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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We are now within three weeks of the day appointed for the first of the three great Anniversary Festivals of the year—that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord LLANGATTOCK, Prov. Grand Master of South Wales (E.D.), and it strikes us as being desirable to take another look round, with a view to forming some idea of the prospects in store for the Institution on this eventful occasion. Of the requirements of this important Charity there can be, as we have said in former articles, no question whatever. There are 202 male annuitants at £40 each, for which it is necessary to provide the sum of £8080, and 245 widow annuitants at £32 each, who absorb amongst them a further £7840, together with some 28 widow half-annuitants at £20 each, amongst whom is disbursed £560, the total expended in annuities being only a few pounds short of £16,500. To this must be added some £3000 for expenses of management and maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon, the whole of the expenditure for which provision must be made being, in round figures, £19,500. Towards defraying this large outlay, there are, firstly, the dividends on invested capital, amounting to between £4000 and £4500, and the annual grants by Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter which together furnish £1750, the total permanent income on which the Institution relies to meet its obligations being from £6000 to £6500, or about one third part of its annual outlay. This leaves a deficit of fully £13,000 towards the obtaining of which we depend almost wholly on the amount of Donations and Subscriptions raised by the Festival Stewards. But this by no means represents the full measure of what is needed on this particular occasion. Last year, as we have pointed out in previous issues, the Festival receipts were not greatly in excess of £9700 or about one half of the total sum required for the year, and had it not been that the sum of £2000 voted in 1897 by Grand Lodge as a special grant in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee was paid over to the Institution last year, the income would have fallen short of the expenditure by upwards of £4000. There is, therefore, a diminution of about £2500 to be made good in respect of 1898 in addition to the £13,000 and upwards which is required for the service of the current year.

In other words, in order to restore the average as far as possible to what has been necessarily raised for some years past, the amount that should be subscribed on the 22nd instant, should approximate very closely to £16,000. Whether or no it will be possible for the Stewards to accomplish this is the question which is now exercising the minds of the brethren, and we are glad to say that, as far as the number of those who have volunteered their help is concerned, the outlook is by no means unfavourable. On Tuesday, the 31st ult., the Board which has undertaken to support Lord LLANGATTOCK as Chairman numbered between 330 and 340 ladies and brethren, and there is every likelihood that between now and the appointed day this number will be still further enlarged; and if the Board, when completed, is not quite equal in point of strength to that of 1897, when H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT occupied the chair, there is reason to hope that it will not fall very far short of the number that gave their services on that occasion. At all events, in this particular respect, the outlook, as we have said, is not unpromising, and if anything like the list average then obtained is repeated at the approaching Festival, the Chairman, the Stewards, and Bro. TERRY will have good reason to be satisfied with the work they will have accomplished.

We appeal, therefore, most earnestly to those lodges and brethren who are as yet unrepresented to lose no time in tendering their services on behalf of our "Old People." Let them bear in mind, in addition to the particulars we have been at the pains of bringing to their notice, that for the annual election in May next there are at the present time as many as 126 candidates, of whom 56 are for the Male Fund and 70 for the Widows' Fund, and that up to the present time there are vacancies on the establishment for only 12 men and 12 widows. To these must be added the three deferred annuities on each Fund, for which a corresponding number of those on the lists will be returned. Thus, as matters now stand, provision is only possible for 30—15 on each Fund, out of the 126 who have been adjudged worthy to receive the benefits dispensed by the Institution. No doubt other annuities will fall vacant between now and the third Friday in May, when the election takes place, but under the most favourable circumstances we cannot hope to see more than about one-third elected, while the remaining two-thirds, that is to say, between 80 and 90 old men and widows, will be left to endure all the privations which a state of indigence entails for at least another year. Under these circumstances, we trust that heed will be given to our appeal.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.*

