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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We must confess that we are looking forward with somewhat serious misgivings to the fate that is in store for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its annual Festival in February, 1899. In ordinary years we should consider that Bro. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Secretary, had been fairly successful up to the present time in his task of organising the Board of Stewards, on whose efforts the success of that event depends. But 1899 will be no ordinary year. Donations and subscriptions, amounting in the aggregate to the totals of three years, have been raised during the course of its immediate predecessor, and it will tax the energy and tact of the strongest Boards that were ever formed for our anniversary Festivals to raise in 1899 the amount that will be required for the efficient maintenance of our Charities. But the needful ways and means must be forthcoming as usual, however great may be the difficulties experienced in obtaining them. Thus, as regards the Benevolent Institution—though we have stated the particulars almost times out of number—there are 202 male annuitants at £40 a year each, 245 widows at £32, and 28 other widows in receipt for a term of years of half their late husbands' annuities, of £20 a year each. The sum required to meet this outlay is only a little short of £16,500, while the expenses of management and the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon raise the total expenditure for the year to £19,500. At the Festival in February, 1898, under the presidency of the Earl of JERSEY, the total of the donations and subscriptions ultimately reached £9750 or thereabouts, and though the permanent income of the Institution and the Diamond Jubilee Grant by Grand Lodge went a considerable way towards increasing the year's receipts, there will still be a substantial deficit amounting to close on £3000 to be made good in order to place the income and expenditure for 1898 on a level. Hence, the sum which, in ordinary circumstances, we hope to see subscribed at the year's Festival will next year reach from £16,000 to £17,000, and just now the prospects in favour of this being accomplished are by no means encouraging. Up to the present time Bro. TERRY has been able to

enlist the services as Stewards for 1899 of about 170 ladies and brethren; but the services of not less than 400 will be needed if the deficit above stated is to be met. Is it possible in the time that is still available to enlarge the Board to the prescribed number?

But, assuming that Bro. TERRY succeeds in his task, and enlists the support of a Board 400 strong, will the Stewards stand a fair chance of obtaining the much-needed supplies? There is, as we remarked in our article of the 5th November, hardly a Province which has not contributed so generously towards the Boys' School Centenary, as to have reduced the funds at its disposal for Charitable purposes almost to a minimum. The London lodges also did their part splendidly, the amount subscribed by them alone being as nearly as possible equal to the total obtained from all sources on behalf of the Girls' School Centenary in 1888. That those who have given, or are prepared to give, their services in aid of the approaching Benevolent Festival will spare no trouble in order to accomplish their task, may be taken for granted. The Province of South Wales (E.D.), which, for the second time within three years, will act the part of the "Chairman's Province," will show its loyalty to its chief by supporting his advocacy to the very utmost extent of its ability, but it is not, unfortunately, one of our stronger Provinces, while in 1897, when its Provincial Grand Master presided at the Festival of the Institution for Girls, it raised 1000 guineas. This year, too, it has subscribed over £600 to the Boys' Centenary, so that we cannot in reason expect that its contributions should amount to any considerable sum—to such a sum as it would gladly have raised had there not been the calls of 1897 and the current year made upon its resources. London and the other Provinces have, as we have said, had similar pressure brought to bear upon them for exceptionally large subscriptions; while the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions have generously stood aside in order to interfere as little as possible with the special claim of the Boys' School to be supported during the present year. But there are still the 475 annuitants of the Benevolent Institutions for whose annuities provision must be made, and though these can be met, if need be, by payments out of capital, we do not believe the Craft will view with favour a diminution of the permanent income of the Institution. We, therefore, urge upon the brethren to do all in their power in seconding the efforts of Bro. TERRY and his small but able staff to ensure the success of the Festival which is appointed for the 22nd February, 1899, and which will take place under the auspices of Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK, Prov. G. Master of South Wales (E.D.) There are Provinces and lodges which have not as yet commissioned any brothers to represent them; let this be done forthwith, and though we fully realise that the resources of the Craft have been severely tried during the present year, let it be kept in mind that it is the general body of the Craft which has established these Institutions and enlarged them to their present dimensions, and that, therefore, it is to that general body they are under the necessity of appealing for their means of existence at all times, but more especially when, as in the case of this particular Festival, there is, under circumstances of an exceptionally urgent nature, a greater need than usual for a generous return of donations and subscriptions.

THE WISCONSIN IDEA OF MASONIC CHARITY.

We thought we had heard the last of the silly idea propounded two or three years since by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. All the most important Grand Lodges in the United States treated it with contempt, and for one little word in its favour by a Wisconsin brother there appeared to be a thousand in condemnation of it in other Masonic jurisdictions. But there are silly notions which have a knack of dying hard

and this would seem to be one of them. From certain remarks quoted in the September number of the *Voice of Masonry*, it appears that Bro. ALDRO JENKS, Grand Master, or Past Grand Master, of Wisconsin, still looks with favour upon the scheme, and is of opinion that if relief by lodges, instead of by individual brethren, is objectionable, the objecting Grand Lodges should at once "prohibit the formation of relief lodges and boards of relief in cities, shut up their Masonic Homes and Orphan Asylums, and do away with their Grand Lodge Charity Funds," on the ground that "they also are organised schemes of Masonic Charity, intended to do away, to a certain extent, with the necessity for exercising individual Masonic Charity." But either the scheme itself must have been greatly modified since it was originally made public, or Bro. JENKS has misinterpreted it. The idea, as we understood it at the time, was somewhat as follows: A brother who is far away from home falls into necessitous circumstances through illness or other just cause, and hearing there is a lodge of brethren in the neighbourhood in which he happens to be, he appeals to them for relief and is relieved. So far all is in strict accord with the principles of the Craft. But, according to the Wisconsin scheme, the lodge which thus helps the brother in his distress has the right to claim reimbursement of the relief it has administered from the lodge of which the necessitous brother had been or happened to be at the time of his distress a member; and if his lodge is unable to meet such claims, then the duty of reimbursing the outlay devolves on the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which his lodge is located. This was the scheme to which we and all the most important Grand Lodges in the United States took exception at the time it was promulgated, on the ground that it reduced Masonry to a kind of benefit society. But says Bro. JENKS—What Wisconsin was desirous of doing was to substitute organised for individual relief and if you object to this, then, in order to be strictly logical, you must do away with all organised relief, whether it take the form of a Masonic Home for the aged or a Masonic Asylum for the orphan, or is administered by a Grand Lodge or local Masonic Board of Relief. To this proposition we raise the most decided objection. We did not take exception to the Wisconsin scheme for relief because it was an organised scheme, but because it had in it nothing whatever of the principle on which all Charity—whether Masonic or non-Masonic; whether organised or individual—is rightly held to be based. It is not Charity to relieve a person in necessitous circumstances, and then call upon the lodge of which he is, or once was, a member for reimbursement of your outlay; nor has it the slightest resemblance to that organised Charity which provides a home or small annuities for the aged poor brother or his widow, or education and a temporary home for the distressed children of a deceased brother. Organised relief of this kind, equally with the relief afforded by the individual, is Charity, and for this, if for no other reason, that is granted freely and voluntarily, and without the slightest hope or expectation of reimbursement. There was also this further objection to the Wisconsin scheme of Masonic Charity, which we raised at the time, and which, in our opinion, still holds good, namely, that no one lodge had the right to bind any other lodge to the payment of any particular sum in relieving a distressed member. Yet, under the Wisconsin scheme, the right of determining what should be expended in relieving a distressed brother rests with the lodge which advances the relief, not with that which is called upon to reimburse it. On the whole, Bro. JENKS'S explanations, so far from modifying or removing our objections to the Wisconsin theory, have had no other effect than to strengthen them, and we shall be delighted when we hear there is no longer any such theory to worry and annoy our transatlantic brethren.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 2nd inst.:

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th September for confirmation.

A resolution will be moved in the name and on behalf of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, expressive of the feelings of Grand Lodge on the melancholy occasion of the lamented death of the late M.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master,

Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:

The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London...	£50	0	0
A brother of the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, Chingford ...	75	0	0
A brother of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, London...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Peace, No. 149, Meltham ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 299, Huddersfield ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, Newport, Mon. ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1921, London ...	50	0	0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board beg to report that it has considered a letter addressed to the Grand Sec. by R.W. Bro. John Locke, Dist. G. Master Barbados, directing attention to the terrible sufferings, occasioned by the recent disastrous hurricane, of a large number of the white population of the island, many of whom were widows and families of brethren who had belonged to local lodges. The Board, following the precedent established in similar cases, recommend that a sum of £500 be voted out of the funds of Grand Lodge, to be placed in the hands of the Dist. G. Master for distribution, according to his discretion, among those of the white population of the island whose cases are most deserving. Such distribution not to be restricted to families of Freemasons.

The Board further beg to report that the purchase of the freehold premises in Wild-court, in the rear of the Temple, and large dining-hall has been completed and the purchase money paid, and that the Premises Committee have under consideration the plans prepared by the Grand Superintendent of Works, for the erection, on the site of Nos. 57 and 58, Great Queen-street, of the proposed additions to Freemasons' Hall, which will include a museum and library, additional accommodation for the Grand Officers, a Committee-room, an office for the Asst. G. Sec. and other rooms, the necessity for which has long been felt. The Board hope to be able to present to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, for its sanction and approval, a full report on the matter, including a provisional contract for the carrying out of the work.

The Board have also to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Fac-simile of engraved List of Lodges, 1735 ...	J. T. Thorpe, P.P.G.W., &c.
Transactions of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429 ...	Charles Stokes, M.E.Z.
History of the Chapter of Paradise, No. 139 ...	Edwin Baker, G. Sec., Rhode Island.
Constitution, Regulations, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island ...	Harry B. Taylor.
Trestle Board for the use of Lodges ...	Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.P.G.C., &c.
History of Knight Templary in South Australia ...	Dr. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., &c.
History of R.A. Masonry in Whitby, 1732-1898 ...	Past S.G.D. Ireland.
Photograph of Old Masonic Ritual ...	Alex. C. A. Higerty, P.P.G.W.
Rules, Orders, &c., G.L. Ireland, 1768 ...	Jn. Lane, F.C.A., P.A.G.D.C., &c.
Constitutions of the G.L. England, 1734 ...	D. Crawford Smith (Author).
Boyle's View of London and its Environs, 1798 ...	Edward Armitage, P.P.G.W., &c.
History of Scoon and Perth Lodge, No. 3 ...	Robert Freke Gould, P.G.D., &c.
"Robert Samber" (a reprint) ...	Francis C. Crossle, M.B., Prov. G. Sec., co. Down.
"Free and Freemasonry" (a reprint) ...	Hugh E. Diamond, P.P.G.W., &c.
Three Masonic Veterans ...	John Armstrong, P.P.G.W., &c.
Freemasonry in the 46th Regt. ...	Col. Howland Roberts, P.M., &c.
Report of the Prov. G. Secretary, 1833-93 ...	Alex. C. Chapin, Prov. G.S.N. Dorset.
Preston's Illustrations, 1812 ...	
Constitutions G.L. England, 1841 ...	
A Pilgrimage of the Freemasons ...	
Masonic Doctrines ...	
History of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148 ...	
Print of an old Masonic Certificate ...	
Photograph of old R.A. Jewel ...	

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £6628 2s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

The report cannot be concluded without referring to the irreparable loss the Craft has sustained by the death of our beloved Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, who, during the more than 35 years he had been officially connected with Grand Lodge, had won the affection and respect of every member of the Craft he loved so well, and by whom his death will be so deeply mourned.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th November, 1898.

A report of a meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held on the 20th May, 1898, will be laid before Grand Lodge, in which the following addition to the Rules was then agreed to, is submitted for approval—

That any Masonic Charitable Association (whose Rules must first have been duly registered in the books of the Institution) upon payment of donations amounting to 50 guineas, shall have the privilege of nominating one of its executive officers as a Life Governor, with two votes at each election of annuitants, and for every further completed sum of 50 guineas he shall receive an additional two votes, or in lieu thereof, the Association may nominate a second executive officer for the like privileges.

Names of Brethren nominated to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence: Bros. David Dixon Mercer, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President, and Henry Garrod, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence:

Bros. James Bunker, P.M. 1158; William H. Caton, P.M. 1365; George B. Chapman, P.M. 299; John Ellinger, P.M. 2222; William Fisher, P.M. 834; Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; Frederick W. Hancock, P.M. 548; William Kipps, P.M. 1275; Edward Nightingale, P.M. 87; Charles Pulman, P.M. 720; Charles Henry Stone, P.M. 507; and William Wills, P.M. 1901.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- No. 2727, St. Audrey, Ely, Cambridgeshire.
- 2728, Muswell Hill, Muswell Hill, London.
- 2729, Streatham, Streatham, London.
- 2730, Cutlers', London.
- 2731, Corona, Johannesburg, Transvaal.
- 2732, Grove Park, Bushey, Hertfordshire.
- 2733, Loyal Travellers', Birmingham.
- 2734, Harlow, Harlow, Essex.
- 2735, United Service, Bangalore, Madras, India.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday, the 6th instant:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 6th September.
2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.
4. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.
5. Recommendation arising out of the report:
 - That the sum of £25 be voted to the widow of a brother.
 - That the sum of £30 be voted to a brother of the East Sussex Lodge, No. 166.
6. A motion will be proposed that the report be adopted.
7. Nomination of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.
8. Nomination of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Monday, the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, when upwards of 80 brethren attended. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, presided, supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, Bros. B. Chennell, G. W. Whitehead, Watts, Major Oliver Papworth, W. G. Bell, and other officers. A number of visitors were also present, and the hall was full.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts having been presented and adopted, The Prov. G. Registrar, Bro. W. G. Bell, presented the return of the lodges, six in number, up to the 31st October, 1898. They showed a total of 456, as against 432 returned in 1897, an advance of 24 on the year. Since then the new Lodge of St. Audrey, at Ely, had been added.

Bro. C. H. Davey (Newmarket), was elected Prov. G. Treasurer, upon the motion of Bro. T. WATTS, seconded by Bro. B. CHENNEL.

The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested the Prov. G. Officers for the year as follows:

Bro. F. Dewberry, P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. Piggott, P.M. 88	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. A. L. Brown, J.W. 859	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. H. Davey, Treas. 2107 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Royston, P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. L. Thornton, P.M. 1492	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Gillling, I.P.M. 809	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. R. Leach, W.M. 441	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Francis, P.M. 859	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. S. Bell, S.W. 859	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. H. Foster, W.M. 809	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. F. Cartwright, Org. 859	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Burton, Sec. 2727	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Moore, M.M. 88	...	...
" F. W. Miller, S.D. 441	...	...
" J. S. Johnson, J.W. 809	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. M. Fletcher, M.M. 859	...	...
" J. G. Cowell, J.D. 2107	...	...

Bro. Major OLIVER PAPWORTH, Prov. G. Sec., then brought up the annual report of the Cambs Masonic Charity Association, which was of a most satisfactory character, the amount raised for Masonic Charities this year being unprecedented. Upon the motion of Bro. F. PIGGOTT, P.J.G.W., a member of the Committee, the report was ordered to be printed and circulated.

Charity jewels were presented to Bros. W. J. Armitage, W. J. Fernie, and W. P. Spalding; and a charity jewel clasp to Bro. Oliver Papworth.

Upon the motion of Bro. T. WATTS, the outgoing Prov. G. Treasurer, 15 guineas were voted to the Cambs Masonic Charity Association for current expenses, and 20 guineas to one or more R.M. Institutions, to be paid through the local association.

A gratuity to the widow of a deceased brother was also made.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Lion Hotel, and was largely attended, and at its close the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honoured.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Master of England," said they all rejoiced that the Prince of Wales had now recovered from his late unfortunate accident.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next submitted the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and took occasion to allude to the lamented death of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom. His lordship was not unknown to them in Cambridge, as he laid the foundation-stone of their Masonic Hall, and their deep regret at his death was shown by the symbol of grief which all were wearing.

Bro. A. J. THOMAS, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., responded, remarking that the late Lord Lathom endeared himself to every brother who knew him. The Grand Officers were ever ready to do their duty. From what they had seen that day, they could carry away the conviction that the work in the Province of Cambridgeshire was done in a thoroughly efficient manner.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. J. H. GRAY) proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," and said they rejoiced exceedingly to be under the kindly rule of Bro. Col. Caldwell. Moreover, he believed they could challenge anybody to find a more happy and contented province. Last week they consecrated a new lodge at Ely, and the work was done by the Provincial Grand Master in a way they thoroughly appreciated. He knew it to be an occasion of especial gratification to the Provincial Grand Master, and could not they give him other occasions of similar gratification? Whether they succeeded in doing so or no, they would be glad that his rule might continue as long as possible, and that they might always be as happy under it as now. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. MASTER, in responding, said it was time they were a happy and united province, and he was exceedingly proud of it. True, it was not a large province, but even that fact had its advantages, as they got to know each other better than they could in a province of larger dimensions. At the same time, growth was the sign of vitality, and he was glad to say they had an increase in the family last week, so now "we are seven." He hoped they would by no means stop at seven lodges, but others would be founded at March and Chatteris. He gladly acknowledged the services he had received from the D.P.G.M. and other officers, and urged other Masons deserving promotion to keep working on, and he felt fully assured that the interests of the province would not suffer in their hands. In conclusion he proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers."

