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## THE BOYS' SCHOOL CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Centenary Festival in June last of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday. Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., Treasurer of the School, presided, and, in addition to the members of the Board of Management, who were in full force, there may have been about 100 brethren present. A very satisfactory audited statement of account was read by the Hon. Secretary, and from this it appeared that the receipts amounted to over £8000, and the expenditure to about £6,200, the balance remaining in hand being £1850. The account was approved and adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes of the proceedings, and it was subsequently resolved that the statement should be printed and a copy sent to every member of the Board of Stewards. A motion to vote 25 guineas for the purchase of a couple of house champion cups for cricket and football having been adopted, it was unanimously agreed amidst hearty cheers that, subject to the payment of any just claims that might hereafter be made upon the fund, the whole of the balance aforementioned should be handed over to the Institution. A vote of condolence with the family of the late lamented Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, G.C.B., Pro G. Master, who was President of the Board, was proposed in kindly and sympathetic terms by the Chairman and adopted in silence, and then amid hearty votes of thanks all round, the meeting separated, and the Board of Stewards at the recent Centenary Festival became a thing of the past.

While we sincerely congratulate the late Board upon the satisfactory presentment that was laid before them on Tuesday, there are just one or two points which appear to need explanation. In the first place, why did the Board of Management, with so large a balance remaining in hand of the Stewards' Fee Fund, go out of their way to vote *honoraria* to the Secretary and his staff out of the funds of the Institution? The existence of this large balance of £1850 must have been known approximately—say, to within £50 or £100—certainly a month after the Festival was held. The Board of Stewards would have quite as handsomely recognised the great services rendered them by their said Hon. Secretary and staff,

and there would have been no reversal of the policy deliberately adopted nine years ago—that the money subscribed to the Institution should be devoted to the purposes for which it was subscribed. In the second place, why was not the meeting held three or four months ago? The account which was submitted was very simple, consisting of, perhaps, half-a-dozen items of receipt and about 20 or more of expenditure, and could not have taken six months to prepare.

## TEMPLAR G. ENCAMPMENT, U.S.A.

Our old friend *The Masonic Review* of Cincinnati, which we have not had the pleasure of greeting for some considerable time, has turned up again, and receives, as it deserves, a most cordial welcome. It claims to be the "oldest Masonic publication in the world;" but it is not the age of a review or journal that we concern ourselves about so much as the contents, and, as regards these, the *Review* will compare very favourably with its contemporaries, the November number containing much valuable editorial matter, plenty of news, and reports of meetings, in some cases derived from other Masonic periodicals. Among the last mentioned is a highly interesting account from the *American Tyler* of the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment of the Order of the Temple in the United States, which was held in Pittsburg, Pa, on the 10th—14th October last, under Sir Knight WARREN LA RUE THOMAS, M.E. Grand Master. The chief value of this account, however, is to be found in the introductory portion, in which particulars are given of early American Templary, and the career traced of Grand Encampment, U.S.A., itself from its establishment in 1805. As regards early American Templary, an extract is given from the minutes of the St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, of Boston, Massachusetts, of the first recorded meeting, which was held in the Masonic Hall on the 28th August, 1769, when, so far as evidence has been handed down to us, the degree of Knight Templar was for the first time conferred. The record says: "Bro. WILLIAM DAVIS came before the lodge, begging to have and receive the parts belonging to the Royal Arch Masons, which, being read, was received, and he unanimously voted in, and was accordingly made by receiving the four steps—that of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar." The account goes on to state that the charter of the Kilwinning Lodge, Ireland, which bore date the 8th October, 1779, was used as "the authority for conferring the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Rose Croix degrees as early as 1782." We are further told that "the first permanent organisation of Knights Templar of the United States is claimed to have been in existence at Charleston, S.C., as far back as 1783," and evidence is given in support of this claim in the contents, which are quoted in full, of "a diploma now in the archives of the Grand Encampment," which was granted to a "Sir HENRY BEAUMONT" on the 1st August, 1783, among the Degrees mentioned as having been conferred upon him being that of "a Knight of that Most Holy, Invincible, and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar." There are also, it seems, other diplomas in existence that were granted by Baltimore Encampment, No. 1, in 1802, 1812, and 1814. Sir Knight ALFRED CREIGH, the historian of the Order in Pennsylvania, claims that Encampments Nos. 1 and 2, Philadelphia; No. 3, Harrisburg; and No. 4, Carlisle, were organised in 1793 and 1797 "under the authority of Blue Lodge warrants," and avers that the degree was conferred by Philadelphia Lodges as early as 1783. The Order also existed in New York in

1785, and Washington Encampment, No. 1, of Hartford Connecticut, is said to date its organisation from 1796. As regards Grand Encampments, we learn that Pennsylvania claims to have organised the earliest, the date of its institution being the 12th May, 1797, and the four Pennsylvania Encampments already mentioned being its subordinates. A second Grand Encampment, however, was organised for the same State on 16th February, 1814. The present Grand Encampment of the United States dates from the 6th May, 1805, when a Grand Convention of Knights Templar was held in Providence, Rhode Island, and a Grand Encampment was formed for that State under a Constitution drafted a week later. In 1806 the title of this was changed to the United States Grand Encampment.

But though the present G. Encampment dates from the period just stated, it was not till some few years later that it was organised in its present form. In May, 1816, Sir Knights THOMAS SMITH WEBB, HENRY FOWLE, and JOHN SNOW, "were appointed to revise the constitutions," when the words "United States" were struck out of the title, and the "Grand Master" of Subordinate Encampments became "Grand Commander." In the following month, the same three sir knights were appointed to confer with other Grand Encampments with a view to effecting a general union of those bodies under one head. But they failed to come to an agreement with the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania and returning to New York were there joined by Sir Knight THOMAS LOWNDES, when, on the 20th June, 1816, the four resolved on forming and opening a General Grand Encampment and it is from this that the present body is directly descended. A constitution was drawn up, and officers elected to serve until the third Thursday in September, 1819, the principal being Sir Knights DE WITT CLINTON, G.G.M., and THOMAS WEBB SMITH, D.G.G.M. The second meeting was held on 16th September, 1819, and the third on 18th September, 1825. Thenceforward the meetings were triennial, and when the 13th was held at Hartford, Conn., on the 9th September, 1856, 11 State Encampments were represented, with delegates from subordinate Encampments in 19 other States, the aggregate membership being set down at 4710. At the next meeting, which was held in Chicago in 1859, there were present representatives from 14 Grand Commanderies and 17 subordinate Commanderies, all under the jurisdiction of the "Grand Encampment of the United States"—to which the title had been altered—the Grand Recorder's report showing that up to that time 90 subordinate Encampments and Commanderies had been formed by the Grand Encampment, and that the membership had reached 7226. At the close of the Civil War, in 1865, there were 17 Grand and five subordinate commanderies, with a membership which was estimated at about 10,000, and then during the 12 years that followed there was such a rapid growth of the Order, that in 1877 there were 31 Grand and 19 Sub-Commanderies, with 47,831 fratres. In 1892—that is, after the lapse of a further 15 years—the 558 subordinate Commanderies had increased to 990, and the membership to 92,791, while three years later there were 39 Grand Commanderies, having under them 961 Sub-Commanderies, with 103,541 members, together with 34 Sub-Commanderies owing direct allegiance to the Grand Encampment, with 3112 members, giving a grand total of 995 Sub-Commanderies and 106,653 members. Since then, according to the report of the G. Recorder, Sir Knight W. H. MAYO, there have been organised the four G. Commanderies of Florida, District of Columbia, Indian Territory, and Oklohama, while the net gain in membership is returned at 2736, which would raise the general total to 109,389 Sir Knights for the whole of the United States.

### GREAT PRIORY.

A meeting of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof, was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 9th inst. The M.E. and Supreme G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., presided, supported by V.E. Knights Capt. N. G. Philips, G.C.T., Prov. Prior East Anglia; J. Woodall Woodall, K.C.T., Prov. Prior N. and E. Yorks; Colonel A. Thrale Perkins, K.C.T., Prov. Prior Somerset and Monmouth; Major G.

C. Davie, K.C.T., Prov. Prior Devon; the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, M.P., K.C.T., Prov. Prior Cheshire; Rev. C. E. Wright, P.G.P., as G. Prelate; R. Loveland Loveland, G.C.T., G. Chancellor; Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., 1st G. Constable; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., as 2nd G. Constable; Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, K.C.T., G. Reg.; C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G. Vice-Chancellor; Charles Belton, K.C.T., G. Marshal; E. Knights Rev. A. W. Oxford, G. Almoner; W. Gillman, G. Herald; R. M. Beachcroft, 1st G. Std. Br.; J. C. FitzRoy Tower, 2nd G. Std. Br.; F. P. Morrell, G. Master's B.B.; Col. Clifford Probyn, G.S.B.; Edward Armitage, 1st G. Aide-de-Camp; W. Buckler Lethbridge, 2nd G. Aide-de-Camp; Major T. W. Richardson, G. Capt. of Guards; H. R. Rose, G. Organist; V.E. Knights Richard Clowes, P.G. Constable; Ralph Gooding, K.C.T., E. Knights F. H. Goldney, and F. Lawrance, P.G. Heralds; Percy Wallis, P.G. Std. Br.; H. E. Cousins, P.G.B.B.; Horatio Ward and S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.S.Bs.; J. A. Robinson, P.G. Aide-de-Camp; F. B. Westlake, P.G. Capt. of Guards; Capt. George Hearn, P.G. Chamberlain; and A. H. Bowles and T. P. Dorman, P.G. Capt. of Guards.

There were also present—

Knights H. Nicholls, P. Preceptor, K. J. Maitland Collin, II. Wright, Reg., and W. J. Songhurst, of 127; Imre Kiralfy, E. M. Morris, G. R. Blades, and Major E. W. Stillwell, 26; H. LeRoy Lewis, 129; Godfrey Pritchard and H. Hills, P.P., of 131; E. Nash, 128; J. Kay and Gordon P. G. Hills, of 154; J. W. S. Godding, E.P. 140; James R. Keats, P.P., and J. R. Wilson, P.P., of 24; Com. H. G. Giles, P.P., and Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee, of 2; J. G. Harwood, E.P., Major C. W. N. Clavering, and Capt. A. E. Longden, of 76; F. W. Williams, E.P., P. Monson, W. Briant, 1st Constable, and W. Russell, of 155; F. W. Halliwell, 101; R. Percy Clowes, 126; G. M. Buckham, 125; G. Weir Hogg, E.P. Mount Zion; and F. W. Edwards, Chap. 78.

Out of respect for 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 of November, 1898, all knights appeared in the mourning prescribed by the command of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, as notified in the circular of the Great Vice-Chancellor on the 24th November.

The knights having formed the Arch of Steel, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, attended by the Great Officers, entered and ascended the Throne.

Great Priory was opened in ample form.

The GREAT REGISTRAR called the muster roll.

The minutes of the Great Priory of the 13th May last were read by the GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR, and declared to be correctly recorded.

The GRAND MASTER: Before we proceed with the business of the evening there is a duty which every knight here present will expect me to discharge. Brethren of the Temple, since we last met the nation in general and Freemasonry in particular has suffered a great loss by the death of our distinguished brother Lord Lathom. He was a Past Great Prior of this Order, in which he always took so deep an interest, and to which he has in times past rendered such signal service. We, in common with Freemasonry at large, and with all Lord Lathom's countrymen, feel very keenly the loss which all have sustained. Whether it was in the service of his Queen and country, or in his devotion to the Craft, our late brother carried himself before all men with a courtly grace and dignity all his own, and I have often heard it said that his perfect knowledge of ceremonial and his dignified skill in performing it was so well-known that people would often go, quite apart from respect to the man, to see him perform it. Lord Lathom was one of those men whose manner and character would endear him to all. He was especially dear to us Masons, and we in this Degree, as in all the others, shall ever cherish his memory, and bear in lasting gratitude the service which he rendered to us. We cannot commence our business to-night without giving expression to these feelings, and I will ask you to agree with me in the proposal that we send a letter to his family expressive of our condolences with them in the great loss they have sustained, as well as our own grateful recollection of the services he rendered to us. I will call on the Great Vice-Chancellor to read the proposed vote—

That the Great Priory of England and Wales, &c., do record on its minutes the earnest expression of its grief and sorrow for the great loss it has sustained by the death of the Most Eminent Knight the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., G.C.T., who filled the high and important office of National Great Prior of England from 1878 until 1896, and who had by his kindness and courtesy endeared himself to every member of the united Orders.

That the Great Priory do offer to the family of the late Earl of Lathom the sincere expression of its heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

EUSTON,

Grand Master.

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND,

Great Chancellor.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER,

Great Vice-Chancellor.

Sir Knight Capt. N. G. PHILIPS seconded the proposal, remarking that he desired to associate himself in every way with what the Grand Master had said.

The motion was put, and declared carried amid solemn silence.

It was resolved on the motion of the GREAT CHANCELLOR, seconded by the GREAT REGISTRAR, to take as read the following

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

Your Council has to report, with deep regret, the death of Col. George Augustus Vernon, G.C.T., Provincial Grand Commander for Staffordshire, 1849 to 1866, and Deputy Grand Master, 1861 to 1866.