With this Part III. the 11th Volume of these Transactions is completed, and we have no hesitation in saying that the whole forms one of the most interesting volumes of the series, while the Part itself, to which we are about to direct attention, is not the least instructive of the three. The meetings, whose Transactions are herein recorded, were those of the 7th October, when the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year were elected, and the 8th November, when the new Master—Bro. C. PURDON CLARKE—was installed in office, and appointed and invested his officers. The proceedings at the former meeting

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include the last of the series of "Hidden Mysteries," contributed by Bro. S. T. KLEIN, now I.P.M., which constituted so important a feature of that brother's Mastership, and which, as they were such admirable essays in themselves, and so entirely outside the class of contributions which are ordinarily made to the Transactions of our great literary lodge, have made his term of office especially memorable. But, in addition to this fifth and last of Bro. KLEIN'S papers, there was presented by Bro. W. H. RYLANDS certain "Notes on Sussex Masonry." These Notes, the author tells us, are the result of two visits he made to Lavant in 1895 and 1896, supplemented by particulars derived, by permission, from the paper read by Bro. C. DAWSON before the Sussex Archaeological Society at its annual meeting in August, 1894, on certain ancient relics found in the caves of Lavant. Particulars are given of the relics found in these caves, but especially of one which was included among a number exhibited by Bro. C. BAMFYLDE WARR at the meeting of the lodge on the 3rd May, 1895, which was found about a yard beneath the débris in the caves. This relic, of which an illustration is given, is described as a "curious copper badge (thought by some to be Masonic or belonging to some trade guild)," and as "rudely executed," "about the thickness of a sixpence and three-quarters of an ounce in weight," and as having its edges rubbed smooth. "Down the centre is what appears to be a plumb line reaching to the hole cut in the lower bar." After certain speculations as to the value of this badge as a Masonic relic, Bro. RYLANDS points out that these Lavant caves are situated only a short distance from St. Rook's Hill, where, in some of our earliest lodge lists, a lodge is located, which is said to have met once a year, and to have been constituted in the reign of JULIUS CÆSAR. What follows is unusually interesting, and will be read with pleasure by all who delight in tracing the history of our earliest lodges and the mysteries connected with them. There is also much relating to the Duke of RICHMOND, who was one of the earliest of the chiefs of our Grand Lodge, and to whom we are indebted for the establishment of what is now known as the Fund of Benevolence. The discussion which followed the reading of the Paper was brief but, as might well be imagined, laudatory in the highest degree of Bro. RYLANDS'S successful effort in elucidating the early history of Masonry in Sussex. The feature of the November meeting was the address delivered by Bro. PURDON CLARKE after his installation in the chair of the lodge.

But these by no means exhaust the treasures of this third part of last year's Volume of Transactions. Among the Reviews is one of Bro. HENRY SADLER'S "Masonic Reprints and Historical Revelations." This review is from the pen of Bro. R. F. GOULD, who is not sparing in his praise of the author, but, as might have been expected, gives his chief attention to the Introductory Chapter, in which Bro. CRAWLEY describes the latest of his valuable discoveries on the subject of Irish Freemasonry.

There is also a reprint, with comments by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, of the "John T. Thorp MS.," of the old Constitutions of Masonry, which is certainly very far from being the least valuable of the contents of this part.

The task of editing this part has been fulfilled by Bro. SPETH with his wonted ability, the whole being rendered complete by the necessary index, and an excellent portrait of Bro. SYDNEY T. KLEIN, the W.M. in 1898, which will serve as the frontispiece to Volume XI.

Accompanying this Part III. is the usual "St. John's Card," 27th December, 1898, in which the Worshipful Master conveys his greetings to the two Circles, and to which is appended a complete list of the members of the lodge, as well as of the brethren and lodges that are comprised in the "Correspondence Circle." The Frontispiece is the portrait, from an engraving in Freemasons' Hall, of an unknown brother, which is thus published in the hope that some one may be able to throw light on his name or history. There is also a chart showing the distribution of the Correspondence Circle over the world at the close of last year. A glance at this will suffice to show that the bulk of the members are to be found in the British Empire and the United States, with, however, a fair sprinkling in the north of Europe.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The February Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, the 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comp. Earl Amherst, M.E. Pro Z., Comp. W.W. Beach, M.P., G.J., as G.H., and Comp. J. Thornhill Morland, M.A., Prov. G. Supt. Berks, as G.J. Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., and Robert Grey, as G.S.N., were in the seats of those officers. Comps. Sir Bruce Maxwell Seton was G.P.S.; T. Lean Wilkinson, 1st A.G.S.; and R. Horton Smith, Q.C., 2nd A.G.S. The other companions who attended were