The D.P.G.M., Bro. GRAY, in the course of his response, said they were sorry that several friends had gone out of office, and he regretted that Bro. Rev. L. R. Tuttiott was leaving the province. As to their outgoing Chaplain, Bro. Rev. G. B. Finch, he had married a wife and, therefore, could not come. At the same time, they were glad to see merit welcomed that day; and in Bros. F. Dewberry and F. Piggott, the Wardens, and also in Bro. Rev. A. L. Brown, the Chaplain, they had Masons of whom excellent service might be expected.

Bro. E. M. MONEY next gave "Success to the Masonic Charities," observing that all Freemasons must know and feel how these great Institutions were an honour to the Craft. In no other society or Order were there such Institutions so well maintained up to date. Cambridgeshire, in a Masonic sense, was a small province, but he was proud to say that for many years they had been working steadily and supporting the Charities well. At the recent great Centenary Festival, indeed, their contributions were munificent.

Bro. GEORGE CORBLE, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, responded. He gladly told the Cambridgeshire men that they had an able representative on the Board of Management for the Boys' School in Bro. Oliver Papworth, and added that the Secretary of that Institution, Bro. McLeod, asked him to thank the Cambridgeshire Masons for the handsome way in which they had showed up at the Centenary Festival.

Bro. F. DEWBERRY, P.S.G.W., gave "The Health of the Visitors," for whom Bro. PRITCHARD, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., responded, remarking that they had spent a very happy evening, alike in the Prov. G. Chapter and in the Prov. G. Lodge.

Bro. MCKAY proposed "The W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441," under whose auspices Prov. G. Lodge had assembled that day.

Bro. F. R. LEACH, W.M., acknowledged the same, and referred to recent Masonic events of importance. Alluding to the consecration of St. Audrey's at Ely, and the work done there by Bro. J. H. Moyes, W.M. 88, he suggested that the worthy brother was a descendant of a great Metropolitan architect in the Middle Ages—one Moyes.

The Prov. G. Tyler's toast concluded a most harmonious gathering, which was enhanced by several vocal contributions of merit, Bro. H. Davis accompanying.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 22nd ult. at the Hulme Town Hall. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and there were present Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master; J. Kenyon, M.P., P.S.G.W.; W. Forrest, P.J.G.W.; Edmund Ashworth, P.G.D.; J. Chadwick, P.G.S.B.; R. Newhouse, P.D.G.S.B.; J. Newton, P.G. Sec.; and other prominent members of the Order, the total number in attendance being between 300 and 400.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that before proceeding with the business of the meeting it was his painful duty to refer to the loss the Order had sustained in the death of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England, one of the greatest ornaments of Freemasonry. He was one of the most able and conscientious of men in the performance of the duties assigned to him, and one whose character stood pre-eminent—well beloved by his Sovereign, highly esteemed by the nation, and an ornament to humanity in the noble attributes he possessed. He was a pattern to them all as Freemasons and to the country at large. The memory of his good deeds would be long cherished in their minds, and his (Bro. Starkie's) hope was that in their several positions in life, and especially in connection with that particular movement, they would imitate and appreciate his character. The province of East Lancashire had received many evidences of his kindness and generosity, and on occasions difficulties might have arisen between themselves and the adjoining province of West Lancashire, over which he ruled, had a man of less noble spirit and less comprehensive grasp been at the head of affairs. In conclusion, Bro. Starkie moved a vote of condolence with the members of the deceased earl's family in their bereavement.

Bro. C. R. N. BESWICKE-ROYDS seconded the motion, which was passed in silence.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with.

The roll was called, and it appeared that all the lodges in the province were represented save one.

The following brethren were appointed Auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge accounts, viz.: Bros. S. Lord, P.G. Org.; R. H. Beswick, 1723; and W. A. Boyer, 2554.

The minutes of the Charity Committee stated that at a meeting held on the 16th September two boys, the sons of deceased Salford Freemasons, were adopted for election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Election Committee reported that at the election in October both were elected to the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM, P.P.S.G.W., Chairman of the Charity Committee, in moving that the proceedings of that Committee be adopted, said there were at the present time considerable numbers of persons travelling about East Lancashire and other Masonic provinces soliciting aid from the Almoners of Masonic lodges who were not entitled to such assistance. He asked all who were appealed to by these persons to take steps to ascertain the genuineness of their applications before acceding to them.

Bro. J. T. HOOPER, P.P.G.T., Vice-Chairman, seconded the motion, which was passed.

A letter was read from Bro. McLeod, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, stating that on making up the final list of subscriptions in connection with the recent festival in aid of that Institution he found that the 180 Stewards from East Lancashire had raised a total sum of £5772—the second largest amount contributed from any province. (Applause.) He expressed his deep thanks to the Provincial Grand Master, the Stewards, and the brethren of the province for the splendid work they had done and the magnificent result that had been achieved. The grand total amounted to £141,203—a record subscription for a Charitable Institution, which he was sure every member of the Masonic body would feel proud to have had a share in bringing about.

The PROV. G.M. said the brethren of East Lancashire had made a very noble and generous effort in aid of the Boys' School. They had set an example to other provinces, and had shown what East Lancashire could do when it set its mind to accomplish any object. He hoped that in the next effort they made they would turn their attention to their home Charities. Those Charities had done a great deal of good, had alleviated a great deal of distress, and had educated numbers of children. They were provided now at their own doors with elementary, secondary, and technical education, and their local Masonic Charities would enable many children of deceased members of the Order to avail themselves of the facilities thus afforded, while other children could be sent to the London Institution.

Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM said that the total amount subscribed by the two Provinces of East and West Lancashire in connection with the Boys' School Festival was over £10,000. Yorkshire sent £7000, and Cheshire, with only about 50 lodges, over £3000. He mentioned these figures as giving some indication of the strength of Freemasonry in the North of England. He moved, in accordance with notice, that the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. T. HOOPER seconded the motion, which was passed.

It was also resolved that a grant of 50 guineas be made to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent and Educational Institution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A convocation of this Prov. Grand Chapter was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, when Comp. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Grand Superintendent, presided, and was supported by Comps. E. M. Money, P.G.H., and W. P. Spalding, P.G.J. About 50 companions were present.

After the transaction of financial and other business, Comp. W. H. Francis was re-elected Treasurer, and the Grand Superintendent subsequently appointed and invested the following officers:

Comp. F. Piggott, 88	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" F. Dewberry, 441	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Jarrold, 88	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. F. Symonds, 441	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. H. Francis, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. G. W. Broughton-Leigh, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. I. Bland, 859	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. H. Foster, 809	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" H. S. Davison, 88	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. Briggs, 859	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. R. Leach, 441	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. W. Izard, 859	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Davies, 809	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. H. Ellis, 88	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

During the past 10 years Freemasonry has made very great progress in these islands, there now probably being twice the number who have been initiated into the Ancient Craft that there were at the end of the last decade. The consequence is that all the lodges here are in a very flourishing condition, and consequently able every year to remit large sums to the various Charities connected with the Institution in England, besides rendering temporary aid to a number of distressed Masons, their widows, or their children here. When Charity is dispensed by the lodges it is without ostentation, and many a widow in the island has been able to bless the day when her husband became a Mason. Coming back to the progress made by Freemasonry in Guernsey during the past years, the great interest taken in it led to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Guernsey

and Alderney, of which Bro. Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn is the Provincial Grand Master, in 1892; the St. Sampson's Lodge, No. 2598, in 1896; and the St. Sampson's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2598, last June. Besides the above, during the past few years a Mark Masons' Lodge, and Royal Ark Mariner lodge have also been instituted.

A Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, and there being several Royal Arch Chapters in Guernsey and Alderney, it followed in the course of events that a Provincial Grand Chapter should be instituted. The necessary steps for this having been taken, Comp. Dr. James B. Cockburn, at the consecration of the St. Sampson's Chapter, last June, had the gratification to announce that it had pleased his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal, to appoint him Grand Superintendent of Guernsey and Alderney. Needless to say this statement was received with a great deal of applause.

All the arrangements having been made, it was decided that the installation of Brigade-Surgeon James B. Cockburn, Prov. G. Master, as G. Superintendent of Guernsey and Alderney should take place on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. Consequently invitations to attend were sent to all Royal Arch Masons of this province to attend a convocation for the above purpose to be held at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street.

To this invitation between 60 and 70 companions assembled in the handsome lodge room of the Masonic Temple. Besides inviting the Guernsey and Alderney companions, cordial invitations had been sent to companions of the Jersey Chapters, which were responded to by Comp. and Bro. Colonel Edward Charles Malet de Carteret, Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of the Province of Jersey, who came over specially to install Comp. J. B. Cockburn, assisted by Comps. Peter Bois, W. T. Pugsley, and F. E. Remfry, the latter acting as Director of Ceremonies. They were accompanied by the following Jersey companions: P. G. Hamilton, Dr. A. Ch. Godfray, Capt. C. E. Malet de Carteret, F. J. Godfray, and Chas. V. Vatcher. It might be added that almost every H., J. and Z., and Past Z. of the Guernsey and Alderney Province was also present.

At a few minutes past seven the Prov. G. Chapter was opened, and the Installing Officers received in due form, after which the Grand Superintendent designate, Comp. Dr. J. B. Cockburn, was received after his patent had been examined and declared correct by Comp. Colonel M. de Carteret. The patent was then read aloud by the Prov. G.D.C., after which the Grand Superintendent designate took the customary obligation, and was invested by Comp. Colonel M. de Carteret with the apron, sash, and collar, and jewel of his office, and placed in his official chair. After being saluted by the companions, the Grand Superintendent, having asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, and finding there were none, declared Comp. J. T. Laine duly elected to that post, and proceeded to appoint the officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. E. Chepmell Ozanne	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. W. Stickland	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. B. Nickolls	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. K. Corbin	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. T. Laine	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. M. Bichard	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Haighton Wilkins	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. H. Randall	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. Stranger	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. J. Stranger	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. D. Robilliard	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. P. Hamel	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Elliott	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Biddiscombe	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comps. G. Peek, W. H. Lovell, and J. D. Robilliard were then elected Auditors of the Prov. G. Chapter accounts.

There being no business to bring forward, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed.

Comp. J. B. COCKBURN warmly thanked the Installing Companions who had come over that day from Jersey in the face of a stiff north-easterly gale specially to conduct the installation ceremony, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be awarded them, which was carried with acclamation.

This was responded to by Comp. M. DE CARTERET, who expressed the great satisfaction he and his Installing Companions had experienced in carrying out the duties they had been invited to perform.

The Prov. G. Chapter having been closed at 8.20, the companions adjourned to the banquetting room below, where dinner was served, the tables being tastefully decorated with flowers, &c.

An excellent repast having been despatched, the following toasts were drank:

"Her Majesty the Queen," proposed by Comp. J. B. COCKBURN.
"The First Grand Principal, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," proposed by Comp. J. B. COCKBURN.

"The Grand Superintendent, Dr. J. B. Cockburn," by Comp. Col. E. MALET DE CARTERET.

"The Installing Officers, M.E. Comp. Col. C. M. de Carteret, P. Bois, W. T. Pugsley, and F. E. Remfry." In this toast the PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT referred in warm terms to the services which had been rendered in Masonic life by Col. de Carteret, who was well-known in the Grand Lodge of England. Col. de Carteret enjoyed the great distinction of being one of the oldest Provincial Grand officers, having been P.G.M. of Jersey since 1869, and G. Superintendent of that province since 1872.

Comp. Col. MALET DE CARTERET returned thanks in admirable manner for the toast.

"The Principals of the Prov. Grand Chapter" were proposed by Comp. J. B. COCKBURN, and briefly replied to by Comp. H. W. STICKLAND.

"The Visitors' Health" was proposed in most felicitous terms by Comp. E. C. OZANNE.

This was replied to by Comp. Dr. A. C. GODFRAY, of the Province of Jersey, who mentioned what a narrow escape they had had that morning of being prevented from coming across to Guernsey, and if they had not lost their lives they might at least have lost their clothing (Masonic). He mentioned with infinite gusto the remarkable coolness of the Grand Superintendent of Jersey, who had whispered to him when they were in some danger that morning, that if anything had occurred—"What a capital paragraph it would have made for the *Freemason*." (Laughter.) He then proceeded to speak of the fraternal relations which had so long existed between the Provinces of Jersey and Guernsey, which he cordially trusted would always continue. (Applause.)

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, Comps. G. F. Peek, J. S. Pells, E. de Jausserand, and E. Dunderdale contributing good songs.

The great success of this memorable evening is undoubtedly due to Comp. J. B. Nickolls who organised the whole affair—including the musical portion of the ceremony upstairs, and the banquet downstairs. To him is due the very warm meed of praise for the admirable manner in which he carried out everything with such marked results, everyone departing thoroughly satisfied with all he had seen, heard, and tasted that evening.

It augurs well for the zeal and courage of the Jersey companions that they crossed to Guernsey in the face of a strong north-east gale, and returned the following morning in a furious hurricane of wind and rain, with the heaviest sea running which has been experienced round these islands for some years.

The regalia and clothing for the Prov. Grand Chapter were manufactured by Comps. George Kenning and Son.

THE LATE EARL OF LATHOM, G.C.B.

The following Order has been issued by the Grand Scribe E. :

"SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

"HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., M.E.Z.

"In consequence of the much-lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.E. Pro Grand Z., an event which has occasioned the profoundest sorrow to every member of the Craft, by whom he was so greatly beloved, it is ordered that the Grand Chapter and all subordinate chapters be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of six months from this date.

"The mourning to be worn by companions individually to be as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past, three rosettes of black crape on the aprons, and one at the point of the collar, just above jewel; Principals, Past Principals, and companions, three black crape rosettes on the apron. White gloves.

"By command of the M.E.Z.,

"E. LETCHWORTH,
"G.S.E.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

"November 22nd, 1898."

"GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

"H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

"In consequence of the much-lamented death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Past Grand Master, it is ordered that Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of three months from this date.

"By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

"C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P.G.W.,
"Grand Secretary.

"The mourning to be worn is as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past, three rosettes of black crape on the badge, and one at the point of the chain or collar, just above the jewel. Masters, Past Masters, and brethren, three black crape rosettes on badge as above, and one on the point of the collar in cases where the latter is worn. White gloves. Pedestals and candlesticks to be draped in black.

"Mark Masons' Hall, London, W.C.,

"24th November, 1898."

The following Order has been issued by the G.V.C. :

"THE GREAT PRIORY OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

"H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., G.C.T., SOVEREIGN.

"ORDER FOR MOURNING.

"In respect of the memory of the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., formerly Very High and Eminent National Great Prior, who departed this life on the 19th November, 1898, all knights are directed to wear mourning for the space of six weeks, when attending Great Priory, Provincial Priorities, or Private Preceptories.

"The riband and star to be covered with a crape scarf, and each knight to wear a bow of crape on the hilt of his sword.

"Dated this 24th November, 1898, at Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

"By command of the Most Eminent Grand Master.

"C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G.V.C."

THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33RD DEGREE.

The following has been issued by the Lieut. Grand Commander:

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"It is with profound sorrow that the Supreme Council have to announce the death of M. Ill. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household and a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, Pro Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, which took place on the 19th of November, at Lathom House, Ormskirk. He filled the important office of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander from the 11th October, 1876, working with constant zeal for the good of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and it is hardly necessary to dwell on the merits of one who held such a prominent position in English Freemasonry, and who was so widely known and universally beloved. The members of the Supreme Council with whom the deceased was so intimately associated for so many years are confident that the whole body of Freemasons will share their grief at the loss of so valued a ruler, who will always be remembered with affectionate regard. As a mark of respect to his memory the Supreme Council direct that all chapters under their jurisdiction shall appear in mourning for three months from the date of his death.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"NATHL. GEO. PHILIPS, 33°.

"Lieut. Grand Commander.

"33, Golden-square,
"London, W.

"November 21st, 1898."

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE HOLLOWAY LODGE, No. 2601.

It was, indeed, a night of nights, and was certainly a great success, and the W.M., Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey, and his able Stewards, Bros. Gordon Lerner, H. B. Wedlake, W. P. King, and Warren Faraday, are to be commended and congratulated upon the result of their efforts, which gained the unanimous commendation of the members of this excellent lodge and of their ladies and friends who had the good fortune to be present at the pleasant gathering at Beale's Restaurant, Holloway-road, on the 16th ult., that the aptly described ladies' night was perfection. Ladies, brethren, and their friends to the number in all of about 80 assembled on the occasion.

