D.; C. Godson, M.D., P.G.D.; Alderman Frank Green, P.G.D., P.M.; Col. L. G. Dundas, C.B., P.G.D.; H. L. Florence, G.S. Wks.; and many others.

The dispensation having been read in open lodge by Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell P.M., P.G.S., Sec., Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., took the W.M.'s chair, and to him was presented by Bro. Major Wright, D.C., Bro. Baron de Bush, S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Sir John Monckton then performed the ceremony, and placed Bro. William Ernest Baron de Bush in the chair of W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. Carlyon-Hughes was invested as the I.P.M. The other brethren who received the collars of office were Bros. Dr. Ernest Clarke, B.S., F.R.C.S., S.W.; William Thomas Roberts, J.W.; Rev. John Henry Smith, Chap.; Henry Clarke, J.P., C.C., L.C.C., Treas.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Percy Monckton, S.D.; H. C. Morris, C.C., J.D.; Major Henry Wright, D.C.; Ex-Sheriff George Hand, J.P., I.G.; Francis Phillips and William Thomas Rabbits, Stwds.; and Thomas Lovell, P.M. Tyler. Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton afterwards delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Carlyon-Hughes, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year. Bro. Carlyon-Hughes gracefully acknowledged the gift, and expressed the hope that the new W.M. would have plenty of work to do in his year. A vote of thanks to Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton for performing the installation was moved by the Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Alderman F. Green, and carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed.

The toasts were subsequently proposed, and a beautiful programme of music was executed by the Bijou Orchestra, conducted by Mr. J. Pougher. The speeches were interspersed with singing and instrumental music, in which, under Herr Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., Mlle. Virginie Chéron, Mr. Hirven Jones, Miss Marian Blinkhorn, Bro. Giuseppe Maggi, and Senor Rubio took part.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," Bro. Baron E. de Bush, W.M., expressed the hope that the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, might be speedily restored to health, and continue to adorn the Order of which he was such a distinguished ornament. For the other Grand Officers, he would say that Masons owed them a debt of gratitude for their loyalty to the Craft, and for the jealous care with which they regarded its interests.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, responded, and echoed the wishes of the W.M. with respect to the Earl of Lathom, who, he said, was one of the pillars of the Order. Referring to aspersions which had been cast on Freemasonry, he said that if Masons were not loyal to the Crown, the Prince of Wales would not be Grand Master. Neither would he take any part in it if it were against religion. He exhorted the brethren to show by their lives in the outer world that they were loyal, religious, and virtuous, and imbued with the principles which should actuate all good members of society.

Bro. the Lord Mayor proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said it had been a source of great satisfaction and pleasure to him to be with the brethren that evening. He had never before met so important a gathering of members of the Craft, or one where there were so many Grand Officers. He was very much struck with the remarks that fell from Bro. Beach, and he quite agreed with him in his concluding statement that a good Mason must be a good man. He must, in fact, be a man imbued with the spirit of the Divine Master, and, like Him, go about doing good. As an unworthy member of the Craft there had been given to him (the Lord Mayor) the great privilege and honour of proposing the toast of "The W.M.," which, he was sure, would be acceptable to every brother round the table. (Cheers.) He had known Bro. Baron de Bush for many years; in fact, ever since Bro. de Bush was a boy. He knew his character, and he congratulated him very much on the dignified position which he now occupied in the lodge, which was so important an integer of the Craft.

Bro. Baron de Bush, W.M., replied. He felt the greatest pleasure, he said, in occupying the chair of the Alliance Lodge, and he also thanked the members of the lodge for placing him there. He was proud of his position, and during his year of office, if he could do anything to forward the reputation of the lodge, it would give him the greatest pleasure to be at their service.

The W.M. proposed "The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs."

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Lieut.-Col. and Sheriff Probyn, G. Treas., responded, Bro. the Lord Mayor expressing the great interest he took in Freemasonry.

Other toasts, including "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Carlyon-Hughes," followed.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

The meeting of this lodge, one of the most ancient in the Craft, constituted 1733, was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, the 7th inst. There were present Bros. Wm. Briggs, M.A., LL.M., W.M.; T. Ockelford, J.W.; George G. Symons, P.M., Treas.; W. G. Mills, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Stafford, S.D.; T. J. Burgess, J.D.; John Briggs, M.A., Org. and A.D.C.; W. A. Langdon, P.M., D.C.; E. J. Vidler, I.G.; W. R. Emerson, E. Schneitte, and H. Durell, Stwds.; John Cuer, I.P.M.; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; T. Williams, acting Tyler; J. J. Berry, T. H. Inchbold, E. Thornicroft, Bromley Hall, Arthur Davies, Arthur Hall, S. W. Heaton, George Smith, Arthur Bayman, T. W. Williams, A. G. Peckham, J. H.

Selmes, A. L. Guitard, F. Gehringer, and J. King. Visitors: Bros. J. K. Pitt, P. M. 463; Lieut.-Col. Domville, 33^d; W. Adams, P.M. 1687; C. Barlet, W.M. 2060; G. O. H. Smalls, 2513; Kelso King, P.G.D., New South Wales; and H. Ballow.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. S. W. Heaton was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. John Briggs explained the tracing board to the candidate in a most interesting and effective manner. The ballot was taken for Messrs. J. H. Phillips and J. G. Powell, which proving to be unanimous in their favour, they were afterwards initiated by the W.M. The reports of the Permanent Committee were then considered, and some important routine business was discussed and agreed upon. It was proposed that there should be a ladies' night on or about the 13th February next year. The W.M. also stated that he hoped to make arrangements for a children's ball about Christmas. A motion was proposed by Bro. W. G. Mills, P.M., Sec., to this effect—"That the hearty thanks of the brethren of the Strong Man Lodge be tendered to our W.M., Bro. Wm. Briggs, for his beautiful present of silver chains to be worn over the collars of the W.M. and Senior and Junior Wardens, and to render this vote of thanks a permanent record; that it be entered on the minutes; that silver plates be fixed to the collars bearing the following inscription: 'Presented by Bro. Wm. Briggs, M.A., LL.M., to the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, upon his installation as W.M. This inscription has been made by the unanimous special resolution of the lodge, to mark the grateful appreciation of the brethren. 2nd May, 1898.'" The motion was seconded by Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas., and carried unanimously. In the few graceful, well-chosen words with which the motion was prefaced, Bro. Mills said: "Some of the brethren were doubtless aware that upon the night of his installation our W.M. very kindly presented to the lodge the massive, artistic, silver chains, to be worn on the collars of the principal officers, and that, in his modesty, he had not said publicly one word relative to his handsome gift. Silence, although a commendable virtue in the case of our W.M., becomes ungrateful and reprehensible on our parts, and it is therefore our bounden duty and pleasure to thank our esteemed W.M. for his beautiful present to the Strong Man Lodge." The correspondence was then dealt with, after which the lodge was closed by the W.M.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet in the Queen's Hall, at which the W.M. presided. The usual loyal toasts were given, to which the brethren responded: "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Amherst, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," was suitably acknowledged. An entertainment then followed, commencing with amusing patter and guitar playing by Mr. Forde. The toast of "The W.M." was ably given by the I.P.M., Bro. John Cuer. The W.M. responded with commendable brevity, alluding to the ladies' night and the Children's Ball, of which he said the brethren should have timely information. A plantation song, much appreciated by the brethren, was given by Bro. T. J. Burgess, J.D. Bro. J. J. Berry followed with a song. The toast of "The Past Masters" was then given. Bro. Prof. Driver, P.M., responded. "The Visitors" was submitted to the brethren. The W.M., in mentioning their names, stated that a distinguished brother was amongst them, W. Bro. Kelso King, P.G.D., of New South Wales. In replying to this toast, Bro. King said that, though a Grand Officer of New South Wales, he first saw the light in an English lodge, and that all his sympathies were with the mother country, England. "The Officers" was acknowledged by the acting S.W., Bro. D. A. Langdon, P.M., D.C. "The Initiates" was ably proposed by W.M. Bro. J. H. Phillips responding on behalf of Bro. J. G. Powell and himself. The Tyler's toast then concluded the evening.

Lodge Loyalty, No. 320.

The members of the above lodge, held at the Junction Inn, Mottram, celebrated the 100th anniversary of that institution on the 26th ult. Amongst those present were the following: Representing the Grand Lodge of England, Bros. Richard Newhouse and John Clayton; representing the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, Bros. Armstrong, Henry Jackson, James White, T. Simpson, and G. Holland; representing the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, Bros. William Dawson and W. H. Bowden. There were also present the undermentioned members of other lodges: Bros. H. Mozley, 126; H. Binns, 1088; A. W. Stanley and T. E. Mackereth, 1778; W. Mortimer and Henry Jackson, 380; W. Heyworth, 1166; J. T. Armitage, 89; J. H. Maloney and F. Gregory, 461; Henry Schofield, 830; T. M. Bannatyne, 210; J. Handforth, 625; Samuel Hall, 324; Henry Jackson; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. William Beely, W.M.; W. Sykes, S.W.; G. Sykes, Treas.; J. W. Wagstaffe, Sec.; Henry Riley, S.D.; J. A. Birch, J.D.; W. Wharmby, I.G.; J. Walker, Org.; W. Taylor, Tyler; and the P.M.s; W. Eversden, R. H. Swindlehurst, W. Birch, F. Cartwright, W. Hampshire, R. S. Holland, William Harrison, J. E. Steward, A. N. Nield, and a large number of other members, making a total of nearly 100 brethren present. The lodge was opened on Wednesday, October 24th, 1798. The centenary warrant, which has been issued by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was presented by Bro. Newhouse to the W.M., enabling the brethren to wear a commemorative jewel at meetings in future. A solid silver Master's chain was presented to the W.M. on behalf of the lodge by the senior member present, Bro. R. H. Swindlehurst, and a copy of a mural tablet, which was in Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church, to the memory of Bro. John Postlethwaite, who was the first Master of Loyalty Lodge, and who died in the year 1819, was also presented to the lodge by Bro. Wagstaffe.

After the usual business the brethren adjourned to celebrate the occasion by a banquet, at which the loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and enthusiastically received. The meeting was of a very enjoyable character, and terminated at a late hour.

We may add that there are only four centenary lodges in Cheshire, although there are those which have been in existence from a much earlier date, but there are very few who can show an unbroken history extending over a period of 100 years.

Lodge of Honour, No. 526.

The annual assembly of the above lodge was held in the Drill Hall, Wolverhampton, on the 11th inst. Bro. T. J. Barnett, P.M., P.P.G.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Barnett was appointed to the same office 20 years ago, in 1878, consequently unusual interest was taken in the proceedings, and the following officers, who were now appointed to serve under him, are all P.M.s of the lodge (except Bros. Rosedale and Payne): Bros. W. H. Bostock, P.M., I.P.M.; Alex. MacBean, P.P.G., S.W., S.W.; F. Dally, P.P.S.G.D., J.W.; the Rev. W. E. Rosedale, M.A., Chap.; C. A. Newnham, P.G. Treas., Treas.; J. J. Smith, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; J. A. Lloyd, P.M., S.D.; W. Baker, P.M., J.D.; C. W. Graham, P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Henry Hall, P.D.G.D.C., C.S.; W. H. Payne, Org.; George Baker, P.P.G.S.D., I.G.; B. G. Bradley, P.M., and J. Du-bar Steen, P.G. Sec., Stwds.; and Sergt. H. Bennett, Tyler. The installation was attended by 100 brethren, including Bros. Geo. Singleton Tudor, P.P.G.M. Staffs; Geo. Walton Walker, D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. J. A. Bindley, P.D.P.G.M.; George Beech, D.P.G.M. Warwick; J. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. Fendelow, P.G.D. Eng.; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; G. C. Kent, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; and about 40 Prov. Grand and Past Prov. Grand Officers of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Leicestershire, &c. The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Bostock, to whom, in the course of the proceedings, the new W.M., on behalf of his officers, presented a gold Past Master's jewel.

A banquet followed at the Star and Garter Hotel. The W.M. presided, supported by Bro. W. H. Bostock, I.P.M., the following Grand Lodge Officers: Bros. Colonel Tudor, Walker, and Bindley; G. Beech, J. Terry, J. Bodenham, G. C. Kent, and C. Fendelow; the following Provincial Grand Lodge Officers: Bros. Colonel Morgan, J. F. Pepper, J. B. Ashwell, F. Walton, F. W. Willmore, G. H. Stanger, C. A. Newnham, P.G. Treas.; J. J. D. Steen, P.G. Sec.; Alexander McBean, S.W.; C. W. Graham, F. T. Beck, G. Vaughan, J. E. Evans, George Wormal, W. Perry, Frank Hughes, H. Hall, H. Manley, H. Percy Smith, H. Payton, George Baker, A. R. Britton, F. Dally, J. W.; and others. The banquet was served in first-class style. Songs were given by the Lichfield Cathedral Quartette Party in a very successful manner; and by Mr. S. Mason and Bro. E. Richardson. Bros. Dunbar Steen and Terry gave readings. After the toast of "The Queen," and of "The Prince of Wales," as Grand

Master," the "Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was submitted by the W.M., and was responded to by the two representatives of the Grand Lodge, Bros. Colonel Bindley, P.G.D. Eng., and P.D.P.G.M. Staffs, and George Beech, P.G.S.B. Eng. and D.P.G.M. Warwick.