You have been pleased to grant a Warrant for a new Preceptory to be held at Norwood, South Australia, to be called the Earl of Euston Preceptory, No. 169, which was consecrated on 22nd August, 1898, by the V.E. Knight Sir J. P. Boucaut, K.C.M.G., the Provincial Prior for South and West Australia.

The Preceptory of Mount Zion, Capetown, was duly consecrated on the 12th January, 1898, and eight candidates were received into the Order.

Your Council find that in the last report the Preceptory of Baldwyn, at Bristol, was mentioned as not having paid the annual dues for 1897. This was entirely an error, inasmuch as the dues were paid before the report was presented to Great Priory, and your Council have only to express their great regret that so distinguished a preceptory should have been thus inadvertently posted as in arrears.

The Third Annual Conference of the Three Governing Bodies of the United Kingdom was held in Edinburgh on 21st April, 1898. The Chapter General of Scotland was represented by M.E. Knight the Marquis of Breadal-

bane, G.C.T., Grand Master; V.E. Knights George F. Russell Colt, of Gartscherrie, G.C.T., Grand Prior; Sir James Buchanan, Bart., K.C.T., Grand Mareschal; L. Mackersy, G.C.T., Grand Registrar, &c.; Major F. W. Allan, K.C.T., Grand Herald; and Colonel James T. Stewart, K.C.T., Grand Bearer Vex. Belli; and E. Knight Herbert B. Ezard, K.C.T.

The Great Priory of Ireland was represented by V.E. Knights Lieut.-Col. A. V. Davoren, G.C.T.; Dr. Chetwode Crawley, and R. H. Walker, Grand Vice-Chancellor.

The Great Priory of England was represented by V.E. Knights Captain N. G. Phillips, G.C.T., Prov. Prior E. Anglia; Charles F. Matier, K.C.T., Great Vice-Chancellor; and Charles Belton, K.C.T., Great Marshal.

The Grand Encampment of the United States of America was represented by R.E. Knight General John Corson Smith, Past Grand Commander.

The Conference was presided over by the Grand Master of the United Order in Scotland, the Marquis of Breadalbane.

Before proceeding to the business of the Conference, the delegates unanimously resolved to request the chairman to communicate to the Earl of Euston, Grand Master of the United Order of England, their sincere regret at his absence from among them caused by serious illness, and their hope that he may soon be restored to health and strength. The chairman undertook to communicate this to Lord Euston.

A suggestion was made by V.E. Knight C. F. Matier, Great Vice-Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, that a small committee from each Great Body should be appointed to consider the Rituals of the Order of Knight of Malta, and endeavour, at least, to harmonise the Secrets. This was unanimously agreed to, and the following committees were appointed:

England—V.E. Knights R. Loveland Loveland, G.C.T., Great Chancellor; Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., K.C.T., P.G.V. Chancellor; and C. F. Matier, K.C.T. (Scot. and Eng.), G.V. Chancellor.

Ireland—Knights Sir Charles Cameron, G.C.T.; Lieut.-Col. A. V. Davoren, G.C.T.; and E. R. H. Walker, Grand Vice-Chancellor.

Scotland—Knights Lindsay Mackersy, G.C.T.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, K.C.T.; and Herbert B. Ezard, K.C.T.

R.E. Knight General John Corson Smith at this stage presented the Delegates from the Chapter General, the Great Priory of England, and the Great Priory of Ireland, with copies of the Rituals of the Degrees of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta as worked in the United States of America. Also the degrees of the Red Cross, which precedes that of the Temple in the American working. General Smith expressed the desire that he might receive copies of the Rituals of the Three Governing Bodies in the United Kingdom that the same may be placed in the Archives of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The Grand Master, on behalf of the Chapter General of Scotland, returned thanks to John Corson Smith for his very appropriate gift.

V.E. Knight Captain N. G. Phillips, G.C.T., returned thanks on behalf of the Great Priory of England, &c., and Knight Lieut.-Colonel Davoren, on behalf of the Great Priory of Ireland, also returned thanks.

The question was then discussed as to the desirability of exchanging representatives with other governing bodies in the Order. Thereafter, it was moved by V.E. Knight Captain N. G. Phillips, seconded by M.E. Knight the Marquis of Breadalbane, and unanimously agreed to, that the delegates recommend to the Governing Bodies they represent that representatives be interchanged with other Governing Bodies of the Order.

It was unanimously resolved to recommend that the next Conference be held in Dublin in April, 1899.

On the motion of V.E. Knight Captain N. G. Phillips, G.C.T., seconded by V.E. Knight Lieut.-Colonel A. V. Davoren, G.C.T., a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to M.E. Knight the Marquis of Breadalbane for presiding.

The same afternoon the Chapter General was opened, and the visitors from England, Ireland, and America were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, in the name of the Scottish Branch of the Order. After this, the Preceptor of the Lothians conferred the Order of the Temple in the presence of the representatives from the Three Governing Bodies. In the evening the Chapter General entertained their visitors at dinner, the M.E. the Grand Master, Knight the Marquis of Breadalbane, K.G., in the chair.

On the 22nd April the Priory of the Lothians conferred the Order of Malta upon two candidates in presence of the delegates, and in the evening the distinguished visitors were entertained at dinner by the Priory of the Lothians. In the absence of V.E. Knight Lord Saltoun, G.C.T., the Preceptor, the chair was taken by E. Knight Herbert B. Ezard, K.C.T., Captain General.

The delegates from your Great Priory desire to express to the Chapter General of Scotland their cordial thanks for their reception, which was as brilliant as it was truly fraternal.

The V.E. Knight J. W. Woodall, K.C.T., Provincial Prior for N. and E. Yorks, has presented to the Library of Great Priory "Ancient and Modern Malta," by de Boisgelin, in 2 Vols., 4to., which your Council has gratefully accepted.

The following preceptories abroad are in arrears:

Name.	Years.
Ardvorlich ...	8
Ascalon ...	8
Celestial ...	4
Calpe ...	3
Connaught and Strathearne ...	1
Royal Deccan ...	1

The Great Treasurer's accounts have been audited to the 31st August, 1898, and show the following balances, which are in the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, Bloomsbury Branch:

General Fund ...	£641 17 3
Benevolent Fund ...	97 0 2

£738 17 5

By order of the Council,

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Great Chancellor.  
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Great Vice-Chancellor.

14th November, 1898.

The GREAT CHANCELLOR moved, and the GREAT REGISTRAR seconded, a motion ordering the report to be received and entered on the minutes, and this being carried, a motion was likewise agreed to that the report be adopted.

The GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR read the following letter:

"GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.

"Office of the Committee on Christmas Observance,

"Portland, Maine,

"November 21st, 1898.

"To the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.E. Grand Master.

"DEAR FRATER,

"The following sentiment has been prepared for the coming Christmas:

"To our Most Eminent Grand Master, REUBEN HEDLEY LLOYD, who rules the Templar Host from Point Barrow to Porto Rico, from the Passamaquoddy to the Philippines."

"The Grand Master sends the following response:

"A 'Host' whose armor is truth, whose watchword is brotherly love, whose mission is peace, whose purpose moral and intellectual development, must in time capture the world."

"Will you join in these sentiments on Monday, December 26th, at noon Eastern Standard time (equivalent to 5 p.m. Greenwich), and will you extend the invitation to your command, as to all true Templars and their friends, wheresoever dispersed on land or sea.

"Courteously and fraternally yours,

"STEPHEN BERRY.

"Mr. James Hughan, Representative of Observance for Great Britain."

Christmas falling on Sunday, the following day will be observed.

Pacific Standard Time, 120° W., 9 a.m.; Mountain, 105° W., 10 a.m.; Central, 90° W., 11 a.m.; Eastern, 75° W., 12 m.; Greenwich, 0°, 5 p.m. Monday, December 26th.

The GREAT CHANCELLOR: I rise to move that, having heard this letter read, we agree to comply with the request therein notified.

The motion having been seconded,

The GRAND MASTER said: I think, Sir Knights, we should agree to this. They have asked us every Christmas for some years, and we should respond to the request in the brotherly and kindly way in which it is made to us. I hope you will agree to send a fraternal answer to that letter, and that we shall all remember to wish them good luck on Christmas Day.

The motion was agreed to.

Alms amounting to £4 9s. 0d. were then collected.

Great Priory was closed in ample form, after which the knights remained standing while the Dead March in "Saul" was effectively played upon the organ by the Knight H. R. Rose, Past Great Organist.

## ORDER OF MALTA.

Great Priory of Malta was opened in ample form. The M.E. and Supreme Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., occupied the throne.

The G. Chancellor, V.E. Knight C. F. MATIER, K.C.T., read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed.

The G. CHANCELLOR then said that he had received the commands of the M.E. and Supreme Grand Master to announce that he had made the following appointments:

V.E. Knight R. Loveland Loveland ...	G. Prior.
" Sir Lionel Darell ...	G. Capt. General.
" Sir J. C. Dimsdale ...	G. Lieut. General.
" William Gillman ...	G. 1st Lieut.
" R. M. Beachcroft ...	G. 2nd Lieut.
" Rev. C. C. Atkinson ...	G. Prelate.
" Charles Belton ...	G. Mareschal.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford ...	G. Hospitaller.
" J. C. FitzRoy Tower ...	G. Admiral.
" F. P. Murrell ...	G. Conservator.
" Col. Clifford Probyn ...	G. Baillie.
" Edward Armitage ...	G. Turcopolier.
" C. F. Matier ...	G. Chancellor.
" Ralph Clutton ...	G. Treasurer.
" W. Buckler Lethbridge ...	G. Banner Bearer.
" Francis W. Wright ...	G.S.B.
" William Forrest ...	} G. Cpts. of Outposts
" Harold Thomas ...	
" Alfred King, Mus. Doc. ...	G. Org.

The Great Officers took their seats as follows: V.E. Knights R. Loveland Loveland, G.C.T., E. Prior; Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., Capt. General; Ralph Gooding, K.C.T., as Lieut. General; W. Gillman, 1st Lieut.; E. Knight R. M. Beachcroft, 2nd Lieut.; V.E. Knight Charles Belton, K.C.T., Mareschal; E. Knights Rev. A. W. Oxford, Hospitaller; J. C. FitzRoy Tower, Admiral; F. P. Morell, Conservator; W. B. Lethbridge, as Baillie; Edward Armitage, Turcopolier; Comr. H. G. Giles, R.N., as Chancellor; T. P. Dorman, as Treas.; Rev. C. E. C. Wright, as Prelate; and Major T. W. Richardson, as Capt. of Outposts.

The following were Guards to Banners: E. Knights Capt. G. Hearn, Banner B.; Philip Monson, Banner L.; Harry Nicholls, Banner D.; F. W. Halliwell, Banner R.; and W. J. Songhurst, Banner A.

The following Knights of the Order of the Temple then received the Mediterranean Pass, and were admitted into the Order of Malta, the accolade being given by the M.E. and S. Grand Master: Knights Gordon Pettigrew Graham Hills, Japheth Tickle, and John Kay, of 154; George Rowland Blades, Edward William Stillwell, and Imre Kiralfy, of 26; John Gasson Harwood, Charles Warren Napier-Clavering, and Arthur Edmund Longden, of 76; Godfrey Pritchard and Alexander Charles Pirie, of 131; and George Millward Buckham, 125.

Great Priory was closed in ample form.

The M.E. and Supreme Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., afterwards presided at the banquet, supported by the V.E. Prov. Priors for East Anglia, N. and E. Yorkshire, the Great Officers, many Past Great Officers, Preceptors, and other Knights.

## CONSECRATION OF THE MUSWELL HILL LODGE,

No. 2728.

The consecration of the Muswell Hill Lodge, No. 2728—founded for the convenience of brethren residing in the district—was held by dispensation at the Mascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., was assisted (in the regrettable absence through illness of Bro. Wm. Stiles, P.G. Treas.) by Bros J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., as S.W.; Walter Martin, P.A.G. Purst., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Lone, P.M., as I.G. The founders of the new lodge are:

Bros. H. W. Parker, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., Middx. W.M. designate; James H. Wilson, Alfred L. Sargood, J. Purton, P.M.; C. L. Hrauda, P.M.; W. H. Pocklington, P.M.; G. H. Butterworth, W. D. Ovens, W. Syckelmoore, P.M.; J. W. Ryder, F. Partington, P.M.; D. Y. Lorimer, G. G. Honour, W. J. Batho, P.M.; G. Rogers, A. Gifkins, G. T. Harrup, S. A. Gladdage, W. Paine, Edgar

Robins, P. C. Walker, Ed. Richardson, and W. Bean. Visitors: Bros. H. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. Stuart, 134; W. H. Wheeler, H. T. Gurner, I.P.M. 2048; T. F. Borgen, 2048; E. G. Southcott, 2048; A. C. Dove, 2580; J. R. Hill, 157; G. G. Forster, S.W. 124; J. Rumsey, 1178; B. J. W. Lone, P.M.; E. H. Wilcox, Benjn. Carter, J. Hewett, 1681; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; H. T. Desch, 2048; W. J. Brake, J.D. 1460; B. H. Springett, 1681; H. T. Culliford, 1563; H. Eaton, 1539; W. Lewis, 1366; W. H. Frampton, 2048; J. Bruton, P.M. 2006; A. Kelly, J.W. 1288; H. Turner, 2580; J. P. Pointer, P.M. 1613; E. Holland, P.M. 1703; W. Parks, 1708; M. Johnson, 1580; W. H. Crawshaw, 2521; C. W. Matthews, 2271; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, the dispensation read, and a hymn sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, then addressing the brethren, said they had met for the purpose of undertaking the interesting ceremony of consecration of a new lodge and its dedication to God's service. The Muswell Hill Lodge was started for the convenience more particularly of brethren residing in that district and all present would wish that it would have before it a career of prosperity and accomplish all those special objects the founders have in view.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and an oration having been delivered by the Chaplain, the lodge was solemnly consecrated.