Among those present were Bro. H. J. Macfarlane and Mrs. Macfarlane; Bro. W. Beale; Bro. and Mrs. A. C. Brett; Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey; Mr. A. E. Brooks; Bro. W. A. Burgess; Miss F. H. Bushell; Bro. and Mrs. E. N. Butler; Miss Clark; Miss A. M. Clark; Bro. J. E. Clark; Mr. F. A. Corley; Bro. and Mrs. C. Cruft; Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Cureton; Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Cureton; Miss J. Davies; Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Dove; Bro. and Mrs. C. Dunk; Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Emerton; Bro. and Mrs. G. Evans; Bro. P. M. Farraday; Bro. and Mrs. W. Farraday; Bros. R. Green, T. C. Grimes, H. J. Grimwade; Bro. and Mrs. M. H. Hale; Bro. W. J. Harris; Mrs. Harvey; Bro. and Mrs. F. B. Herbert; Bros. A. Jones, W. P. King, W. Kettle; Bro. and Mrs. G. Lerner; Bro. and Mrs. V. Lerner; Mr. S. A. Latham; Bro. J. H. Leber; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lyne; Mr. M. M. Macfarlane; Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Mason; Bro. R. Midworth; Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Moggridge; Bros. C. Norrington, W. J. Pullen, H. Sheffield; Miss E. F. Day; Mr. W. H. Pearse; Bro. and Mrs. J. Skellarn; Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Sorrell; Bros. C. S. Stansall, C. Varley, R. P. Walkden; Bro. J. Terry, P.G. S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., Mrs. and Miss Terry; Bro. and Mrs. C. J. Thomas; Bro. and Mrs. F. Varley; Bro. and Mrs. H. B. Wedlake; Miss F. Wyman, and Bro. R. T. West.

At half-past 6 o'clock the W.M., Bro. Macfarlane and Mrs. Macfarlane received the large gathering, and a dispensation having been obtained for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, this, with the very charming costumes of the ladies, gave the room a very effective appearance.

Ample time having been given for introductions and genial conversation, the company adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, which reflected the highest possible credit on the establishment, and will add to its reputation for Masonic repasts. It was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the proprietor, Bro. Beale, who was most assiduous in looking after the comfort of all.

The W.M., Bro. Macfarlane, presided at the banqueting table, having on his right his charming wife, and was well supported by the officers of the lodge.

The toast list was commendably short, the gathering being intended to be devoted to amusements more congenial to the ladies than speech-making.

In eloquent terms the W.M., Bro. Macfarlane, gave "The Queen and Freemasonry," which was duly honoured. He afterwards submitted the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The ladies, at this point, having graciously intimated that the male kind could indulge in the fragrant weed, they were each presented with a handsome box of chocolates, as a substitute for a cigar, which it is needless to record they appreciated.

The W.M., in proposing "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W., the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that the ladies might think it a dry toast, but it was a very important one to Freemasons. The Grand Officers were composed of noblemen and gentlemen who were appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and were the governing body of English Freemasons. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum was one of the Grand Officers, and he was given a pressing invitation to attend that evening, but he had written regretting his ability to attend. The W.M. read the letter which was as follows:

"17, Belgrave-square,

"November 11th, 1898.

"Lord Kitchener of Khartoum deeply regrets that owing to a previous engagement of long standing he is compelled to forego the pleasure of accepting the kind invitation of the Worshipful Master and Wardens, Holloway Lodge, for Wednesday, the 16th inst."

Masons were proud to have Lord Kitchener as a member of the Craft, and they would have liked to have seen him there. They were honoured that night with the presence of one Grand Officer, Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. (Great applause.) He (the W.M.) could keep them there for the rest of the evening extolling his virtues and the great things he had done for the Craft, but it was not necessary, as he was so well known. He was most genial, and if any one had given happiness in the world Bro. Terry had, and he was delighted to see him there, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Terry.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and Bro. TERRY was accorded quite an ovation on rising to respond. He said that no words of his could express adequately what all English Masons felt towards the M.W. Pro Grand Master and the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master for their great services to the Craft, and they were the two prominent Grand Officers whom Masons looked up to. As to the other Grand Officers, they must take him as a poor sample; but he hoped always to be able to do his duty as a Grand Officer. The remainder of his remarks were made in a very humorous strain, which elicited roars of laughter.

Bro. FRED VARLEY, I.P.M., said it was his privilege, duty, and pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Macfarlane," which was the toast of the evening, but he felt he could not do it justice. The W.M. had referred to the Grand Officers but Bro Macfarlane was equally important to them as their Master. He was supreme, could do no wrong, and they were very proud of him as he was a very able man of business and a good Mason. The jewels he wore were evidence of the great deal he had done for the Craft, and it was one of the highest honours in Masonry to get into the chair. He would like to say more but they had a long programme to get through, and, concluding, he referred to the presence of Mrs. Macfarlane, who was a good wife and an estimable lady and the lodge was honoured with her charming company.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and the W.M., Bro. MACFARLANE, on rising to respond, had a great reception. He said that his sincere thanks were due to them for the kind reference made to his wife, and he wished he was worth half only of the nice things said of him. He would do his level best for the lodge, and do his utmost to have a similar gathering every year. Might he mention that in July last the members presented his wife with a handsome silver cradle on the occasion of the birth of a daughter, during his year of office, which was very gratifying to them both.

The toast of "The Ladies" was entrusted to Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who, in eloquent and appropriate terms, heartily welcomed the ladies who had honoured the Holloway Lodge with their presence.

Bro. P. MICHAEL FARADAY (who was initiated in the lodge in September last), in the absence of the "New Woman," responded for the ladies, and, for the time being, he adopted the rôle of a member of the gentler sex, and, on their behalf, made a capital speech, and received much applause from the ladies when he resumed his seat.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and in welcoming them remarked that he was glad to notice that there were at least two gentlemen present who would have to be claimed as brothers at the next meeting of the lodge, in January; and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Matt. H. Hale, P.M. 27.

Bro. HALE responded in happy terms, observing that he had known the W.M., Bro. Macfarlane, for many years, and had introduced him to the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, of which the W.M. had been a Past Master for four years. He (Bro. HALE) was at the ladies' night last year, and certainly on no account would he, nor the rest of the visitors, have missed the pleasure of being present at such a successful and enjoyable evening, and he asked the W.M. to accept the thanks of those visitors who were not privileged to respond.

A flash-light photograph of the happy gathering was taken during the evening by Messrs. Fradelle and Young, and from the proof, shortly afterwards submitted for examination, was very successful.

A musical entertainment of an exceptionally superior quality was provided under the able direction of Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Organist of the lodge, assisted by Bro. Horace Reynolds, the Lyric Vocal Quartette, Mr. Fred Rome, violin solo by Miss Jose Dubois, who deserves special mention; Bros. R. B. Hopkins (the King of Bells), with his silver bells; Fred W. Stephens, the ever popular; Charles Strong, Etherington Smith, and Thomas Powell. Bro. Arthur Briscoe presided with his well-known ability at the piano-forte.

It is hardly necessary to add that, with such talent and under the genial guidance of the W.M., Bro. Macfarlane, a most enjoyable evening was spent, and one that will long be remembered, and it was brought to a close with the hearty singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

SEVENTH ANNUAL BANQUET OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 167.

The seventh annual meeting and banquet of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Court House, Harlesden, on Thursday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. T. J. Mercer, P.M. 2427, President and Preceptor; Stanley Ball, W.M. 2361; J. Lawrence, P.M. 1326, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Williams, P.M. 834 and 2090; Stephen Hussey, P.M. 1633, Treas.; F. S. Priest, P.M. 1637, Sec.; W. C. Tebbit, P.M. 2045; J. Bartlett, P.M. 1637; G. Chapman, S.D. 1805; E. C. Fisk, S.D. 2323; J. A. Adams, J.W. 2361; J. T. Fripps, J.W. 2098; H. A. Moore, Steward 1637; Dr. Alfred Jones, J. Bartlett, T. Buttrum, T. Golby, F. Fordham, T. J. Smith, F. Brooke, J. Whittway, W. H. Cave, F. Cave, W. G. Cave, Rev. F. J. Greenwood, A. McBaine, E. Crawley, H. Stott, C. Winterborn, J. Bailey, P.M. 1805, P.Z. 1602; and F. W. Marchant, 1706. Visitors: Bros. J. Spicer, T. Bagnall, G. White, T. Wilmer, and Prof. F. W. Driver, P.M. 45.

An admirable well-served banquet had ample justice at the hands of the brethren, after which a varied entertainment, consisting of toasts, sentiments, and songs took place. The music was non-professional, and was most creditably rendered by the brethren.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been given, Bro. Geo. Chapman sang "God save the Queen."

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next honoured.

Bro. W. C. Tebbit sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Late M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom." He said he felt sure that the brethren would agree with him that the Masonic world had sustained a heavy loss. The late Pro Grand Master had been revered and respected by Masons for his invariable courtesy shown to every member of the Craft, and the sound wisdom of his impartial decisions when presiding over Grand Lodge. It was a mournful toast to be observed with all honour and reverence.

The toast was acknowledged by the brethren in solemn silence.

Then came "The Deputy Grand Master, Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." As no Grand Officer was present, with this toast was coupled that of "The Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past."

Song, "The Distant Shore," by Bro. J. Bartlett.

Bro. J. LAWRENCE, P.M. 1336, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, responded for this toast.

The next toast submitted to the brethren was that of "The St. John's Lodge of Instruction." The W.M. and Preceptor entered fully into the history of the lodge, said it was now seven years old, during which time it had made a sure and steady progress, and that there was every Thursday throughout the year a good attendance—on one occasion there were actually upwards of 200 Masons present.

Duet, "Excelsior," by Bros. Chapman and Bartlett.

The toast was responded to by the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. HUSSEY, Treas., observed that the brethren were to be congratulated on the flourishing condition of the lodge—that after the claims on the lodge had been duly paid, and the Charities amply provided for, there was, he was glad to say, still a small sum to be carried over to the credit of the lodge.

Bro. PRIEST, Sec., gave some interesting details of the lodge and the work it was doing, it was well for the talented brethren who had filled the chair of many Craft lodges, and who by their good work as rulers of the Craft had shown how well they had profited by the instruction they had previously acquired in St. John's Lodge. He said the average attendance every week throughout the year without intermission was 23. That during the last year 1153 brethren had attended the meetings.

Then came song, "Whusky," by Bro. F. Cave.

Bro. W. H. CAVE gave the toast of "The Visitors." He said that the W.M. and the brethren gave them a hearty welcome, he hoped some of them might eventually become fellow members.

Bro. A. Williams gave song, "The Children's Home,"

After which, at the call of the W.M., Bros. DRIVER and WILLMER replied.

Bro. PRIEST, F. W. DRIVER being first called upon, said that he highly approved of the instruction; that it was only by diligent study and, above all, by practice with the brethren that proficiency could be obtained in Freemasonry. The best W.M.s were indebted to lodges of instruction for their ability to fulfil the duties of their high office; in fact, the lodge of instruction may be deemed the nursing mothers of the Craft. He related his personal experience abroad, and how his Masonic knowledge had served him in good stead.

Bro. WILLMER followed on the same lines, stating that he had to thank his

lodge of instruction as the means of extricating him from an awkward predicament in which he had been placed.

Bro. STANLEY BALL, W.M., then proposed "The Health of the Chairman and Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. T. J. Mercer, P.M. 2427." He said that this toast needed but few words on his part to commend itself to the notice of the brethren, their worthy Preceptor being so well known to all for his unvarying courtesy, patience, and kindness. He therefore, without further words, gave them the toast.

It was most enthusiastically received.

A song by Bro. Geo. Chapman followed.

Bro. MERCER, in reply, said he heartily thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services, which he trusted it might be permitted him by the G.A.O.T.U. to continue for many years.

A recitation was given by Bro. A. Williams.

Then came the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Hussey and Priest."

Two songs followed.

As the Treasurer and Secretary had each spoken at length previously on behalf of the lodge of instruction, they confined themselves on this occasion to returning thanks for the honour done to them.

"The Stewards of the Lodge" was then given. The W.M. reminded the brethren how much their comfort had been enhanced that evening by the kind care and attention of the Stewards.

Song, by Bro. Cave.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. RALPH CHANDLER, P.M. 900.

An interesting presentation was made at the monthly meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 900, at Tewkesbury, on the 14th ult., to Bro. Ralph Chandler. At a previous lodge Bro. Frederick Moore, the father of the lodge, submitted to the lodge the proposition that such a presentation should be made in recognition of the valuable and zealous work Bro. Chandler had done in the promotion of the Craft since his initiation a quarter of a century ago, and this was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Moore, in moving the resolution, explained that Bro. Chandler was initiated in 1872, and was elected W.M. in 1877 and 1882, and was made a Prov. Grand Officer in 1877. Out of 190 lodges which had been held he had attended 178, having been absent only 12 times in 26 years; he had initiated four members, passed five, and raised four; he had delivered the charge to initiates 24 times, the lecture on the Second Degree 21 times, and that on the Third Degree 12 times; and he had filled the office of Treasurer of the lodge for 15 years. Bro. Moore referred at length to the ready assistance Bro. Chandler was always willing to give in the interest of Freemasonry, and the respect and esteem he had secured both as a Mason and a citizen.

The presentation was made by Bro. G. BANASTER, the W.M., who also referred to the good work done by Bro. Chandler, and expressed his gratification that it should have fallen to his lot to offer some substantial recognition of the appreciation of the members of the lodge. He then handed to Bro. Chandler a beautiful and massive Past Master's jewel of 18-carat gold, surmounted by an artistically-executed golden representation of St. George and the Dragon, with an inscription in the lining of the case of "Presented to W. Bro. R. Chandler, P.M. No. 900, P.P.G.S.D., by the Brethren of St. George's Lodge, in recognition of their esteem and regard, and of the useful Masonic work he has done during the last 21 years."

Bro. CHANDLER acknowledged the presentation in appropriate terms.

KENT IN LONDON.

The first annual dinner of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men must be accounted a successful gathering, as there were upwards of 100 ladies and gentlemen present at the function on the 23rd ult. The main objects of the association are to befriend natives of the county of Kent, and to promote the social, moral, and intellectual culture of its members.

Mr. R. S. JACKSON, L.C.C., who presided at the dinner, having proposed the loyal and patriotic toasts, Mr. W. KEMP, in submitting the toast of the evening, held that Kent was the forerunner of progress in England. She was, moreover, the mother of all that was noble in the civilisation of to-day, as well as the pivot on which all progress had revolved. Take away the advent of St. Augustine and his friars in Kent and English history would be different from that which Englishmen had the privilege of reading to-day. He knew of no county in England where truer examples of manhood and womanhood could be found. Their poets had testified to the manhood of Kent's seaside sons, and their brothers of the present were even now ready to go on the deep and save those in distress. He was certain that those he saw before him would, if occasion necessitated their doing so, seek to uphold the record of their forebearers.

Other toasts followed.

THE CENTENARY OF MASONRY IN TRINIDAD

THE OLDEST LODGE OF MASONRY IN THE ISLAND CELEBRATES THIS EVENT.

The 28th of October was quite a red-letter day in the annals of Masonry in this Island. That day 100 years ago the Lodge United Brethren, No. 251, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., began to work. Invitations were sent out to the sister lodges to join in the celebration of so important an event, and there were representatives, although few, of all of them. The brethren met at the Temple at Mount Moriah, and numbered altogether about 70 officers and brethren. After observing certain ceremonies the whole body, headed by the banner of the lodge, proceeded to Trinity Cathedral by way of Queen-street and up Abercrombie-street, entering by the Western gate, Bro. Elliott, P.M., leading the way. Inside the door of the Cathedral awaited to join them, members of other lodges, eight in number, amongst them being Bros. R. Rust, H. Wainwright, A. S. Eckstein, W. G. Hales, D. B. Jardine, C. Langford, and others. In the procession we noticed Bros. R. J. Nanco and A. E. Hendrickson, representatives of the Royal, Philharmonic Lodge, No. 405, Revds. Canons Doorly and Doughlin, De la Rosa

Rev. Dr. Hartley, and W. J. Hamilton. After the brethren had seated, and quiet had been obtained in the Cathedral, which was crowded with spectators in that portion of it which was allotted to the public, the Bishop, preceded by Bro. Canon Doorly, who acted as his Chaplain, entered the chancel, followed by Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean, Canon Doughlin, Revs. De la Rosa, Hartley, and Hamilton, a voluntary being performed upon the organ by Bro. J. H. Collens. The Dean read the prayers for the evening. The special psalms were the 122 and 125. Canon Doorly read the lesson appointed for the service beginning from the 13th verse of the Second Chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. After the evensong had been concluded his lordship the Bishop delivered a most interesting address, the purport of which we subjoin. A collection was taken up at the close of the address while Hymn 379 was sung, and this ended, the Benediction was pronounced. There is no doubt that had the day and hour appointed been more suitable there would have been a larger attendance of the Craft to celebrate an event which none of them will ever see again; but, at the same time, the whole proceedings were carried out without any hitch, and reflects credit upon those who had the conduct of affairs. One incident in the proceedings which we cannot fail to make mention of, and it is this. The venerable Bro. Conrad Stollmeyer, who could not join the procession on foot, followed it in his carriage, and was gently helped both in and out of the church by some of his brother Masons. From the time the procession started from the Temple until its return from the Cathedral, guns were at intervals discharged from the grounds of Mount Moriah.