Bro. C. A. Newnham, P.G. Treas., submitted "The Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, the Earl of Dartmouth," who was unavoidably prevented from attending. The toast was heartily received.

The ex-Mayor of Wolverhampton (Bro. Alexander McBean, P.P.G. Supt. of Works and S.W.), proposed "The D.P.G.M., Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, P.G.S.B. Eng., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and response was made by Bros. Colonel Walker, D.P.G.M. Staffs, and G. C. Kent, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.

Bro. Colonel Tudor, P.P.G.M., submitted "The Worshipful Master and the Lodge of Honour," and said that about 27 years ago he had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Barnett into Masonry. He congratulated him on his re-appointment as Master of the lodge, after holding the office 20 years before. During that interval, Bro. Barnett had been absent from only two lodge meetings. The Lodge of Honour had attained a high position in the province, and he (Bro. Colonel Tudor), feeling a deep interest in it as his mother lodge, heartily wished it continued success under the guidance of the Worshipful Master.

The W.M., Bro. Barnett, responded, and thanked the brethren for their presence in such numbers, and in such representative characters. Eight members of Grand Lodge were present at that banquet, and about 40 Prov. G. or Past Prov. G. Officers, and it was one of the largest lodge gatherings ever held in the province. He had appointed as his officers various Past Masters of the lodge, which he held to be a step in the right direction, as it would enable Past Masters to take a continued interest in the well being of their old lodge.

The W.M. subsequently proposed "The Visitors."

The toast was responded to by Bros. F. Pepper, P. P.G.W.; R. M. Lord, and C. L. N. Wilson.

Bro. Pepper submitted "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in reply, alluded to the charitable efforts of the current year in the Staffordshire Province on behalf of the Boys' School—that province alone having granted upwards of £4000. While he thanked them sincerely for their generous efforts, he again pleaded earnestly on behalf of the Institution which he represented.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," and spoke of the excellent work of his predecessor, Bro. W. H. Bostock. Regarding the ceremony of that day, the W.M. said that (not only on his own authority, but on the authority of the representatives of Grand Lodge, who were more competent to judge) that work had never been better performed in the province.

Bro. Bostock, who was heartily received, replied to the toast, and alluded especially to the presentation of the Past Master's jewel which had been made to him that day.

Bro. J. A. Lloyd, P.M., S.D., also replied. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. RINGER HEWETT, I.P.M.

An enjoyable gathering was held in connection with this lodge at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on the 8th inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Ringer Hewett, completed a very successful year of office, and was presented by the initiates and joining members with a handsome gold watch and Past Master's collar and jewel. The new occupant of the chair is Bro. R. C. Read, P.P.G.D. Middx., and P.M. of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, an excellent worker and popular Mason. The brethren present were Bros. J. Ringer Hewett, W.M.; Wm. Smith, I.P.M.; R. C. Read, P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W.; F. Gildersleeve, J.W.; E. Edwards, P.M., Treas.; A. Hamilton, P.M., Sec.; G. V. McLellan, S.D.; J. Bott, P.M.; G. Redding, P.M.; Wm. Pitt, P.M.; W. Salmon, P.M.; J. F. Van Raalte, P.M.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. T. Gurney, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 1309; J. Davies, P.M. 1309; S. G. Willmott, 1309; S. T. Hall, 1309; T. A. Cory, S.W. 1309; W. V. Imbrey, 1309; C. Wilkinson, W.M. 1309; Bagot Read, P.M., Sec. 1309; Jas. Block, P.M. 1158; T. Nettleship, P.M. 1641; C. Corbridge, J.D. 2242; S. Ellis, P.M. 1981; J. Hay, P.M. 2317; H. C. Smith, 72; T. Berg, P.M. 1613; F. A. Fas, W.M. 1512; F. T. Bennett, I.G. 2652; W. Taylor, P.M. 1339; C. A. Batho, 1708; W. R. G. Emerson, Org. 45; J. Prentice, P.M. 1185; W. H. Turner, W.M. 2242; H. C. Pink, 1558; W. Handford, 1310; W. Turner, 1623; J. A. Renwick, 179; S. Masters, 2145; W. W. Lee, P.M. 179; and many others.

After the opening of the lodge and disposal of ordinary business, Bro. R. C. Read was presented for installation as W.M. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Bro. Ringer Hewett, I.P.M., whose impressive style and elocutionary abilities did full justice to the beautiful ritual. The following officers were invested: Bros. F. Gildersleeve, S.W.; G. V. McLellan, J.W.; E. Edwards, P.M., Treas.; A. Hamilton, P.M., Sec.; F. Robinson, S.D.; A. Rusby, J.D.; R. C. Goodwin, I.G.; H. Forss, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Bott, P.M., L. M. F. Pittet, and W. T. Wicks, Stwds.; and J. Baily, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. and duly acknowledged, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. J. Ringer Hewett, I.P.M., who said the toast had never been presented under more auspicious circumstances. They knew the W.M. to be a man of good report, true and trusty, and held in high esteem. If his voice had been in good order he had intended making a speech on this subject, but, fortunately, the toast required few words. They possessed in Bro. Read an experienced worker in the Craft, who had already passed through the chair of an influential lodge where he was held in great respect and esteem, and who was also a P.P.G.D. of Middlesex. The lodge could not, therefore, possess a more influential Master or better worker. The W.M. and he (the I.P.M.) were initiated together and they had gone on step by step. Without further remark he asked them to heartily drink the toast.

Bro. R. C. Read, W.M., expressed the very great pleasure it afforded him to respond. The last song they had heard was "Fairy Tales," and although he accepted the remarks of the P.M. with all sincerity, he could not help thinking there was something of "fairy tales" about them. It would afford him great pleasure to preside over them, and he felt honoured at their selection. He would do his best to discharge the duties of his high office to the utmost of his ability. He did not think speeches were applicable on that festive occasion, especially from the chair; and he would, therefore, only thank them for their kind reception, and again assure them he would do his utmost for the Cosmopolitan Lodge.

In proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. said they appreciated the great good done for the lodge by the I.P.M. There were many improvements Bro. Ringer Hewett had made—the tone of the lodge and its working—everything had been advanced, not a little, but by leaps and bounds; and the members, therefore, owed him a great deal for the present state of the lodge. The I.P.M.'s manner of delivery in the ceremonies commended itself to all, and it would be a long while before they saw such a Master again. The brethren would give the toast a hearty reception, and drink it in a bumper.

A very pleasant and interesting episode then took place.

Bro. Page, one of the I.P.M.'s initiates rose, and explained that the initiates and joining members desired to mark their appreciation of Bro. Ringer Hewett's services by presenting him with a gold watch, the inscription on which was—"Presented to Bro. J. Ringer Hewett, I.P. Master of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, of ancient Freemasons, by the initiates and joining members during his term of office 1897-8, to mark their appreciation of his uniformly kind, just, and amiable deportment."

Several other brethren having added their testimony, the toast was given and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. J. Ringer Hewett, I.P.M., said the "fairy tales" alluded to by the I.P.M. had, in this case, taken such a tangible form that he scarcely knew how to return thanks. It would be affectation to say he knew nothing about it, because he was consulted as to whether he would accept it. But how could a brother refuse a present such as that—extended in a fraternal manner? He also wished to thank the brethren generally for the great kindness extended to wards him as their W.M. He was sensible that the lodge stood in as good a position as it ever did before. During his 10 years' membership it was never better in tone. As their W.M. he had tried and succeeded in carrying on the lodge on Masonic lines, and nothing of an outside character had been allowed to

come in. When they met together on the broad brotherly square, then at least they should unburden their minds and thoughts from all outside business trammels. If Masonic lodges were conducted on pure and solid Masonic principles there was nothing but success to be attained. Every good Mason appreciated the ritual if placed before him in anything like an intelligent manner, and if they had more of real work and of the real spirit of Masonry infused into their lodges they would hold a still higher position in the eyes of the outside world. Their conduct should be such that whatever was done the outside world would say, "That is how Masons love one another."

Bro. Dr. Gurney, P.P.G.D. Middx., responded for "The Masonic Charities," after which "The Visitors" were given a cordial welcome.

In response, Bros. Nettleship, J. Davies, Imbrey, Bennett, Turner, and Saffren, returned thanks.

"The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were all cordially given, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. J. F. Haskins, Org., was assisted in a choice programme of music by Bros. Saml. Masters, R. J. Harris, and Will Edwards, and Messrs. Fred Frampton and Sidney Strong.

Lodge of Concord, No. 1135.

The annual installation of the Worshipful Master elect was held on the 9th inst. at Ilfracombe, when Bro. Alexander H. Fisher was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Samuel Jones, P.P.G.W., who has undertaken that duty for 30 years in succession. Owing to the Masonic premises in High-street being vacated, pending the erection of the new Masonic Temple in the Northfield-road, by the kind permission and exertions of Bro. H. R. Grover, P.P.S.G.D., the elegant octagon lounge of the hotel was converted into a lodge room, and was most handsomely prepared and decorated with palms, flowers, &c., and proved most convenient for the purposes of the ceremony and the assembled brethren, of which there was a large gathering, including 22 Past Masters. During the business of the lodge a congratulatory telegram was forwarded to the M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to which his Royal Highness sent a most gracious reply.

The banquet was held in the large coffee-room of the hotel, when over 70 brethren enjoyed a most *recherché* repast, reflecting the greatest credit on the catering qualifications of the manager and manageress.

The usual toasts were interspersed with music, and the evening was closed with a concert, in which Bro. Paul Mill and other brethren took part, thus concluding a most enjoyable evening.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.

The installation meeting was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, on Thursday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. J. French, W.M.; H. Foskett, I.P.M.; W. P. Hatton, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Handover, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Tras.; R. C. Green, P.M., Sec.; H. Holmes, S.D.; S. Ransom, J.D.; E. M. Lander, P.M., P.Z., D. of C.; S. K. Bennett, I.G.; O. W. Roberts, A.D.C.; T. P. Rider and H. Armfield, Stewards; J. Bull, Tyler; J. H. Wood, P.M.; J. M. Huish, P.M.; J. S. Adkins, P.M., P.P.G.R. Wales, Steward; D. P. Cama, P.M., P.G. Treas.; G. Davis, P.M.; G. Passingham, W. A. Thompson, L. H. Chocqueel, E. Lee, E. W. Beard, F. King, J. W. Ingledew, H. L. Jones, A. K. Thompson, M.D., P. D. Millen, E. W. T. Rogers, Leslie Standing, Thos. Gray, F. T. Chinchin, W. C. Elms, Wm. Gibbin, jun., H. O. Scherf, E. C. L. Bradley, W. A. Macleod, M.D., G. Gidley, S. W. Gatt, R. W. Warder, and W. B. Bailey. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. J. E. Done, P.M. 2098; S. K. R. Cama, S.W. 2005; Rev. C. M. Bcvan, P.M. 1414, P.P.G.C. Kent; J. Walker, W.M. 2317; G. English, P.M. 991; J. W. Heath, P.M. 1767; J. Clark, P.M. 2246; W. H. Armfield, W.M. elect 2246; W. Middlewick, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; W. Hutt, P.M. 511; C. J. Burt, S.D. 2696; R. White; T. J. Ash; T. V. Kildest; W. Bragg, 2361; H. Hatton, I.G. 2246; F. D. Head, 1767; G. D. Mogford, P.M. 2362; G. A. Duke, 1608; A. Clark, P.M. 1668; C. J. Plunkett, 1185; H. Vandycke, 1828; W. J. Millington, P.M. 2246; H. J. Dyer, 1360; Russell Lockner, 23; J. Powton, I.P.M. 1541; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; A. B. Finch, 1238; W. R. Flack, W.M. 1656; H. Watts, 2361; and T. Matchem, 2361.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. B. Bailey was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Foskett, I.P.M., and Mr. F. W. Nicholls was initiated by the W.M. The Auditors read report, which was accepted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. W. R. Hatton, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, for installation to Bro. H. Foskett, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony. There were 28 on the Board of Installed Masters, by whom the new W.M. was saluted. The W.M. invested Bro. J. French as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters was closed. When the brethren were re-admitted, they saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees under the able guidance of Bro. E. M. Lander, P.M., P.Z., D.C. The work was done by him in an admirable manner without a hitch—we understand that our worthy brother has held his important office for 20 years successively. The officers were then invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. W. H. Handover, S.W.; S. Ransom, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; R. C. Green, P.M., Sec.; H. Holmes, P.M., P.G.D. Herts, S.D.; S. K. Bennett, J.D.; O. W. Roberts, M.D., I.G.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; T. P. Rider, A.D.C.; Hy. Armfield and George Passingham, Stwds.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; and John Bull, Tyler. Bro. Foskett, P.M., gave the first and second and Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treasurer, gave the third address. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Ransom, thanking the lodge for the vote of sympathy passed at the previous meeting. The Secretary announced the death of the wife of Bro. Rider. Bro. Parkhouse proposed, and Bro. Ward seconded, that a vote of condolence should be passed and sent to him, which was carried unanimously. The Secretary read several letters from members and visiting brethren, expressing regret at their inability to attend, notably one from our well known and esteemed Bro. F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx. Great regret was expressed at our brother's absence from illness. The lodge was then closed.