Comps. Sir G. D. Harris, Pres. Committee of General Purposes; Col. Clifford Probyn, G. Treas.; John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg.; Reginald J. Mure, Dep. G. Reg.; T. Poultney Griffin, 1st G. Std. Br.; Wm. F. Smithson, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. McLeod, P.G. Std. Br., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. A. Scurrah, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Taylor, 3rd G. Std. Br.; Wm. Stevenson Hoyte, 4th G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., G.D.C.; F. G. Swinden, A.G.D.C.; A. King, G. Org.; Lewis Lazarus, A.G.D.C.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.D.G.D.C.; A. W. Oxford; H. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; George Mickley, M.D., P.S.G.S.; Alfred C. Spaul, P.D. G.D.C.; Major G. H. N. Bridges, P.G.S.B.; F. H. Goldney; S. J. Abraham; James Boulton, P.A.G. Director of Ceremonies; James Smith Eastes, P.G.S.B.; William Vincent, P.A.G. Director of Ceremonies; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P. Dep. G. Reg.; Major T. C. Walls, P.D.G.D.C.; W. Russell, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; E. Luxmoore Marshall, P.G.S.B.; W. G. Kentish, P.G.S.B.; W. B. Coltman, P.P.G.S.; W. J. Mason, T. A. Bullock, P.A.G.D.C.; George Cowell, P.A.G.S.; J. D. Langton, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Gordon Brown, P.G.S.B.; Malcolm Morris, P.A.G.S.; Wm. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; W. B. Fendick, Fred West, P.A.G.S.; Thomas Henry Gardiner, P.G.S.B.; Frederick Mead, P.A.G.D.C.; Major J. W. Woodall, P.G.T.; C. F. Matier, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Herbert J. Adams, P.D.G.D.C.; A. J. R. Trendell, P.G.S.B.; E. M. Money, P.G. Std. Br.; George Graveley, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, J. J. Thomas, Major C. W. Carrell, P.G.S.B.; R. S. A. Roumieu, P.G.S.B.; Lennox Browne, P.G.S.B.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; C. Pulman, Asst. G.D.C.; H. Honeybone, P.G.S.B.; W. Lake, Asst. G.S.E.; H. Sadler, G.J.; F. Hughes Hallett, P.Z. 709, P.P.G.S.N. Kent; J. Pickett, M.E.Z. 2410; Walter Gripper, M.E.Z. 410 and 2000; J. King Le Fann, M.E.Z. and J. 2410; Charles J. R. Tjju, M.E.Z. 1716; F. A. Powell, P.Z. 457 and 2416; M. Spiegel, P.Z. 814, 1556, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; Arthur J. Cove, M.E.Z. 862; H. Higgins, P.Z. 1381; W. Sergeant Lee, M.E.Z. 2483; C. J. Turnbull, M.E.Z. 1524; George William Reed, J. 2182; James W. Burgess, P.Z. 591; William Robert Barr, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z. 1556; J. Harrison, P.Z. 1556, P.P.G.P. Soj. Surrey; George Smith, H. 704; W. Henry Thomas, M.E.Z. 382; James Speller, M.E.Z. 1766; Alfred Dewsbury, I.P.Z. 539, P.P.G.R. Staffs; J. R. Cleave, M.E.Z. 2030; F. Dangerfield, P.Z. 1260; and F. A. R. Neill, M.E.Z. 897.