The Bishop preached a powerful and impressive sermon from the text—"Other foundation can no man lay than in Jesus Christ our Lord," addressing the congregation from the Archdeacon's stall. He said when they went back into the far-off days of the Craft they got into a very fairyland of romance. No man could tell them how early was the date of the origin of the Craft. No man could tell them perhaps for centuries after that origin the methods and procedure adopted by those who were the forbears of the Masons of to-day. Much they knew of fable and romance gathered itself around a great deal of what was substantial and true to those far-off days, but as they came farther on in the history of the world they floundered no longer in fable or romance, but were brought face to face with a history that had scarcely a parallel in the world for greatness of work and definition of life. So far as they were able to tell with exact certainty the work of the Craft as practical builders and architects first took a really concrete form in the early part of the 10th century. At that time those who gathered themselves into lodges, went forth armed with Papal Bull and high ecclesiastical authority to give their services to people in need of them and their services almost in every case were dedicated to the building of churches. That really was the object and aim of Masonry, and many churches were still standing monuments of their noble work and devoted life. Of these the Bishop instanced the Chapels of Kilwinning and York, the great Cathedrals of St. Paul, Strassburg, and Cologne as built for the most part by Freemasons. But as time went on it was found to be a good thing to bring princes and nobles and persons of great influence into the Society that up to that time had been operative masons and by and by these persons gradually took away from Masonry its material and operative work and brought about the condition of things they now found, and Masonry to-day had left the material and operative work of the erection of buildings of wood and stone and now dedicated itself to the moral work of the building up of human life. British Masonry had essentially the two great characteristics of religion and philanthropy. He pointed out this ran through every word addressed to them when they took their Degrees. So while the times had removed from Masonry the work of practical architecture they had tried more and more to spread abroad the construction of the private life according to the text "Other foundation can no man lay than in Jesus Christ our Lord." There were certain laws defined by Ruskin as the canons of ecclesiastical architecture "sacrifice, truth, power, beauty, life, memory, and obedience," and the Bishop proceeded to show how these were no less the true canons of the philanthropic Masonry of the present day. In conclusion he said he had spoken of laws which were to a great extent ideal. Masons were but men and men in this world as a rule fell short of the heights they tried to climb, the ideals they strived to fulfil. But let them not faint nor fail even if they could not reach the higher heights; let them not be faithless or renegade even if they found themselves in this world too miserable and weak to fulfil the ideals set before them. Let them at any rate show some outward manifestation of trying to reach these ideals. British Masonry had always put these principles before it. Elsewhere, schism had crept in and as all knew not many years ago the lodge of England broke from the Orient of France, and he understood that a similar action was to be taken for the same reason by British Masonry against that of Mexico. But whatever betide Masonry in other lands and among other races let them remember their strength, their dignity, their power had been drawn from their foundation of true religion.

The following prayer, composed by Bro. Rev. Dr. Hartley, was read in the lodge room prior to proceeding to the service at the Cathedral: "Almighty God, Thou Great and Grand Architect of the Universe, Who alone understandest the mysteries of time and eternity, we bend at this time before Thine awful Throne with humble, grateful, and reverent heart, and we beseech Thee of Thy Divine Mercy to grant us Thy help without which it is impossible for man to approach Thy Holy Presence with acceptance. We have met to begin the celebration of this the centenary of this lodge. With Thee a thousand years are as a day, but a hundred years to man is a long period—so long that few men live for such a lengthened period, and of the founders of this lodge, the one who remained last amongst us died many years ago. Almighty God, we who have replaced those founders, and now carry on the great work by them begun, offer up to Thee our prayer of thanks and praise for Thine exceeding mercy and goodness in so far blessing this lodge as to enable it to celebrate its centenary. For the prosperity that has attended it in the past, and the smiling future which is now opening before it. Help us, we pray Thee, to celebrate this great day in a worthy manner. Go with us at every step we take. Be with us at the service we are now proceeding to hold in Trinity Cathedral. Help the celebrants there to officiate and to speak in the true spirit, and help us to assist and to listen in all humility, earnestness, and devotion. Be with us in lodge, and at the banquet this evening, and grant that inspired, guided, and sustained by Thee, this whole day's celebration may be accepted by Thee as an offering of sweet savour, showing forth Thine honour and glory, and calling down Thy blessing upon all who take part in it. Bless us, we pray Thee, and all who belong to us. Bless the souls of our departed brethren, especially the founders of this lodge. Have mercy upon and bless all absent brethren, especially those who are in want, suffering, and peril. Bless the cause of Freemasonry, and help Freemasons to be so in thought and deed, and not in name only. And now, Lord God Almighty, Most High and Most Merciful, to Thee we humbly ascribe power, honour, and glory, world without end.—Amen."

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

I have to-day heard from my dear friend and brother, Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary and Recorder of Maine, with respect to the Knight Templar Christmas Observance, and I have at once communicated with the Great Vice-Chancellor (Bro. C. F. Matier, K.C.T.) to lay the matter before

the Supreme Grand Master (the Earl of Euston, G.C.T.), who last year was pleased to order a most fraternal response.

Bro. Berry tells me the toast on Monday, the day after Christmas Day, 1898, at 5.0 p.m. Greenwich Time is to be—

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W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, November 29th.

THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP.

An aged pair had lost their child,
Their only hope and joy,
For Death spares neither young nor old,
He comes but to destroy.
Great was their grief, yet while they mourned,
God's word no comfort brought,
To them unknown Religions truth,
Its soothing grace unsought.

With heavy hearts, uncheered by hope,
They followed to the tomb
Their little flowret, cropped by Death,
'Ere it attained its bloom;
And whilst the grave was closing in,
On all they loved on Earth,
Ah! then, indeed, they would have found
Religion's priceless worth.

With eye of Faith, they could not see
Their child in Heaven received,
They only mourned his loss on Earth,
Only for that they grieved.
The village pastor kindly spoke,
And tried to soothe their grief;
In vain his words, they idly fell,
And brought them no relief.

The aged father wildly cried—
"Oh! urge me not to pray;
Will Heaven restore my child to life,
Thus snatched by Death away?
If God is Love, then not to me
Did God His goodness show;
Else, why inflict this sore distress,
And deal this cruel blow?"

Calmly the Man of God replied—
"Attend, and you shall hear:
Oft in the ways of Providence
Much Mercy will appear;
Weak, erring mortals, as we are,
Oh! let us not repine;
In all His acts, God goodness shows,
In all His Love Divine!

"Though aged, ye have never known
Religion's pure delight;
The sinful lives ye both have led
Were hateful in His sight;
Careless yourselves, ye would have led
Your boy from Heaven astray;
But God was pleased to call him hence,
To point you out the way.

"A shepherd once, with careful hands,
Made for his sheep a fold,
Well stored with food and pasture sweet,
Protected from the cold;
But though with kindly words he called,
'Twas all of no avail,
Though wide the gate, they enter not,
Nor words nor force prevail.

"At length, perceiving that in vain
Were all the means he tried,
He, from a sheep, removed the lamb
Reposing by her side.
Instinctive love o'ercame her fears,
She followed, and behold!
The flock by her example led,
Now enter in the fold.

"Christ is the Shepherd! Heaven the Fold!
Your boy the lamb within,
Oh! follow, then, where He has led,
And enter quickly in.
The gate is open, God invites,
His love is fully shown,
Your child from earth has been removed
To make you both His Own!"

F. W. DRIVER, M.A.

SIR ARTHUR ELLIS completes next week his period of service as Equerry to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke becomes senior Equerry. Sir Arthur Ellis will afterwards enter upon his new duties as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Lords.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1898.

The regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., but under circumstances of an especially mournful nature. One of the highest and most influential of the dignitaries of the Craft, than whom indeed, no one ever attained to so great a measure of deserved popularity, has died just at the very moment when the brethren were eagerly looking forward to his reappearance in their midst. Thus, the familiar figure, which was always greeted with so kindly and cordial a welcome, will not be there, and, instead, there will be the outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grief to which no words of ours can give adequate expression. But he will not be forgotten, nor the great services he has rendered to English Freemasonry

since the days, when as an undergraduate of Christ Church, Oxford, he obtained his earliest insight into the mysteries and privileges of our Order. The Board of General Purposes in their accustomed report refer to the "irreparable loss the Craft has sustained by the death of our beloved Pro Grand Master," and we may be sure that Grand Lodge will not fall short of the duty which now devolves upon it of giving appropriate expression to the grief by which it is actuated.

As for the programme of business which will be presented, we note in the first place a recommendation of the Board of General Purposes in favour of a grant of £500 in aid of those who have suffered by the recent hurricane in the West Indies. The Board likewise report further progress with the proposed purchase of additional premises adjoining Freemasons' Hall, and express the hope that in March next they will be in a position to submit plans for the additions it is in contemplation to make to the existing premises.

The number of new lodges for the constitution of which his Royal Highness has been pleased to grant warrants, since the quarterly communication in September, is nine. Of these three are located in London—namely, the Muswell Hill and Streatham Lodges, Nos. 2728 and 2729 respectively, and the Cutlers' Lodge, No. 2730. Four are placed in the provinces—the St. Audrey Lodge, No. 2727, Ely, in Cambridgeshire; the Grove Park, No. 2732, Bushey, in Hertfordshire; the Loyal Travellers' Lodge, No. 2733, Birmingham; and the Harlow Lodge, No. 2734, in Essex. The remaining two—the Corona Lodge, No. 2731, Johannesburg, and the United Service Lodge, No. 2735, Bangalore—will be located in the districts of the Transvaal and Madras respectively.

As will be gathered from the notices we publish in another column, orders have been issued by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, the Great Priory of the Temple, and the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, for the lodges, preceptories, and chapters, under their respective jurisdictions, and the individual members thereof, to don the ensigns of mourning for specified periods in memory of the late Earl of Lathom, who had been Grand Master of the Mark Degree from 1878 to 1881, and Grand Prior of the Order of the Temple for a long term of years, and was at the time of his lamented death, Sovereign G. Commander of the Supreme Council.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will meet in regular quarterly communication at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, the 6th inst., and from the report of the General Board, which will then be submitted, we learn that during the quarter ending the 30th September last there were issued 262 Mark and 73 Royal Ark Mariner certificates, raising the total of registered members to 38,931 in the former Degree, and 5743 in the latter. There have also been granted warrants for two new Mark lodges—namely, No. 519 for the Windsor Castle Lodge, and No. 520 for the Toowoong Lodge, Queensland. The report also announces that his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Mark Master has been pleased to re-appoint sundry Provincial and District Grand Masters for a further term of three years, among them being the late Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Past M.W.G. Master, as Prov. G. Master of Lancashire.

We beg to announce that a meeting of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., at 4.45 for 5 p.m., on Friday, the 9th instant. Subsequently there will be held a Great Priory of the Order of Malta, under the banner of the Preceptory of St. George, when such Knights Templar as may have signified their desire to be admitted will be duly installed as Knights. The business of the day will conclude with the customary banquet, which will be served at Freemasons' Tavern at 7 p.m. Tickets one guinea each.

The Report of the Council which will be submitted for the consideration and approval of Great Priory contains particulars of the Third Annual Conference of the Three Governing Bodies of the Order in the United Kingdom, which was held in Edinburgh on the 21st April, under the presidency of the Marquis of Breadalbane, Grand Master of the Chapter General of Scotland. At this conference the Grand Encampment of the United States was represented by Sir Knight

General J. Corson Smith, Past G. Commander. Towards the close of the proceedings it was agreed to recommend that the next annual conference should be held in Dublin in April of next year.

W. Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, will deliver an Historical Address on "Tylers and Tying" on Sunday, the 11th instant, at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, meeting punctually at 7 p.m., at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Sind Masonic Benevolent Association, of which Bro. Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, Pro District G. Master, E.C., and Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, is Patron, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Karachi, on the 20th August last, when the annual report was submitted and adopted and the Committee of Management elected for the ensuing year. *Apropos* of this meeting, the *Indian Freemason*, in the belief that the Association is not as well-known as it deserves to be, furnishes some very interesting particulars as to its foundation and progress and the purposes it is intended to serve.

From these particulars we gather that the Charity was instituted by the brethren of Sind at a formal meeting held in Karachi on the 13th September, 1873, and has thus been in existence for a full quarter of a century. It was intended in the first instance to afford relief to the distressed widows and orphans of Freemasonry, and so successfully was it managed that in June of the following year the accounts showed a balance in hand of upwards of 4600 rupees, of which 4000 rupees were at once, and very wisely, invested in Government Promissory Notes. In April, 1883, it was unanimously resolved to extend the benefits of the Association so as to include provision for the education of the children of those Freemasons whose means were too restricted to permit of this provision being made.

The Association is supported by the voluntary contributions of the brethren and their friends, as well as by those of the lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies in the District, a donation of 300 rupees, in sums of not less than 50 rupees, constituting the donor a Life Governor, with six votes at every election, and one of 50 rupees a Life Member, with one vote. The Association is governed by a Committee, consisting of a President and Vice-President, two Trustees, a Treasurer, Secretary, and six members, who are elected annually. It has an invested capital of 16,500 rupees, in Government Securities, and has expended in relieving 20 widows and 56 children 15,992 rupees, and on the education of 11 children over 4000 rupees, its total outlay in benefits during its career being only a little short of 20,000 rupees. It will thus be seen that the Association has done excellent service to poor brethren and the necessitous widows and orphans of deceased brethren, and we trust that it may always be in a position to meet the demands which, of necessity, are constantly being made upon its resources. It is a credit to our Sind brethren that they should have established an institution that has done so much good.

Everyone must be gratified to know that Freemasonry in Cambridgeshire is in such a prosperous condition and has latterly been making such great progress. Last week we reported the consecration by Bro. Col. Caldwell, Prov. G. Master, of a seventh lodge—less than a quarter of a century since there were only four—which bears the name of St. Audrey, and meets in the City of Ely. This week we have the pleasure of recording the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, which was held on Monday, at Cambridge, under the auspices of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441. There was a full attendance and everything appears to have passed off most satisfactorily.

By the way, the St. Audrey Lodge, No. 2727, is not the first Masonic lodge that has been established at Ely. We learn from the records of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge—as quoted by Bro. John Lane in his *Masonic Records*—that a lodge of that Society, numbered 137, was warranted in the Isle of Ely on the 5th September, 1765; but though it is mentioned in "Ahiman Rezon" of 1804, 1807, and 1813, nothing further is known about it, and for all the service it rendered to Freemasonry it might as well have never existed. However, the St. Audrey Lodge will doubtless make amends for the shortcomings of its predecessor, and when it has settled itself to its work, will we hope, prove a pillar of strength to the Craft in the Province of Cambridgeshire.

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.

A FREEMASON'S SUCCESS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a recent issue of the *Newark Advertiser* appeared the subjoined paragraph:

"A NEWARK FREEMASON'S SUCCESS.—We are glad to hear of a munificent gift which has just been made to Mr. J. Morrison McLeod, of Newark, who has been for eight years secretary to the Freemasons' Institutet for Boys. It fell to Mr. McLeod's lot at the centenary of the Institution to hand over to the Prince of Wales, who was in the chair, a cheque for £138,000, which he had been instrumental in collecting for it, and this amount by further exertions has been increased to £141,000. In recognition of his remarkable efforts, and of the brilliant way in which he has discharged his duties, the Governors and subscribers have just voted Mr. McLeod a thousand guineas, a liberal and noble reward for able and zealous work nobly performed."

Permit me to ask for information of many anxious inquirers who take, and have taken for many years an active and benevolent interest in Masonic Charities, when and where the handsome gratuity in question was granted to the "able and zealous" Secretary for "work nobly performed."

If substantially correct as reported, I purpose writing you at greater length in condemnation of that which I hold to be an unjust appropriation of money philanthropically subscribed by worthy Masons for the efficient maintenance of a noble Masonic Institution.—Yours fraternally,

SACRED CHARITY.

Nottingham Masonic Club,
November 28th.

QUALIFICATION OF P.P.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"P.P.G. Registrar" has correctly stated in your last publication that it is quite clear that by "Law 32" the First Grand Principal can request any R.A.M. to attend Grand Chapter to be invested as a Grand Officer—not being a subscribing member does not (as it appears) render him ineligible for the distinction.

But then, I contend, and this seems also the view of "P.P.G. Registrar," after having been invested by the Law 2, he cannot attend Grand Chapter, except by *special command*. It seems strange, but it is so; and cannot be altered, except by amending Law 2 or Law 32.

Your other correspondent, "C. H. W.," takes a rational view of the case, and quite proper, too—to leave it to "the dwellers on the threshold."—Yours fraternally,

Kilburn, N.W.

AN OLD P.Z.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If it is as reported by correspondents in your last two issues, that a companion has been appointed to Grand Office, not being a subscribing member, proves that so very few take sufficient interest in R.A. to make themselves efficient in such distinction.

Perhaps the companion in question has rendered some great service to the Craft to have that honour conferred upon him, which would account for the exception made in this case. Otherwise, I feel sure, that such an appointment would not have been made, except by a mistake.—Yours fraternally,

R.A.

November 29th.