After the well-served banquet had been discussed by the brethren, the usual loyal toasts—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M."—were warmly responded to. Then followed the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

A madrigal, "Nymphs and Shepherds," was given by the Crichton Part Singers—Bro. F. King, and Messrs. Haydn Grover, Hugh Cochrane, and Herbert Dyer.

After which, Bro. D. P. Cama, P.M., P.G. Treas., responded. He stated how attached he was to the lodge, regretted that precarious health prevented him from visiting the brethren as often as he could wish, congratulated the lodge on its position and progress, and in a few kind words impressed upon the initiate the duties he had undertaken to fulfil, and urged him to especially cultivate the chiefest of all Masonic virtues—Charity. Our esteemed Bro. Cama has set a noble example by his open-handed munificent generosity.

The important toast of the evening then followed, "The W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M., who stated that he had known him personally for upwards of 20 years, and from the experience he had gained in ruling a lodge previously the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon might rest assured that the affairs of the lodge would be well conducted.

Madame Louise Pender gave a song, "The Swallows."

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the warm reception they had accorded him; he trusted for their kind support during his year of office, and promised to carry out the duties of the chair to the best of his ability. He gave then the toast of "The I.P.M.," and said it was a pleasing duty to him to affix the Past Master's jewel awarded by the lodge on the breast of W. Bro. French, I.P.M. This was done amid the great applause of those present.

Song, "My Pretty Jane," by Mr. Hadyn Grover.

The I.P.M. responded in a few well-chosen words.

Song, "She Wandered down the Mountain Side," by Miss Daisy Dennis, then followed a humorous sketch, "Mrs Clapham Rhode's Soirée Musicale," by Bro. C. Barclay Gammon.

The toast of "The Visitors" was heartily received.

Duet, "Excelsior," by Mr. H. Dyer and Mr. Hugh Cochrane.

Several distinguished brethren responded.

We would especially notice the interesting fact that Bro. S. K. R. Cama, S.W. 2005, also replied. He alluded to his venerable uncle, the P.G. Treasurer, and said that the great aim in his Masonic life had been, and ever would be, to follow in the footsteps of his esteemed relative, particularly in the virtue of Charity.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," coupling with their names the Masonic Charities. The W.M. spoke most warmly and feelingly on the eminent services rendered by Bros. Parkhouse and Green during the past years, and how proud he was they would render their valuable services to him during the current year. As to the Masonic Charities, the liberality of the Carnarvon Lodge was well-known. He might mention that Bro. D. P. Cama, P.M., P.G.T., with his usual generosity, had promised ten guineas for the list he intended to take up for the Girls' School, and that he as W.M. intended to add ten guineas on his own account; he confidently relied upon the assistance of his brethren.

Humorous sketch, "Musical Miseries," by Bro. C. B. Gammon.

The Treasurer and Secretary briefly responded.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" at this late hour of the evening were submitted in a few words, receiving due recognition by the brethren and were acknowledged.

Then a quartette, "Sleep, Gentle Lady," by the Crichton Part Singers.

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

The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. Fredk. King.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.

The phenomenal success of this lodge is being well maintained under the able Master-ship of Bro. Wm. Thomas, and was evinced at a regular meeting held at the Frascati Restaurant, on the 7th inst. The members present included Bros. Wm. Thomas, W.M.; E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; B. Carter, J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; W. H. Making, S.D.; J. Hutton Haylor, J.D.; S. Hussey, D.C.; W. H. Rudderforth, I.G.; M. S. Rubinstein, Stwd.; B. Griffin, P.M.; C. Dearing, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. Finch, 1269; Arthur W. Briggs, 1615; H. Williamson, 172; J. H. Finch, 173; J. Mansfield, 755; A. H. Thomson, 1689; E. W. Miller, 753; P. Herbage, 2005; George Roberts, 2021; Wm. Miller, 753; Alwyn Child, 1563; J. Stait, I.P.M. 1743; S. Lucas, J.W. 2395; Wm. H. Guy, 1314; C. W. Mann, 2150; J. Watts, I.P.M. 179; E. W. Hart, F. Crocker, 2698; G. W. Twyford, 2361; W. Yea, C. H. Worley, 2271; E. H. Watts, 179; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

The opening of the lodge was followed by the confirmation of the minutes. Bro. Wm. Rippon was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. A. Friedbörig and A. F. Bettinson passed to the Degree of F.C. Messrs. H. A. Bruno, J. D. Hooper, and P. S. Schuler (son of a respected member of the lodge) were then impressively initiated. The whole of the three Degrees were carried out by the W.M. in an able manner that marked him as an experienced exponent of the ritual. The death of Bro. Shannaw was formally announced, and resolutions of condolence with the relatives unanimously passed. A Masonic ball has been one of the successful features of this lodge each winter, and it was resolved that the present season should be no exception to that rule, Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., again being asked to be President. Propositions were received, and lodge was closed.

The banquet, as usual, proved to be of the finest description, and, being well served, was heartily enjoyed.

In giving "The Grand Officers" as one of the principal toasts afterwards, the W.M. pointed with justifiable pride to the fact that the lodge possessed four G. Officers, although it had been established less than four years.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., replied, and also referred to the record made by the Fellowship Lodge, which possessed two Grand Treasurers—one being a Sheriff of the City of London. A few months ago the Pro Grand Master was visited with a sad calamity, but they rejoiced to hear he was now on the road to a restoration of health.

Bro. E. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he would not make a long speech in doing so, as he could not influence their good feelings towards him. They all knew Bro. Wm. Thomas, and liked him, but as their W.M. they had learnt to love him as their ruler. They would unite in wishing him a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. Wm. Thomas, W.M., said that in presiding over a lodge of representative men such as this the position of the W.M. must be a very proud one indeed. He had presided over one or two others, but had never felt prouder. There was a certain part of the ritual in another Order which told them that to reign over the hearts and affections of men was much better than to reign over their lives and destinies. He enjoyed the affection and regard of every brother, and so he was doubly proud to preside. He felt sure that other Masters who had preceded him and those coming on would have the same fidelity and loyalty as they had accorded to him. He was obliged to them for the support and attention given him both in the lodge where he had done the Three Degrees and at the banquet table. He had only to express a wish that certain things should be done and all supported him. After his work that night he would not occupy their time, but thank them very sincerely, heartily, and cordially for the kind sentiments expressed by the I.P.M. and endorsed by them all. Before he sat down he would give them "The Initiates," a toast closely affecting the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. H. A. Bruno, in response, said this was a grand moment for him in replying first for the toast. Until he came amongst them he had very false ideas of Freemasonry, but after what had taken place, and the grand initiation service they had gone through—the solemnity of which they all appreciated—he had been imbued with ideas he had never before comprehended. He had never had a brother, and, therefore, never knew until that night what the word "brother" really meant. He felt at home at once, for all greeted him as a brother, and he was proud of it. He only hoped, with God's blessing, to be worthy of their Society and their comradeship, and it would be his bounden duty to carry forward the grand principles inculcated, and be a worthy member of their fellowship and the Fellowship Lodge.

Bros. Hooper and Schuler also briefly replied.

"The Visitors" was given with cordiality and geniality by Bro. Stephens, P.M., Sec., who observed that laws were made, altered, and abandoned, but the law of hospitality would remain always. The law of hospitality was engraven upon the hearts of all Masons. No lodge was more hearty in its welcome to visitors than theirs, and amongst the large number present were 12 invited by Bro. Schuler to witness the initiation of his son.

Bros. S. Lucas, P.M.; Watts, P.M.; Crocker, and Stait, acknowledged the toast. The remaining toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Edmund, P.M., concluding the proceedings with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. Arthur W. Briggs had compiled an excellent programme of music, and was ably assisted by Misses Sexton and Venning, and Bros. Emlyn, Jones, and Barry Lindon.

Ravensworth Lodge, No. 2674.

The first annual meeting and festival of this lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, Gateshead, on Friday, the 11th inst. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. M. Corbit, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Alfred Simpson, I.P.M., who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas R. Jobson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland, S.W., into the chair of King Solomon in a very admirable manner. There was present a strong muster of visiting brethren, amongst whom were Bros. H. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.R., C. P. Laidler, P.M., and J. Cleminson, W.M., all of 1654; W. C. A. Holzappel, W.M., J. Armstrong, S.W., and J. T. Pragnell, J.W., all of 43; T. A. Moffitt, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., J. Shaw, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., R. Stewart, P.M., P.G. Treas., Jas. Burrell, P.M., Thomas Lindale, W.M., and J. Paulios, S.W., all of 424; W. M. Lyon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and J. U. Simpson, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., of 46; J. Stark, P.M. 1676; G. F. Pringle, P.M. 1099; T. W. Stokes, W.M. 2462; and others.

The W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Saml. Brown, S.W.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., J.W.; Adam Dodds, P.M., P.G. J.D., Treas.; R. Atkinson, Sec.; Robt. Stewart, P.M., P.G. Treas., Asst. Sec.; John Carr, S.D.; Dr. A. W. Blacklock, J.D.; W. Scafford, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; W. Lyall, Org.; Anthony Dodds, I.G.; Dr. F. W. Kimpster and Geo. Gilliespy, Stwds.; F. J. Hastie, Asst. Sec.; and D. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Tyler. Bro. W. J. Jobson, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., J.W., was re-elected as Charities Representative. The Installing Master delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. After the proposition of a joining member and two candidates for initiation, the congratulations and good wishes from many visiting brethren were tendered to the W.M.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Twibell, the W.M., Bro. T. R. Jobson, presiding.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1898.

Particular interest appears to have been taken in this year's meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, which was held at Swindon, on the 9th inst., at the invitation of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355. The reason is not far to seek. The entertaining lodge has recently established itself in new quarters at the Town Hall, the hall and ante-rooms of which have undergone such alterations and decorations as fit them for Masonic gatherings, and the work has been so admirably carried out under the direction of Bro. E. H. Pritchett, the architect, as to elicit the warmest commendation from Bro. the Earl of Radnor, Prov. G. Master. Advantage was, therefore, taken of the Provincial meeting to solemnly dedicate the new quarters of the lodge at Swindon to the purposes of Masonry, and the ceremony was impressively carried out by Bro. Lord Radnor and his principal officers. Subsequently, the usual business of Prov. G. Lodge was dealt with and the new officers were appointed for the ensuing year, among the recipients of the Provincial purple being the architect of the new hall, who was appointed to the office of Prov. G. Supt. of Works,

We briefly announced last week that the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Monday, the 28th inst., at 5.45 p.m. The entertaining lodge is that of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, and the customary banquet—tickets for which, at 12s. 6d., inclusive of wine, must be applied for not later than Thursday, the 24th inst.—will be held at the Lion Hotel at 7 p.m. We note in the paper of agenda that Bro. T. Watts, Prov. G. Treas., has given notice of motion to vote (1) the sum of 15 guineas to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association for current expenses; and (2) a sum of 20 guineas to one or more of the Royal Masonic Institutions, to be paid through the Provincial Association. We may mention that the Great Eastern Railway Company have very kindly consented to issue return tickets from Wisbech, Ely, and Newmarket at a single fare and a quarter, available on day of issue only, to brethren attending the meeting, "for not less than six first-class and 10 third-class travelling together." We have no doubt that the proceedings will, as usual, pass off satisfactorily, and that the Prov. G. Master will be in a position to congratulate the lodges and brethren on the progress that has been made during the past year.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire will be held in the Masonic Hall, Portland, on Thursday next, the 24th inst., at 1 p.m. precisely. The honour of entertaining the Prov. G. Master and his officers will devolve on the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, and we anticipate that in view of the special circumstances of the year the proceedings will be even more enthusiastic than usual.

The consecration of the Edward Terry Lodge, No. 2722—which was unavoidably postponed from the date originally fixed—will take place on Thursday, the 8th prox., at the hour of 4.30 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Secretary, and the W.M. designate is the respected brother after whom the lodge is named—Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.

The ceremony of consecrating the Streatham Lodge, No. 2729, took place at the Town Hall, Streatham, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. There was a full attendance of brethren to witness the proceedings, which, as is usual in the case of new lodges in the London district, were conducted by the Grand Secretary, who was ably assisted in his work by Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., and Colonel Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G., P.G.D., as Wardens; Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Bro. William Lake, Asst. G. Sec., as J.G. When the lodge had been constituted, Bro. H. Brooks Marshall, M.A., D.L., J.P., was installed as W.M. The musical arrangements were very ably carried out under the direction of Bro. Turlie Lee.

The founders of the new lodge include Bros. Horace B. Marshall, W.M.; C. C. Wakefield, F.R.G.S.; and W. H. Wheeler, respectively Senior and Junior Wardens designated in the charter; J. H. Champness, Arthur Johnson, H. Holloway, H. D. Blake, J. H. Lile, John Morrish, H. Swinton Lee, and Walter Haddon. The Streatham Lodge, which has been started on its career under such auspicious circumstances, has our heartiest wishes for a long and prosperous career.