After Grand Chapter had been opened in ancient and solemn form, and the minutes of the Quarterly Convocation of November, 1898, had been read and confirmed,

Earl AMHERST said he had to acquaint Grand Chapter that the Most Excellent First Grand Principal had been pleased to appoint him as Pro Grand First Principal, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick as Second Grand Principal.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was, on the motion of Comp. Sir GEO. D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. F. RICHARDSON, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Moved and seconded respectively by the same companions charters were granted for chapters to be attached to the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay; the St. George Lodge, No. 549, Bombay; the Germinston Lodge, No. 2498, Germiston; the Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, Halesworth; the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 2538, Cape Town; the St. Trillo Lodge, No. 2569, Colwyn Bay; and the Sir Francis Drake Lodge, No. 2649, Plymouth.

Permission was given to remove the Loyalty Chapter, No. 897, from the Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, to the Imperial Buildings, Ormskirk-street, St. Helens; the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, from the Horns Tavern, Kennington, to the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, London; the Felicity Chapter, No. 58, from the Grafton Rooms, Beak-street, to the Prince's Restaurant, Piccadilly, London; the Architect Chapter, No. 1375, from the Town Hall, Withington, to the Public Hall, West Didsbury, Lancashire; the Blagdon Chapter, No. 659, from the Mechanic's Institute to the New Masonic Hall, Beaconsfield-street, Blyth; the Philanthropic Chapter, No. 304, from the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, to the Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds; the Alfred Chapter, No. 306, from the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, to the Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds; the Excelsior Chapter, No. 1042, from the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, to the Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds; and the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, from the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

Charters of confirmation were granted to the Temperance-in-the-East Chapter, and to the Virtue Chapter, No. 495, Axminster, the original charters having been lost.

Comp. W. SERGEANT LEE, P.Z. 1201, &c., then moved: "That Grand Chapter be asked to sanction a gold braid or chain to be attached to the red collars of Past First Principals or Installed First Principals, after the same manner as Grand Lodge has sanctioned the silver braid on Installed Masters' collars, so that such red collar may be worn when visiting a chapter." He said the resolution needed very few remarks, as some years ago Grand Lodge was pleased to sanction a similar motion with regard to Masters and Past Masters of lodges to enable them to wear in other than their own lodge collars with a silver braid if they wished to visit a lodge. Of course, the Grand Officer's clothing carried them anywhere, but for those who were Principals or Past Principals he thought it would be a kindly thing to allow them to wear a gold braid on their collars if those companions wished to visit other chapters. He thought that Grand Chapter might sanction something of the kind mentioned in his notice of motion to be attached to the collars of Principals or Past Principals.

Comp. E. J. TURNBULL, M.E.Z. 1524, seconded the motion.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON said he entirely endorsed the proposition of Comp. Lee, but would suggest that the matter be referred to the General

Committee of Grand Chapter. He might say there were one or two other alterations, improvements, or additions which had been suggested lately and one report could be brought up on the entire alterations. There would be no delay in the matter for it would be brought forward at the next convocation.

Comp. LEE then withdrew his motion by leave, and on the motion of Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, the motion was referred to the Committee of General Purposes to report upon to next convocation.

Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form.

CONSECRATION OF THE HARLOW LODGE, No. 2734.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., another lodge was added to the roll of the Province of Essex, bringing up the number to 41. The new lodge is called the Harlow, and is Number 2734 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

The ceremony took place in the Victoria Hall, Harlow, and, in the absence abroad of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick (Dep. Grand Master of England), was ably performed by Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that province, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Robt. Woodhouse, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; Col. Landon, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. Wm. Tree, Prov. G. Chap., as Chap.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.; and F. England, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, as I.G.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably rendered by Bros. Thomas Powell, Etherington Smith, Charles Strong, and Horace Reynolds, under the direction of Bro. Chas. H. Kempling, W.M. 2508, J.W. 1706, Prov. G. Org.