Bro. H. W. Parker was installed as the first W.M. and invested the following officers: Bros. J. Purton, P.M., acting I.P.M.; James H. Wilson, S.W.; Alfred L. Sargood, J.W.; C. L. Hrauda, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Pocklington, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Butterworth, S.D.; W. D. Ovens, J.D.; J. W. Ryder, I.G.; G. G. Honour, D.C.; F. Partington, P.M., and D. Lorimer, Stwds.; W. Syckelmoore, P.M., Org.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, a compliment for which the GRAND SECRETARY returned thanks.

The arrangements which had previously been made for holding the lodge at the Green Man, Muswell Hill, having recently fallen through owing to a change of proprietorship, notice of motion was given to hold an emergency meeting at the Frascati Restaurant to settle the future meeting place of the lodge.

Propositions were received for initiation, after which the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was well served under the personal supervision of Bro. Kella.

The usual toasts followed.

The W.M. briefly proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. alluded briefly to the death of the late Pro G.M.

Bro. F. RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in reply, said that from his small acquaintance with the late Pro G.M. he could say his death was a loss that could not be easily replaced, because not only was he a great Mason and a great gentleman, but he was one of the most polished gentlemen in Europe. In the Grand Officers they had the right men in the right place, and, as far as the Past Grand Officers were concerned, they were only too pleased to do some work, and esteemed it a great pleasure and a great honour to be called upon to assist in the consecration of a lodge, because they liked to show that, although they wore the distinguished purple, they had not forgotten the work they learnt when they wore the blue.

"The Consecrating Officers" was given by the W.M., who said they all admired the splendid way in which the Grand Secretary had performed the consecration ceremony. It had never been his pleasure to meet the Grand Secretary until the formation of that lodge. He always imagined the Grand Secretary to be a very austere gentleman, only to be approached in a particular way, but when he was ushered into his presence he was taken back by the very kind manner in which Bro. Letchworth received him. With regard to the other Grand Officers, Bro. Stephens was one of his oldest friends in Freemasonry, and had treated him with the greatest kindness in giving advice and counsel. He was quite sure that his want of knowledge of Bros. Richardson and Martin was his great loss.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Secretary, in response, said he should be ungenerous were he to attempt to inflict anything in the nature of a speech, but he desired to thank them on behalf of those associated with him in the ceremony for the kind words in which the W.M. had been pleased to propose the toast. The Grand Officers had many duties to perform, but he had no hesitation in saying there was no more agreeable duty than that of assisting in starting into existence a new lodge, and that pleasure was increased when it started, as it did that night, under the very able rule of their W.M., and gave prospect of a successful career. He tendered his best thanks to the Grand Officers for their valuable assistance. He regretted the absence of the brother (Bro. Stiles) who was to have undertaken the duties of S.W., especially as the cause was sudden illness. He sincerely trusted that illness was not serious, and that on the morrow they might be reassured. That place was taken by Bro. Stephens at a moment's notice, and he had also to thank Bro. Martin for undertaking the office of J.W. They knew how grateful he must be to Bro. Richardson for his services. He always felt with Bro. Richardson at his right hand that everything would go smoothly, and the ceremony be a success. He would next propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M."—whom he had had the great pleasure of installing into the chair of the lodge that night. The success of a new lodge depended to a very great extent upon the brother who, during the first and most critical period of its existence, filled the chair of W.M., and he most heartily congratulated the members on having as their first W.M. one so able to guide them as Bro. Parker. They had had a specimen of his work, and he could also refer them to the members of the Henry Levander Lodge. He asked the brethren to join in drinking the health of the W.M., and wish him a most successful year of office.

Bro. H. W. PARKER, W.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., said he was afraid the Grand Secretary had paid him more compliments than he was entitled to. That he should ever be the W.M. of a new lodge was beyond his wildest ambition. The lodge had a very small beginning. A few brethren of his mother lodge wanting a little instruction, he consented to act as coach, and they all met at Bro. Wilson's house. As they numbered over 20, they thought they were strong enough to form a new lodge in the neighbourhood. He was asked to be the first W.M., but he hesitated a great deal, as he was already a member of two lodges; but they were unanimous, and he consented. They were all determined to make it a success. They wanted a harmonious lodge, and they did not want the predominating influence of any one brother, however good he might be. They had seen this in several

lodges, and it was to the detriment of the lodge, and did not add to the happiness and comfort of the brethren. It would be their ambition to bear always in mind the grand principles of the Order, and whilst they continued to act up to those principles their lodge would prosper and become a centre for good.

For "The Visitors" the following brethren responded: Bros. WHEELER, W.M.; CULLIFORD, W.M.; SKELLOM, W.M.; GURNER, P.M.; BROOKS, POINTER, P.M.; and SMART.

"The Hon. Members" was given by the W.M., who especially thanked Bro. Stephens for his kind loan of furniture and other assistance given in the formation of the lodge.

Bro. J. STEPHENS, P.D.G.D.C., returned thanks, and said he believed he had done his duty in assisting this lodge. The W.M. was well beloved in Masonry and in the commercial world, and the lodge was to be congratulated on its first Master.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

In the musical programme the following artistes assisted: Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Lilian Close, and Bros. W. H. Wheeler, W. Syckelmoore, P.M.; and Pocklington, P.M.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The last meeting of the Board of Benevolence for the year 1898 was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Henry Matthews, President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., S.V.P., that of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Henry Garrod, J.V.P., for the first time since his election, took his seat in the capacity of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were the Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Letchworth), the Assistant Grand Secretary (Bro. W. Lake), Bros. W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler; George B. Chapman, William Fisher, C. H. Stone, C. J. R. Tijou, E. W. Nightingale, W. Kipps, W. Martin, Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, G.T., C. Pulman, S. H. Goldschmidt, John Ellinger, James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; F. W. Hancock, W. Wills, John H. Womer, A. W. Duret, Joseph Corbett, W. H. Mann, H. Dangerfield, H. Massey, C. T. Milnes, C. H. Perryman, Richard Poore, R. Gillard, Henry A. Tobias, F. Dunn, C. W. Rayner, J. Corey, C. J. Harland, R. W. Ker, H. A. P. George, William Carey, E. Strauss, Robert Steele, Henry Lyner, Henry Petley, George R. Langley, George W. Beste, Charles Kempton, Arthur J. Cannon, James Hill, A. Darch, and H. Machin.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the November meeting to the extent of £455; they then proceeded with the new list, on which there were the names of 30 candidates. These were qualified to come on the Fund of Benevolence through lodges in the London district, and at Umballa, Great Torrington, Shepton Mallet, Whitehaven, Norwich, Brighton, Beaminster, Burton-upon-Trent, Bungay, Grand Lodge of Ireland, Torquay, Aylesbury, Jersey, Tynemouth, and Stockton. Two of the petitions were deferred and four dismissed. The remainder were awarded a total of £615. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100, and two were recommended for £50 each; two were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four for £30 each. Several grants were made of £20 each; one for £15; five for £10 each; and three for £5 each.

## LADIES' BANQUET OF THE ALBION LODGE, No. 9.

The members of the ancient Albion Lodge, No. 9, according to their usual custom, entertained the ladies at a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant on the 13th instant. It is almost needless to say that the function was a great success, and with Bros. W. L. Harvey, P.M., Sec., and Friend, P.M., Treas., to make the necessary arrangements, and with such a popular W.M. as Bro. Cain, a pleasant and enjoyable evening was a foregone conclusion. There was a goodly contingent of companions present from the Albion Chapter, headed by the M.E.Z., Comp. Wickenden.

The guests were welcomed on arrival by Bro. and Mrs. H. F. Cain, and after formal introductions and a pleasant chat, adjourned to the banquet room, where a *recherché* repast was provided. After dessert each lady was presented with a handsome cut-glass bottle of scent, which formed a charming souvenir of the occasion. A few toasts were given, the stereotyped list, however, being carefully avoided.

The W.M. (styled the Chairman on the handsome programme), after briefly giving "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed "The Ladies and Visitors." Having expressed his pleasure at the task, he said the brethren were indebted for the presence of the ladies to charm and grace the assembly. It was only occasionally that they, poor men and Masons, were permitted the company and softening influence of the fair sex, and that evening was one of those occasions. From the "hear, hears," and the happy faces around him, he concluded that the brethren all adored the ladies, and they would, therefore, agree with him that it was to the ladies they owed the enjoyment they were deriving from the festival that evening. To the ladies generally he offered a hearty welcome, and thanked them for the honour and pleasure of their company. The length of the programme would preclude him from calling upon all the visitors, but he would ask Bro. Cooks, P.M., to respond for the brethren; Dr. Podmore for the lay visitors; and Bro. Booth for the ladies.

Bro. BOOTH, replying for the ladies, owned to a certain amount of embarrassment. The W.M. had done the ladies an injustice by calling upon a mere apprentice to respond. The ladies had enjoyed themselves, and had a slightly better opinion of Masonry than ladies usually had. He hoped these entertainments would be as frequent as was consistent with the proper discharge of their duties as Masons. The ladies looked forward to meeting the brethren again on a future occasion.

Bros. COOKS, P.M., and Dr. PODMORE also replied.

Bro. W. L. HARVEY, P.M., Sec., next gave the very comprehensive toast, "Freemasonry." Having, he said, met under the banner of Freemasonry, some of the ladies would like to know what Freemasonry was. He would tell them it was founded on the purest principles that a man could possibly possess. It was a Freemason who expressed the sentiment, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." To admire relief and good works was one of the fundamental elements of Freemasonry. He had heard severe criticisms sometimes of the disposition of their Charity, but they possessed one Institution which succoured those who had borne the heat and burden of the day. He was pleased to tell them that Bro. Francis, the W.M. elect, would represent the Albion



Lodge at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Freemasons had one other attribute, and that was integrity—trying to be true to each other, and to avoid speaking ill of a brother. He had some satisfaction in giving this toast, having been 30 years a Mason, and his strong exhortation was that every good man should be a Mason. "There's naught but what's good to be understood from a free and an accepted Mason." They were honoured with the presence of one Grand Officer who was always welcome in No. 9, Bro. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., whose name he would couple with the toast.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who replied, said this was his third meeting that evening. Freemasonry was said to be the means of keeping in remembrance the most sublime truths in the midst of the most innocent pleasures. It had been said that they were public diners out, but they could point to something more. They had not been specially constructed to do without dinner, but what was the result of their dining? 275 boys, 265 girls, and 475 old people were cared for, at no less an expense than about £55,000 a year. In conclusion, he hoped the list of Bro. Francis would be one of the best ever sent up in support of their Institution.

Bro. WALTER DENNIS, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the members would agree that Bro. Cain was an ideal Master. In fact no lodge could have or wish for a better W.M., for he had realised even more than was expected of him. The ladies that evening would join in their appreciation of the services of the W.M. The lavish way in which the W.M. had provided musical entertainments during his year would explain the possible late arrival home of the members from the lodge meetings during his reign. In drinking the W.M.'s health they would join in wishing him a continuance of the prosperity he had enjoyed during his term of office.

Bro. H. F. CAIN, W.M., said that after the very flattering remarks of the I.P.M., he had been looking for a way out of the difficulty of responding. It had occurred to him that as ladies now took a prominent part in the affairs of life, including public speaking, a W.M.'s wife might very well on an occasion such as that come to her husband's assistance. As his wife, however, did not seem inclined to take the hint, he would express his warmest thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. It was a great pleasure to his wife to accompany him, and that had been enhanced by the kindness extended to them. The responsibilities of his office had been made pleasant by the combined assistance of the officers and brethren during his year. No. 9 occupied a high position in the Craft, and it was an honour to be the W.M. of such an ancient lodge. It would be a great satisfaction to him to be able to hand over the warrant with its lustre untarnished.

"The M.E.Z. of the Albion Chapter" was next given.

Comp. WICKENDEN, in reply, expressed his thanks. He thought that great credit was due to Bro. Harvey—who was S.E. of the chapter as well as Secretary of the lodge—for the work entailed by the arrangements for that festival, and he, therefore, proposed his health.