The installation meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., was duly installed in the chair, and Bro. S. T. Klein, the retiring W.M., was presented with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge and an illuminated address, in recognition of his services during the past year.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the lodge has organised a Masonic Pilgrimage to Egypt and the Holy Land for the month of February, and has obtained the option of the steam yacht "Midnight Sun," provided that 150 passengers intimate their intention of taking part in the excursion. The cruise will be under the direction of the lodge, and none but Masons and the lady members of their families will be permitted to join. Among those who have expressed their intention of accompanying the excursionists are Bro. and Mrs. Klein; Bro. General Sir Charles Warren, first W.M. of the lodge, who, as Lieut. Warren, R.E., carried out the excavations on the foundations of King Solomon's Temple; Bro. Sir Walter Besant, Hon. Secretary of the Palestine Ex-

ploration Fund; Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., and Mrs. Goldney; Bro. Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland; Bro. E. Macbean, P.M., and Mrs. and the Misses Macbean, and Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A. G.D.C., and Mrs. and the Misses Speth. Under such auspices there can be little doubt that the cruise, if it comes off, will prove a success.

We gladly announce that Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has very kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. The lodge meets at St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, and will open at 7.30 p.m. Those attending will appear in morning dress, but wearing their Craft clothing and jewels. We trust the attendance will be on a scale commensurate with the occasion.

The long array of what are known as "class" lodges has just been extended by the consecration of the Cutlers' Lodge, No. 2730. The ceremony—which was, as usual, performed by the Grand Secretary—took place in the Hall of the Cutlers' Company, the lodge being intended to meet the convenience of those members of the City Guild who are already connected with our Order, or are desirous of being enrolled amongst us, so that they may be, if possible, even more intimately associated with each other, through the medium of Freemasonry, than they already are by reason of the community of their business interests. The lodge starts under the most encouraging circumstances, the first occupant of the chair being none other than that experienced Past Master and Grand Officer—Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, Past G. Treasurer—while amongst its officers are several who have already attained to the rank of Installed Master. A full report of the proceedings at the inauguration of the lodge will be found in another column; but before concluding these few remarks, we gladly take the opportunity of expressing our best wishes for its success.

We have the pleasure of announcing that on an early day in December we shall issue the Special Christmas number of this paper. The contents will be of the most varied and interesting character, prominent among them being our Review of Freemasonry during the year 1898, together with a Table of Noteworthy Occurrences, chronologically arranged, from the 1st December, 1897, to the 30th November, 1898. We sincerely hope that our efforts to provide our readers with a sketch of the year's proceedings and particulars relating to the Craft for which we cannot always find space, will be as highly and as kindly appreciated as they have been in the past.

The following have just been appointed Chairmen of the Committees of the Corporation of London, namely, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., of the Privileges Committee; Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P., of the Gaols Committee; Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, of the General Purposes Committee; Committee; and Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., of the Finance Committee. It is a remarkable coincidence, and shows how intimate is the connection between members of the Corporation and the Craft, that all these Aldermen are members of our Order.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Sussex was deprived of much of the eclat which is associated with Provincial gatherings in this favoured county through the unavoidable absence of the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M. Master, but the Very Rev. the Deputy Prov. G.M.M. briefly conveyed to the brethren the regret which his Royal Highness experienced at his inability to be present and the pleasure it gave him to hear that Mark Masonry was prospering in the Province over which he had the honour to preside. There were, as Bro. the Dean of Battle had the satisfaction of pointing out, an increased list of members, a strengthened condition of the funds, and "decided improvement all round" in the manner in which the duties of the Mark lodges on the roll were carried out. We trust that Sussex may have a long continuance of this prosperity.

A convocation of the District G, Chapter of Burma was held at the Masonic Hall, Rangoon, in June last, when Comp. Dr. N. N. Parakhl, Dist. G.J., presided as G. Superintendent, and took the opportunity of referring in terms of the greatest sympathy to the loss which Royal Arch Masonry in the District had sustained through the untimely death of their lamented Comp. Donald G. Macleod, who had been G. Superintendent of the District since 1893, and who by his ability and kindness had endeared himself to the whole body of Masons in Burma. The remarks were greatly appreciated by the companions present, and we have no doubt will be similarly appreciated by all who read them in the pages of the *Indian Masonic Review*.

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.

QUALIFICATION OF PAST PRINCIPALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., in a letter in your worthy publication on the 3rd September, expressed his surprise that an Old P.Z. should ask the question with respect to the qualification of a P.Z. to attend Grand Chapter who is not a subscribing member, as Rule 2 is quite plain on the subject.

When I first raised the question, on the 27th August, I had a very good reason for doing so. I have always been under the impression, like Bro. Lovegrove, that a non-subscribing member cannot attend Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge, but I have now a very good authority for stating that a non-subscribing P.Z. cannot be prevented attending Grand Chapter; even more so, he can be appointed a Grand Officer, in accordance with Law 32. "It seems strange, but it is so."

No doubt Bro. Lovegrove will be surprised at this information.

I shall feel very grateful if you will give this letter a small space in your next publication.—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.Z.

November 10th.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think that you have done good service in calling attention to the fact that no final meeting of Stewards has taken place.

The amount of the Stewards' fees in question is not a few pounds, but I should think will exceed £5000, and every Steward should know how every shilling has been expended.

I have not met a single member of the Craft who approves of the donation to the Secretary, and unless something is done I fear that the next festivals will show a very decided falling off in the number of supporters.—Yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

Of a large number of brethren with whom I have discussed the honorarium to Bro. McLeod, a considerable majority (of whom I am one) cordially approve the action of the Court of Governors, &c., and I think it only right and just that I should ask you to allow this fact publicity in your columns.—Yours fraternally,

34½ YEARS AN INSTALLED M.

CRIPPLES' HAMPER FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I once more invite your valuable assistance by affording me space in which to solicit subscriptions for the fund which has been re-opened to provide for the usual annual banquet to be given to 1500 poor Ragged School children in the Guildhall, and also for the distribution of Christmas hampers to 5000 poor cripple children? For this double object last year upwards of £1000 was collected, and the number of hampers then reached 4000. The promoters owed the deepest debt of gratitude to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for his generosity, and they also recognised to the utmost the cordial support of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and of the Corporation in granting the use of the Guildhall. Members of the Court and several of the City Guilds also extended their sympathies in a very practical way.

There are exceptional reasons why the Marquess of Northampton and myself should ask in the name of the organisers for the help of the public at large this year. We want to leave no cripple child who is thoroughly deserving out of the distribution, for in making the selection last year no preference was given to creed or denomination, and priority was always accorded to the bedridden and the incurables. We were, nevertheless, confronted with many painful cases amongst the 1000 applicants whom we could not include for want of means. Though the fund is, I am glad to say, so closely associated with the City of London, the recipients of the gifts are spread throughout the whole of the Metropolis: and we, therefore, confidently appeal to the generosity of Suburban as well as to that of Greater London to enable us to continue a work which is productive of so much good, lasting throughout the year.

It would be a pity if London now were to take a second place, having regard to the fact that the success of previous distributions has led to their being imitated by several provincial cities where hampers to crippled children are now regularly distributed at Christmas time.

Subscriptions for the Cripples' Hamper Fund may be sent to me at 69, Ludgate-hill, or to the Marquess of Northampton, 37, Norfolk-street, Strand.—Yours fraternally,

W. P. TRELOAR, Alderman.

69, Ludgate-hill, E.C.

Craft Masonry.

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. W. Baddeley, P.P.G. Std. Herts, W.M.; J. Jacobs, S.W.; A. Pinnington, J.W.; T. S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; V. R. Romilly, S.D.; Sydney Davies, J.D.; C. Lee, I.G.; Harding, Tyler; H. L. Davies, P.M.; T. Hawkins, P.M.; W. C. Maynard, P.M.; F. S. Deaton, P.M.; Elsdon, Oscar Osborn, Woolf, Mathew, Wilson, Lewis Abrahams, H. Simon, A. Osborn, Schroeder, Carrter, E. Abrahams, and F. Holden. Visitors: Bros. A. Mackenzie, Treas. 2543; Engel, 1604; J. Perkins, 2668; and Boddy, 2077.

Lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. F. M. Trevoe, which was unanimous. The W.M. passed Bro. J. Wilson, giving the lecture on the Second Tracing Board afterwards. The bye-laws having been read, Bro. H. L. Davies gave notice of alteration of bye-law to have one black ball instead of three to disqualify candidates for admission.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, speeches, &c., brought to a close an enjoyable evening.

Eldon Lodge, No. 1755.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms of the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Saturday, the 12th inst. Bro. J. W. Harris-Hall, W.M., presided, and was supported by a large attendance of members and visitors, including the following brethren: Bros. J. H. Stafford, S.W.; E. Tedder, J.W.; James R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Tonkin, P.M., Sec., *pro tem.*; F. G. Moore, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Turner, I.P.M.; J. W. Roberts, S.D.; C. J. Tonkin, J.D.; T. Cox, I.G.; J. J. Sheasby, Steward; C. P. Billing, P.M.; A. Jefferies, P.M.; W. K. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Rice, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. G. Smith, J. Sheppard, G. A. Craddy, J. McLean, F. Dwelly, H. E. Smith, C. W. Noble, E. Porter, C. Hazel, H. W. Call, H. Sheppard, F. Simpkins, Tyler; Rev. J. Wright, 2191 (I.C.); C. E. Cowlin, 686; and S. G. Moxey, W.M. 610. There were several apologies received for non-attendance.

The ceremony of raising was unavoidably postponed in consequence of the brethren interested being on the high seas. Bro. Billing was invited to become Steward for the Girls' Festival in May next, when the P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, will preside. The W.M. next rose and said: Officers and brethren, the next business on our summons is one which I know will afford you as well as myself, very much pleasure. It is the presentation of jewels to several Past Masters; and I little thought when you elected me to the chair of this lodge, that such a treat was in store for me. It is quite a unique event and a red-letter day in the history of this lodge that five Past Masters' jewels should be presented on one occasion, and our thanks are due to the one who conceived the idea—Bro. Tedder. We have heard of many presentations lately, consisting of addresses of various kinds, bejewelled and glittering swords, freedoms of cities, grants of moneys, and the thanks of tumultuous crowds; and we would not begrudge the recipients one of them but rather add our tribute of praise to the many already received. But the presentation which we make to-day—or rather which I have the honour to make in your name—is one in which we all have a personal interest, as it concerns our own lodge, or as I like to term it our own family. There is an old saying—"honour to whom honour is due"—and the Past Masters to whom these jewels go to-day, are men whom we all delight to honour. To name them singly, and to especially dilate on their individual qualities, is a task which I feel unable efficiently to perform. It would take too long, and I have not the command of language equal to the occasion; but I am glad to say their past services are recognised by you—services in a cause which to my mind is second to none, namely, that of Charity. It has been my privilege to serve under all these Past Masters, and I can truly say that the way in which they performed their work, made that service in no way irksome but truly one of delight. They have shown that they possess the true characteristics of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth—and their voices and practical sympathy have ever been at the command of all poor and distressed brethren. They have each maintained and upheld the honour of this lodge as symbolised by its glorious charter, and have, each in his turn, handed it down to his successor—not only pure and unsullied—but with ever-increasing lustre. These then are some of the reasons, brethren, why I deem this occasion an honour and a privilege; and now to bring this pleasing duty to a climax I will request the following P.Ms. to step forward to the pedestal—Bros. C. P. Billing, A. J. Tonkin, F. G. Moore, A. Jefferies, and T. Turner. The W.M. continued: Bro. P.Ms., as I said previously I am not able to address each in turn, but I say this to one and all, all honour to you, my worthy brethren, for your past services in the cause of Freemasonry! It is my joy and pleasure to pin these jewels to your breasts, and my prayer is that T.G.A.O.T.U. may permit you to live long to wear these emblems, which express in a faint degree the confidence and love of your brethren, and the great respect in which you are held by them. The inscription on each of the several jewels ran as follows: "Presented to Wor. Bro. ———, by the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, as a mark of affection and esteem. November 12th, 1898." Bro. C. P. Billing replied: W.M., will you allow me to thank you for the words you have just spoken, which certainly apply to four of the P.Ms., but I cannot feel that they apply to myself. Still I should be lacking in gratitude if I did not tell you how much I appreciate the double honour you have done me, for this is the second time I have received a similar honour from the chair of this lodge. To the younger brethren the Past Master's jewel denotes a mark of rank and position; but to us who wear them it marks out the fact that the hearts of the brethren are in sympathy with us, and these emblems will serve as a lasting link of love and affection. Bro. A. J. Tonkin made acknowledgment in these terms: W.M., permit me to thank you for this handsome presentation, which is a recognition of one's having done one's duty, and I shall be proud to wear it upon all Masonic occasions, and to look upon it as the most valuable of my numerous Masonic possessions. I think, too, it should be a reminder to keep free from Masonic rust, and to ever be able, ready, and willing to assist in the work of the lodge should occasion require. Bro. F. G. Moore next made a graceful reply in these words: W.M.,—It gives me very great pleasure to thank you for your very great kindness, and I am sorry I was not the first to reply. I really appreciate very much the mark of honour you have bestowed upon me; I realise the kindly feeling shown by the brethren, and think how little we have done to deserve it. I am sure the recipients treasure the incentive that has prompted the giving of these jewels, and it will, I am convinced, be the means of their renewing their energies in future Masonic work. Sometimes brethren who have passed the chair are referred to as "extinct volcanoes," but if this is so I am reminded of one line in Gray's Elegy, which runs something like this—"E'en in their ashes live their wonted fire." Bro. A. Jefferies said there was very little for him to say, but he could not help adding that he thanked them from the very bottom of his heart, and assured them that he was proud to receive the honour. If the brethren were satisfied with his services, then he was more than pleased. Bro. T. Turner brought up the rear of the long list of respondents by saying: I can only reiterate similar sentiments to the others, and thank you for this handsome jewel, not for its intrinsic value, but for the kind and graceful words which fell from the W.M. in making the presentation. Upon these I hope to look back in years to come, and to think of the happy meetings we have had in this lodge. I sincerely trust the present W.M. may experience all the respect and good feeling from all of the brethren that I have had.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet.