At the close of the consecration ceremony the chair was taken by Bro. Albert Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C., and he installed the W.M. designate, Bro. William Leghorn, P.M. 754, in his usual able manner. The officers for the year were invested as under: Bros. W. F. Driver, I.P.M. 1360, I.P.M.; George Ackerman, S.W.; Harry Traill, J.W.; James Cowlin, Treas.; S. T. Milbank, Sec.; Chas. Spurge, S.D.; Wm. Boyden, J.D.; Joseph Caygill, I.G.; John G. Garrard, Stwd.; and Sergt. Sergeant, Tyler.

The W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and all the founders were elected a Committee to frame by-laws.

A special vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Letters were read from several distinguished brethren unable to be present, including Bro. his Honour Judge Philbrick, who wished the lodge a long career of Masonic usefulness.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Green Man Inn, where banquet was partaken of.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M., amidst hearty applause, congratulated the province on the appointment of the Prov. Grand Master of Essex as Deputy Grand Master of England.

In responding to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Bro. Col. Lockwood said while greatly regretting the absence of their much loved Provincial Grand Master, he had been particularly glad to have had the privilege of consecrating a Masonic lodge at Harlow, as it was here that he passed eight of the happiest years of his life and a Masonic lodge was the thing they wanted to complete the delights of the place. They all wished the lodge a happy and prosperous career, and the executive of the province earnestly trusted that it would add lustre to the Masonic traditions of the county of Essex. The founders, he had no doubt, would feel that they had taken upon themselves a serious responsibility in starting this new lodge, and would, he hoped, so carry on the work, and take such care in the admission of new members, that those who had taken part in the ceremony to-day would never regret it. (Applause.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 27th ult. In the absence of Bro. Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M., President of the Institution, through indisposition, the chair was occupied by Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.W., Chairman of the General Committee, and amongst those present were Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, D. Prov. G.M.; T. J. Hooper (Vice-Chairman); Wm. Jaffrey, Treas.; N. A. Earle, E. G. Harwood, J. T. Newbold, W. Brockes, F. W. Lean, Jas. Andrew, E. Williams, J. B. Goulburn, Jas. Kershaw, S. Porritt, C. Turner, E. Halliwell, Jno. Whittaker, Fred Hilton, J. Barker, Jas. Newton (Sec.); and others.

The annual reports were read and adopted—particulars of which appeared in our columns last week.

Various Committees were appointed.

Bro. Wm. Jaffrey was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. N. A. Earle was elected honorary Secretary.

It was resolved that Bro. Surgeon-Captain A. H. Smith be elected honorary medical officer of the Institution.

Other routine business was then transacted.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that it was in contemplation to hold a festival of the Institution in 1900.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated a most harmonious meeting.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES remain at Sandringham House. On Sunday their Royal Highnesses, with Princess Victoria and the Duchess of York, attended Divine service at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1558.