ROYAL ARCH WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly inform me if it is not the custom of most chapters to print the accounts of the year, and supply every companion with a copy? I have belonged to other chapters, and it was always done, and then every companion could discuss the same; but in Bournemouth it is ruled sufficient for the Treasurer to read his own account. This, I contend, is wrong. I wrote to the S.E., and enclose his letter.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THOMAS L. WELDON, 84.

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"Cumnor, Bournemouth,
November 25th, 1898.

"Dear Sir and Companion,

"I have consulted the M.E.Z. and other Principals re your letter of 22nd inst., and beg to repeat what was stated at the last convocation—that it is not the custom in this chapter to print the balance-sheet for distribution, nor do the by-laws make any provision for so doing." If, however, the companions think it advisable or desirable, it is open for any one of them to give notice in open chapter that at a subsequent chapter he will move the addition of a clause to the by-law to that effect.

"Yours fraternally,

"FREDK. T. CUTLER, S.E.

"Comp. T. L. Weldon,
"Dillon House."

THE DUTIES OF D.C.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I hope that my Bro. D.C. will not be able to obtain any little work on the duties appertaining to a Director of Ceremonies. In my opinion we have quite a superfluity of printed works on the ritual of Freemasonry, and the "proper positions, forms, ceremonies, and honours" should be learned by a regular attendance at lodge, by a diligent observation of the work, and by a constant endeavour to reason out for one's self the hidden meaning of all our traditional ceremonies. Further help should be sought by my Bro. D.C. from skilled Past Masters, who are ever ready and willing to give the neophyte every assistance.

I hope that my Bro. D.C. will receive this fraternal advice in the spirit in which it is given, and gain for himself, as he may do, all that his duties require of him by observation, reflection, and traditional "information from a well-known brother."—Yours fraternally,

PR. G.D.C.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In answer to D. of C.'s letter in to-day's issue of your paper there is a very useful little pamphlet written by W. Bro. C. G. Withell, P.M. No. 70. I do not know the address of publisher, but the printer is J. H. Keys, Whimblestreet, Plymouth.—Yours fraternally,

H. A. GRATTON BARNETT,
Late Secretary and J.W. 1135.

Ilfracombe,
November 26th.

THE LATE BRO. SIR FRANK LOCKWOOD.

THE CLOUGHTON MEMORIAL.

The little church at Cloughton, near Scarborough, will be rich in memorials of the late Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood, who regularly worshipped there whenever he was staying at his country residence. The fund opened by the vicar for the Lockwood Memorial now amounts to £190, and the subscribers include the Earl of Rosebery, Lord James of Hereford, Lord Derwent, the Earl of Feversham, the Hon. Francis Johnstone, the Hon. Cecil Johnstone, Lord Grimthorpe, Bro. Sir Henry Irving, Mr. J. Kendal, Sir John Baron, Mr. E. W. Beckett, M.P., Mr. J. Compton Rickett, M.P., Mr. A. Morris, Mr. J. Dickens, and the Rev. R. J. Cooper.

It was at first intended that the memorial should consist of a stained-glass window in the church, but after paying for the window, there is a sufficient sum to defray the cost of a lych gate, which is now being erected, and both will be dedicated by Canon Temple, of York, on the 7th instant. The window, which is being placed in the south side of the church, illustrates the Judgment of Solomon, the subject having been suggested by a case at York Assizes, in which Sir Frank, soon after he was called to the Bar, ably defended a girl charged with having taken the life of her baby. Sir Frank was asked by the Judge to defend the girl, and his earnest and eloquent pleading won the day. At the east end of the church is a stained-glass window erected by Sir Frank to the memory of his parents, and on the wall at the north side is the brass tablet placed there by Lady Lockwood to the memory of her husband.

Craft Masonry.

St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 475.

At the November meeting there were present Bros. G. J. Wardill, W.M.; F. W. Faulkner, S.W.; S. W. Smith, J.W.; A. Grace, S.D.; A. Hayward, J.D.; W. H. McNamara, I.G.; W. E. Dipple, Org.; E. F. Green, P.M., Sec.; H. Gates, I.P.M.; H. O. Cavill, P.M.; W. L. Gates, P.M.; G. S. Duberly, P.M.; W. Hoyle, T. B. Ellery, C. Amey, and A. J. L. Evans.

The minutes having been read, Mr. E. F. Walsh received the benefit of initiation, Bro. Cavill delivering the address and explaining the working tools. The death of the Pro Grand Master (Lord Lathom) being reported, it was agreed that a letter of condolence should be prepared and forwarded to the Prov. Grand Master (Lord Amphyll) for presentation to the family. It was resolved to hold a Masonic ball in January or February next, the arrangements being left in the hands of a Committee of Past Masters.

At the customary repast which followed songs were rendered by various brethren, and a recitation by Bro. Cavill was greatly enjoyed.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Wilfred A. Bowser, W.M. (who presided); R. S. Fairbank, S.W.; W. Turner, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; J. H. Davies, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Taylor, S.D.; A. D. Jones, J.D.; J. Pollard, P.M., D.C.; J. Davidson, I.G.; W. J. Hart, Org.; E. Dickenson and E. Henry Taylor, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler; also the following members: Bros. Lake, I.P.M.; Gardner, P.M.; Lewin, Probyn-Williams, Bartlett, Barrett, Robman, Budd, Bird, Sarson, Dallas, Achfeld, Cummings, Parkin, and May. Visitors: Bros. C. Fox, P.M. 903; Smith, P.M. 1593; Shipley, P.M. 1706; Williams, 2620; Cole, 2034; and Mayne, 2682.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Charles Ryall, George Belben Flux, Gustave Isidore Schorstein, and Francis Alfred Hugh Walsh, who, together with Nadeisha Bamanji Vakil (elected at the previous meeting), were then initiated by the W.M., Bro. Bowser, the charge to the initiates being delivered by Bro. Richard Lake, I.P.M. The S.W., Bro. R. S. Fairbank, was elected Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, the Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected, the Audit Committee was appointed, and the by-laws were read. The W.M. called the brethren to order, and having addressed them in feeling terms respecting the death of the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the Organist, Bro. Hunt, played the "Dead March in Saul," and a resolution of sympathy with his lordship's family was passed. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., who then asked the brethren to accept a set of principal officers' gauntlets as a small token of his love for the lodge, and was heartily thanked for his present. The I.P.M. invested him, and he invested the Wardens with the gauntlets.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired at 7.30 to a superb banquet, served in the best style of the Café Royal, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Odenino, the manager.

Dinner being over, grace was sung by a quartette of the musical members of the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed the usual loyal toasts, and in proposing that of "The Grand Officers," referred with great regret to the omission of the name of the late M.W. the Pro G.M., and to the serious loss sustained by the Craft through his death.

The toast was drunk with silent fire.

The exquisite and most appropriate part song "The long day closes" (Sullivan) was sung in a most perfect manner by Bros. G. May, H. Parkin, H. T. Taylor, and Shapley.

Bro. H. Rose, P.G. Org., responded in appropriate terms.

After the toast of "The Health of the W.M." had been proposed in laudatory terms by the I.P.M., and received with enthusiasm,

The W.M. proposed that of "The Past Masters," and subsequently that of "The Initiates," remarking that he had that afternoon had the privilege of initiating into Masonry the largest number of candidates which any lodge was allowed to admit into the Craft on the same day—an event which was unprecedented in the history of that lodge—and that their work in lodge that day had shown that, so long as a man is of good report, true, and trusty, and believed in T.G.A.O.T.U., differences of race, of colour, of religion, and of politics, were no barrier to his admission into Masonry. He bade the initiates, one and all, a hearty welcome, and hoped they would each make such progress in the noble science as would tend to their becoming useful members of the Fraternity, and rising to positions of honour and responsibility.

The toast was received with great cordiality.
The Initiates—Bros. Vakil, Ryall, Flux, Schorstein, and Walsh—each briefly responded.
“The Health of the Visitors” was drunk, and responded to by Bro. C. Fox, P.M. 90.
“The Officers” was proposed by the W.M. in appreciative terms, he making special reference to the great assistance he had received from the Secretary, Bro. Lavies, P.M.
Bros. Lavies, P.M., and Fairbank, S.W., responded.
The Tyler’s toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.
The music contributed by the musical members during the evening was of a high class.

Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavillon, Brighton, on Saturday the 26th ult. The only business was the installation of Bro. Arthur J. Freeman, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., son-in-law of the Prov. G. Sec. The ceremony was performed in an effective manner by the out-going Master, Bro. Harry Collison, the address to the Wardens being given by Bro. Chapman Marshall, P.M., and that to the lodge by Bro. G. W. Loder, M.P., P.M. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers during the ensuing year: Bros. W. John Gilks, S.W.; H. C. Richards, O.C., M.P., J.W.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Sec.; Sir E. A. Sassoon, Bart., S.D.; G. E. Beddington, J.D.; Bruce E. Goff, D.C.; and Frank J. Sawyer, Mus. Doc., I.G. Bro. V. Rev. E. R. Currie, P.G. Chap., agreed to accept the office of Chaplain, and Bro. Alfred King, Mus. Doc., G. Org., kindly undertook to do the duties of Organist. Bro. Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Dep. Prov. G.M., was present, as was also Bro. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, Grand Superintendent, and there was a large party of visitors, including many of the W.Ms. in the province.

The banquet was supplied by Mr. D. Mutton in his usual liberal manner, and the toasts interspersed with songs by a party of charming young ladies.

Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328.

On Tuesday, the 15th ult., in the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, the installation meeting of the above lodge was held, and amongst the brethren present, in addition to the members of the lodge, were Bros. W. Cowper, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; N. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, P.G. Sec. West Yorks; J. Blenkin, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.P.G.C.; W. Sykes, W.M. 1611, I.P.M. 2677; G. Woolford, P.M. 1991; Alfred Procter, W.M. 236; J. H. Hill, S.W. 1991; W. Bean, J.W. 1611; J. Gill, J.W. 1961; G. E. Dunsford, 973; and T. F. Walton, Org. 1991.

The lodge having been opened, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. T. H. Lindberg, was duly proceeded with. The Installing Master was Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B. Eng. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. D. Rudgard, S.W.; A. G. Stevenson, B.A., LL.D., J.W.; Rev. E. Bulmer, M.A., P.P. G.C., Chap.; Herbert L. Swift, P.P.G.W., Treas.; C. E. Wood, Sec.; H. J. Rudgard, S.D.; J. Tregelles Hingston, M.R.C.S., J.D.; James Ramsay, M.D., I.G.; J. E. Jones, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; R. F. Dunnell, and C. Fry, Stwds.; and J. R. Parker, Tyler.

The annual dinner was held in the North Eastern Hotel, the catering of Bro. Halliwell giving universal satisfaction. Bro. Lindberg, W.M., presided, and in addition to the visitors at the installation there were present Bros. Dr. Martin Frohisher, S.W. 289; Smales, P.M. 1311; W. Draper, P.M. 236; Halliwell, P.M. 1611; Laughton, 236; and W. Dawson, 1611.

The W.M. read a letter from Bro. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap. Eng., regretting his inability to be present through illness. He then gave the toast of “The Queen and the Craft,” which having been duly honoured, was succeeded by “The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England,” which was also given from the chair.

Bro. Cowper, in reply, said that his response was dimmed by the fact that the Pro Grand Master then lay dead. Those who had attended Grand Lodge would remember what good the Earl of Lathom had done in the governing of the Craft. He had proved himself a governor of men, and the Craft had lost a leading light, and one they would have to mourn over for many years. (Applause.) He congratulated Bro. Lindberg on the position he had obtained in presiding over one of the first lodges in the province, one which had obtained a good record in the past, and which they would look forward to being maintained and improved under his government.

Bro. Rev. C. E. L. Wright proposed “The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire,” which was replied to by Bro. Swift.

Bro. Whytehead gave “The Memory of our Royal Founder,” and said that they would all remember the day when his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence met them in the lodge room, St. Saviourgate, and received the founder’s jewel, and expressed his delight at receiving it.

The toast was drunk in solemn silence.

Bro. Whytehead then proposed “The Worshipful Master of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328,” and spoke of the many years that he had known Bro. Lindberg, and of the high esteem in which he had always held him. He spoke of the great link of friendship and good feeling which was forged by Masonry, and defended it against the allegations from outsiders that it was a mere society for the promotion of dinners. If those people knew the money which the Freemasons bestowed in Charity they would not so readily believe that charge. Last year £140,000 was gathered for the Boys’ School, and that was a tremendous amount to be got from their Society.

The W.M., in response, thanked the lodge for putting him in that proud position. He spoke of the benefit he had found Freemasonry to be, for it had broadened his Charity and made him more tolerant and forbearing. They must all feel the deepest sympathy for Bro. J. Melrose, the I.P.M., in his hour of trial, and deeply regret the cause of his absence, namely, the serious illness of Mrs. Melrose. He proposed “The Past Masters,” and said that the position he had held was passed down to him untarnished, and he only hoped that his successor would receive the shield from him, with its brightness undimmed.

Bro. J. E. Jones acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Rudgard, S.W., proposed “The Visitors.”

Bro. Cowper responded, and said that the Albert Victor Lodge for its size was foremost in support of the Charities. During the past year six Stewardships had been taken up by the members, and he knew no lodge which came forward so generously. He explained that the £140,000 subscribed for the Boys’ School would be expended in enlarging the School premises, and would not be invested. The province of N. and E. Yorkshire sent up £500 to the annual festival. The Craft had to be congratulated not only on its wealth but on its generosity.

Bro. Procter also replied to the toast.

Bro. Shann proposed “The Officers,” which was acknowledged by Bro. Stephen-son, J.W.

The Tyler’s toast concluded the list.

During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Dawson, Laughton, and Bean.

Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165.

The first meeting of the season of this ancient lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. A. P. Crabb, W.M.; F. E. Rosher, I.P.M.; J. Woodhouse, J.W.; Henry Times, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey Sykes, S.D.; W. de B. Herbert, J.D.; H. W. Clarkson, Org.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M.; H. Bearman, W. C. Hulbert, C. J. Andrews, Joseph Ellis, F. B. Thompson, Bertram Van Praagh, Leo Norman, and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; Henry Parker, P.P.G.O.; A. L. Thompson, W.M. 2223; Chas. Woods, P.M. 2345; J. Badger Clark, P.M. 2223; J. Vaughan Sherrin, 1772; J. Percy Still, 176; D. T. Tudor, 176; Alfred Moore, P.M. 862; J. White, W.M. 176; F. H. Cheeswright, P.M. 907; T. Bentham, W.M. 1616; D. A. Bowie, 2; and Charles Collette.

After the usual opening formalities, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. There being a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M. The Secretary informed the lodge that he had received a telegram from Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, the Treasurer of the lodge, regretting that through illness he was unable to

be present; this was the more unfortunate as he was to have initiated the candidate, Mr. F. B. Thompson, M.R.C.S., his brother. Other letters of regret were received from Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Richard Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Lawrence Kellie, W. Nicholl, Herbert Grover, James Fernandez, and Louis Breitmeyer.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, which having been duly honoured,

Bro. G. E. Wainwright, P.M., at the request of the W.M., proposed the toast of “The Grand Officers, Present and Past,” and in doing so referred in touching language to the very great loss that had been sustained by the Craft by the lamented death of that noble brother, the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, a loss which could not be but deeply felt throughout the Masonic world.

Bro. W. Ganz, P.G. Org., responded in suitable terms.

The toast of “The W.M.” was proposed by Bro. Van Praagh in eloquent terms, to which the W.M. responded.

The W.M., in giving the toast of “The P.Ms.,” said that the lodge was most fortunate in having for its P.Ms. such good Masons, who were ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand with the work of the lodge. Their I.P.M. had been compelled to leave them to attend to other duties, but he had been of the greatest assistance in the working of the lodge. Of the rest of the P.Ms. they had only two present: Bros. Wainwright, who had twice passed the chair, and was father of the lodge; and Times, their esteemed Secretary.

In responding, Bro. Wainwright thanked the lodge for the “bar” to be placed on his Past Master’s jewel. He reminded the brethren of the time when the P.Ms. of the lodge exceeded in numbers the other members, and that owing to death and other causes they were now considerably in the minority.

Bro. Times, P.M., Sec., proposed the toast of “The Visitors,” and said that the name of the lodge was Honour and Generosity, and they apparently were considered to live up to the second half of the name. And it very often happened, as on that occasion, that the visitors exceeded in numbers the members present. It was a very great pleasure to see plenty of guests at the lodge, and he accorded them a most hearty welcome. He was very pleased to announce that one of them—Bro. A. L. Thompson—a brother not only of the initiate, but also of the Treasurer, had signified his desire to become a member, and he was sure that he would be welcomed by every member of the lodge.

Bros. A. L. Thompson, J. White, and Thos. Bentham responded in eloquent terms.

Bro. Charles Collette also replied, and elicited much amusement by a humorous speech.

“The Initiate” was then proposed by Bro. G. E. Wainwright.

Bro. T. B. Thompson responded in a neat little speech. He said that he was honoured by being admitted into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and was delighted with the cordial and hearty reception, which he should never forget.

The toast of “The Officers” having been duly honoured and responded to by Bro. Clarkson,

The Tyler’s toast brought the evening to a close.