The W.M. presided, and submitted in graceful terms the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The presentation jewels, manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, were much admired.

Claremont Lodge, No. 1861.

The installation meeting of this highly flourishing provincial lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Bowler, W.M.; Jos. S. Pointon, S.W., W.M. elect; E. W. Trelawny Hoare, J.W.; Terry Horsey, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P. Prov. S.G.D., Sec.; W. Rogers, S.D.; Thos. Foulder, J.D.; T. R. Dickason, I.G.; B. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; W. Jaggard and W. T. Smith, Stwds.; E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler; Wm. Greenland, Org.; Sam. Cooper, H. Cogswell, J. Lees, and J. W. Bastone, P.M. (hon. member). The visitors were Bros. Walter Martin, P.G. Purst.; Arthur Bentley, 2182; B. C. Kirby, 228; H. Moseley, 2146; J. M. Wimble, P.M. 1901; J. Ellinger, P.M. 2222; F. Pow, P.M. 1921; Frank Swinford, W.M. 2272, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Jos. Dickason, 1901; Fred. A. Bint, J.D. 704; A. E. Pusey, 179; Walter Sykes, P.M. 1597; W. G. Simmons, P.M. 1155; W. H. Wheeler, 2454; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 527, J.W. 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. B. Williams, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. J. S. Pointon, W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive the benefits of installation, which ceremony was performed in a creditable manner in a large Board of Installed Masters. Bro. J. S. Pointon, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. W. T. Hoare, S.W.; W. Rogers, J.W.; Terry Horsey, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; B. Williams, P.M. D.C.; T. R. Dickason, S.D.; W. Greenland, J.D.; Thos. Foulder, I.G.; W. Jaggard, A.D.C.; W. Smith, G. Rochester, and S. Cooper, Stwds.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were ably delivered by the Installing Master. The Auditors' report was presented, which showed the lodge to be in a thoroughly prosperous condition. The W.M. next presented the handsome jewel unanimously voted by the brethren to Bro. T. Bowler, I.P.M., and remarked that the lodge had prospered considerably during the past year under his able guidance. He hoped that Bro. Bowler would gaze upon that jewel and feel that the brethren were grateful to him and that he was held in high esteem, and their earnest desire was that he might live many years associated with the Past Masters of the Claremont Lodge. Bro. Bowler most gratefully replied, and thanked the brethren for such

a splendid testimony. The W.M. announced that it was the usual custom upon taking the chair for the first time to present the lodge with a banner, which he had very great pleasure in doing. When hoisted it was much admired, and the motto, "Non mihi sed fratribus" (not to myself, but to my brethren) was certainly characteristic of the W.M. who has done so much for others. Bro. B. Williams, P.M., tendered the heartiest thanks of the lodge to the W.M. for his splendid gift, which was seconded by Bro. Hoare, S.W., who remarked that he hoped they might look upon the same for many years. Three propositions were handed in for initiation, which augurs well.

The lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. F. Tomlin, proprietor, who received hearty thanks.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were ably presented by the W.M., as also that of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." The two former were noblemen of whom they were justly proud, and the brethren owed a debt of gratitude to all the Grand Officers. Personally, he was justly proud that Bro. Walter Martin, P.G. Purst., was present to witness his installation. (He had been a pupil under him for many years, and so long as the W.M. could have his able guidance he felt the duties of the chair would be efficiently carried out. He would couple the name of Bro. Wal. Martin to respond for the Grand Officers.

In reply, Bro. Wal. Martin, P.G.P., said that the Grand Officers thoroughly deserved the best thanks of the brethren, and he was proud to respond for so honourable a body. Of the W.M., who was thoroughly deserving of his position, he would say their association had extended for nearly 20 years, and his modesty and general manner would commend him to the brethren of the Claremont Lodge. There was no brother who could better preside over them, for the interest he took in his mother lodge (the Selwyn) and great activity shown by him, especially in the noble Charities, proved this, and he was confident the Claremont Lodge would find in him one of the best Masters, and he trusted the W.M. would have a memorable and honourable year of office.

The toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," was most loyally presented, and the W.M. said so long as the province was under such worthy brethren to regulate them they had nothing to fear.

Bros. B. Williams and Frances ably responded.

Bro. Bowler, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The W.M." in eulogistic terms, and wished him health, happiness, and prosperity.

Bro. J. S. Pointon, W.M., on rising received an ovation, and said he was indeed proud of the high position, and deeply sensible of the duties appertaining to the office. He would do everything to endeavour to please the brethren and benefit the lodge, especially in benevolence to the noble Charities. He was delighted he was enabled to take up in the name of the lodge 110 guineas to the Boys' Centenary, and felt it was the duty of all to insist to their very utmost and leave the world better than it was at the present time. It was to him a very great pleasure, too, to see among the Past Masters Bros. Horsey and Bastone, who had done so much for the lodge. He asked the brethren to give him their hearty assistance to still further enhance the prestige of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "Bro. T. Bowler, I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. said all knew what he had done for the lodge, and how he had worked to bring the lodge to its present efficiency. The best thanks of the brethren were due to him for his great service to the lodge, and it was their earnest wish that he would be spared for many years to rank among the worthy Past Masters of the lodge.

The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented by the brethren of the Claremont Lodge, 1861, to Bro. Thomas Bowler, P.M., in recognition of valuable and efficient service rendered during his year of office as W.M. 1897-98."

Bro. T. Bowler, P.M., most ably replied, and thanked the brethren for the great kindness they had shown him.

The toast of "The Visitors" received high eulogiums at the hands of the W.M., who welcomed them to the lodge with great cordiality.

Bros. W. Martin, P.G.P.; F. Swinford, W.M. 2272; Pow, P.M.; Sykes, P.M.; Ellinger, P.M.; and Bint responded, and highly commended the work and hospitality shown them.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," thanking them all for their past services and also for their able assistance whenever it was required; they were a worthy array.

Bro. Horsey, Treas., congratulated the lodge upon its sound position, and complimented Bro. T. Bowler, I.P.M., for taking so active a part in accomplishing the fact.

Bro. Bastone said some 14 or 15 years ago the lodge seemed to be sinking fast, but he and Bro. Frances had stood by it, and now it gratified him indeed to see its present position. He was pleased to see the brethren did not forget "the old guard," and wished the lodge would rank among one of the first in the province.

Bros. Williams, Bowler, and Frances also ably responded, the latter remarking upon the honour so deservedly bestowed upon Bro. Williams so recently. He was glad to see the fresh and energetic members brought into the lodge, bringing it up to its former excellent standing in the province. He would continue to do his very best to assist the W.M. in attaining that object.

The toast of "The Officers" was duly honoured by the W.M., and most suitably replied to by them, pledging their utmost to support the W.M. for the welfare of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed an eventful meeting.

A capital programme of music was arranged, and some excellent harmony rendered by Bros. Rogers, Wheeler, Frank Swinford, Arthur Bentley, and Fred Stephens, P.M. (humorist). Bro. Frank Swinford, P. Prov. G. Org. Middx., ably presided at the piano.

Crays Valley Lodge, 2147.

The installation meeting of this successful and flourishing lodge was held at the Institute, St. Mary's Cray, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. Frank Stanger, W.M.; Wm. Bailey, S.W.; W.M. elect; A. E. Oxley, J.W.; H. Tyrer, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; S. Gale, S.D.; L. Pugh, J.D.; F. Lewis, Org.; G. H. Miles, I.G.; A. M. Mitchell, Stwd.; J. T. Cookson, P.M.; Thos. Knight, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org. Kent; Wal. Bratt, and Wm. Tapsell, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. G. West, P.M. 1209; J. Lonsdale, 1910; T. E. Avery, 147; J. B. Guy, Org. 40; W. R. Ashley, 1531; R. Jackson, P.M. 1815; S. J. Cross, P.M. 2242; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507.

The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Frank Stanger presented Bro. Wm. Bailey, W.M. elect, to Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., to receive the benefit of the installation, which ceremony was performed in a perfect and very impressive manner. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Arthur Oxley, S.W.; Saml. Gale, W.M. 2262, J.W.; Hy. Tyrer, P.M., Treas.; Robt. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; Llewellyn Pugh, S.D.; Geo. Miles, J.D.; Frank Stanger, I.P.M., D.C.; Fred. Lewis, I.G.; A. M. Mitchell and Wal. Beer, Stwds.; and Wm. Tapsell, Tyler. The three addresses were delivered in a correct and highly intellectual manner. The Auditors' report showed a balance in favour of the lodge. The W.M. rose and stated at the last meeting of the lodge the brethren voted the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Frank Stanger I.P.M., to mark the great esteem he was held in by them, and also for the able manner he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year in perfect harmony and upholding the dignity of the chair and prestige of the lodge. He had the greatest possible pleasure in decorating him with the jewel as a mark of their sincere affection. Bro. Frank Stanger, I.P.M., was appointed the Charity representative.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to the Library, St. Mary's Cray, and enjoyed an excellent banquet supplied by Mr. Groom, and by whom the tables were very prettily decorated. The library was decorated with a choice selection of chrysanthemums, very kindly lent by Bro. Frank Stanger, who excels in their cultivation, to whom the special thanks of the lodge were accorded for his very great kindness.

The banquet ended, the W.M. gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft."

The toast having been drunk with extra fervour,

The W.M. gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said that he took such a deep interest in Masonry that the Craft were proud of having a member of the Royal Family at its head.

The toast of "The Pro G.M." was loyally received.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Eactes," who ruled over the province with such dignity and success. He asked Bro. Knight to respond for the Prov. G. Officers.

In replying, Bro. Knight said it was a great honour to respond for such distinguished

brethren, and he felt he could not do it justice. However, he was pleased to be present to say a few words, and he hoped shortly another purple collar would be given to the lodge as the business was being carried out in such an efficient manner. The D.P.G.M. was always ready to confer the honour when it was deserved. He most heartily thanked the brethren for the honour done him.

The I.P.M. rose and gave the toast of the evening—"The W.M."—which, he said, gave him the greatest possible pleasure in presenting. The W.M. was one of the oldest members of the lodge, and had been most attentive to his duties. He had risen to the occasion, and all had been pleased with the manner he had performed the duties of the chair and the kindly advice he had given to the younger brethren. He was installed as W.M. of a small, yet a very united, lodge; there had not been one discordant jar during the past year, and perfect unanimity prevailed during that time, and many friendships had been cemented, which he trusted would be life-long. He congratulated the W.M. upon his exalted position, and wished him every possible success.

Bro. W. Bailey, W.M., said he was much obliged for the very kind words of Bro. F. Stanger, the I.P.M., and he would do all he possibly could for Freemasonry in general, and the Crays Valley Lodge in particular.

The I.P.M. next proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. J. Pugh, P.M.," to whom the lodge owed a debt of gratitude for the generous assistance he gave most ungrudgingly to all connected with it. Personally he was grateful to the Installing Master for his able assistance during the past year, and for the past two or three years he had done yeoman service in the lodge, but the installation ceremony had never been better nor more correctly performed than on the present occasion.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

In reply, Bro. Pugh, P.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and as his rendering of the installation ceremony had satisfied them he was amply repaid, for he loved it. From the time of his initiation he had aimed at performing the various duties as well as possible, and he had been well eulogised by Bro. Stanger, but he would assure the W.M. he should continue to render him whatever assistance he required.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Cookson, P.M., said they were most heartily welcomed to the Crays Valley Lodge, which always extended a cordial greeting to them. There were present several distinguished brethren, and he would ask Bros. Cross and Jackson to kindly reply.

Bro. Cross, P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to visit and see his dear old friend the W.M. installed, and he thoroughly believed in interchange of views. He had never seen a banquet table decorated more prettily, and the hospitality was unbounded. Likewise he had never heard the installation ceremony more fluently nor correctly performed. He complimented the W.M. on his position and having so good a set of officers.

Bro. Jackson endorsed every word of Bro. Cross, P.M.