Bro. HARVEY having replied, the pleasant proceedings terminated.

Bro. G. Pritchard, P.M., Org., was assisted in the musical programme by Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Annie Layton, Bro. Albon Nash, and Messrs. J. Saunders and Noel.

The company included Bro. and Mrs. Cain; Bro. and Mrs. Francis; Bro. and Mrs. F. B. Smith; Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Wickenden and Miss Fairclough; Bro. and Miss Friend; Bros. W. L. Harvey, P.M.; W. Dennis, P.M.; Bro. and Mrs. Beardmore; Bro. and Mrs. Gerrish; Bros. Pritchard, P.M.; W. A. Evans, S.D.; R. H. Weber Brown, I.G.; and Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.B.I.

## Craft Masonry.

### Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

An emergency meeting was held on Monday, the 19th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. H. N. Bennett, W.M.; T. Briggs, I.P.M.; Rupert Smyth, S.W.; Ralph Langton, J.W.; A. B. Hudson, P.M., S.D.; C. R. Leedham, J.D.; Jas. C. Hayes, I.G.; George Rawlinson, P.M., Steward; Chas. L. Plant, Tyler; Septimus Croft, P.M.; Horace F. Woodward, Dr. C. E. M. Hey, Thomas H. James, and J. Vaughan Sherrin. Visitors: The members of the Aldersgate Chapter.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Bro. J. Vaughan Sherrin, of the Pimlico Lodge, as a joining member, which proved unanimously in his favour. Bros. Woodward and James were raised to the Third Degree in an able manner by Bro. Thomas Briggs, I.P.M.

The members of the lodge and chapter dined together under the genial presidency of Bro. Henry Nicholas Bennett, W.M.

Bro. Kift presided over the musical arrangements.

### Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Samuel James. The attendance was large, and it included the following brethren: Bros. George Tarran, I.P.M.; E. A. Peachey, S.W.; Fred. W. Brodie, J.W.; Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, W.M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; H. L. Bell, acting Sec.; L. F. Gowing, S.D.; E. H. Ribbons, J.D.; J. Hurdell, P.M., D.C.; J. D. Irvine, A.D.C.; H. E. Peacock, Org.; A. E. Baines, R. G. Emery, John Martin, and J. E. C. Lane, Stwds.; A. F. Robbins, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund; H. Massey, P.M.; E. E. Peacock, P.M.; John C. Manning, P.M.; Charles Lock, P.M.; George E. Saunders, P.M.; T. G. Scott, P.M.; Percy W. Husk, P.M.; W. T. Perkins, P.M.; W. G. Kirby, H. E. Fenn, J. F. Watson, R. S. Masson, J. B. Maxwell, A. Bettany, F. Joyce Barrett, Cornwallis H. Smith, Philip H. Heming, J. Bune, C. H. Dant, W. Collins, Albert Douglas, John Bell, H. Trounce, Gordon Hunter, T. Artemus Jones, G. A. Jones, and T. McD. Rendle. Visitors: Bros. John Songhurst, P.M. 227; F. Soward, 2021; Harold Burke, W.M. 2190, P.G.S.; John Read, G. Std. Br.; William Senior, 2190; J. H. Jenks, S.W. S.; W. H. Lock, 166; H. J. Fisher, late 1928; Henry Richardson, P.M. 140; Walter Coward, 2000; the Archdeacon of London; Charles T. Kirton, W.M. 1261; Harold Johnson 1, P.P.G.O.; Dalgely Henderson, 2190; W. Grant, 2231; J. Anskess, P.M. 2222; Templer Saxe, 2190; Herbert J. Gardiner, P.M. 1261; and Sydney H. Pardon, 1240.

The W.M., on presentation to him by Bro. Hurdell, D.C., of Bro. E. A. Peachey S.W. (*Daily News*), installed Bro. Peachey as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. James was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren received the other collars of office: Bros. F. W. Brodie, S.W.; Lionel F. Gowing, J.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; G. Tarran, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Ribbons, S.D.; H. L. Bell, J.D.; J. Duguid Irvine, I.G.; Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, Chap.; H. E. Peacock, Org.; J. Hurdell, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Kirby and A. E. Baines, Asst. D.Cs.; Alfred F. Robbins, Treas. Benevolent Fund; R. G. Emery, John Martin, J. E. C. Lane, and A. Bettany, Stewards; and G. A. Ball, P.M., Tyler. Bro. S. James was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and after this ceremony there was presented to Bro. W. T. Perkins, P.M., and late Secretary, a valuable travelling bag thoroughly furnished, and the following address, artistically illuminated on vellum, and framed and glazed:

"To Bro. W. T. Perkins, Past Master of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"At a regular meeting of the Gallery Lodge, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, November the 5th, 1898, on the motion of Bro. E. E. Peacock, P.M. and P.Z., seconded by Bro. J. C. Manning, P.M. and P.Z., it was resolved unanimously:

"That in recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Bro. W. T. Perkins, P.M., as Secretary to the lodge during a period of nearly five years, he be presented with a Testimonial, and an engrossed Resolution of Thanks."

"In giving effect to the foregoing Resolution, and in furtherance of the unanimous wish of the brethren with whom you have been so long and so loyally associated, it affords me the greatest pleasure, on behalf of the Gallery Lodge, to place on record how highly the brethren appreciate and value the splendid services you have rendered to the Lodge, not only during your Secretaryship, but continually since your initiation in 1881, and during your year of office as Worshipful Master in 1891-92."

"During the whole of this period the brethren have noted with what rare Masonic skill, personal assiduity, and at all times genial and sympathetic tact and ability, those services have been performed by you; while, with special regard to the Secretaryship, Officers and Brethren alike bear testimony to the conspicuous capacity displayed by you in consolidating the affairs of the Lodge on a sound business basis."

"It is the hope of the brethren, in now thanking you sincerely for the excellent work you have done on behalf of the Lodge, that although you have found it necessary to resign the arduous and exacting duties of the Secretaryship, you will still give the Lodge the benefit of your Masonic experience in advice and assistance."

"That you may long be spared to do this is the fraternal prayer of every member of the Lodge, and that your wife and family, with yourself, may continue to realise all earthly happiness and prosperity to the end, is the sincere wish of us all."

"Signed on behalf of the brethren,

"ERNEST A. PEACHEY, W.M.

"London, December 10th, 1898."

Bro. Perkins returned a feeling reply to the W.M.'s admirable speech in making the presentation, and assured the brethren of his undying interest in the lodge, and of the pleasure it had afforded him to work arduously on its behalf in the office of Secretary, which he had resigned after nearly five years' service.

The brethren, after the closing of the lodge, adjourned to an elegant banquet, and later in the evening honoured a long list of toasts.

Bros. Dalgely Henderson, Templer Saxe, Herbert Grover, F. H. Cheesewright, Richard Green, Mel. B. Spurr, W. H. Churcher, and John Le Hay gave a splendid musical and variety entertainment.

Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G. Chap., in replying to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," said he was a very near neighbour of the lodge, living in St. Paul's Churchyard, and it gave him very great pleasure to be once more a guest of the Gallery Lodge, and he thanked the brethren for the kind terms in which he had been honoured by the W.M., and the warmth with which the brethren had received them. Grand Lodge was always extremely interested in what lodges did. Lodges had grown enormously during the last 25 years, but he believed there was no more loyal lodge, or one in which the work was more faithfully performed, than the Gallery Lodge. The brethren had heard that night how it was performed.

Bro. John Read, G. Std. Br., also replied.

Bro. S. James, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." In Bro. Peachey the brethren had a W.M. who had the interests and welfare of the lodge thoroughly at heart, and who would maintain the traditions of the chair with conspicuous ability. Since its consecration in 1881 the Gallery Lodge had pursued a course of great prosperity, and usefulness, and the course would be successfully continued during the Mastership of Bro. Peachey. The manner in which he had acquitted himself in the various offices which it had been his privilege and pleasure to hold in the lodge augured well for the success of his year of office on which he had just entered. From his intimate acquaintance with Bro. Peachey he was sure that the cause of Charity, which was dear to the heart of every one of them, would not suffer at his hands, and he had not the slightest doubt that 12 months hence, when it became his duty to give an account of his efforts in that great cause, he would be able to lay before the brethren a report which would give them great satisfaction. He could assure Bro. Peachey that in every step he might think it necessary to take in the interests of the lodge, he would receive the loyal co-operation of every brother, for they would do their utmost to make his year of office as successful as any of his predecessors had been.

Bro. E. A. Peachey, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said obviously the first duty which was imposed upon him was to express his gratitude to the brethren for the exceedingly kind manner in which they had been good enough to receive that toast, and also to express to Bro. James his keen appreciation of the spirit in which he had submitted it to the brethren. He shuddered when he entered into the vein of prophecy, because he thought upon what were the traditions of the Gallery Lodge; but knowing the loyal co-operation of every brother of the lodge, he had no doubt that some how or other he should struggle through the coming year, and at the end of it he hoped the brethren might be able to endorse a tithe of the good things Bro. James had said of him. After all, when they came to think of it, when a man who sat for the first time like himself in the chair of the Gallery Lodge he had an exceptionally onerous duty. The W.M. of the only Press lodge in the world had an honour which any one of their calling might be grateful to fill. He was extremely grateful after 18 years in the lodge to follow Bro. James in the chair, any brother who had the advantage of presiding over such a body for 12 months should thank his lucky stars that he joined the Gallery Lodge. (Hear. hear.) They were to-night celebrating the entrance upon a new year; they were also celebrating the close of an old year. They hailed the new; they acclaimed the old year, and when he asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health, long life and happiness of their I.P.M., he thought he should raise the loudest applause they had had that evening. Bro. James had succeeded 12 months ago to a chair which enjoyed the highest traditions; Bro. James had left the chair with that tradition more than maintained. Bro. James when he was installed found it a strong, healthy, cohesive lodge; he had left them stronger, healthier, and more united than they had ever been; there was not a ceremony he had touched that he had not adorned; and when he (Bro. Peachey) appealed to the admirable manner in which he was installed—he was almost going to say the semi-clerical manner—Bro. James performed the ceremony, then he should give that sentiment which was warmest in the lodge, because he was appealing to a sentiment which every brother of the lodge had desired to express. Bro. James had done yeoman service, and personally he (Bro. Peachey) was sorry Bro. James had had to go out of office in the lodge; but he had the assurance that during his year of office Bro. James would assist him as far as he could if during that year he had to make calls on his kindness. Bro. James had conducted his year of office with a self-abnegation which had seldom been equalled, but never excelled in this character. They had had the Centenary of the Boys' School; it might have been—it, possibly, should have been—Bro. Robbins would forgive him—but it certainly might have been the privilege of Bro. James to take up that magnificent subscription which Bro. Robbins had worked for with the good will of every member of the lodge. Bro. James was the first to offer Bro. Robbins the opportunity to wear the Centenary jewel of that Charity, and Bro. James had helped Bro. Robbins to win it. (Cheers.) During the coming year he (Bro. Peachey) hoped to have the privilege of going up to the Girls' School; he could not expect the brethren to give him so large a sum as they gave Bro. Robbins, but he hoped they would help him to maintain the reputation of the lodge, which in 18 years had obtained a larger number of Charity votes than any other lodge in London of the same age. They worked for Charity, and for Charity's sake he asked them to join with him in wishing "The long life, health, and prosperity of the I.P.M."

Bro. S. James, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he was afraid he must start his observations with a confession. He must confess he hardly knew how to reply to the kind and generous observations of the W.M. on his humble efforts of the year. He could truthfully say in the past year he had done his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge and the happiness of its members. The year had been one of the most successful the lodge had ever had; he believed it had been a record year. They had within that period been able to welcome among them no less than 10 new members—six initiates and four Master Masons. They had also had the privilege—the proud privilege—of increasing the lodge's subscription to the Charities 60 per cent., and also to increase the donations to the Benevolent Fund, which was dear to every one of them, by something like 50 per cent. In his humble opinion that was an achievement of which they might be proud. He was happy to be able to say that this great success had been due, not solely to his own efforts, but to the magnificent way he had been supported by members of the lodge. For that support, and for the many acts of kindness the brethren had extended to him, he desired, in conclusion, to express his most grateful thanks.

The conjoined toast of "The Savage Club Lodge and the Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Harold Burke, W.M. 2190, P.G.S.; Dalgely Henderson, 2190; and W. Senior, 2190; and the toasts of "The P.M.s." and "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

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When this present number of the *Freemason* is in the hands of our readers, they will be on the point of entering upon the festivities of the season, and we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of wishing them a merry Christmas. This is essentially the season for the gathering together of families, and we sincerely trust our readers and their friends may find the approaching brief rest from labour a period of unalloyed pleasure.

We have much pleasure in announcing that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, has appointed Bro. Earl Amherst, Dep. G. Master, to succeed the late lamented Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., as Pro G.M. of United Grand Lodge. We congratulate his lordship, Grand Lodge, and the Province of Kent, of which he has been G.M. since 1860, on the appointment.