The red letter day of the year in this lodge is the holding of the ladies' night, which proved no exception to the rule on the present occasion under the very able presidency of Bro. F. W. Downes, W.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M. was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Richards, I.P.M.; F. Green, S.W.; F. Austin, J.W.; Jas. Block, P.M., Treas.; J. Austin, P.M., Sec.; F. Benson, S.D.; S. Blum, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; E. J. Cooper, D.C.; Arthur Briscoe, Org.; G. Gainger, Stwd.; P. Marten, and many others.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned, and the W.M. and Mrs. Downes, with Miss Downes, held a reception, at which were present Bro. Richards and Mrs. Richards, Bro. F. Green, Mrs. Green and Miss Green, Bro. F. Austin and Mrs. Austin, Bro. J. Austin, P.M., Sec.; Mrs. Austin and the Misses May, Edie, and Beatrice Austin, Bro. J. Block, Bro. Benson and Mrs. Benson, Bro. S. Blum, Bro. E. J. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Shilton and Miss Downes, Bro. J. Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson, Bro. G. Gainger, Bro. W. Block, P.M., and Mrs. Block, Bro. S. Parker, Bro. J. Hands, P.M., and Mrs. Hands, Bro. F. Knibbs, P.M., and Miss A. Knibbs, Bro. J. H. Gates and Mrs. Gates, Bro. Wm. Beecroft, P.M.; Bro. V. Shale, Bro. F. J. Fowles and Mrs. Fowles; Bro. W. B. Hardwick and Miss M. D. Hardwick; Bro. J. Williams; Bro. J. Owston and Mrs. Owston; Bro. C. Day; Bro. W. Green and Mrs. Green; Bro. J. Parker; Bro. F. C. Johns; Bro. E. Davies and Mrs. Davies; Bro. T. Nicholls and Mrs. Nicholls; Bro. H. A. Lepper; Bros. W. H. Fleming, F. Humm, R. J. Radford, R. W. Goodman, J. Swinger, E. A. Bruce; Bro. R. Needle and Mrs. Needle; Bros. A. George, F. C. Cross; Messrs. A. J. Blake, C. Cook, jun.; Bros. T. Winsor, P.M. 1950; C. Johnson, S.D. 2206; Bro. J. Chapman, 1585, and Mrs. Chapman; Bro. J. H. Gaskin, P.M. 1897, and Mrs. Gaskin; Bro. W. L. Downes, I.G. 65; Bro. G. Hall, 87, and Mrs. Hall; Bro. E. Milsom, 2484; Bro. S. W. Hobson, 1178, and Mrs. Hobson; Bro. G. Gibbons, 87, and Mrs. Gibbons; Bro. J. Harwood, 87, and Mrs. Harwood; Bros. Rev. V. Tyrrel, S.D. 2369; R. Hobden, D. of C. 1981; D. Bingham, 87; G. Goodman, F. W. Downes, A. W. Shilton, R. Colston, 1158; L. Goddard, 733; W. C. Beecroft, W. Harwood; Bro. C. Coxwell and Mrs. Coxwell; Bro. F. C. Johns; Bro. J. G. Blake and Mrs. Blake, and Miss E. F. Pratts; Bro. Croxson, S.W. 1658, and Mrs. Croxson; Bro. C. T. Carter and Mrs. Carter; Bros. F. Small, J.W. 2242; W. Gower, 2472; R. J. Moseley, 1228; G. W. Gregory, T. Cleveland, F. Sheed; Bro. R. W. Beckwith and Mrs. Beckwith; Bro. H. Harwood, 87, and Mrs. Harwood; Bro. J. J. Harwood, D.C. 2265; A. Ellison, E. W. Neall, J. Boswell, 33; Bro. E. Ford, 1563, and Mrs. Ford; Bro. T. Hook and Mrs. Hook; Bro. Nicholls and Mrs. Nicholls; Bro. H. Harwood and Mrs. Harwood; Bro. Cobden and Mrs. Cobden; Miss Ganz; Bro. Davies and Mrs. Davies; Bro. Denton and Mrs. Denton; Bro. Goulston and Mrs. Goulston; Bro. Goddard and Miss Colstone; Bro. Morris, Mrs. Morris, and Miss R. S. Morris; Bro. and Mrs. Simons; and others.

The reception ended, the brethren, ladies, and gentlemen adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a *recherche* banquet had been provided by the proprietor, Bro. Callingham, in his usual capital style, which was highly appreciated.

The banquet ended, the W.M. presented the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in kindly terms, specially remarking upon the restoration to health of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., which was gratifying to every Mason.

Bro. W. RICHARDS, I.P.M., in terms of appreciation and commendation presented the toast of "The W.M., Bro. F. Downes," both for his excellent work in the lodge, and also more particularly in presiding over such a happy gathering, especially graced by the presence of ladies. He hoped that such gatherings would continue, and that Bro. T. Green, the S.W., would have such another.

The toast was received most cordially.

Bro. F. DOWNES, W.M., most gracefully and efficiently responded.