An excellent musical programme had been arranged and was greatly appreciated by all present. The principal items included pianoforte solos by Bros. Ganz, P.G. Org., and Parker, P.P.G. Org., and songs by Bros. Fred Cheeswright, and C. F. Frood, and that always popular actor and entertainer, Bro. Charles Collette, who received an ovation from the brethren for some songs and stories which were heard in London for the first time.

It was close on the stroke of midnight when the brethren separated after a thoroughly enjoyable evening had been spent.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 16th ult. Bro. J. J. Soper, W.M., presided. Mr. Dobree, who had been proposed at the previous meeting, was initiated. Members present: Bros. Alderman W. V. Morgan, P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; W. Bauer, S.W.; J. Dangerfield, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. J. Walmisley, S.D.; P. Braby, J.D.; C. Braby, I.G.; J. R. Reep, P.M., D.C.; Ferry, A.D.C.; W. T. Buck, P.M., Love, and Johnson, Stwds.; F. West, P.G.D.; C. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M.; C. S. Buck, P.M.; S. V. Durdin, Maurice B. Adams, G. W. Johnson, H. G. Longden, J. L. Cartwright, R. C. Mason, and E. Loxby. Visitors: Bros. H. Hill, Howard, and Lockwood.

The brethren afterwards dined, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332.

The installation meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms of the William the Fourth Hotel, Bro. Burney’s handsome and commodious establishment, at East Greenwich. The lodge was in mourning for the late Pro G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and was opened at four p.m. by the W.M., Bro. A. Eades. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Thomas, a son of Bro. J. G. Thomas, one of the founders of the lodge, who, with the consent of the W.M., assumed the chair, and initiated his son in splendid style. We may here say, in parenthesis, that the candidate is the third of his sons that our esteemed Bro. Thomas has initiated, and there is yet another one whom Bro. Thomas intends (D.V.) to initiate in due time. Bro. Eades then re-occupied the chair, and proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. W. J. Frooms, S.W., W.M. elect, which he accomplished in admirable style. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Eades, I.P.M.; R. D. Simpson, S.W.; F. J. Simpson, J.W.; A. H. Oakley, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Huntley, Sec.; J. W. Rozier, S.D.; A. Lewis, J.D.; E. P. Carter, P.M., D.C.; D. McCall, I.G.; E. S. Cockton, Org.; F. T. Marrable, C. Greenaway, Armstrong, and W. Powley, Stwds.; and E. Spinks, Tyler. The addresses were then eloquently rendered by the Installing Officer, who was accorded a vote of thanks for his work, which he heartily deserved. The Auditors’ report and balance sheet were received and adopted. “Hearty good wishes” were tendered, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was handsomely served and was well worthy of the veteran host and his courteous staff.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. G. Thomas, P.M.; G. Burney, P.M.; J. H. Harper, P.M.; E. W. Higgs, P.M.; T. Law, J. Small, R. Blagrove, G. Burney, jun., A. Bargint, J. B. Smith, J. Hubbard, T. Shiels, J. Stephens, W. Kenny, F. J. Knight, W. Levett, J. Eades, W. Fowler, W. Christopher, H. Lethby, A. Medcalfe, J. Nixon, J. M. Barrett, C. Thomas, A. Elen, H. Austin, T. W. Kiddle, T. G. Alexander, B. Pratt, C. Coleman, E. Mills, F. Burney, G. Higgs, J. Fowler, T. Rogers, G. Litton, J. Kuck, W. B. Vines, J. H. Foster, C. Bone, and G. Scott, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. and Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; T. Heaps, P.M. 1973; Capt. G. Fishenden, P.M. 706; A. H. Bateman, P.M. 1973; H. Kearns, P.M. 140; A. Walker, P.M. 879; J. Saunders, P.M. 1507; A. Cove, P.M. 1351; T. Smith, S.W. 140; W. Bishop, 1686; D. Smith, 1382; S. Coombes, 829; F. Mack, 829; E. Taylor, 147; W. Rendall, 142; A. Durant, 13; H. Richardson, 140; and H. Flegg, 147.

The usual loyal toast of “The Queen and the Craft” having been honoured, that of “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.” followed, and the W.M. in proposing it spoke of the universal gratification felt, among Masons more especially, at hearing of the almost complete recovery of his Royal Highness from the effects of the painful accident that had for some months past made a cripple of him. He trusted their Grand Master might be spared for many years to rule and govern the Craft. (Loud cheers.)

The toast of “The D.G.M., Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,” was taken occasion of by the W.M. to express the profound sorrow they and every brother in the kingdom, and wherever the banner of the Grand Lodge of England floated, felt at the almost, he might say, untimely death of their esteemed Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom. It was not for him to attempt to say a word in praise of that splendid Mason, but those who had served under him knew his worth and regretted his loss. (Applause.)

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of “The W.M.” He said it was one of the most pleasant moments of his life to have to propose so important a toast. He congratulated the W.M. upon the admirable manner in which he had invested his officers, it was a foretaste of what they might expect during his year of office of the work he

might have to do. He felt sure that if their W.M. only had the support and assistance of his officers and the brethren, and if they brought him plenty of work, he would be found quite equal to his predecessors in the chair of that lodge. He called upon them to drink the toast heartily.

The W.M., who was cordially greeted when he rose to respond, said he could assure them that he should do his utmost in carrying out the duties of the position in which they had placed him, and he hoped to their satisfaction. Their I.P.M. had asked them to give him (Bro. Frooms) their support and assistance during his year of office, and he trusted they would, for without it no Master could expect to make his year a prosperous and successful one. He heartily thanked them for their kindness to him, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," who, the W.M. said, had performed that important ceremony in a most impressive manner. Those of the brethren and visitors who were fortunate enough to have witnessed the ceremony must have been struck with the perfect knowledge their esteemed Bro. Eades had of the work; at least, it seemed so to him (Bro. Frooms); but from the congratulations that had been showered upon Bro. Eades by the P.Ms. present, he had perfect faith that Bro. Eades had done his work to their satisfaction. He then presented Bro. Eades with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, suitably engraved, and wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it.

Bro. Eades, after the applause had subsided, said their W.M. had completely taken the wind out of his sails by his kind remarks. All he could say was that since his connection with the Borough of Greenwich Lodge he had had the most earnest desire to aid its prosperity and to reach the proud position he now held as one of its P.Ms. He was the second initiate that had occupied the chair of K.S. in that lodge, and while he did not think that he had arrived there by his own merits; he had to thank the Preceptors of their lodge of instruction for all he knew, and if he had pleased them, or at least satisfied them, by the manner in which he had that day discharged the duties of Installing Officer, it was to the instructions that he had received from the P.Ms. and Preceptors of their lodge of instruction that the credit was due. He thanked them for their presentation to him of that handsome Past Master's jewel he now wore on his breast; and if they thought he was worthy of it he should always prize it, and wear it as one of the proudest achievements of his life—that of being a P.M. of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, and wearing the jewel of that rank.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed, and the W.M., in putting it, spoke of the splendid manner in which Bro. Thomas, P.M., had that day initiated his third son; and he had assured him (the W.M.) that there was another to come presently into their lodge. If their initiate only followed in the footsteps of his esteemed father he would be a credit to the Order, and achieve the proud position his father held at the present time, not only in that lodge, but in the other Degrees in Freemasonry in which he was so well known and held prominent positions.

The candidate having suitably responded, Bros. Jolly and Saunders responded for "The Visitors," and thanked the brethren of the lodge for the Masonic treat provided for them, and also for their unstinted hospitality at the social board.

The toast of "The Charities" was given and well received, and a good account of the Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge was received with applause.

"The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, concluded a programme well carried out.

The singing was above the average, Mrs. T. Frooms, and Bros. J. Fowler, H. Simmons, A. Mathams, Capt. G. F. Fishenden, P.M.; and W. Powley, contributing to the harmony, and all went well.

Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

This lodge of architects and surveyors held its first meeting of the session at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. Bro. Walter West, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. S. Jackson, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. H. White, J.D.; Matt. Garbutt, I.G.; W. Heelis, I.G.; J. Merritt, Org.; F. W. Pearce and F. Tapper White, Stwds.; F. A. Powell, P.M.; A. F. Wrightson, G. P. G. Hills, R. G. Young, A. Oliver, C. A. Basset-Smith, W. A. Haskins, Lieut.-Col. F. S. Leslie, J. Rush Dixon, and G. Austin, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Read, G. Std. Br.; J. Williams Stevens, P.G. Supt. of Works Surrey; J. Songhurst, P.M. 227; F. W. Davis, J. F. Henley, Reg. Hughes, G. A. Lansdown, and E. B. Newton.

Bro. F. M. Walsh was passed to the Second Degree. This being election meeting, Bro. S. Jackson, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. F. R. Farrow, Treas.; and G. Austin, Tyler. A jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. The death of Bro. Montague Baldwin, M.A., was announced.

The brethren dined at the Freemasons' Tavern, omitting songs and recitations as it was the day of the funeral of the M.W. Pro G. Master.

Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432.

The installation meeting of the above lodge, which was founded for the convenience of City men engaged in the tobacco interest, was held on the 24th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Lowry, P.M. 1839, presided, and there were also present Bros. W. Klingenstein, I.P.M.; W. F. Bates, S.W., W.M. elect; Charles Ransford, J.W.; George Ransford, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Rayner, S.D.; George Emblin, P.M., D.C.; A. S. Benjamin, I.G.; W. B. Lane, Org.; Alex. Jones and H. Cosins, Stwds.; D. F. Phillips, P.M.; Alfred Simpson, J. S. Morris, J. L. Van Gelder, E. Grahner, W. Pearson, James Parkins, J. H. Custance, P.M. 795; E. Asher, Sam Cohen, G. F. Jones, Emanuel Van Raalte, Thomas H. Yeldham, William C. Lightfoot, F. Maier, H. Alberge, H. O. Winter, and Selby Klingenstein, P.M. 73. The visitors included: Bros. Benjamin Jones, 1620; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; George Elliott, 749; Charles Gammon, P.M. 704; Emil Kapp, 1668; W. Worsler, 1897; H. Raphael, S.W. 2265; and G. J. Freeman, 1613.

After the adoption of the balance-sheet and Auditors' report, the W.M. proceeded to install Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M. 1507 and 2550, the W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. W. Klingenstein, P.M., then took up the duties, and Bro. Lowry was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. C. H. I. Ransford, S.W.; Thomas Rayner, J.W.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; A. S. Benjamin, S.D.; Oscar C. Moore, J.D.; A. F. Jones, I.G.; G. Emblin, P.M., D.C.; H. Cosins, E. H. Grahner, W. C. Lightfoot, and S. Maier, Stewards; T. H. Yeldham, Org.; and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. A valuable jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Lowry, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lane for the musical entertainments he had provided for the lodge.

An elegant banquet was afterwards enjoyed, and the customary toasts followed, accompanied by a charming musical entertainment, the executants of which were Mr. T. H. Yeldham, Org., Miss Kate Rowlands, Mr. Albert J. Roberts, Miss Edith Payne, Mr. Ben Albert, Mr. A. Lucas, and Mr. Tom Mulroy.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said there was a wonderful appropriateness in the combination of the Queen and the Craft. He did not know if it had ever struck anybody that there was a close connection between the two, but the Queen was the Queen and Empress of an empire on which the sun never set, and Freemasonry was universal. Therefore such a toast as the two combined was most appropriate.

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School on June 10th, and £141,000 was collected, and no other man in the world could have raised such a sum.

The toast which last week would have been "The Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was drunk in silence, on account of the death of Bro. the Earl of Lathom. The W.M. feelingly referred to the sad circumstance, and said that it would ill become Masons if they allowed the event to pass unnoticed.

Bro. Lowry, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." (Bro. Bates), and in doing so said that when the brethren drank the health of the Dep. G. Master and the Grand Officers they did so not knowing them personally, but when the toast of the W.M. was proposed they knew that brother personally. As they were quite aware, he was the Preceptor of several lodges of instruction. With Bro. Bates's Masonic knowledge, he would be a great acquisition to the lodge as its Master. No brother could excel him, and it was to be hoped he would live long to be an honour to the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge.

Bro. W. F. Bates, W.M., replied. The I.P.M., he remarked, had referred to his (the W.M.'s) connection with lodges of instruction, and he could assure the brethren that nothing gave him more pleasure than to attend those lodges. He was very proud of being the Master of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, with which he had been connected since its consecration. He had done his best for it, and had worked through all its offices. In the appointment of officers he had studied the opinions and feelings of the P.Ms., and he thought that it was what W.Ms. elect ought to do, although the rule was that the W.M. could act as he liked. In conclusion, the W.M. proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. W. Klingenstein, P.M."

Bro. Klingenstein replied, and thanked Bro. Lowry, I.P.M., for giving him the opportunity of installing Bro. Bates as Master of the lodge. He was sure, he said, that the brethren would be satisfied with the selection they had made.

The other toasts were those of "The Masonic Charities," responded to by Bro. Parkins, the Sec. of the Masonic Charitable Association attached to the lodge; and "The P.M's., Treasurer, and Secretary."

Royal Arch.

St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 17th ult. Among those present were Comps. H. W. Clemow, P.Z., M.E.Z.; W. Farrington, H.; J. Roper Phillips, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; J. W. Gaze, P.Z., Treas.; J. Longhurst, S.N.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; T. Farthing, P.Z.; W. H. Nuding, P.Z.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey (hon. member).

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the S.E. installed Comp. W. Farrington as M.E.Z., and Comp. H. J. Lardner installed Comp. J. R. Phillips as H., and Comp. J. Longhurst as J. Comp. Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., was invested as S.E., and Comp. J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.Z., as Treasurer. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Comp. Lardner for his services as Installing Principal. Comp. W. H. Clemow was the recipient of a gold bar to his jewel in recognition of his second year's tenure of office as First Principal of 1589. Comp. F. Farrington P.Z., sent an apology for non-attendance. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.Z., who said that Comp. W. Farrington had been a good W.M. in Craft lodge, No. 1589, and he had no doubt that he would do his best for the chapter. It was always a pleasant gathering but it was of vital importance that new members should be speedily forthcoming. He (the I.P.Z.) had done his best to induce brethren to join but he had been unsuccessful.

The M.E.Z. having replied, gave "The H. and J."

Comps. Phillips and Longhurst having acknowledged the compliment, the toast of "The Installing Principal" followed.

The M.E.Z., in submitting this toast, said that Comp. Lardner was a worthy successor to the late Comp. Col. Radcliffe, who had filled the office of Installing Principal of No. 1589 up to the time of his lamented decease.

Comp. Lardner having expressed his acknowledgments in modest terms,

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. H. W. Clemow, who briefly responded.

"The Health of the Treasurer" terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable character.

Mark Masonry.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

A meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ultimo. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. B. Dodson, W.M.; R. Burleton, S.W.; E. Bond, J.W.; H. Hawkins, M.O.; F. F. Bonney, S.O.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; Alfred Tisley, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.M., Treas.; and Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.D., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. N. Clemow, P.M., sent an apology for non-attendance. The candidate for advancement was unavoidably prevented from attending. A petition to the General Board on behalf of a distressed member was unanimously signed.

The lodge was then closed; refreshment followed labour.

Bro. Alfred Tisley, P.A.G.D.C., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks, he expressed regret that the candidate had not been present that evening. Bro. Dobson had a good reputation as a worker in the Craft and Royal Arch Degrees, and he (the speaker) had no doubt that the W.M. would be equally as proficient in the Mark when the opportunity offered.

The W.M., in reply, said that he was very proud of being the Master of so pleasant a lodge as No. 238. His late brother, John Henry Dobson, was one of the original members of it, had passed the chair, and been its Treasurer for some years. He should like to see more members in it, and he hoped with the assistance of his officers and Past Masters to perform the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the members and with credit to himself.

Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham responded to the toast of "The Past Masters" in a speech of some point and humour.

The toast of "The Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. Burleton, Bond, Hawkins, and Bonney.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. T. B. Dobson, E. Bond, and A. Tisley, and the witty anecdotes of Bro. Hawkins.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this old chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., on the 11th ult. Among those present were Bros. Dr. Victor Jagielski, M.D., M.W.S.; James Speller, Prelate, M.W.S. elect; A. W. Humphreys, 1st General; T. E. Biddlecombe, 2nd General; H. J. Lardner, 30°, Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Rec.; Major A. E. Baldwin, G.M.; H. J. Adams, 30°, Raphael; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., D.C.; H. Hills, J.P.; 30°, Herald; C. Slater, C. of G.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Major J. E. Anderson, 31°, P.M.W.S.; George Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; L. Steele, C.E., 30°, P.M.W.S.; W. Biggs, W. L. Carrick, and Capt. G. T. Carpenter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. A. Calvert, W.M., Old King's Arms Lodge, and, it being unanimous, he was duly perfected by Ill. Bro. L. Steele, I.P.M.W.S. Ex. Bro. James Speller having been presented, he was installed M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. Steele. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Humphreys, Prelate; Biddlecombe, 1st General; Major Baldwin, 2nd General; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; Major Walls, Rec.; Adams, G.M.; Hills, Raphael; Dr. Lott, 31°, Org.; F. E. Roberts and Dr. J. W. Hinton, Asst. Orgs.; C. Slater, D.C.; W. Biggs, Herald; and W. L. Carrick, C. of G. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Ex. Bro. Dr. Jagielski. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to the I.S. The names of two candidates were proposed for perfection at the next meeting. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Lott, 31°; W. Maple, W. Fisher, F. F. Bonney, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and others. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice.