We are glad to find that further progress has been made with the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,

and that Bro. Terry, the Secretary, has succeeded in enlisting the services of over 200 ladies and brethren for the occasion. There are still two months to the day fixed for the celebration, and we trust that Bro. Terry will succeed in forming a full Board, such as did duty two years ago, when the Duke of Connaught was Chairman. Such a Board is greatly needed if the Festival is to be the success we hope it will.

It is greatly to be lamented that a year which in nearly all respects has been pre-eminently brilliant, should be closing disastrously. We are still mourning for the loss of one of the noblest members of our Order, the late Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, who died only a few weeks since, just when we were all looking forward to his re-appearance at our meetings in renewed health and strength. At, or about, the same time there also passed away several other distinguished brethren, prominent amongst them being Bro. Sir J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Prov. G. Master of the Isle of Man; Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Bro. J. Moxon Clabon, P.G.D., a former President of the Board of Benevolence; and Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., who only three or four years since resigned the office of Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys after a term of service extending over more than 20 years. Within the last few days several other brethren have died, men who occupied less exalted positions in Masonry than those we have named, but who were highly respected by the Craft and as highly respected in the spheres of life in which they severally moved.

Two of these were intimate personal friends of his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, namely, Bro. Christopher Sykes—brother of Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart.—who was a P. Prov. S.G. Warden of N. and E. Yorkshire; and Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P. for the Aylesbury Division of Buckinghamshire. It will be in the recollection of our readers that it was on the eve of returning from a visit to the Baron at Waddesdon Manor that his Royal Highness met with the accident from the effects of which he suffered so long; and on Monday of the present week the Prince was to have honoured him with his presence at dinner. But on Saturday last—the very day on which he completed his 59th year—the Baron died suddenly, after taking a hot bath, to the lasting regret of a large circle of friends, by whom he was greatly loved and respected. The deceased was a Mason of over 20 years' standing, and in 1878 was put forward as a candidate for the office of G. Treasurer; but his opponent, the late Bro. Col.—then Major—Creton, was elected. In 1892 a lodge bearing, with his sanction, the name of "Ferdinand de Rothschild," and ranking as No. 2420 on the Register of Grand Lodge, was founded at Aylesbury, the deceased being named in the warrant as Senior Warden; while in the following year he was installed as the second W.M.

Two other brethren of distinction have also died recently, namely, Bro. Maj.-Gen. W. J. Vizard and Professor T. Hayter Lewis, F.S.A., R.I.B.A. The former was a prominent member of the Craft in Gloucestershire, P.M. and Treas., No. 761, Dursley, P. Prov. G.W.; while the latter was a P.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, of which he was elected a joining member on the 3rd June, 1886. Our deceased brother was in his 81st year, having been born 9th July, 1818. He was Professor of Architecture at University College, London, from 1865 to 1881, when he resigned and was elected Emeritus Professor.

All these brethren were supporters of our Institutions, Bro. Sykes having been a Life Subscriber of both our Schools and a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Baron F. de Rothschild was a Life Governor of both Schools, while Bro. Major-General Vizard was a Life Governor of the three, and had served several Stewardships for each of them, the last occasion being the Boys' Centenary Festival in June, when he and another member gave their services as representatives of Lodge No. 761. Bro. Professor Lewis was a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School, a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

We gather from the pages of the *Voice of Masonry* for October that the Grand Lodge of Missouri held its 78th Annual Communication in St. Louis on the 18th-20th of that month under the presidency of Bro. F. J. Lygard, M.W.G. Master. In the course of his address the G.M., in referring to the case of a man presenting himself as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges

of Masonry who had attained the age of 71 years, remarked that, "While he might not be barred by the law, yet he had serious doubts as to the propriety of his admission, and could not advise the lodge to accept his petition." On this the *Voice* remarks, "If he were yet 'hale, hearty, and sound,' he could as well be accepted as if he were 10 years younger. It is 'dolage' that bars an old man." We have read of cases of men of upwards of 80 years of age having been initiated, but we are fortunately able to give particulars of a distinguished brother, who was initiated at the age of 71, who died in harness five years later as G. Registrar of Grand Lodge and Supreme G. Chapter. This was none other than the late Bro. William Harrison, Q.C., who was initiated in the Salisbury Lodge, No. 630, Waltham Cross—now No. 435, London—on the 21st September, 1836; was appointed Prov. G. Reg. Hertfordshire on the 2nd November, 1837; occupied the chair of W.M. in the years 1839 and 1840, and in the latter year was made G. Registrar of England. At the time of his death he was M.E.Z. of Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 630, and G. Reg. in Supreme Grand Chapter.

From the further particulars concerning Missouri, we learn that nine new lodges were consecrated during the past year, so that there are now 564 lodges on the register of its Grand Lodge, with an aggregate membership of 31,360, while Bro. E. F. Allen is the present Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev. John D. Vincil is still at his post as Grand Secretary. The latter is responsible for the Report on Correspondence, and from the brief sketch given by our contemporary of its contents, we should judge that it is a valuable one, and contains many sound views on Masonry. We do not, however, admire the slighting manner in which we are given to understand he speaks of the "Antiquity of Freemasonry." He appears to be of the opinion that the labour bestowed on researches into the remote past might more profitably be "directed in the line of a sound, vigorous, healthy development of Freemasonry as it now exists. This expression"—he is reported as saying—"presents to my mind the practical importance and value of modern Freemasonry."

We have been favoured with copy of the proceedings at the 15th annual meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, on the 6th September last, under the presidency of Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt, Supreme G. Master. A hearty welcome was tendered to the Templar visitors by the Mayor, and, subsequently, when Great Priory had been opened, by the E. Preceptor of the Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3. The Grand Master's address dealt for the most part with matters of local interest, but in the course of his remarks he mentioned that during the past year there had been a substantial increase of members, so that there are now 1832 fratres on the roll. He also noted that Knight Templary was introduced into Canada in 1800, and gave it as his opinion that the centenary of so auspicious an event should be celebrated with befitting ceremony in 1900.

Sir Knight Macwatt also mentioned that steps were being, or would shortly be, taken with a view to introducing the Order into Newfoundland. When the question of such an introduction was first brought under his notice, he requested the Grand Chancellor of the Order to place himself in communication with the Great Priory of England, and, on this being done, the Grand Chancellor of the latter body, by direction of the Earl of Euston, Supreme Grand Master, at once announced that the Great Priory of England waived any claim to exclusive jurisdiction in Newfoundland, and acquiesced with pleasure in the proposed issue of a warrant for the constitution of a Preceptory in that Colony.

Towards the close of the proceedings the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, but the principal are the same as in 1897-8, namely, Sir Knights D. F. Macwatt, Supreme G. Master; John V. Ellis, Dep. G. Master; and W. H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor; the last-named of whom, at the request of the G. Master, performed the duties of Installing Officer. When Great Priory was closed there was an exemplification of the degrees of the Order by certain Preceptories, namely, of the Red Cross by St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, No. 37; of the novitiate, installation, and consecration of the Order of the Temple by the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7; and of those of the Order of Malta by the Richard Cœur de Leon Preceptory, No. 4. The report and correspondence is the work of Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, Past G.M., G. Chancellor.



## 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.

## BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As Bro. Farncombe has chosen to come forward as the champion of the Committee in the matter of the gratuity to Bro. McLeod, it seems a pity that he did not give us all the facts pertaining to the question.

For instance, what is Bro. McLeod's present salary? I and those who see the reports of the Committee know, of course, what it is; but there are hundreds, and probably thousands, of your readers who have not the remotest idea. If this information had been given they would be able to judge whether there is any ground for "these outbursts of indignation" which are now being so freely expressed.

If Bro. Farncombe will, through your columns, furnish this, and it is found to be inadequate to cover a little extra work on a special and exceptional occasion, I shall be pleased to advise the members of my lodge to reconsider their resolution.

Trusting that Bro. Farncombe will oblige us,—I am, yours fraternally,  
GEO. CHAPMAN, P.M., P.P.G.D.,  
Sec. of the Rufford Lodge.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having, on the two occasions when the salary of the present Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was increased, been in the unfortunate position of standing alone in expressing dissent from the propositions, I venture to trouble you with a few remarks on the honorarium voted to Bro. McLeod by the last Quarterly Court. My contention was (and I see no reason to alter the opinion) that such rapid and large increases of salary were undesirable, and not in unison with ordinary business custom; and, further, that when necessary, they should originate with and be recommended by the Board of Management, as being, necessarily, in a better position to judge of the value of services rendered by their officers than the Council, many of whose members simply attend *ad hoc*, and are more likely to be swayed by personal feelings.

I am glad to find that on the present occasion what appears to me the direct and businesslike course has been followed. A generous recognition of very exceptional and arduous services has been proposed by the Board, and adopted successively by the Council and the Quarterly Court. The sum certainly looks large but when it is considered that it amounts only to 15s. per cent. on the fund realised by the Festival it can hardly be called excessive. Such a great result could not be achieved without untiring energy, zeal, and devotion, on the part of the Secretary, and it is better that such services should be rewarded openly by the Quarterly Court than by a minority of the Board of Stewards attending the final meeting of that body. Indeed, it seems undesirable that such a casual body as the Stewards should partly remunerate the Secretary of the Institution. The ordinary Festivals are part of his annual duties and should be considered as such, and I trust that on this occasion the Board of Stewards will create a precedent by handing over any balance in their hands to the funds of the Institution, leaving the Board of Management to pay its own officers.—Yours fraternally,

J. BODENHAM, P.A.G.D.C.

19th December.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The subjoined resolutions were passed at a meeting of the members of the Newstead Lodge, No. 47:

"This lodge views with disfavour the action of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic School for Boys in voting a gratuity of 1000 guineas to the Secretary out of the funds collected for that Institution, and protests against such appropriation of moneys given in the name of and solely for a Charitable object.

"It is further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Committee and to the *Freemason*."—Yours fraternally,

T. W. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
December 20th.

## THE CHARITY MAZE, AND A WAY OUT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think Bro. T. May's letter in your issue of December 17th, p. 612, deserves consideration. With the idea of carrying out some portion of his letter, I have started a sort of birthday gift fund in our little province. I suggest that every member of the lodge should make a special offering on his birthday, and that the W.M. should divide each year the amount he so receives among the three Charities. I am 70 years of age, and I thought I could not make a better return of my thanks to T.G.A.O.T.U. than to make my lodge a V.P. of the Boys' School. Let this thought come into every brother's mind, and let him give what he can afford with a good heart.—Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF LODGE 84.

December 17th.

## QUALIFICATION OF P.P.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

As I understand, the matter referred to will be brought before the next Grand Chapter meeting; it would, therefore, not be judicious to inquire further in respect to this appointment. But the question is—How to deal with the brother who signs the attendance book belonging to a chapter from which he resigned 14 years ago?—Yours fraternally,

R. G.

December 19th.

## IN THE CAUSE OF CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I appeal to your generous readers for their Charity to help a very poor Working Mens' Institute in the village of Coombe, which is in great need of money "to carry it on this winter, owing to the loss of those who have mainly supported it since its opening, six years ago. Only £10 is needed for this

winter's expenses. There is no debt, but no money to pay for the coal and oil. Population entirely labourers, so that we can only beg a helping hand from those away. The poor men do value the boon, and it would be a great loss to them if it was closed. The smallest donation would be of the greatest help, and should be sent to Adela Brooke, Coombe, near Woodstock, Oxfordshire, who will gratefully acknowledge the gifts.

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## ROYAL ARCH PREFIXES.

In reply to "M. E. Z.," I may state that recently, in a correspondence on the subject with E. Comp. E. Letchworth, Grand Scribe E., that esteemed brother advised that the first Principal should be described as the E. Comp. —, M.E.Z., thus putting the prefix M.E. to the office and not to the companion.

Considering that the prefix M.E. is intended, or is used, for the First Grand Principal, it seems inappropriate, to say the least, to place it before the name of a Grand Superintendent, and to my mind it is wrong so to do.

I have advocated, but so far without any success, to bring the prefixes of Royal Arch Masonry into line with those of the Craft, by employing M.E., R.E., V.E., and E., as the recognised appellations for that Degree, under similar conditions to those noted in the Book of Constitutions.

Any way, it is absurd to use the prefix M.E. to distinguish the first Principal of a chapter, but the ingenious suggestion of the Grand Scribe E., partly smoothes over the difficulty, and, moreover, does not interfere with the time-honoured usage of the title of M.E.Z.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

"THE STORY OF THE EMPIRE SERIES" (London, *Horace Marshall & Son*, Temple House, 1897-8).—This remarkable collection of handy and attractive volumes, published at 1s. 6d. each, bound in red art linen, cannot fail to be heartily welcomed, as their excellence, comprehensiveness, and usefulness become known. Those who desire information as to the character of these valuable little Books should obtain and carefully read the first of the series by Bro. Sir Walter Besant, P.M. (the well-known author and Treasurer of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London), on "*The Rise of the Empire*," with an able and suggestive Prologue by Mr. Howard Angus Kennedy, the Editor of the Set, and to whom the credit of the scheme is due. Undoubtedly, it is of the first importance that the peoples of Great Britain and Ireland should be familiar with the enormous size and rapid increase, of late years, of the Possessions of the Empire, as well as with the prodigious extent of the English speaking Countries throughout the world. The six Countries, Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, exclusive of Islands speaking the same language, "practically claim the same religion, have the same ancestry, obey the same Institutions, and read the same Literature," call for popular treatment as respects their origin and progress, and in this new series already seven most interesting volumes have been published, and others are in preparation. These are India, Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, West Indies, and West Africa, as well as the introductory work by Sir Walter Besant. The various authors have been selected for their knowledge of the subjects about which they write, and it is to be hoped that the success of this most praiseworthy effort will be such as to cheer both the Editor and the Publishers.