The W.M. presented the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," in most cordial and appreciative terms, and it was duly responded to by Bros. Stanger, Tyrer, and Cookson.

The toast of "The Officers" was duly honoured, and ably responded to by the S. and J. Wardens.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

A capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. J. B. Guy, ably assisted by Bros. Cross, Gale, Cookson, and Guy. Professor Lilwall ably presided at the piano, and gave some excellent solos.

Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, when there were present Bros. R. J. Smerdon, W.M.; J. W. Nash, S.W.; Robert Gregory, J.W.; William Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dixon, P.M., Sec.; Nathan Robinson, S.D.; T. Wholey, J.D.; S. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; — Alfred, I.G.; James F. Harkins, Org.; Alfred Ingram and G. H. Mitchell, Stwds.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; W. Harding, P.M.; Wm. Lawrence, P.M.; Robert D. Cummings, P.M.; F. A. Baldwin, C. Duvall, E. Wallis, T. Moore, A. L. Garrod, J. C. Steiner, A. J. Shorter, G. W. Phillips, N. Hawkins, E. L. Saunders, W. T. Wetenhall, M. P. Martin, J. Muir Smith, M. I. Garcia, J. R. Musto, Jefferson Dodd, J. H. Meyer, T. W. W. Idris, J. C. McLearn, J. H. Moggridge, Arthur J. Benjamin, B. G. Elliott, Oliver Hawkes, and William Mackie. The visitors were Bros. A. F. Caspers, P.M. 1668; W. H. Skinner, 2331; E. J. Harley, 195; W. H. Harris, W.M. 1723; G. R. Andrews, W.M. 2513; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. J. Perriam, P.M. 1531; James J. Dixon, I.P.M. 1415; J. Keggan, 1017; Archibald Evans, 1319; A. C. Webb, Sec. 2429; Welham Naplin, 1181, P.P. Assist. G. Sec., Devon; Thomas Moss, W.M. 2427; Rob. G. Robinson, S.W. 1531; G. Arnold, P.M. 2331; John Strachan, O.C., G. Reg.; W. E. Robbins, J.W. 2505; Walter Lewis, 1366; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; James Kift, 1791; Aaron D. Barnett, P.M. 1668; George Lewin, I.P.M. 1668; T. J. Mercer, I.P.M. 2427; C. Baker, 901; J. D. Hood, W.M. 1668; W. Bills, 1708; J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; W. G. Weller, Org. 2550; Andrew Snell, Chislehurst; M. F. Corager, I.G. 30; W. J. H. Bloxon, 27; George F. Wheeler, P.M. 1602; Fred. R. W. White, 30; Thomas J. Bolton, I.P.M. 1687; G. Herbert Burns, S.W. 1687; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; T. H. Jarvis, I.P.M. 862; J. G. Wedgwood, M.D.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; E. Branscombe, S.W. 1929; H. M. Songers, 177; John Clarke, 901; L. Gerard, 2430; C. Dunt, 1360; Charles F. Quicke, 1531; E. E. Hawkins, S.W. 1507; W. H. Garrett, S.D. 1397; G. Glover, P.M. 1677; A. H. Gee, St. George, N.S.W.; T. F. Davis, 1143; and W. N. Caldwell Moore, P.M. 142.

Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M., acted as W.M., and after the opening of the lodge, made feeling reference to the death of Bro. Robert Handel Booth, and concluded by moving a vote of "Sympathy with the deceased brother's family." This motion, on being seconded, was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the same. Bro. Cummings next installed Bro. John Nash, P.M., as W.M., who was presented by Bro. Sam Garcia, P.M., D.C. Bro. R. J. Smerdon was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren invested with officers' collars were Bro. R. Gregory, S.W.; Nathan Robinson, P.M., J.W.; William Thomas, P.M., Treas.; Robert D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Wholey, P.M., S.D.; J. H. Mitchell, J.D.; Sam Garcia, P.M., D.C.; A. Ingram, I.G.; F. A. Baldwin and William Short, Stwds.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The W.M. undertook the lodge Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, and in due course honoured the customary toasts. The music of the evening was rendered by Bros. Edward Branscombe, A. H. Gee, James Kift, and Mr. Harry Hudson.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., in responding to the toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," referred to the name of the lodge, and said they all remembered the late Bro. John Derby Allcroft was a man of philanthropic heart. He was glad to see so many brethren who represented the feelings that brother represented in Freemasonry. As one of the Past Grand Treasurers, as Bro. Derby Allcroft was also, he felt it a great honour to be present to respond on behalf of the Grand Officers of England. Bro. Allcroft was a distinguished Grand Officer, and felt his responsibility. He trusted all might follow the example he set; if they all did there would be a greater amount of good in the world. The Grand Officers of England were proud to have been toasted by the W.M. so well; he could assure the brethren they were all doing the best they could to further the great interests of the Order to the advantage of the Craft within the fold, and even of those without, and they were doing all they could to uphold its prestige. Masonry in the present day was very different to what it was 40 years ago. At that time it was comparatively little known, but it had made itself known and felt as one of the great institutions not only of this country but of the world. They knew of no institution resting on such a solid foundation as Masonry, because Masonry excluded none from their assemblies who believed in T.G.A.O.T.U.; they admitted all kinds, colours, and sections of men; all were alike so long as they were good, true, and decent men, whether they were yellow, black, red, or white, or whatever their creed, so long as they believed in the Great Architect; when that was given they felt justified in grasping the hand of that brother and promoting with him the great interests of humanity. It was a great institution; it was becoming a greater; there was more in it to-day than in any others; and the more it was known and understood the greater it would become, and the greater would be its capacity for usefulness. As far as the Grand Lodge of England was concerned, English Freemasons considered, and rightly considered, it was the mother Grand Lodge of the world. Those who went over to our cousins on the other side of the Atlantic would find at once that their Masonry all sprang from England. He had the privilege of looking into a Bible on which George Washington had been received into Masonry; that Bible had been seized by rebels but they did not destroy it or the furniture of the

lodge, notwithstanding they stood in rebellion; they kept everything, particularly this Bible, and it was extant still; and they sent it to the old 46th regiment that night, and under a guard so that it should be kept safe. It was still held by that regiment. This incident showed that Freemasonry had a hold when it came to influence rebels. Such a feeling ought to be more extended throughout the whole world. It was not such a very good world, but it was good enough for him; he did not want to leave it; he did not know a better; and he believed it was the duty of all Masons to do their duty in it; observe loyalty to the Master in the chair, to their Grand Master upon the throne, and charity to all men. Those were Masonic principles, and long might they be transmitted through this lodge and all lodges.

Bro. R. J. Smerdon, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who had filled the chair in another lodge, who was a good fellow, and those who knew him best respected him most. All the brethren knew how Bro. Nash did his work in the minor offices; and from what they had seen of him that evening they could form a very good idea of what his work would be in the future.

Bro. J. Nash, W.M., responding, said he felt very proud to be in the position of Master of the Derby Allcroft Lodge. He would endeavour during his year of office to do whatever he could to further the cause not only of Freemasonry, but also of that lodge, so that when he left the chair he might leave it with the best wishes of all the members of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Nash, W.M., said that that year he was going to be Steward for the Aged Institution.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., responded, and, after referring to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, said that the Benevolent Institution had 475 annuitants on its books—the men with £40 a year and the widows with £32 a year each. If a married male annuitant died his widow had half his annuity for five years, or until she could get elected within that time. The Institution had another good Samaritan clause—the Committee could place an old man or old woman on the funds without the trouble of an election if she or he had been twice unsuccessful and had passed 80 years of age. The present year had been a crucial one for the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, because the brethren rightly supported the Boys' School Centenary, in honour of the Prince of Wales, to the extent of £141,000. Consequently the girls and the aged had had to stand by; the girls got £9,000; £16,000 was wanted yearly to pay the annuities, and after the first two quarters of the year had been met the Benevolent Institution had to draw £5,500. He hoped that next February under Lord Llangattock it would return to its old state of prosperity and take on some additional annuitants; and he was glad the Worshipful Master of the Derby Allcroft Lodge was going to be a Steward at that Festival.

Bro. J. Nash, W.M., proposed "The I.P.M.," and presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Smerdon, I.P.M., thanked the brethren.

The other toasts were honoured before the meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150.

This successful lodge held its installation meeting at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 1st inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren, including 55 visitors. Bro. Felix Schmitz, P.M. 907, W.M., was supported by Bros. Wm. Godson, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, P.M.; W. R. Carpenter, J.W.; W. T. Farthing, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., P.M., Sec.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Mason, V. Pres. Bd. G.P.; A. Craddock; H. E. Weston; L. Mantell, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Page, P.M. 733; F. Farrow, P.M. 1196; G. Rossiter, W.M. 907; E. W. Browning, W.M. 2453; J. G. Vigo, I.P.M. 1671; E. Monson, P.P.G.S. Wks. Middx.; J. Weston, P.M. 1602; Geo. Davis, P.M. 1642; H. Enson, P.M. 907; A. Badeker, P.M. 907; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656; H. Tatton Sykes, P.M. 172; W. Flack, W.M. 1656; A. H. Oldrey, P.M. 2361; A. Ritchie, W.M. 173; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 2158; H. T. Brickwell, P.M. 2455; J. Willing, jun., P.M. 177; R. J. Godson, D.C. 2452; G. Godson, 1323; B. Haylor, S.D. 2362; W. Imbrey, 2372; J. Sims, P.P.G.S. Wks., Bucks; H. Grunsdall, W.M. 2549; J. Miller, P.M. 173; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bro. Wm. Conrad passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Wm. Godson was next presented as W.M. elect, and was installed into the chair by Bro. Felix Schmitz in an impressive and able manner, worthy of all praise. The officers invested were: Bros. A. Craddock, S.W.; E. P. Moore, J.W.; J. Turk Lacey, P.M., Treas.; J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; H. E. Weston, S.D.; E. W. Hart, J.D.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; A. Morrell, I.G.; E. C. Weston and J. T. Calton, Stwds.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The Audit report, which was adopted, showed a very substantial balance; and on the proposition of the Secretary, Bro. Stephens, a sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the W.M.'s list. Other business was transacted, and lodge was closed.

A *recherché* banquet was followed by the usual toasts and an excellent programme of music by Miss Edith Sexton, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. H. Emyln, Barry Lindon, and Arthur W. Briggs, the latter presiding at the pianoforte.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., at the request of the W.M., proposed the toast of "The Grand Officers," and alluded to the presence of Bro. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., whose father was Secretary of his (Bro. Farthing's) lodge when he was initiated. The other G. Officers present were Bros. Stephens, Terry, and Thomas.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., said the brethren would be glad to learn that the Grand Secretary had received a telegram from the Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire informing him that the Pro G.M. was rapidly recovering. As far as the Grand Officers were concerned, the members of this lodge had a good sample of the bulk in Bros. Stephens and J. J. Thomas. Without trespassing on the toast reserved for Bro. Terry, he would, as Treasurer of the Benevolent Institution, sincerely thank the lodge for its handsome donation of 20 guineas.

Bro. F. Schmitz, I.P.M., then said that for the first time in this lodge he had been entrusted with the gavel for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the Master." From some part of the installation service most of the brethren were perforce absent, but he would to a certain extent enlighten them as to what took place. He told the W.M. he felt convinced he would fulfil his duties to the gratification of the brethren who had placed him in that position. Those words he would repeat, for he was certain they would find an echo in their hearts. They had known the W.M. since his Masonic birth, for Bro. Godson was a child of this lodge, and at his initiation the older Masons congratulated themselves on the arrival of so promising a youngster. The W.M. had well fulfilled that early promise, having in all the offices shown himself to be imbued with the true spirit of Masonry. As regards the W.M.'s personal qualifications, he (the I.P.M.) was a poor hand at flattery, but he would say that to know Bro. Godson, was to respect him, and to have his friendship was an honour, for he was one of the right sort in the best sense of the word.

Bro. Wm. Godson, W.M., returned thanks, and said that that day was a red-letter day in his life, being one he had looked forward to since his initiation seven years ago. Some of his most pleasant evenings had been spent amongst the brethren, and he was looking forward to spend many more. It was with diffidence he had accepted the office because of the array of Past Masters who had preceded him in the chair, and done such noble service in the Craft. He was, however, proud of his position, and delighted to be W.M. of the Tivoli Lodge, where brotherly love and harmony existed amongst all. No effort would be spared on his part to make his year equal to the past. It was not his ambition to excel; he only wished to justify their confidence; and he heartily thanked them for placing him in that position.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said that Bro. Terry, who had already attended another meeting, was anxious to get away to visit a third. Having referred to the Girls' and Boys' Schools, Bro. Stephens said there were nearly 500 annuitants on the list of the Benevolent Institution, all of whom had seen more than 60 summers. In the past the Tivoli Lodge had done its duty for the the Charities, and he was glad to have taken the initiative that evening in proposing to vote a sum of money, as that year was the Jubilee year of the Widows' Fund.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., thanked the lodge for its donation, and thanked the W.M. for being kind enough to take the office of Steward. He hoped the W.M. would take up a list worthy of the lodge. The present year had been a blank for the Benevolent Institution, and for the first time they had been compelled to draw from their capital account. He hoped and trusted that in December they would not again have to entrench on the money put by, but it rested with the brethren to say whether this would occur. After the grand result of the Boys' School Centenary he hoped they would go on in the old way and have enough brought in each year to enable them to pay their way.