"The Health of the M.W.S." was fluently proposed by the I.P.M.W.S.

The M.W., in reply, expressed his thanks to the proposer of the toast for the kind manner in which he had submitted the pledge of his health. He felt exceedingly proud in occupying so high a position in so old and distinguished a body. The Rose Croix was a most beautiful and impressive Degree in Freemasonry, and although he could not hope to equal the efforts of Bro. Lardner, Steele, and others in the working of the ritual, yet he would endeavour to discharge the duties of the chair in a creditable manner, as he had striven to do in other Degrees.

The toast of "The Perfectee" followed.

Bro. Calvert, in reply, first tendered his acknowledgments to his proposer and second. He said that for some time he had looked forward to becoming a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He had been greatly impressed with the ceremony, and he hoped in time to occupy the chair of the Most Wise.

"The Health of the Past Sovereigns" was coupled with the names of Bros. D. Jagielski, F. W. Driver, Maj. Anderson, and George Graveley, who replied.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Recorder," the M.W. spoke in high terms of commendation of the all-round services of Ill. Bro. Lardner. The manner in which the duties of Treasurer were performed left little or nothing to be desired. He trusted that for many years Bro. Lardner would be spared to hold that office for the benefit of the chapter.

The toast having been duly honoured, was briefly responded to.

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Humphreys, Biddlecombe, and Major Baldwin, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was provided, under the management of Bro. Egbert Roberts, whose individual vocal efforts were highly appreciated. Bro. Driver recited his impressive poem on the Rose Croix Degree.

The Most Wise is to be congratulated on the great success that attended his installation meeting.

Caer-Daff Chapter, No. 118.

The annual meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on the 17th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the M.W.S., Bro. W. Best Ferrier, the chair was occupied by Ill. Bro. J. Munday, 30°. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This being the installation of M.W.S., Bro. John Shaw was presented by Ill. Bro. J. H. Taylor, 31°, and ably installed by Ill. Bro. J. Munday, 30°. The M.W.S. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. B. Crouch, H.P.; H. Frazer, 1st Gen.; I. Leon, 2nd Gen.; J. Munday, 30°, Treas.; J. H. Taylor, 30°, Rec.; Dr. De Vere Hunt, Marshal; L. Morgan, 30°, Raphael; G. Colman, D.C.; P. L. Atkinson, 30°, A.D.C.; G. Bedford, Herald; J. Stanfield, C.G.; C. Carlsen, 30°, Almoner; J. Sheridan, Stw.; and A. Jenkins, C.G.. The Third Point was given in complete form.

The Princes adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where the banquet was held under the Presidency of the M.W.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

This lodge had a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. F. F. Bonney, W.C.N.; Alfred Tisley, P.W.C.N.; J. Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.W.C.N., as S.; and Major T. C. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.W.C.N.; Frederic Groves, P.W.C.N., and others. The lodge was then closed.

The members dined with the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, under the genial presidency of Bro. T. B. Dodson.

The toast of "The W.C.N." was duly proposed and honoured.

Bro. F. F. Bonney replied, and expressed a hope that before he vacated the chair he should have the opportunity of elevating some candidates. The Degree was an interesting one, and deserved better recognition.

Knights Templar.

Shadwell Clarke Preceptory, No. 154.

A meeting was held at 33, Golden-square on, the 17th ult. The E. Knight Alex. Chapin, E.P., of the Hyde Preceptory, was elected a joining member. Comps. Gordon, P. G. Hills, J. Tickle, and John Kay were duly installed as Knights Templar, valuable assistance being rendered by the E. Knight W. J. Ebbetts, as the E.P., Alex. Stewart Brown, was called away by professional duties. The E. Knight, R. C. Leversidge, was elected E.P. for the ensuing year. There were present Frates H. Lovegrove, P.G.C.G., Reg.; J. Read, P.G.A.D.C., Org.; J. J. Pakes, P.E.P.; R. Knapp, H. P. Hay, P.E.P.; Chapman, and others. The E. Knight J. Songhurst was a visitor.

Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. Present: Bros. C. Pinnell, W.M.; A. Zeppenfeld, S.W.; H. Raphael, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Howard E. Mullins, Sec.; W. Fisher, S.D.; R. Hatfield, J.D.; B. Bidgood, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; T. W. Smale, P.M.; T. A. Tidy, S. Isaacs, M. Beedle, J. Leather, C. Glaser, T. Farrar, and J. Goldstein.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Isaacs being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony

of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Leather being the candidate. The lodge then resumed to the First Degree, and questions of the Second Lecture were answered by the J.W. The W.M. rose for the first time. At the second rising, Bro. Zeppenfeld, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford street, when there were present Bros. T. S. Melville, W.M.; F. Aris, S.W.; Jas. Barnett, J.W.; H. G. Holland, P.M., P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor; R. H. Nicholls, Treas.; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; H. Ramsbottom, S.D.; J. B. Schrader, J.D.; J. W. Harrison, I.G.; A. M. Taylor, J. Lamb, C. G. Ridgway, C. T. W. Drake, J. W. Hunt, and J. Wymaan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lamb acting as the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ridgway acting as the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and then resumed to the First, and afterwards closed.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

LORD KITCHENER AS A FREEMASON.

On Thursday, the above lodge entertained Bro. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum at a luncheon at the Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., after he had concluded his visit to the City. The lodge was opened in the saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, which is its warranted place of meeting, and the W.M., Bro. Gerald Maxwell (son of "Miss Braddon," Mrs. Maxwell), presided. Lord Kitchener was a founder of the lodge when it was warranted in 1885, and he has continued to be a member ever since. The meeting of Thursday was not one of the lodge's ordinary meetings, but was what is called an "emergency," for passing to the Second Degree Bro. John N. P. Barrett, and there were present at the lodge or banquet:

Bros. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum; Rt. Hon. the Earl of Londesborough, P.M. P.S.G.W.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; Robert Grey, P.G.W.; John Strachan, O.C., G. Reg.; Dr. Lawrence, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. J. Thomas, P.A.G. Std. Br.; W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; J. C. Parkinson, P.M.; Sir Henry Isaacs, P.M.; J. H. Matthews, Pres. Bd. of Ben.; J. Fernandez, P.M.; Fredk. Mead, Oscar Barrett, P.M.; Lionel Rignold, J.W.; Thos. Catling, P.M., Treas.; Harry Nicholls, P.M., Sec.; Arthur Collins, J. H. Barnes, H. Brickwell, Herbert Campbell, John Parker, Charles Coote, Vernon Dowsett, Ernest Collins, Harry Randall, E. Roehrich, F. Bromwich, J. P. Harrison, Fred Terry, F. H. Macklin, W. J. Fisher, Harold Burke, Linton Munday, A. G. Neville, A. G. Duck, Murray Carson, Lewis Waller, Percy Lyndal, C. C. Cruickshanks, H. Massey, Herbert Leonard, W. J. Holloway, I.P.M. 1319; — Harris, W.M. 2488; Sydney Smith, Ald. Frank Green, — Manuel, Lord Athlumney, Lionel Brough, J. B. Mulholland, W. Lestocq, Captain C. Robinson, F. Rendle, Neil Forsyth, Clarence Coggin, B. Jackson, L. Bradfield, G. Burgin, Oscar Dibb, Templar Saxe, T. Northcote, J. Catling, Richard Green, Tatham Armitage, W. Pilcher, Le Roy Lewis, Cochrane Taylor, H. Lloyd, F. Catling, W. B. Clarkson, Nye Chart, Powell, Henniker Heaton, Grimston, J. P. N. Barrett, W. H. Denny, W. Wilson, A. Reis, E. Lawford, W. Power, W. A. Baskcomb, Rashleigh Phipps, Passmore Edwards, H. Williams, Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Kermack, E. Braine, H. Guarrimo, F. V. Green, T. H. Bolton, Walter Slaughter, Leigh Count de Haming, Ricardo Seaver, Sir Bryan Leighton, H. G. Hibbert, Ernest Flower, M.P., William Freeman, Gen. Hale Wortham, E. R. Bartley Dennis, F. T. Davies, Dr. Robson Roose, J. P. Fitzgerald, and others.

Before the business of the lodge was commenced, the W.M. rose and said: Brethren, although this is an emergency meeting and we can only perform the particular work for which we are called together, there is one painful duty that we must perform. It is painful because we are moved only by feelings of sympathy. The badges of mourning we wear remind us that we have lost the most distinguished Mason in Masonry after our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and I am rising to ask you to pass a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Lord Lathom, who was our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, but is no more. You all feel, I am sure, what a debt we owe to that great man whose illustrious presence has been taken from us. You all feel the same regret that that grace-

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ful figure is no more within these peaceful walls. I shall, therefore, only ask our Immediate Past Master, R.W. Bro. Lord Lonsborough, who had a more intimate knowledge of Lord Lathom who has left us than I had, to second the motion, because it will come with more weight than anything I, a very humble beginner in Masonry, might say.

Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough, P.S.G.W.: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—It is with very great regret that I feel myself called upon to second this resolution. Our late M.W. brother was a very great friend of mine. I knew him from the time when he was a very young man, and in all the relations of life which he filled nothing could be done better than he did. He was a Mason of very high rank, and he also held high office under the Crown, and as a great Mason, and also having a great stake in the country, it is impossible to over-estimate the part he took in the affairs of life. Not only among us Masons here present, but also Masons in all parts of the country, there is but one feeling of regret at his loss.

The motion was put to the lodge by the SENIOR WARDEN, and carried unanimously.

After the ceremony of passing Bro. Barrett had been performed by the W.M., the brethren closed the lodge and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to luncheon, at which Bro. Gerald Maxwell presided, having Bro. Lord Kitchener on his immediate right, and Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough on his left.

A few toasts were proposed after the luncheon, the first being "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master."

Bro. MAXWELL, W.M., in proposing the next toast, said the toast of the Grand Officers reminded him that their R.W. Bro. Lord Kitchener had an engagement. His Lordship had many engagements, and had the faculty of keeping them all. He (the W.M.) would not care to be the man who had a warlike engagement with their most distinguished brother. The brethren all appreciated the great honour Bro. Lord Kitchener had paid to English Freemasonry that day by coming amongst them. He had found time to come from other gatherings to take part in a gathering of English Freemasons, and he had chosen to do that in his own lodge. Although he had given his time and most



BRO. LORD KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM.

distinguished services to Freemasonry, he preferred to remain an ordinary member of that lodge instead of having preferment conferred upon him in a lodge. That was a paradox for the members of any lodges, for notwithstanding Lord Kitchener was an ordinary member of this lodge, he would always be a most distinguished member of any gatherings of men. It would be out of place there to utter eulogies upon the past achievements of Bro. Lord Kitchener in war. That had been done authoritatively by the war Lords in England. All the brethren knew that Bro. Lord Kitchener was a born leader of men, a magnificent strategist and one of the greatest organisers this world had ever seen. (Applause.) Whenever Lord Kitchener said he would do a thing, the thing was done. Lord Kitchener had told them that it was his intention to carry the influence of Masonry into the very heart and centre of the realm which he had reconquered to civilisation, and when he said the influence of Masonry, he meant light. Lord Kitchener would take light from England and communicate it abroad, for they flattered themselves that there was in England a spirit of civilisation, which sprung up ages ago, and was now revived in those heroes who were like their brother, Lord Kitchener. His lordship had come to that meeting direct from another, where he had succeeded in collecting over £50,000 for establishing a Gordon Memorial College in Egypt—(great applause)—and he (the W.M.) called upon the members of the Drury Lane Lodge and other brethren present to spread that throughout Masonry that day. He then presented to, and asked Bro. Lord Kitchener to accept, the jewel of a founder of the Drury Lane Lodge, of whom he was one. (Applause.)

Bro. Lord KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM, who was received with several rounds of cheering, in response, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—It gives me the very greatest pleasure to meet the brethren of the lodge which I first joined in England, and I thank you all very much for the hearty greeting you have given me. I cannot follow the Worshipful Master in his very eloquent address and the too flattering terms in which he has alluded to myself. ("No, no.") I must apologise for not being able to attend the lodge meeting. I was, as the Worshipful Master has said, engaged with other work, but practically also that was the work of Masons—(hear, hear, and cheers)—and I was not unprofitably engaged, as he

has already told you. (Laughter and cheers.) Brethren, I shall always remember the very kind greeting you have given me on this occasion, which has been, I am sorry to say, the first time I have been able to meet the members of the Drury Lane Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. GERALD MAXWELL then said the next toast he had to announce was one which always recommended itself to the members of the Drury Lane Lodge—it was that of "The Visitors." The Drury Lane Lodge was always pleased to see visitors, they always appreciated the honour they did the lodge by coming among the members, and the lodge always endeavoured as far as possible to offer them a most hearty welcome. The Grand Officers and visitors they had that day honoured the Drury Lane Lodge, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg., and Bro. W. J. Fisher, Secretary of the Savage Club Lodge.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., in reply, said that on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, he could not forget that they were all Grand Officers, and other members of the Craft, they were under a deep cloud of sorrow which the death of the highest Grand Officer under his Royal Highness the Grand Master had caused to them. The one thing that was in the breast of every Mason was this feeling that Lord Lathom, the Pro Grand Master, exemplified in his life the Masonic saying that a good Mason must be a good man. Lord Lathom was a good Mason; he was a good man. The Drury Lane Lodge might be proud of having such Past Grand Officer as it had in Lord Lonsborough, and a name that was received last year on the occasion of the Masonic Diamond Jubilee Festival at the Albert Hall which such enthusiastic cheers when it was announced that the Past Grand Rank of Grand Junior Warden was conferred upon Sir Herbert H. H. Kitchener. His work had not then been accomplished, but every brother in the Albert Hall knew that whatever the circumstances were Bro. Kitchener was the man to make circumstances bend to his will—(cheers)—and he did it too. (Renewed applause.) Now, speaking first of all on behalf of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, he would say those brethren thanked most heartily the W.M. and brethren of the Drury Lane Lodge for affording them this opportunity of being present at such a representative gathering of Englishmen. They had been entertained with that cordiality which they all knew belonged to the Drury Lane Lodge pre-eminently. Coming, as he did, from a professional lodge—his mother lodge, the Lodge of St. Asaph—it was a pleasure to meet the brethren of the Drury Lane Lodge, another professional lodge, and it had given him great satisfaction to see the way in which the W.M. had performed his duties in lodge. It was a treat to find the brethren of their profession consecrate their elocutionary powers to Freemasonry; it was a double pleasure when he found the brother to be passed was one whom he had not seen since that fellow Craft was a baby—the son of Bro. Oscar Barrett, and he was glad to see that the father was also present. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. J. FISHER (*Daily Chronicle*), Sec. 2190, said it would be more than ungrateful on his part if he did not respond with much cheerfulness after so copious a luncheon; but really he felt in the position of an Under-Secretary of State who was asked a question in the House when he had not been primed by the permanent officials. He thought he should have had previous notice. There were many things he should like to say, without unduly taxing the patience of his audience, but which would naturally occur to him as he was going home. No speech, he supposed, that had ever been made in the presence of the distinguished guest of the afternoon, however relevant it might have been to his own personality, had passed without some reference to him, so struck by the Kitchener ideal, that he should like to say many things which had been extended. So late as last night a paper he was not remotely connected with had sent to it a record of Lord Kitchener's doings since he landed in England on his return from the Soudan. (Laughter.) The knowledge that he was to see Lord Kitchener in the flesh, of whom from Bro. Charles Williams he had heard so much, completely paralyzed him, and, therefore, the reception of Lord Kitchener at dinners, freedoms, luncheons, honorary degrees, and what not, were not to him so much as to see him not only ruddy and well, but to see that he was alive, and to be restored. (Laughter.) From what he had heard of Lord Kitchener's character, he was not sure that he was not wishing to be back in the peace and quietness of the Soudan. (Cheers.) Like Mr. Dick's reference to King Charles's head, this perhaps was out; it was entirely irrelevant to the toast; but, to turn to that, he thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren for the toast of "The Visitors." It was not a little difficult to himself because he regarded himself not much like a visitor in this lodge; he was there so often as there was an association between that lodge and the Savage Club Lodge, a cognate lodge, with which the Drury Lane Lodge had a reciprocal—a sort of international—exchange of courtesies that put them on the same plane. Whether they belonged to that lodge or to the Savage Club Lodge, every visitor would go away feeling that he had lived through an event—a real and undoubted event—an event which would make a distinct mark on his passage in life, and with that feeling in their hearts he felt he should be echoing the feelings of every visitor present when he tendered to the W.M. and brethren of Drury Lane Lodge their most grateful thanks for their satisfied, responsive, and more than sympathetic hearts.

The proceedings then closed.