The same spirited publishers also announce two artistic volumes, edited by Mr. W. T. Stead—"THE NOTABLES OF BRITAIN" a quarto album, in ornamental buckram, containing some 200 of the most eminent or prominent subjects of her Majesty in the 60th year of her happy reign, with autographs and brief biographies. Must be seen to be appreciated, for it is a gem of its kind, and makes a most interesting book. The other is devoted to "Her Majesty the Queen; Studies of the Sovereign and the Reign," by the same gifted author. It is really and truly a fitting memorial of the Great Jubilee, June 22nd, 1897, in a popular, artistic, and graphic form, lavishly illustrated. The text makes most entertaining reading. The first mentioned is 5s. and the second noted is 3s. 6d., the latter being also in quarto and elegantly bound. Only an immense sale can possibly recoup the publishers for their great outlay.

## Craft Masonry.

## Derwent Lodge, No. 40.

The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Boyce, W.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M. 1996, S.W.; T. Southcombe, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; P. Beer, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; H. A. Stratford, J.D.; G. Randell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; G. H. Gaze, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., A.D.C.; J. Baker Guy, Org.; H. E. Smith, I.G.; W. J. Bourn and T. Wilson, Stwds.; E. J. McCormick, I.P.M.; T. Trollope, P.M., P.G.D.; L. J. Jukes, P.M.; W. S. Allen, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. C. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Plowman, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. J. Ticehurst, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. J. Sawyer, P.M. 1339; Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, P.M. 341, P.P.G.C.; W. G. Rubie, W.M. 341; W. Dawes, P.M. 341, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Bowles, P.M. 1056; H. E. Smith, I.G. 1184; H. R. Constable, 1842; W. R. Griffin, P.M. 2483; W. N. Oldham, J.W. 2483; and many others.

After the minutes and communications had been read, and a vote of condolence with the family of the late Pro Grand Master passed, Bros. Prince and Russell were impressively raised by the W.M. Bro. John Miller was passed to the Second Degree, after which the W.M. presented a silver key to Bro. the Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, P.M. 341, and called upon him to open the new lodge organ. Bro. Crosse delivered a stirring address, at the conclusion of which he declared the new organ open for the use of the lodge. This was followed by an organ recital by Bro. J. Baker Guy, Organist, whose playing elicited warm approval from all present. The Secretary then read a dispensation granted by the Dep. Prov. G. Master for the initiation into Freemasonry of Mr. Ernest Lionel Sawyer, son of Bro. F. J. Sawyer, P.M. 1339, Mr. E. L. Sawyer being only 18 years of age. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Sawyer, Lough, and Edwards and they were all declared duly elected. The W.M. courteously vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. J. Sawyer, who very ably initiated his son. This was followed by the initiation of Messrs. Lough and Edwards. A ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, which was unanimously in favour of Bro. C. E. Botley, P.M. 1996. The W.M. elect briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. A ballot for the Treasurer resulted in the re-election of Bro. Rossiter, P.M., who has held the office for many years. After the election of Tyler and brethren to serve on various Committees, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted for Bro. Boyce, the outgoing W.M., who has so ably and genially presided over the lodge, and whose year of office has been one of unbroken success, beating all previous records, both as regards number of initiates and attendances at the various meetings.

After a proposition for initiation and "Hearty good wishes" tendered by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed.

Between 60 and 70 brethren sat down to a well-served supper, in the course of which they were entertained by musical selections from the gramophone.

After supper some excellent speeches were made, interspersed by singing under the direction of Bro. J. Baker Guy, Org.

The Tyler's toast concluded an eventful evening.



"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. the G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been duly honoured.

The W.M. gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that most of the Grand Officers did great work in the Craft, and should have the support of all members. They were honoured that evening with the presence of his very old friend, Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.G. Purst., who was well-known as a very ardent worker in Freemasonry, and he had much pleasure in associating his name with the toast.

Bro. Mulvey, P.G. Purst., on rising to respond had a hearty reception. He stated that it was always a pleasure to acknowledge the toast, but more so at the St. Ambrose Lodge in which he had many dear and old friends. Their good W.M., Bro. Dr. Ivor Davis, had well commenced his reign by having three initiates, and he had performed that duty in a very admirable manner, and the members should be proud of him. The I.P.M., Bro. Spicer, had installed his successor in a way which must have given satisfaction to them all. He referred to the P.M.s. each by name, and the great things they had done for the lodge and the Craft; and if that important body stuck to the lodge it would continue to be a success. He had attended the lodge on several occasions, but that was his first visit as a Grand Officer, and he appreciated their kind reception, and, in conclusion, he said the Grand Officers did their best to uphold the dignity of their high office and the Craft.

Bro. G. B. Spicer, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Ivor Davis," stated that he would gladly give him all assistance, and he wished him every happiness and success during his year of office, and the members would rally round him.

On rising to respond, Bro. Dr. Ivor Davis received an ovation. He thanked them very much for the cordial way they had received the toast, and said it was a pleasure to him to know that he had the good feeling and best wishes of the members, and their reception had made him more comfortable. He was proud of his position as Master of the St. Ambrose Lodge, but he had a good example in those who had gone before him. A year ago he was not so proficient, but he had worked hard, and, with the kind assistance of Bro. Mulvey, P.G.P., he was now able to take the chair with some comfort. He would not be an autocrat, as he did not wish to rule the lodge with an iron hand; but he would consult with the Past Masters and officers during his term, and he hoped his year would be a great success. They had had music in the lodge room that evening, which he thought gave emphasis to the ceremonies, and he trusted to have much music during the time he occupied the chair. He had had his photograph taken, and he proposed to present each of them with a copy, and if they would all give him theirs in return he would place them in an album, which would be a splendid souvenir to him of his year of office. He hoped the officers would attend punctually each lodge meeting, and that they would visit lodges of instruction, and qualify themselves for higher office; and he trusted to live for many years to enjoy the remembrance of that evening.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

In giving "The Initiates" the W.M. stated that he thought they would agree with him that it was a toast that should have precedence of all toasts, as they could not do without new blood. He felt the initiates would cast new lustre on the lodge, and he would not be surprised if they aspired to high honours, and it would be very gratifying to him to see them, his first initiates, some day installed into the chair of that, their mother lodge; and they would be a good trio.

In response, Bro. A. R. Godrich said that he was very much impressed with the beautiful ceremony of initiation, and he was gratified to be a Mason, which was the ambition of his life, and he hoped to go on and do everything for the lodge and the Craft, and he thanked them for the great honour of making him one of them. He had never enjoyed such a dinner before because he had to rise so many times, but he hoped some day to have the right to do to others what had been done to him that night at their festive board.

Bro. D. T. Davies also responded, observing that he had realised some of the great mysteries of the Craft, and he had reached his ambition in becoming a Freemason.

Bro. R. H. Willis thanked them most sincerely for admitting him as a member, and he hoped as years rolled on to become a better man and a good Mason, and that they would never have cause to regret receiving him in the St. Ambrose Lodge.

The W.M. Bro. Dr. Ivor Davis, stated that it gave him extreme pleasure to submit the toast of "The Installing and Immediate Past Master, Bro. G. B. Spicer." They were all agreed that he was a very excellent fellow, and had made his mark in the lodge, and he had worked hard to perfect himself in the ritual. He had had a most successful year of office, and had introduced many initiates, and was courteous to them all. He (the W.M.) took that opportunity to present him, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, as a slight return for his great and valued services, which were very much appreciated.

Bro. G. B. Spicer, I.P.M., on rising to acknowledge the toast, was enthusiastically received. In thanking the W.M. for his very flattering remarks, which, he said, he did not deserve, observed that the work he had done while Master of the lodge was only his duty, but he had tried hard to do his very best. The jewel, which he honoured, would ever remind him of the many happy meetings of the lodge he had attended, and he had not missed one since he had been a member of the lodge, and during that time he had received nothing but kindness from them all, for which he expressed his heartfelt thanks.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed. They were honoured that evening with a goodly number, many of whom were well-known and distinguished in the Craft; and might he say that the lodge was renowned for the way they received and treated their guests. He was especially pleased to see a large contingent from the Fulham Lodge, and as he (the W.M.) was a Fulham man, it was very gratifying to him that they should have been present at his installation. If it had not been for Bro. Ferry, who had a splendid Masonic library, he should not have aspired for the chair, but he was a very old friend, and he had urged him on, with the result that he was there a Master of a good lodge. The W.M. joined with the toast the

names of Bros. T. H. Nesbitt, P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Man; B. Ferry, P.M. 1743; Tom Green, P.M. 2512; and R. T. West, 1744.

Bro. T. H. Nesbitt responded, and said that he was delighted with the work of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Ivor Davis, and from what he had seen that night he thought their Master would have a grand year of office, and he was glad that he was going up as Steward for the Girls' Institution.

Bro. Ferry, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, thanking the W.M. for a most enjoyable evening, both in the lodge room and at the banqueting table, and he was glad to have had the honour of seeing him installed in such an excellent lodge; and the modest library to which the W.M. had referred was always at his service. He need hardly say that Bro. Ivor Davis was a good man, a good doctor, and a good Mason, and consequently must make them a good Worshipful Master, and the way he had conducted the business that evening was a good augury for the lodge during the next 12 months.

Bro. R. T. West also responded.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," and, at a very late hour, the Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable and memorable evening, and one that will long be remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present.

The excellent musical arrangements were carried out under the able direction of Bros. Percy Buxton and H. Sydney Scott, assisted by Miss Margaret Cooper, Bros. Biggs, Porter, McLees, Ward, McLean, and Mr. Philip Godrich.

Bro. W. McCutcheon was toastmaster.

The W.M., Bro. Dr. Ivor Davis, is of pure Welsh descent, and was born near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, on 14th May, 1857, where his ancestors had lived for some hundred years. He was educated as a boy at Dowlais and Merthyr-Tydvil Grammar Schools. At the age of 16 he passed the Hospital Entrance Examination at the London University, where he was articled to Dr. Biddle, of Merthyr-Tydvil, and subsequently matriculated at Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities. He was on the point of entering as a student at the Bristol General Hospital, when his brother was ordered to Australia by his medical attendant, and by his friend's wish he accompanied him, and they sailed from Plymouth in December, 1877, but his brother died on the voyage, and was buried at sea. When he arrived in Australia, instead of returning, as his friends wished, he stayed there for about two years, during which time he travelled over a great portion of the Continent. Being fond of reading, while there he took first class honours in examinations in Botany, Chemistry, and Pharmacy at Melbourne. He returned to this country to continue his medical studies, and took the degree of A.P.S., and then entered Middlesex Hospital as a student in 1880, where he took honours in Chemistry, Physics, and other subjects, and also passed the intermediate examinations of the Royal College of Physicians, London. He left the Middlesex Hospital to go into residence at Durham University, where he took the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine. He was finally qualified in 1886, when he married and settled in Fulham in General Practice, and since he has taken the Degrees of B.S. and M.D. Durham, in 1890, and in the same year he obtained the D.P.M. (Diplomate in Public Health) at the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland. He has always been an athlete, and played for his hospital in cricket and football (Rugby) matches. Our brother was initiated in the St. Ambrose Lodge in 1891, in which he was introduced by the late Bro. Holland, P.M., and by Bro. F. W. Buxton, P.M., and he obtained his knowledge of Masonry from the Eclectic, Emblematic, and St. Luke's Lodges of Instruction, and he has filled all the positions in his mother lodge up to the chair. As a member of the Craft he possesses a sound knowledge of his duties, perfection in the ritual, an impressive style, geniality of manner, and readiness of speech, which mark him as one of the successes in the annals of the St. Ambrose Lodge. We have had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Dr. Ivor Davis for some years, and we beg to tender him our hearty congratulations on the high position he has attained in the lodge.

#### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, when there were present Bros. James B. Fearnley, W.M.; J. Morton, I.P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; S. Robinson, P.M.; C. H. Ellis, P.M.; T. P. Sykes, S.W.; Wm. Docksey, J.W.; John Bland, Treas.; J. S. Hedley, S.D.; Thos. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; J. L. Turner, Wm. H. Barton, and W. H. Townend, Stwds.; J. R. Markham, J. Ledgard, R. S. Hird, John Harland, Josiah Lee, and others. Visitors: Bros. James Tilley, W.M. 2665; Joseph Taylor, Chap. 2609; A. J. Taylor, Org. 2609; Rev. J. W. Clough, Org., 2330; Edwd. Haley, Sec. 275; M. Sowden, 1648; and Fred Hall, 439.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Rowland Alex. Hinchliffe, which proved in his favour and being in attendance, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by Bro. Fearnley, W.M.; the charge was given by Bro. Sykes, S.W., and the working tools explained by Bro. Docksey, J.W. On the motion of the W.M. a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Bro. Alfred Stephenson, P.P.G.D., the senior P.M. of the lodge, who had met with an accident and seriously injured one of his eyes which had invalidated him for a few weeks. Bro. Robert M. Town, 61, was proposed as a joining member, and a gentleman nominated for initiation at a future meeting.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren having done justice to a well-served supper, spent a pleasant evening enlivened with speeches and songs.

#### Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Earl Derby, High-street, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. R. T. Campbell, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; A. F. Hardyment, S.W.; C. W. Paine, acting J.W.; J. Britton, acting Org.; George Coxen, Treas.; E. George, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Oldrey, P.M., S.D., acting J.D.; J. M. Goodwin, D.C.; Wm. G. Coxen, acting I.G.; F. Crook, Stwd.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Tyler; G. Wheeler, J. G. Palmer, A. G. R. Greaves, H. Coxen, E. G. Line, J. Aylett, F. Crocker, F. C. Fleming, T. F. Pinn, T. Battrum, G. R. H. Stringer, and others. Visitors: Bros. Francis Buck, 1891; W. Constant, 753; R. Haylor, 2361; S. A. Pardo, 1585; J. S. Goldstein, J.W. 2265; P. Davis, 1585; D. Redfern, W.M. 753; G. D. Fraser, 2310; J. T. Matthews, 144; J. H. Clemens, W.M. 183; G. Holmes, 988; S. A. Marks, 1563; T. C. Andrews, 1632; W. Parsons, P.M. 753; Harry Willsmer, 1567; C. A. Poppitt, 1624; and H. Leavers, 1814.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, five brethren were raised to the Degree of F.C. Bro. S. A. Marks, 1563, was hailed for as a joining member, the same being unanimous in his favour.

The company afterwards adjourned to an excellent banquet provided in Bro. Wm. G. Coxen's best style, the arrangements generally being highly appreciated by the members and visitors.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with vocal and instrumental contributions by Bros. A. F. Hardyment, Fleming, Fraser, Poppitt, Greaves, and J. Britton at the piano.

The funds of the lodge are in a very satisfactory condition and the prospects generally are exceedingly flourishing, the present W.M. having had in the four meetings 12 initiates and six joining members.

## Royal Arch.

#### Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88.

The half-yearly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Friday, the 10th inst., and was attended by the M.E. Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire, Comp. Colonel R. Townley Caldwell. About 30 companions were present, the visitors being Comps. T. W. Allsop, Walter Briggs, and G. R. Barnes.

The chapter was opened by Comps. B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; J. Gordon Chennell, P.G. Std. Br., H.; and A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G. Treas., J.; and the minutes of the previous convocation being read and confirmed, Comp. B. Chennell installed his son, Comp. Gordon Chennell, in the chair of M.E.Z., in succession to Comp. Rev. L. R. Tuttiatt. Comp. Frank Piggott, P.Z., P.G.H., next installed Comp. A. E.





Chaplin as H. Comp. W. P. Spalding, P.Z., P.P.G.J., kindly undertook the chair of J. for the year. Ballots having been taken with unanimity, Bros. Thos. Leader, of Newmarket; Chas. S. Palmer, Fredk. Cumberland, and A. R. Hill were exalted by Comp. Gordon Chennell. The work of the P.S. was very ably performed by Comp. Charles H. Banham, Past J., in conjunction with Comp. B. Chennell. The historical and symbolical lectures having been given by Comps. Spalding and Chaplin, Comp. B. Chennell gave the signs and the pedestal.

Other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

### Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1642.

The installation meeting took place at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday, the 8th instant, when there were present Comps. W. R. Hatton, M.E.Z.; H. Holmes, P.Z., H., M.E.Z. elect; Dr. J. E. N. Whitlock, J.; R. C. Green, P.Z., Treas.; T. H. Parkhouse, P.Z., S.E.; E. M. Lander, P.Z.; J. S. Adkins, P.Z.; J. H. Wood, P.Z.; E. Rogers, P.Z.; P. Monson, P.Z.; F. L. Chandler, P.Z.; G. Davis, P.Z.; J. French, J. elect; D. Wetherill, A. T. H. Armfield, D.C.; W. R. Flack, R.C., LL.D., T. Steward, W. J. Millington, W. Middleweek, A. R. Finch, H. F. Foale, and H. A. Otto Scheof. Visitors: Comps. Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z. S.E. 742; W. P. Hatton, H. elect 2246; and R. Goff, P.S. 1793.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, and the minutes were read by the Scribe E. and confirmed. Those companions who were not present or past Installed Principals retired for a while. The investiture of Installed Principals then took place. Comp. Hy. Holmes, P.Z. and M.E.Z. elect, was presented by Comp. Parkhouse to Comp. W. R. Hatton, by whom he was installed M.E.Z. The Board of Installed First Principals was then closed. The H. elect, Comp. Dr. J. W. Whitlock, was presented by Comp. Parkhouse, and installed as H. by Comp. George Davis, P.Z. The Board of Installed Second Principals was closed. The J. elect, Comp. John French, was presented by Comp. Parkhouse, and installed by Comp. George Davis as J. The Board of Installed Third Principals was closed. The investiture of officers then took place—Comps. Parkhouse, P.Z., Scribe E.; R. C. Green, P.Z., Treas.; J. J. Mackay, Scribe E. (absent); C. Webster, P.S.; H. Armfield, 1st A.S.; W. R. Flack, 2nd A.S.; E. T. Ginder, D.C.; W. J. Millington, Stwd.; and Lackland, Janitor. The Treasurer's statement and the report of the Auditors were received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The correspondence was submitted by the Scribe E., and the chapter was closed.

After justice had been done to a well-provided banquet the usual loyal toasts were proposed, which were duly honoured.

In giving "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" the M.E.Z. alluded to her Majesty's recent visit to Netley Hospital as evincing her sympathy with her wounded soldiers.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Health of the First Grand Principal, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was most loyally drunk.

"The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then presented by the M.E.Z., who alluded in touching terms to the late Earl of Lathom. The sympathy of the companions was evinced in a marked manner, and the mournful memory of the distinguished companion observed in solemn silence.

The I.P.Z., Comp. Hatton, gave "The Health of the M.E.Z." He spoke of his intimate, personal acquaintance with the M.E.Z.; how as companions they had in harmony together pursued the path of duty, and that the chapter was to be congratulated on its new president.

The M.E.Z. replied, thanking the I.P.Z. and the companions for the warm welcome he had received at their hands.

The M.E.Z. then gave the toast of "The I.P.Z., Comp. Hatton." He said it was indeed gratifying to him that his first official duty was that of pinning on the breast of his worthy predecessor the P.Z.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted to him at the last convocation of the chapter.

The loving cup was here sent round to the companions, the gift of the I.P.Z., in which a mutual pledge of good fellowship was interchanged.

The I.P.Z. replied, thanking the chapter for its mark of approbation, saying how proudly he should wear the P.Z.'s jewel.

Then came the toast of "The H. and J." by the M.E.Z.

The H., Comp. Dr. Whitlock, replied in a humorous manner, observing we have been told just now in harmonious that we are in very "good company," it certainly was a great pleasure to him and he trusted it was so equally with all present.

Comp. John French, J., thanked the companions for their kind appreciation of his merits, which, however, they seemed to know better than he did. He had now been a companion of the chapter for 17 years and had that evening achieved one of his great aims, that of filling one of the chairs in the R.A. Degree.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Comps. Driver, Percy Hatton, and Goff replied.

"The Treasurer, Comp. R. C. Green, and the Scribe E., Comp. S. H. Parkhouse," formed the subject of the well-deserved eulogiums of the M.E.Z.

The Treasurer and Scribe E. acknowledged the toast.

With "The P.Zs." were associated the names of Comps. Atkins, Monson, and Davis, the Installing Principal.

The P.Zs. responded.

"The Officers" toast was then drunk.

Comps. Webster, Armfield, and Flack, replied.

The Janitor's toast brought the evening to a close.

### Emblematic Chapter, No. 1321.

The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 8th instant, when there was a good attendance. The members present included Comps. W. O. Welsford, M.E.Z.; E. L. Berry, H.; J. S. Hinton, S.E.; T. Whitford, S.N.; C. W. Evans, P.S.; E. Beeson, 1st A.S.; F. Whicher, 2nd A.S.; W. B. Fendick, P.G.S.B. Eng., Treas.; C. Gilbert, Stwd.; C. O. Burgess, P.Z.; H. Esling, P.Z.; W. G. Kent, P.Z.; W. J. Harris, P.Z.; F. W. Buxton, P.Z.; E. Barwell, C. H. Lawrence, J. Robinson, W. Pearson, W. F. Bates, G. E. Grimes, F. Nowell, A. Whitmore, F. Kedge, P.Z.; M. Railing, R. Baker, L. D. Mogford, A. Shilling, C. Maynard Walker, H. Hirst, E. Palmer, S. W. Larkin, G. S. Webb, W. H. Shopland, and A. Reid. Visitors: Comps. F. W. Sparrow, M.E.Z.; T. B. Tipton, D. C. Robinson, Treas. 157; and W. W. Lee, P.Z. 1524.

Chapter having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. C. Maynard Walker, W. H. Shopland, and H. Hirst were exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. W. F. Bates was welcomed as a joining member. The following Principals were next installed into their respective chairs: Comps. E. L. Berry, M.E.Z., and T. Whitford, J. Comp. J. H. Moggridge, H. elect, was unavoidably absent on account of illness. The other

officers invested were Comps. J. S. Hinton, S.E.; C. W. Evans, S.N.; W. B. Fendick, P.G.S.B., P.Z., Treas.; F. Whicher, P.S.; E. Beeson, 1st A.S.; C. E. Gilbert, 2nd A.S.; C. O. Burgess, P.Z., D.C.; Stuart Walker, Org.; C. Lawrence and J. F. Woolf, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Janitor. The Audit report was adopted, and Comp. Welsford, I.P.Z., was presented with a Past Principal's jewel in recognition of his eminent services to the Craft. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced, and the chapter was closed.

After the banquet the customary toasts were given by the M.E.Z. in a genial and happy manner.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" naturally elicited sympathetic reference to the death of the late Pro G.Z., the M.E.Z. repeating the remark of the Earl of Amherst that there was no more devoted couple than the late Lord and Lady Lathom, and as they were united in life, in death they were not long divided. The M.E.Z., in asking the companions to drink the toast in silence, repeated the lines—

Lives of great men all remind us  
We may make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time.

Comp. W. B. Fendick, P.G.S.B., suitably responded, attributing his own promotion to Grand Office to his connection with the Emblematic Chapter.

Comp. W. O. Welsford, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," Comp. E. L. Berry, at whose initiation into Freemasonry he had the pleasure of assisting at the Emblematic Lodge. Since that period, many years ago, they had enjoyed an unbroken friendship. In 1890, Comp. Berry took a very prominent part in founding this chapter, and it was owing very largely to his energy that it was so successful. The fact that Comp. Berry had been passed in the Principals' chair by several companions had been the subject of a great deal of pleasant "chaff"; and although he had assumed an air of injured innocence, he had always accorded the heartiest support to the ruling M.E.Z. Comp. Berry's uniform high spirits were proverbial, and he was always cheerful, even under the most depressing circumstances. Having put his hand to the plough, the members knew from past experience of the M.E.Z. what he meant to do.

Comp. E. L. Berry, M.E.Z., in reply, said he had since 1890 been trying his hardest to get into that most exalted position, and he had now arrived there, thanks to the unanimous vote of the companions. He trusted they would always find him dignified in the chapter, although he sincerely hoped that any vein of humour that he possessed would not be dried up during his year. The ancient fable of "The Hares and the Hedgehog" was alluded to a year ago by Comp. Burgess, who represented him (the M.E.Z.) as scooting through the green fields of Masonry and leaping the hedges of decorum with a jubilant frivolity, thus leaving the unfortunate hedgehog hopelessly plodding behind. It was far otherwise, and the time had arrived when he must raise the curtain upon the last act of this emblematic fable. He was that halting, slow, and sorely handicapped hedgehog, and some of the hares who rushed past him in the pride of their strength and their swiftness were now enthroned on his left in all the pomp of the imperial purple. He had now the supreme reward of long-suffering patience, and in that position would endeavour to support the prestige and supremacy of the chapter, carry on its traditions, and work and maintain its splendour and usefulness.

"The H. and J." was the next toast, given by the M.E.Z., who thanked Comp. Burgess, P.Z., for kindly acting as H., and congratulated the chapter on having such an enthusiastic worker as Comp. Whitford to fill the chair of J.