In giving "The I.P.M.," the W.M. referred to the brilliant work of Bro. Schmitz, and

said that that work had never been excelled by a foreign born subject of the Queen. The visitors had had a good idea from his rendering of the installation ceremony, the memory of which would linger with them for many years to come. He had great pleasure in presenting to Bro. Schmitz a Past Master's jewel, which carried with it the affection and esteem of every member of the lodge. He trusted the I.P.M. would be spared to wear it for many years to come.

Bro. Felix Schmitz, I.P.M., thanked them from the bottom of his heart. He could tell them honestly and frankly that he was sorry his year had come to an end, because it had been made happy by their unvarying kindness and generous assistance. He should carry with him in the future a remembrance of that year as one of the happiest of his Masonic life. He could not miss this opportunity of expressing his personal thanks to the officers to whom he was indebted for any amount of success in the ceremonies. He especially was indebted to the Treasurer and Secretary for their support and assistance, the former having increased the balance by £40, while the latter always did everything in the right way and at the right time.

"The Visitors" was next honoured, and in response Bros. Rossiter, W.M. 907; Ball, W.M.; and Browning, W.M., returned thanks.

Other toasts were given before the Tyler's toast warned the brethren that the time had passed all too quickly, and that another successful gathering had been added to the lengthy list already recorded by the Tivoli Lodge.

Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682.

This lodge which was consecrated a year ago with the distinguished honour of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. as the W.M., held its first installation meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 14th instant. The Deputy Master, Bro. Edmund Owen, was succeeded in the chair by Bro. the Hon. R. Bootle Wilbraham, and with a son of the Pro Grand Master to rule the lodge it is safe to predict another successful year.

The members present included Bros. Edmund Owen, Deputy Master; R. B. Wilbraham, S.W.; J. E. Lane, J.W.; Malcolm Morris, P.G.D., Treas.; A. P. Luff, S.D.; H. Pearce, J.D.; E. A. Priddle, D.C.; S. Spicer, Org.; M. Mitchell-Bird, C. D. Leyden, and W. J. Gow, Stewards; H. R. Rose, P.G.O.; Dr. Stewart Brown, P.G.D.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Graham, I.G. 2183; E. J. D. Wigginton, 1820; E. H. Cartwright, P.M. 69, W.M. 2673; R. Deane Sweeting, P.M. 10; R. Percy F. Simpson, P.M. 859; Dundas Grant, P.M. 140; E. P. Turner, 2095; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge having been opened, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the members be tendered to the M.W.G.M. for the great honour conferred upon the lodge by his acceptance of the office of W.M. A resolution was also passed expressing sympathy with the Pro Grand Master in his severe illness, and best wishes for a speedy recovery. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the Deputy Master, Bro. E. Owen. Messrs. Ealand, F. H. Dayns, M.R.C.S.; V. W. Low, F.R.C.S., M.D., B.S.; and L. J. Paton, B.A., were next initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony concluding with an effective rendering of the ancient charge by the Deputy Master. Bro. Dr. Stewart Brown, P.G.D., then installed Bro. the Hon. R. Bootle Wilbraham as W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. J. E. Lane, S.W.; A. P. Luff, J.W.; Rev. J. Cronin, Chap.; Malcolm Morris, P.G.D., Treas.; M. Handfield Jones, P.G.S., Sec.; H. Pearce, S.D.; P. P. Whitcombe, J.D.; E. A. Priddle, I.G.; Stewart Brown, P.G.D., D.C.; S. Spicer, Org.; J. P. Field, C. D. Leyden, and W. J. Gow, Stwds. The usual addresses were ably rendered by Bro. C. D. Leyden, P.M., and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern, at which the W.M. presided, and the usual toasts followed.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the first W.M. of the lodge" were first heartily honoured.

The W.M. next proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that those who were present at the consecration knew how deeply they were indebted to the Grand Officers for their great assistance and kindness. There were two Grand Officers present that evening—Bro. Stewart Brown, P.G.D., one of the most energetic and prominent of the founders, and Bro. Rose, P.G.O., who so ably looked after the musical arrangements on the occasion of the consecration.

Bro. H. Rose, P.G.O., expressed his diffidence in replying before his senior, Bro. Stewart Brown, to whom they were grateful for his energetic work in founding the lodge. The Craft felt most deeply the sad news of the ill-health of the Pro G.M., who consecrated the lodge in such a truly Masonic manner. To hear that ceremony performed by the Pro G.M. was a lesson to every Master or Past Master. He would ask the W.M. to convey to the Pro G.M. their sympathy and best wishes.

Bro. Stewart Brown, P.G.D., said he little thought he should again propose "The Health of the W.M." of this lodge, but professional engagements had taken the I.P.M. away. It was a particular pleasure to propose this toast, and he would enlighten those who did not know why. A while ago the W.M. took a holiday, having been recommended change of scene, and went to North Canada, where he met with a severe accident whilst riding untrained horses. Fortunately, however, they saw him again in the lodge, and very little worse for the arduous times he had gone through. It was a delightful pleasure to all the members to be able to drink the health of a son of the distinguished brother who consecrated the lodge, the Pro Grand Master, as the second Master. They had already in the lodge expressed their sympathy with him and his family, and they would like to see the Earl of Lathom present at the right hand of his son. The W.M. had expressed his intention of working every ceremony during the year, and he would have the able assistance of Bro. Owen, I.P.M.

The W.M. said that after the kind speech of the acting I.P.M. he was at a loss for words in which to express his thanks. It would give him very sincere pleasure to tell his father of the kind words spoken of him that evening; he was perfectly certain the Pro G. Master would be intensely gratified by the sympathy shown in the lodge and also in that room. With regard to the other parts of the acting I.P.M.'s speech, he could only say it was very difficult for a young and inexperienced Mason to follow such an able Master as Bro. Owen. He intended to do his best and would only again thank them for their kindness.

Bro. J. E. Lane, P.M., S.W., proposed the health of "The Initiates," all of whom are past or present students of St. Mary's Hospital, from which this lodge emanates.

The toast having been duly responded to, "The Visitors" was cordially given. Bros. Percy Simpson, P.P.G.D. Camb., and Cartwright, W.M. 2093, acknowledged the thanks of the visiting brethren.

The W.M., in giving "The Installing Master," alluded to the excellent and energetic work of Bro. Stewart Brown, P.G.D., in Freemasonry generally, and especially in that lodge. They knew it was due to his enterprise and forethought that the lodge was started, and was doing so well.

Bro. Stewart Brown, P.G.D., said that Bros. Lane and Leyden, two of the founders were initiated in the Royal Hampton Court Lodge, and from that small beginning the Sancta Maria Lodge was started. They did not hurry, but looked up all St. Mary's men who were Masons, and, as far as he knew, there were only four such men who did not sign the petition. He took that opportunity of thanking Bro. Leyden for taking part of the installation ceremony, and also thanked Bro. Lane, S.W., for the active part taken in the foundation of the lodge.

"The Officers" was honoured, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

Hengist Chapter, No. 195.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Bourne-mouth, when there were present Comps. J. J. Brazier, M.E.Z.; C. J. Whiting, H. M.E.Z. elect; F. Mapp, J., H. elect; C. Pearce, J. elect; H. J. Atkins, Treas.; F. T. Cutler, S.F.; and others. A good number of P.Z.s., companions, and visitors were present, including Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.H.

The chapter having been opened, the Treasurer's statement of accounts, showing a handsome balance in hand, was presented, after which the Principals were installed by Comps. H. J. Atkins, J. Harvey, and D. W. Preston, the addresses being delivered by the I.P.Z., who was subsequently presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel in recognition of his services as M.E.Z.

The chapter was afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet at the Grand Hotel.

To the great regret of all, the newly-installed M.E.Z., Comp. C. J. Whitting, was, unfortunately, prevented from attending the banquet by a recent domestic bereavement, and the retiring M.E.Z. presided in his stead.

The usual toasts were submitted.

In proposing the toast of "The M.E.G.Z. and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," Comp. Brazier heartily congratulated Comp. Le Feuvre on his restoration to health, and hoped he might be induced to retain his position as Prov. G.H. in the Prov. G. Chapter.

The statement made by Comp. Le Feuvre, in responding, that he had consented to remain at his post, was received with evident satisfaction by all present. He complimented the chapter on its present position, and on the years of unexampled prosperity it had enjoyed.

In responding to the toast of his health, the I.P.Z. made a touching allusion to the cause of the M.E.Z.'s absence, and an earnest appeal to the companions to continue the support they had given during the past year. Their proceedings had been characterised by concord and a generous appreciation of any efforts made for the good of the chapter.

John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., this chapter celebrated its 28th anniversary at the Holborn Restaurant. Notwithstanding the fact of the convocation being held on Lord Mayor's Day a goodly number of Principals and companions to the number of 25 assembled on the occasion of the installation of Comp. Walter Caughey Fox into the chair of First Principal, not a few visitors hailing from Sheffield where Comp. Fox resides and where he is well-known and highly esteemed. Comp. A. C. Goodinge, the M.E.Z., performed the installation with great ability, afterwards Comp. Frederick Varley, H., was installed into the second chair, and Comp. Edwin George Packman into the third. On the companions being re-admitted, the M.E.Z. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Comps. A. C. Goodinge, I.P.Z.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Robertson Reep, P.Z., S.E.; James Jangerfield, S.N.; A. P. Youle, P.S.; J. B. Taylor, 1st A.S.; T. D. C. Leveritt, 2nd A.S.; and Edmonds, Janitor.

The companions and their visitors subsequently banqueted together, the musical entertainment being arranged by Comp. Dr. James Haskins, Bac. Mus.

Hiram Chapter, No. 2416.

A very successful meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 9th inst. The Principals—Comps. G. Elkington, F. J. Cox, and A. F. Wrightson—were in their respective chairs.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. Joel, W. H. Stone, E. J. W. Scott, R. O. Mash, Henly, and H. Harwood, who were duly and impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The lectures were given, and a vote of thanks passed for services rendered by Comp. Galloway—a most expert worker, who was a visitor. Comp. H. Lovegrove announced the death of Comp. Montagu Baldwin, M.A. The annual election resulted as follows: Comps. F. J. Cox, M.E.Z.; A. F. Wrightson, H.; W. West, J.; C. Pulman, A.G.D.C., S.E.; Merritt, S.N.; H. Lovegrove, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Pearce, P.S.; Appleford, 1st A.S.; Lawrence, 2nd A.S.; and G. Austin, Janitor.

A SERIES OF CINDERELLA DANCES IN AID OF THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

The first of a series of Cinderella dances in aid of the Masonic Charities, promoted by Bros. Arthur J. Rippin and H. Williams, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, for which about 200 tickets were sold, took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., in the Great Hall of Cannon-street Hotel, when about 140 or 150 ladies, gentlemen, and brethren, put in an appearance, and spent a most enjoyable evening, dancing commencing at seven, and being kept up with great spirit until 11.30.

The M.Cs. were Bros. Duncan, Bassett, Rippin, and Williams, assisted by a large number of stewards. The next will be held on Thursday, December 8, and for which particulars and tickets can be obtained of Bro. Arthur J. Rippin Hon. Sec., 56, Dalkeith-road, Ilford, Essex.

All the profits of the three dances will, we understand, be handed to one of the Institutions.

Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. Present: Bros. H. Raphael, W.M.; T. A. Tidy, S.W.; C. Pinnell, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Howard E. Mullins, Sec.; N. Dukas, S.D.; T. L. Bowden, J.D.; S. L. Isaacs, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; G. Hill, P.M.; C. Coleman, P.M.; J. Leather, S. N. Woolffers, N. Raphael, Mark, Steel, and J. M. Budle.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Leather. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Woolffers being a candidate for raising, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge then opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Woolffers being the candidate. The lodge then resumed to the First Degree. The 5th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Leather, assisted by Bro. Budle. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bros. Mark Steel, J.W., and W.M. elect of the Zion Lodge, No. 189S, was unanimously elected a joining member. At the second rising of the W.M., Bro. T. A. Tidy was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday, December 14th, commencing at 7 p.m. prompt.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Red Lion, Poppincourt, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. A. Clarkson, W.M.; P. D. J. S.W.; F. Berry, J.W.; H. T. Kobelt, Sec.; J. Scarlett, S.D.; and T. H. Pate, P.M., I.G.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kobelt acting as the candidate. The lodge was closed down, and, there being no further business, the lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 11th inst. Present: Comps. H. Cornford, M.E.Z.; J. Braik, H.; H. Turner, J.; Thos. Grammont, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., S.N.; W. Dawson, P.S.; Longhurst, G. H. Lewis, Lundie, and Cass.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lewis personating the candidate. Comp. J. Braik, H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). The convocation then adjourned to eight p.m. on the above date.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; C. Isler, S.W.; C. T. Rayner, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. F. Hardymont, S.D.; S. Cload, J.D.; W. F. Roberts, I.G.; J. Bailey, C. Bone, and G. Fullbrook.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hardymont being the candidate. Bro. Hardymont afterwards gave the lecture on the tracing board in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Bone being the candidate. Bro. Isler was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. R. Sandland, W.M.; J. W. Crispe, S.W.; W. G. Read, J.W.; H. G. Hollan, P.M., P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor; R. H. Nicholls, Treas.; Henry T. Kobelt, Sec.; Fred. Aris, S.D.; Jas. Barnett, J.D.; J. H. Gifford, Stwd.; W. G. Bevan, Tyler; W. B. Neville, P.M., Sec. 2593; W. Mayhew, H. Ramsbottom, J. W. Hunt, Albert Taylor, J. Lamb, J. W. Harrison, E. Burgess, W. M. Ball, George Sutton, C. G. Ridgway, Ernest J. White, and Frank Soper.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. W. Crispe, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, and Bro. R. Sandland the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harrison acting as the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Sutton acting as the candidate. The lodge was closed.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2638.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst, at the Earl Derby (Bro. W. G. Coxen's), High-road, Kilburn. Present: Bros. G. D. Fraser, W.M.; J. H. Clemens, W.M. Unity, S.W.; H. T. Browne, J.W.; A. E. Horstead, Org.; A. F. Hardymont, Preceptor; R. J. Campbell, P.M. and S.D., Treasurer; Harry Willsmer, Sec.; Marks, J.D.; Wheeler, I.G.; A. H. Oldrey, P.M.; J. Gawthrop, W.M. Orpheus; Crook, Batchelor, Smith, P.M., Wood, P.M., Medland, G. Coxen, Spencer, Knowles, Davis, and Payne.

The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Fraser, and called off and on. Bro. James Gawthrop occupied the chair, and rehearsed the initiation ceremony, Bro. Medland acting as candidate. Bro. P. M. Campbell went into the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The W.M., Bro. Gawthrop, delivered the charge in the First Degree. Bro. Fraser then resumed the chair, and Bro. Payne having been elected a joining member, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Bro. Fraser, who, although a very young member of the Craft, is evincing considerable interest in the working.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN MOXON CLABON.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Jno. Moxon Clabon at Sevenoaks, who was formerly solicitor to the Attorney-General in ex-officio Charity matters, and solicitor to the Charity Commissioners. Bro. Clabon was some years ago a very prominent figure in Grand Lodge, in which he was appointed Grand Deacon in 1866, and a generous supporter of the Charitable Institutions.

BRO. W. C. DENNIS.

There was a large attendance recently at the funeral of Bro. William Crawshay Dennis, at Pilton Church, Barnstaple. Bro. Dennis died in Carnarvonshire, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health. Amongst those who assembled at the Great Western Railway station were many tenants from Croyde, Bradford, and Swymbridge, the chief mourners being G. Dennis (brother), A. Manser, Lampits, Herts (uncle), A. C. Sterry and F. H. Toller (brothers-in-law), W. H. Toller, and M. H. Toller. There were also present several brethren of Lodge Loyal, No. 251 (of which deceased was a member), including Bros. Rev. T. Russell, F. Codd, T. Wadham, W. J. Joint, T. R. Seldon, R. Matta, W. Edgar, Arnold Thorne, J. Brewer, jun., F. Elliott, Smith, H. Sly, W. J. Lord, A. E. Barnes, and H. Hancock.

BRO. T. R. LORD.

Last week, at Locksbrook Cemetery, the remains of the late Bro. Thomas Robert Lord were interred. Deceased was for many years connected with the tailoring firm of Messrs. Marshall and Lord, Millsom-street, having not long survived two other principals—Mr. John Lord (his brother) and Alderman C. F. Marshall. The service was conducted by the Rev. Forster Morris, curate of Walcot, and several old friends joined in the cortege.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE SIRDAR is to visit Cardiff on the 2nd prox., when he will receive the freedom of the city.

BRO. SIR SQUIRE BANCROFT will shortly commence a third series of winter "Readings" in aid of hospitals and similar institutions.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT arrived in London early on Monday afternoon on their return from visiting T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

BRO. THOMAS F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hertfordshire, has been elected to a seat on the Board of the Imperial Accident, Live Stock, and General Insurance Company (Limited).

BEFORE LEAVING Balmoral, the Queen, through Sir Arthur Bigge, made inquiry as to the progress Bro. Sir Henry Irving was making towards recovery, and to express her Majesty's regret at hearing of his illness.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER has again forwarded to Chester General Infirmary a cheque for £500, and to the Parkgate (Chester) Convalescent Home one for £30, out of the fees received from persons viewing Eaton Hall.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, accompanied by Admiral FitzGeorge, has been staying this week at Henley Park, Pirbright, on a visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Pirbright, who invited a large party to meet his Royal Highness.

HER MAJESTY'S dinner party at the Castle on Monday, in addition to the Imperial guests, included the Russian Ambassador, Prince and Princess Loewenstein, and Count Albert Mensdorff. Her Majesty's visitors remained at the Palace.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, K.G., Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, arrived at the Castle, and had an audience of the Queen, and afterwards had the honour of being included in her Majesty's dinner party.

WE HAVE MUCH pleasure in announcing that Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Alliston has kindly consented to preside at the 31st Anniversary Festival of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, which will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 2nd prox.

ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE, EGHAM.—It is announced that eight entrance scholarships, from £75 to £50, tenable for three years, will be offered for competition in July next. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, Royal Holloway College, Egham, Surrey.

BRO. J. L. TOOLE, who has happily recovered from the operation upon his eyes, left the Southwark Eye Hospital on Friday afternoon last. On Saturday evening he occupied a box at the Royalty Theatre to see his old friends George and Weedon Gro-smith in "Young Mr. Yarde."

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.—A meeting of the supporters of Bro. Alfred H. Bevan will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst., at five o'clock, when the chair will be taken by the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, Bro. the Earl of Halsbury, P.G.W.

BY DESIRE OF H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, President of the National Memorial to General Gordon, Bros. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar and Major-General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum have been elected Vice-Presidents of the Gordon Boys' Home, West-end, Woking, by the executive committee of that institution.

THE PRIVATE view of Mr. Herbert J. Finn's Water-colour Drawings will be held to-day (Saturday) at the Modern Gallery, 175, Bond-street, W. The special feature of the Exhibition is the architectural work, which includes some important and powerful drawings of the Cathedrals of Canterbury, Winchester, and St. David's.

THE EAST TERRACE at Windsor Castle was opened to the public by the Queen's command on Sunday afternoon last. The weather was charming, with bright sunshine, and the promenade and garden walks were thronged with visitors. The bands of the Scots Guards and 2nd Life Guards played upon the lawns opposite to the Royal apartments.

AT THE election meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1022, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Monday, the 14th inst., Bro. Henry Cornford, S.W., was elected W.M., by the unanimous vote, for the second Monday in the New Year. His installation will be looked forward to with great pleasure as he is a most popular, painstaking, and enthusiastic Mason.

THE QUEEN'S private chapel at Windsor Castle, which is generally attended by the Court when her Majesty is in residence, has been very successfully lighted with electric incandescent lamps, the installation adding greatly to the beauty of the sacred building, whose walls are embellished with several interesting memorials of deceased members of the Royal household.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged between Bro. the Marquis of Tullibardine, Royal Horse Guards, eldest son of Bro. the Duke of Atholl, and Miss Katherine Marjory Ramsay, daughter of Sir James Ramsay, of Banff, Perthshire. The Marquis of Tullibardine, who is in his 27th year, went through the recent Egyptian campaign, and took part in the battles of Atbara and Omdurman. He came through them unscathed, but on his return was attacked by fever, from which he has now happily recovered.

A UNIQUE CORPORATION.—The Corporation of the ancient Borough of Lydd (Kent) is extremely unique in its constitution, and probably has no parallel in England. The present Mayor (Alderman Edwin Finn, J.P.) has filled the civic chair on no less than 15 occasions, and was this year re-elected for the eighth year in succession. Of the 16 aldermen and councillors who constitute the corporation, eight are fathers and sons, while the office of town clerk has been held by the members of the same family for three generations, and the son of the present town clerk is deputy to his father.

THE NATIONAL CYCLE SHOW, now open at the Crystal Palace, will be continued till the 26th inst. The exhibition, we are told, will this year excel all previous Cycle Shows both in the number of exhibits and in interesting novelties; and the resources of the Crystal Palace, vast as they are, will on this occasion be sorely taxed to find sufficient room for the enormous number of exhibits. The oldest and most important of the cycle manufacturers will show only at the Crystal Palace, and visitors may rely upon seeing all the latest inventions in regard to the important question of brakes which is now agitating the minds of many cyclists, and all the newest things in tyres, fittings, &c. The company have arranged for many special attractions during the show, including the Kaufmann troupe of bicyclists (who are exclusively engaged, and give a marvellous exhibition of trick riding), and Sam Lockhart's performing elephants, "The Three Graces," who will also make their first appearance in England. The performance of these marvellous animals is, on the Continent, said to be the *chef d'œuvre* of this wonderful animal trainer, and their feats must be seen to be believed.

GUY'S HOSPITAL.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, president of the hospital, has sent 50 pheasants to Guy's Hospital.

THE FUND for a national memorial to Mr. Gladstone now amounts to about £21,000. This does not include subscriptions paid to, or promised, the local committees in provincial towns.

THE DUKE OF YORK had several days' shooting with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his guests last week. The Duchess of York and the young Princes and Princess have visited the Princess of Wales.

THE MASTER WARDENS and Court of Assistants of the Loriners' Company will meet the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London at dinner at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the 30 inst., at 6.30 to 7 p.m.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER, on Saturday last, visited Mr. Pandeli Ralli, J.P., at Alderbrook, Cranleigh, near Guildford. The visit was of a purely private character, but his journey through Surrey was of the most enthusiastic description.

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE GREAT NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW it was announced that Mr. Watkin Watkin, of Sholton Hall, had resigned the post of President of the Leghorn Fanciers' Club, and Bro. H. Lovgrove, P.G.S.B., was unanimously elected in his place.

THE 30TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL DINNER in aid of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., when the Right Hon. Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, has very kindly consented to preside.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.—Bro. H. J. Allcroft, the Treasurer, will preside at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 25th inst., at the annual meeting of this charity. Thirty candidates will be admitted to the benefits of the institution on the occasion.

IT IS well known, says the *World*, that Lord Lathom has been most anxious to give up his office of Lord Chamberlain ever since his wife's death, and it is now understood that he has definitely decided to resign. His retirement will be much regretted, for he has been an ideal Lord Chamberlain.

BRO. EX-SHERIFF DEWAR has just left London for a tour round the world, similar to the one he made six years ago. Among the places he intends visiting are Khartoum, the North-West frontier of India, Siam, Pekin, Corea, Japan, and the Pacific Islands, returning home *via* Canada and the United States.

A MASONIC SERVICE will be held in the new church of St. Michael and All Angels, Southfields, S.W., on Monday, the 28th inst., at 8 p.m. The sermon will be preached by Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, D.D., P.G. Chap. The offertory will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, having terminated their visit to the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Welbeck Abbey, arrived at Sandringham House on Saturday afternoon last, having travelled by Great Northern Railway and Great Eastern Railway, *via* Peterborough and King's Lynn, to Wolferton. Their visit to Sandringham on this occasion was in order to take leave of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales previous to taking their departure for the Continent.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE have had the following as guests at Chatsworth House during the present week: Prince Christian, the Earl and Countess of Gosford and Lady Louise Acheson, the Marchioness of Londonderry, Earl and Countess Howe, the Earl of Crewe, Lord Marcus Beresford, the Earl and Countess of Essex, Viscount and Viscountess Curzon, Bro. the Earl of Durham, Bro. Lord Elcho, Lady A. Lambton, the Hon. G. Lambton, Lord C. Montagu, Bro. Lord and Lady Alice Stanley, Hon. H. Sturt, Lady A. Compton, Lord and Lady Wolverton, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, Lord and Lady Lurgan, Captain Fortescue, Mr. Coventry, Hon. F. Stanley, and others.

IN REFERENCE to Fashoda, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair remarks that, whatever our difference may be, we should always remember that the French are our nearest neighbours, that they have been our allies, that they gave our Celtic ancestors their first knowledge of the gospel of Christ, that every year their lovely southern coasts afford friendly shelter to hundreds and thousands of those who desire to escape the gloom and risks of the English winter, that they, no less than ourselves, have been the pioneers of civilization, that we owe them much in architecture, literature, music, and painting, that their pulpit eloquence is the highest we can imitate, that in taste we bow to them, and that in drama, as in dress and in other domestic arts, they stand supreme.

UNDER ORDINARY circumstances the fact that the three leading ladies papers had each an article last week on the beauty of crape and the circumstances of its being the fashionable material for mourning would strike one as strange. The explanation, however, is not far to seek. When H.R.H. the Princess of Wales recently returned from Denmark she was noticed to be wearing quite an unusual amount of crape for the loss of the mother she so deeply mourns. As her Royal Highness is regarded as the leader of fashion in this country, the simultaneous appearance of the three articles referred to is only natural.

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