The toast of "The Ladies" was presented by Bro. REV. VYVIAN TYRREL as the toast of the evening, in an exhaustive and intellectual speech, which was received in laudatory terms, and duly responded to.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," specially commending the Past Masters as pillars, who had executed their duties with great ability and were ever ready to give their valuable assistance. Of the Treasurer and Secretary, their services were invaluable and they were most assiduous to duty, and the lodge was greatly indebted to them. The same might be said of the S.W. and J.W., with the rest of the officers who had carried out their duties in most exemplary manner. He would take the opportunity of especially thanking the Stewards for their indefatigable exertions in making the evening such a success.

The toast was replied to most ably by Bros. RICHARDS, I.P.M.; AUSTIN, P.M., Sec.; J. BLOCK, P.M., Treas. (who especially recommended the W.M. to stand as Steward for one of the Charities as the funds would justly allow it being in a flourishing condition), also by Bro. GREEN, S.W., and the J.W., who congratulated the W.M. on such a successful gathering.

Each lady was presented with "a souvenir from the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1558. January 24, 1899. Bro. F. W. Downes, W.M." Such was the inscription on the case containing a very pretty brooch, which was very much appreciated by the recipients.

There was also a capital programme of music arranged by Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, who was most ably assisted by Miss May Hadden, Miss Florence Roper, Miss Rose Sylvia Morris (reciter), Mr. A. W. Pregraves (reciter), Mr. Fred Rome, F.O.S., Mr. Harry Hudson, Mr. W. Hammond, and Bros. J. Davidson, P.M., and S. Cobden. Bro. Arthur Briscoe ably accompanied.

FOURTH ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT OF THE LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

A success a great success! was the unanimous verdict of all those who availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the fourth ladies' night of the above lodge, which took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 26th ult., a success that was greatly due to the untiring energy of the Hon. Sec., Bro. James Smith, P.M., ably supported as he was by a strong body of Stewards, elected from the members of the lodge, the pleasures of the evening being greatly enhanced by the active, able, and efficient manner in which the two M.Cs., Bros. Frederick Hughes, P.M., and John G. Robeson, S.W., performed their duties.

The W.M., who was in early attendance, was at his post, supported by Mrs. Baker, punctually at half-past five, to receive the guests of the evening, and soon after six led the way to the great hall, where dancing was commenced at once, and carried on with great zest until the supper interval at eight o'clock.

The company then adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where an excellent supper had been set in this hotel's well known style, under the personal supervision of the genial and experienced manager, Bro. G. W. Fenelley.

After supper, three toasts only were very briefly given—that of "The Queen," by the W.M., who also gave the toast of the evening, "The Ladies," in very happy and felicitous terms, the latter being ably and humorously responded to by Bro. A. R. HIPWELL.

Bro. COHU, P.M., the worthy and greatly esteemed Treasurer, then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very kindly manner, including in it Mrs., Miss, and Mr. G. K. Baker, the W.M. very suitably and briefly responding.

The ladies, gentlemen, and brethren then returned to the great hall, where dancing was resumed and kept up with great spirit until 11.30, and a most enjoyable evening concluded by the playing and singing of "God Save the Queen."