Comp. T. Whitford, J., briefly responded.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The I.P.Z. and Installing Principals." Referring to Comp. Welsford, I.P.Z., he said that no companion took a keener interest in Royal Arch Masonry and no member had worked harder for the chapter. It was, therefore, a pleasure to be installed by him that evening. The handsome jewel presented to the I.P.Z. they hoped he would live long to wear. Comp. Burgess, P.Z., was widely known in Freemasonry and was M.E.Z. of no less than five chapters. He was a most genial and kindly hearted Mason and his installation of the J. that evening had been done in a most impressive manner.

Comp. Welsford, I.P.Z., expressed his thanks, and also his pleasure at being able to instal his old friend as M.E.Z. He thought the chapter was to be congratulated on its position.

Comp. C. O. Burgess, P.Z., shared the regret of the M.E.Z. at the absence of the H. elect, Comp. Moggridge. With such a popular M.E.Z. they could look forward with pleasurable anticipation to a continued success for the chapter.

"The Exalted and Joining Members" was next given and responded to.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Comps. Sparrow and Robinson.

"The Treasurer and Scribe E. and P.Zs." and "The Officers," were the concluding toasts of a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

Comp. Stewart Walker, Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Bros. Barwell, Borden, Harris, and others.

## Instruction.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. J. H. Cureton, M.E.Z.; G. H. Lewis, H.; G. W. Reed, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; J. A. Braik, Scribe N.; Stone, P.S.; Targett, and Garner.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Targett personating the candidate. Comp. G. H. Lewis, H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). The installation of J. was rehearsed by Comp. J. A. Braik, Comp. G. A. Reed being installed, and the chapter was closed.

### SELWYN CHAPTER, No. 1901.

The fortnightly convocation was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, S.E., on Monday, the 19th instant, when there were present Comps. J. A. Braik, M.E.Z.; A. H. Fraser, H.; J. Ellinger, J.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; F. E. Pow, Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Stone, S.N.; G. Rankin, P.S.; Targett, Witty, Jos. Pointon, Lightfoot, P.Z.; F. Swinford, and A. G. Wedmore.

The minutes of convocation of the 5th inst. were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Targett personating the candidate. Comps. F. Swinford (Smith), S.N. 2272, and A. G. Wedmore, 1st A.S. 186, were elected members. Comp. A. H. Fraser, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next convocation on the first Monday in January. The business of the chapter ended, it was closed.

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### MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, December 24, 1898.

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

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26.

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706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.

MARK LODGE.

226, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27.

No Meetings.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

CRRAFT LODGE.

2687, Italia, Hotel Cecil.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

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494, St. Pancras, Beale's Restaurant, Holloway-road.

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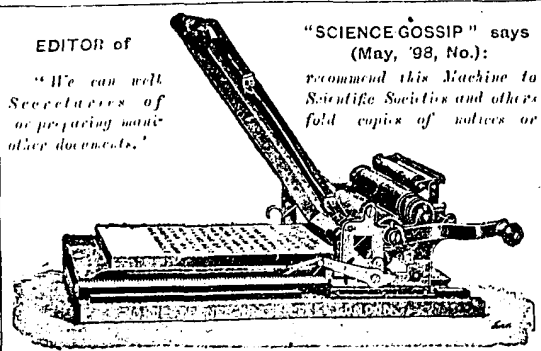
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WITH REGRET we learn of the indisposition of Bro. R. D. M. Littler, Q.C., C.B., P. Dep. G. Registrar.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE left town on Saturday for Brighton, whence they proceeded on Wednesday to Sandringham for Christmas.

THE CONVALESCENT HOME erected at Herne Bay for the members of friendly societies will be opened by the donor, Bro. J. Passmore Edwards, in May.

LORD AND LADY FARQUHAR have returned to the Metropolis from Knowsley, where they have been amongst the guests of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, the Commander-in-Chief, made his usual half-yearly inspection of the cadets at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, on Wednesday.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR has, through the German Embassy, sent a donation of 300 marks (£15) to the president of the German Trades Club, East-road, City-road, E.C.

HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH distributed prizes to the pupils attending the Oxford High Schools for Girls in the hall of Balliol College before a large and influential attendance.

THE WEST INDIAN FAMINE FUND.—The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the great hurricane in the West Indies amounts to £44,900. This fund is practically closed.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by Princess Victoria, left Marlborough House on Monday evening for Sandringham. Miss Knollys and General Sir Dighton Probyn were in attendance.

A SUM OF £100 was realised for the Royal Hospital for Incurables as the result of the reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol" by Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft, at the Town Hall, Wandsworth, a few days ago.

THE ROYAL FEMALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.—Bro. Sir John B. Monckton (the Town Clerk) presided on Monday of last week at the Cannon-street Hotel over the annual court of guardians of the Royal Female Orphan Asylum, situate at Beddington.

A LOT of choice polled Scots bullocks, bred by her Majesty the Queen on the Home Farm, Aberfeldie Mains, near Balmoral, were exhibited at Harrod's Stores (Limited) last Monday. This is the first consignment ever sent to London for sale by her Majesty.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK left York House on Monday afternoon, and proceeded by the Great Northern Railway to Hatfield, whence they drove to Brocket Hall, on a visit to Lord Mount Stephen. Their Royal Highnesses will go to Sandringham for Christmas.

SIR W. B. RICHMOND says that all the workmen engaged on the mosaics at St. Paul's are Englishmen, with one exception, and he is a naturalised British subject. In reference to their work, he says that Italy at her best cannot show finer mosaics than there are in St. Paul's.

THE QUEEN went out on Monday morning, attended by the Hon. Bertha Lambart, while her Majesty the Empress Frederic, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, went to Carisbrooke Castle and inspected the collection of work made by the ladies of the Isle of Wight Guild, of which the Princess is president.

KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY has been a Freemason for 50 years, and he has just celebrated that jubilee. Some time ago at a big gathering of brethren at the Albert Hall the King was present, and the H.R.H. Prince of Wales told the assembled company how, through the example of his Majesty, he had himself become one of the Brotherhood. King Oscar is not quite 70 years of age, so he became a Mason at a very early age.

A MASONIC FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday evening, January 29th next, in the Kingsland Congregational Church, High-street, Kingsland, N. (three minutes from Dalston Junction). A special dispensation has been granted by the M.W.G.M. for brethren to wear Masonic clothing, and the service will be held under the banner of the Clissold Lodge (Bro. A. F. Cooper, W.M.).

THE DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND presided at Stafford House on Saturday afternoon last over a large meeting of ladies for the purpose of formulating a scheme on behalf of the special appeal of the Charing-cross Hospital for a great bazaar next June, which it is hoped to make one of the events of the season. Amongst those present were Countess Hatzfeldt, Countess Carrington, the Countess of Chesterfield, Julia Marchioness of Tweeddale, Lady Hillingdon, Lady de Lisle, Lady Cunard, Mrs. Ronalds, Mrs. Hilda Williams, Mrs. Elphinstone Maitland, Mrs. Arthur Paget, Mrs. Labouchere, and Mrs. Clement Scott.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided at a meeting at Marlborough House on Tuesday morning to promote the objects of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis. His Royal Highness afterwards took the chair at a meeting of the General Council of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London, while in the afternoon he attended in Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, the funeral service for Bro. Christopher Sykes. Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue and Bro. Sir F. Knollys were in attendance.

THE CHRISTMAS "FREEMASON."—Mr. George Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*, has published an excellent Christmas special number of the *Freemason*. The frontispiece is typical of the loyalty of the Craft to the Crown—Britannia in the act of placing the laurel wreath upon the crowned head of her Majesty the Queen. There is an interesting summary of Freemasonry in 1898, in the course of which reference is made in the Craft portion to the opening and dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Blyth. Reference is made to the new lodges and the new chapter consecrated in Northumberland; the Benevolent Funds of the Province of Durham. Portraits of the M.W. G.M. of Ireland, the M.W.G.M. and Grand Secretary of Scotland, illustrated account of a three-century old Scottish Masonic document by D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary Scotland; and other Masonic lore, are of particular interest to Masons, as well as the diary of the year's Masonic events. "The Legend of Dead Man's Wood," by T. C. Walls; "The Four Henries," by Prof. F. W. Driver; an article upon the English Masonic Rite, by W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and other literary contents make up a very good Christmas number.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

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BRO. THE EARL OF ONSLOW left town for Paris on Wednesday.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF WARWICK will join the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland's party at Trentham for Christmas.

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON arranged to leave London on Thursday for Goodwood, Chichester, where he will spend Christmas.

THE ARTICLE CLUB.—The next dinner of the Article Club will be held on the 4th prox., when Lord Suffield, the club's president for 1899, will occupy the chair.

PRINCESS LOUISE MARCHIONESS OF LORNE and the Marquis of Lorne, M.P., will proceed to Osborne to-day (Friday) to spend Christmas and the New Year with the Queen.

BRO. SIR MATTHEW AND THE HON. LADY WHITE RIDLEY have arranged to spend Christmas at Cassiobury Park, Watford, and afterwards proceed to Blagdon, Northumberland.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has forwarded to the Norwich Jenny Lind Infirmary for Sick Children a quantity of toys sent through her Royal Highness by a number of Kew children and other friends.

BRO. LORD BURTON returned to town on Wednesday from Brighton, where he has been spending a few days. In the afternoon he left London for Rangemore Hall, Burton-upon-Trent.

HIS MAJESTY KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY has conferred upon Mr. Frederick G. Jackson, the Arctic explorer, the decoration of Knighthood of the First Class of the Royal Order of St. Olaf.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS.—The Corporation of London have decided to give a conversazione in Guildhall on the occasion of the meeting of the Church Congress in London next year. About 3000 guests will be invited.

FIRST AMONG the various charities of the metropolis to hold its Christmas entertainment has been the Stainer Home for Deaf and Dumb Children, which had a tea and treat on Saturday night last at St. Michael's Schools, Star-street.

THE CHIEF RABBI consecrated, on the 18th instant, the Clara Baroness de Hirsch Home, Tudor House, Hampstead, the freehold of which has been purchased for £16,000 by the Baroness, who is the president of the institution, and has also fully endowed it.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Sir J. V. Moore) has received £19,700 in aid of the Sirdar's Fund for the foundation and endowment of the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum. This is in addition to the large sums remitted to Lord Kitchener himself at Messrs. Glyn's Bank, where the bulk of the fund has been raised.

THE DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER on Tuesday evening distributed the prizes gained by the successful students at Chester Science and Art and Technical School. Her Grace was accompanied by the Duke of Westminster and Princess Adolphus of Teck, and the attendance also included the Earl of Creve and Mr. Samuel Moss, M.P.

AMONGST THOSE PRESENT at the funeral of the late Lord Vernon at Sudbury, on Tuesday, were the three children, Hon. Frances Vernon, Hon. George Vernon (who succeeds to the title), and Hon. Francis Vernon, with other members of the family; Bro. Sir Thomas Roe, Bro. Gretton, M.P.; Lord Waterpark, Bro. H. C. Okeover, and many others.

PREVIOUS TO HIS DEPARTURE for the Continent, the Lord Chief Justice entertained at dinner, at the Reform Club, a number of the Judges, including the Lord Chancellor (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury) and the Master of the Rolls, a number of the members of the Bar, including the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General, and also the Hon. Bourke Cockran, of the New York Bar.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES honoured Thomas McLean's Galleries, in the Haymarket, with a visit on Wednesday, to view the picture "The Charge of the 21st Lancers at Omdurman," by R. Caton Woodville. Subsequently, the Prince of Wales received his Excellency Monsieur Cambon on his appointment as Ambassador to the Court of St. James from the French Republic.

THEIR MAJESTIES the Queen and Empress Frederic, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, with their Highnesses Princess Victoria Eugenie and the three young Princes of Battenberg, and the Ladies and Gentlemen in attendance, arrived at Osborne on the 16th inst., shortly after two o'clock, crossing over from G. sport on board her Majesty's yacht *Alberta*, Rear-Admiral Fullerton, A.D.C.

## Obituary.

BRO. J. S. JARVIS.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Bro. John Stephen Jarvis, formerly of the well-known firm of Dent, Allcroft, and Co., who is said to have been chiefly instrumental in introducing the modern tie as an improvement upon the stock which was in vogue till about 30 years ago. Bro. Jarvis, who had attained the ripe age of 77 years, was initiated on the 9th March, 1855, and was a member of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657. We tender our sympathy with the members of his family. The funeral of Bro. J. S. Jarvis took place on Wednesday at Norwood Cemetery. Mr. A. Powell, one of the partners of the firm, was present, and the wreaths placed on the coffin included a magnificent floral tribute from the deceased's late colleagues.

BRO. T. HAYTER LEWIS, P.M.

Bro. T. Hayter Lewis, F.S.A., R.I.B.A., who died at his residence, 12, Kensington-gardens-square, on Saturday, the 10th instant, was born 9th July, 1818, and was, therefore, in his 81st year. In 1837 he became a student of the Royal Academy, and two years later was awarded the silver medal for architectural drawing. In 1865 he was appointed Professor of Architecture of University College, and on resigning in 1881 was appointed Emeritus Professor. On the 3rd June, 1886, he joined from the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, the Quatuor Cornati Lodge, No. 2075, of which he was a P.M. Bro. Lewis was a supporter of all our three Institutions.

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