Craft Masonry.

Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110.

This, the oldest Eastbourne lodge, assembled on Monday, the 28th ult., the principal business being the installation of Bro. Frederic R. Terson to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. The proceedings took place in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, a dispensation for this purpose having been granted by the Grand Lodge. A large gathering of members and also of visiting brethren testified to the special interest in the installation ceremony, which was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. A. Oakden. Among the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge present were Bros. A. A. Oakden, W.M.; J. Welch, I.P.M.; Fred. R. Terson, S.W.; H. C. Pocock, J.W.; Rev. W. N. Willis, Chap.; J. Creighton, Sec.; J. Andrews, S.D.; G. Fowler, D.C.; F. Dive, I.G.; J. Easter, Org.; F. Pike, Stwds.; F. Bolton, P.M.; Sutton, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Tomes, P.M.; C. Warwick Tomes, P.M.; C. Haine, P.M.; Prov. J.G.W.; H. Sutton, P.M.; A. H. Maryan, P.M.; T. W. Dean, P.M.; A. J. Howard, P.M.; and J. H. Wright, P.M.; F. Schreiner, A. C. Dymham, R. H. Trickey, W. Davies, R. H. Sutton, E. Boys, J. Tolhurst, H. Thwaites, A. J. Beeny, D. Dendy, C. Virgin, F. A. Bourne, J. Cramer, G. Gasson, A. E. Smith, P. J. Marchant, and many visitors.

Bro. Terson having been duly installed, he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. A. A. Oakden, I.P.M.; H. C. Pocock, S.W.; J. Andrews, J.W.; Rev. W. N. Willis, Chap.; H. Sutton, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Jas. Creighton, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Frederick Dive, S.D.; Frederick Pike, J.D.; George Fowler, P.P.G.P., D.C.; John Easter, P.P.G.O., Org.; A. Smith, I.G.; R. H. Trickey and H. Thwaites, Stwds.; C. H. Haine, P.J.G.W., Charity Stwd.; and W. Pennington, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the Gildredge Hotel, where the usual installation banquet took place under the presidency of the new Worshipful Master.

An elegant repast was followed by a well-arranged programme of toasts and music, the latter department being under the management of Bros. J. Easter and F. B. Sutton.

MOURNING ROSETTES.

CRAFT CLOTHING.

The following Order has been issued by the Grand Secretary:

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

"HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

"In consequence of the much-lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, an event which has occasioned the profoundest sorrow to every member of the Craft, by whom he was so greatly beloved, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of six months from this date.

"The mourning to be worn by Brethren individually to be as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past, Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badges, and One at the point of the Chain or Collar, just above Jewel; Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons, Three Black Crape Rosettes on Badge; and Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices, Two Black Crape Rosettes at the lower part of the Badge. White Gloves.

"By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., November 22nd, 1898."

"E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary.

ROYAL ARCH CLOTHING.

The following Order has been issued by the Grand Scribe E.:

"SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

"HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.E.Z.

"In consequence of the much-lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.E. Pro Grand Z., an event which has occasioned the profoundest sorrow to every member of the Craft, by whom he was so greatly beloved, it is ordered that the Grand Chapter and all subordinate chapters be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of six months from this date.

"The mourning to be worn by companions individually to be as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past, Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the aprons, and One at the point of the Collar, just above Jewel; Principals, Past Principals, and Companions, Three Black Crape Rosettes on the Apron. White Gloves.

"By command of the M.E.Z.,

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., November 22nd, 1898."

"E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E.

MARK CLOTHING.

The following Order has been issued by the Grand Mark Secretary:

"GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

"H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

"In consequence of the much-lamented death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Past Grand Master, it is ordered that Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of three months from this date.

"By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

"C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P.G.W., Grand Secretary.

"The mourning to be worn is as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past, Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badge, and One at the point of the Chain or Collar, just above the Jewel. Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren, Three Black Crape Rosettes on Badge as above, and One on the point of the Collar in cases where the latter is worn. White Gloves. Pedestals and candlesticks to be draped in black.

"Mark Masons' Hall, London, W.C., 24th November, 1898."

KNIGHT TEMPLARS' CLOTHING.

The following Order has been issued by the G.V.C.:

"THE GREAT PRIORY OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

"H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., G.C.T., SOVEREIGN.—ORDER FOR MOURNING.

"In respect of the memory of the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., formerly Very High and Eminent National Great Prior, who departed this life on the 19th November, 1898, all Knights are directed to wear mourning for the space of six weeks, when attending Great Priory, Provincial Priorities, or Private Preceptories.

"The Riband and Star to be covered with a Crape Scarf, and each Knight to wear a Bow of Crape on the Hilt of his Sword.

"Dated this 24th November, 1898, at Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

"By command of the Most Eminent Grand Master.

"C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G.V.C."

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THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33RD DEGREE.

The following has been issued by the Lieut. Grand Commander:

"Dear Sir and Brother,—It is with profound sorrow that the Supreme Council have to announce the death of M. Ill. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household and a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, Pro Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, which took place on the 19th of November, at Lathom House, Ormskirk. He filled the important office of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander from the 11th October, 1876, working with constant zeal for the good of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and it is hardly necessary to dwell on the merits of one who held such a prominent position in English Freemasonry, and who was so widely known and universally beloved. The members of the Supreme Council with whom the deceased was so intimately associated for so many years are confident that the whole body of Freemasons will share their grief at the loss of so valued a ruler, who will always be remembered with affectionate regard. As a mark of respect to his memory the Supreme Council direct that all Chapters under their jurisdiction shall appear in mourning for three months from the date of his death.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"33, Golden Square, London, W.,

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"NATHL. GEO. PHILIPS, 33°, Lieut. Grand Commander.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM has become a Vice-President of the Bethnal Green Free Library, in the place of the late Sir Sidney Webb.

BRO. JUDGE BAYLIS, Q.C., has been elected Treasurer to the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple for the ensuing year, in succession to Mr. Inderwick, Q.C.

BRO. SIR SQUIRE BANCROFT will give a recital at the Wandsworth Town Hall on Tuesday, the 6th inst., on behalf of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath.

A DONATION of 25 guineas has been sent by her Majesty the Queen, through Bro. Gurney Randall, Past Master of the Butchers' Company, to the Butchers' Charitable Institution.

THE ANNUAL REGIMENTAL DINNER of the 4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment will take place at the Grand Hotel on Friday, the 9th inst., H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge presiding.

BRO SIR HENRY IRVING's condition has improved so much that he will leave Glasgow at the end of this week for Torquay. He is now able to sit up most of the day, and his strength is returning.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, with Bro. the Duke of Athol and the Duke of Buccleuch, have been the guests of the Earl of Ancaster, at Grimsthorpe Castle, Bourne, Lincolnshire.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Russian Ambassador and Madame and Mdlle. de Staal, left the Russian Embassy, on Saturday evening last, on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at Hatfield.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR HORATIO D. DAVIES, K.C.M.G., will leave London on Friday, the 9th inst., for a sojourn in Egypt. Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, the new Viceroy of India, is a passenger by the same steamer.

IT IS OFFICIALLY announced that on the occasion of the Jubilee of his Majesty the Emperor-King of Austria-Hungary a "Te Deum" will be celebrated at the Church of St. Mary's, Chelsea, S.W., at 11.0 a.m. to-day (Friday).

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, with Princess Victoria and Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife), attended by Miss Knollys, General Sir Dighton Probyn, Major-General Sir A. Ellis, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, were present at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, in the Park, Sandringham, on Sunday morning last.

THE ALDERMANIC VACANCY.—For the vacancy created in Langbourn by the acceptance of the sinecure of Bridge Without by Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., Dr. Crosby, who has been a representative of the ward on the floor of the Court for the past 21 years, and Bro. Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, L.C.C., are candidates. Mr. Henry Clarke, C.C., is also spoken of as a possible candidate.

THE PRIME MINISTER came to London from Hatfield on Monday in order to preside over the Cabinet Council, which he had summoned to meet at the Foreign Office in the afternoon. Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, and most of the other Ministers who were out of town returned in time for the meeting, but neither Earl Cadogan nor Bro. Lord Ashbourne could make it convenient to attend.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT and their two daughters, the Princesses Margaret and Patricia, and their suite, arrived at Florence from Paris on Monday evening, Sir Philip Currie, the British Ambassador, being present at the station to meet them. Their Royal Highnesses drove immediately to the Villa Cedri, about two miles outside the San Nicolo gate, where they have taken up their residence.

THE EAST TERRACE at Windsor Castle was opened, by the Queen's command, on Sunday afternoon last, when the bands of the Scots Guards and 2nd Life Guards played opposite her Majesty's apartments. The weather was fine, and many residents of Windsor and Eton and visitors were admitted to the Royal grounds. Prince Leopold and Prince Maurice of Battenberg, Bro. Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, General Clerk, and Major the Hon. H. C. Legge were among the company.

THE QUEEN went out on Saturday morning last, attended by the Hon. Ethel Cadogan, and in the afternoon her Majesty, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess of Battenberg, drove out, attended by Viscountess Downe. Captain Baron von Luttwitz and Captain Coerper (the Military and Naval Attaches at the German Embassy), Colonel Hatton, C.B., Grenadier Guards, and Lieut.-Col. C. G. Collingwood, C.B. (recently employed on active service in the Sudan), arrived at the castle, and had the honour of dining with their Majesties the Queen and the Empress Frederic.

BRO. J. E. SHAND, P.M., P.Z., Registrar of Westminster, has been presented with a handsome massive marble timepiece, subscribed for by some of his old Westminster friends, Freemasons and others. The presentation was made by Bro. Frank Todman (of Messrs. Bertram and Co.), chairman, and W.M. of the Abbey Lodge (Westminster), No. 2030. An inscription on the gold plate upon the clock was as follows: "Presented to J. E. Shand (John) by some Westminster friends in recognition and appreciation of many years' friendship, and to commemorate his attaining his sixtieth birthday, 1898."

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new Christ Church, Brixton-road, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Her Royal Highness will afterwards open a Church Sale, in aid of the rebuilding fund, in the new Church Hall. On the following day the sale will be opened by Bro. Lord Kinnaird, and on Thursday afternoon by Bro. the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, M.P. Princess Christian is to christen the new battleship Irresistible, which is to be launched at Chatham on Thursday, the 15th inst., the interesting event being fixed one day later than the date originally proposed, in order to suit her Royal Highness's convenience.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER arrived in Edinburgh on Monday evening, having left Sandringham on the conclusion of his visit to T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales in the morning. On his arrival at the Waverley Station the Sirdar was loudly cheered by a large crowd. His lordship, however, did not alight from the train, but continued the journey to Dalmeny, where he remained overnight as the guest of the Earl of Rosebery. Among the guests invited to meet him were Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane, the Earl and Countess of Hopetoun, Lord Moncrieff, Lord Provost Mitchell Thomson, the Lord Justice-General, the Lord Justice Clerk, the Lord Advocate (Mr. Graham Murray, Q.C., M.P.), Sir William Muir, Mr. J. B. Balfour, Q.C., M.P., General Chapman, Major-General Sir William Gatacre, Colonel Macdonald, R.E., and others.

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.

THE DUCHESS OF FIFE has returned to Portman-square on the conclusion of her visit to T.R.H. Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

THE MARGATE SURF-BOAT Friend to all Nations was lost at sea early on the 1st inst. on the anniversary of the day last year when she was capsized, and when nine out of 13 of her crew were drowned. On this occasion no lives were lost.

BRO. MAJOR-GENERAL LORD KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM, attended by his aide-de-camp (Captain Watson) and Commander John Keppel, R.N., arrived at Sandringham on Monday last on a visit to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

AT A MEETING of the Tewkesbury (St. George's) Lodge, Bro. Ralph Chandler was presented with a massive gold Past Master's jewel by the brethren of the lodge, in recognition of their esteem and regard of the useful Masonic work he has done during the last 21 years. The presentation was made by Bro. G. Banaster, the W.M.

AN APPEAL has been issued by the Executive Committee of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund to all those living in or making use of the Metropolis for help in extending the operations of the fund before the close of the year. They state that a further sum of £30,000 is required to meet the minimum necessities of the London hospitals for the present 12 months.

THE INSTALLATION of the Worshipful Master of the Vale of Catmose Lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Crown Hotel, Oakham, on the 24th ult., the new Master being Bro. Jno. Furley. There were representatives from Melton, Leicester, and Stamford, present, in addition to the local members. A banquet followed the business, the catering of Host Ben Furley being all that could be desired.

A MOST successful meeting of merchants, bankers, and others in furtherance of the Sirdar's project for the establishment of a Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum was held on the 1st inst. at the Mansion House, the principal speakers being Bro. Lord Kitchener and Lord Rosebery. After the meeting Bro. the Lord Mayor opened a Mansion House Fund, and made an appeal in support of the movement.

AT THE NEXT meeting of the Common Council Mr. Morton will move a resolution in favour of the adoption of the telephone (for the police). The court can scarcely fail to readily acquiesce in the proposal to render the equipment of the police up-to-date. Many provincial towns, possessing but a 20th part of the population of the City, have had the headquarters of the police connected with the telephone for years.

AN INTERESTING collection of war medals, numbering about 170 lots, was sold at Messrs. Debenham, Storr and Son's rooms in Covent Garden on Wednesday. A rare naval medal for an engagement between the Chesapeake and Shannon realised £28. A Waterloo medal was sold for £8 10s.; one bestowed for the Indian Mutiny brought £6 10s.; an East India Company's gold medal for Ceylon fetched 27 guineas.

A COMMITTEE of Virginia Freemasons recently visited President McKinley in order to secure his co-operation in the celebration of the centenary of General Washington's death next year. The Committeemen from Mount Vernon said they were not without hope that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales might be induced to attend the meeting. President McKinley replied with evident pleasure—"Certainly. We should be glad to have him with us. We could entertain his Royal Highness at the White House as on the occasion of his previous visit to America. Yes, invite him."

THE OFFICERS of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment were in the fortunate position of being able to congratulate themselves over the victory at Omdurman in a bumper of champagne. Owing to the foresight of their mess president, each officer's kit included a bottle of Moët's Dry Imperial. On the morning of the battle the store was carefully placed in a desert pool, so that after the hard day's work it was cooled to a nicety. This was the first occasion for many years that the pop of a champagne cork had been heard in the Sudan.—*Wine Trade Review*.

WE REGRET to announce the death of Bro. Sir William Earle Welby-Gregory, fourth baronet, which occurred at Denton Manor, near Grantham, on Saturday afternoon last. The deceased was born in 1829, educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. In 1875 he succeeded to the title, assuming in the following year, like his father, the surname and arms of Gregory. Sir William represented Grantham from 1857 to 1868, his three predecessors in the baronetcy having respectively sat for the same constituency. From 1868 to 1884 he represented South Lincolnshire.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. AND SHERIFF PROBYN was, on the 23rd ult., entertained at dinner at the Hotel Cecil by a large number of private friends, in celebration of the Civic and Masonic honours which have been bestowed on him by his appointment as Sheriff of London and his election to the office of Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons. Bro. the Earl of Euston presided. A handsome service of silver was presented to Bro. Colonel Probyn during the evening, and in the course of his acknowledgment he said that there was a large balance over the cost of another presentation that had been made to him, and that he should hand that over to the Masonic Charities.

BRO. SIR ALBERT WOODS (the Garter King of Arms) and Lady Woods celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding day on Thursday. Sir Albert Woods received his appointment as a member of the Heralds' College in July, 1838, but the first public ceremony he took part in was the funeral of the Duke of Gloucester in November, 1834. As he was born in 1816, he is now in his 82nd year. Lady Woods is a daughter of the late Mr. Robert Cole, of Rotherfield, in Sussex. Sir Albert succeeded his father, the late Sir William Woods, as Garter King of Arms, and received his K.C.B. in the Diamond Jubilee year.

A COPY of this paper containing Dr. Chas. Forshaw's sermon on the death of Lord Lathom having been sent to her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Queen has been graciously pleased to accept and acknowledge the same, and the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the English Freemasons, has instructed Sir Francis Knollys to send Dr. Forshaw the following letter: "Sandringham, Norfolk, November 29, 1898.—Dr. Forshaw, Sir,—I have submitted your letter, and enclosed to the Prince of Wales, and I am by desired His Royal Highness, in reply, to thank you for the copy of verses which you have been so good as to send him.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant, FRANCIS KNOLLYS."

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY visited the Welsh Girls' School, Ashford, Middlesex, on Saturday, and was received by Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; the Dean of St. Asaph, G. Chap.; Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap. (Chaplain to the School), and Alfred H. Bevan, P.P.G.R. Bucks. Her Royal Highness accepted a bouquet presented by Miss Ida Bevan, and afterwards attended a service, when she unveiled a brass in the new chapel which has been erected at the sole cost of Bro. A. H. Bevan. Bro. the Dean of St. Asaph expressed the thanks of the Governors and children, assuring the Duchess that the pleasure which her visit had given would extend far beyond the confines of the School, and that parents and old pupils in the Principality of Wales and all parts of the British Empire would be grateful for the kindly interest she had taken in the work of the School.

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