Among the company present, which numbered about 150, we noticed Bro. William Baker, W.M.; Mrs., Miss, and Mr. G. K. Baker; Mrs. Balding; Bro. McGraw; Miss Riley; Mrs. and Miss Willby; Mr. A. W. Smith and Miss Wilson; Bro. Morris; Bro. John G. Robeson, S.W.; Mr. and Mrs. Crook; Bro. Taylor; Mrs. Hopwood; Bro. G. Harvey; Miss Smith; Bro. Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Duggua; Miss Plumb; Bro. and Mrs. Mullins; Bro. and Mrs. Hyde; Bro. J. Miller; Bro. T. Stokes, J.W., and Mrs. Stokes; Mr. E. W. Muir; Miss G. Cornford; Bro. T. Cohu, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Cohu; the Misses Lee; Bro. F. Hughes, P.M., and Mrs. F. Hughes; Bro. James Speller, P.M., P.Z., and Mrs. Speller; Miss Rose Sedon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Phipps; Mr. Bruce; Bro. Franklin; Bro. A. Fergusson, S.D., Miss Fergusson, and Miss L. Fergusson; Mr. Schrier; Mr. G. Bird; Bro. J. C. Peach, J.D., and Mrs. Peach; Miss S. Browning; Bro. James Smith, P.M., D. of C., (Honorary Secretary); Bro. Fishleigh; Bro. Crawshaw; Bro. J. Lockett; Bro. G. and Mrs. Wetton; Bro. C. E. and Mrs. C. E. Wetton; Bro. James and Mrs. Collins; Mr. E. C. Collins; Misses C. and E. Collins; Bro. H. Moler; Mr. T. Simpson; Miss Grace Davis; Mr. and Mrs. T. Worger and Miss Worger; Mr. F. H. Farr; Mr. and Mrs. Yates; Bro. and Mrs. T. D. Woodhouse; Miss Morgan; Bro. Gibson; Miss Hardman; Bro. and Mrs. Lloyd; Bro. and Mrs. Sutherland; Bro. J. H. Williams; Mrs. West; Miss W. Archer; Mr. W. Trimlett; Mr. and Mrs. Sudworth; Bro. and Mrs. Mott; Bro. and Mrs. Anderson; Bro. and Mrs. J. S. Linton; Bro. and Mrs. M. Armstrong; Mr. F. R. Williams; Miss F. E. Bull; Miss F. E. Williams; Mr. G. Smart; Bro. T. W. Bamford; Bro. A. S. Allen; Bro. Hipwell; Bro. J. J. Bassett; Mr. W. J. Somerville; Miss Burt; Mr. Copperthwaite; Bro. Brough; Bro. and Mrs. Oliver; Bro. W. Gernon; Miss Johnson; and Bro. D. Harlow, P.M. 65 (Preceptor).

As a great deal of the success of a dance depends on the music, we have great pleasure in testifying to the splendid selection of up-to-date tunes selected by Mr. J. W. Youens, and performed by his band under his own personal conductorship.

At the supper table the W.M. drew attention to the fact that some few of the brethren were getting up a Cinderella dance, in aid of the "Masonic Charities," to take place on the 16th instant; tickets 2s. 6d., which, with further particulars, can be had of Bro. Arthur J. Rippin, Hon. Sec., 56, Dalkeith-road, Ilford.

THE LOGIC CLUB.

The 18th annual banquet of this club, founded 18 years ago with the object of affording additional opportunities to Masons to perfect themselves in the ritual, took place on the 29th ult., at Frascati's Restaurant, Bro. R. Manuel in the chair. The originators were Bros. George Buckland and John Maclean, both well-known actors in their day, and Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, the still energetic Secretary. Most of the original constituents were actors, but members of other professions are now admitted. The club meets every Sunday morning between October and April.

The Royal toasts having been duly honoured, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," the guest of the evening, remarking that the success of June 10 last, when £143,000 was collected for Masonic Charities, at a banquet over which the Prince of Wales presided, had been, to a considerable extent, due to his personal efforts. (Cheers.)

In reply, Bro. McLEOD said he was proud to belong to a club which did so much to spread among Masons a knowledge of the ritual of the Order. (Cheers.) But the credit of the great collection to which reference had been made was due to the personal influence of the Prince of Wales and his presence at the banquet. (Prolonged cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN then gave "Continued Success to the Club," stating that every Sunday morning they met many young Masons who, desiring to gain distinction in their lodges, made great progress in learning the ritual.

Bro. FITZGERALD, in reply, said the year just closing constituted a record, in that they had enrolled 33 new members. During their existence they had paid 2550 guineas to the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

In the course of the evening an excellent programme of music and recitations was provided by members and their friends.

FREEMASONS AT CHURCH.

Masonic services in places of worship have of late become very frequent, but hitherto have been confined to the Established Church. On the 29th ult., however, an innovation was made—which is unique in the annals of Nonconformity—at the handsome and commodious Congregational Church in the Kingsland-road, where one of these services was conducted, of which the Rev. M. H. Le Pla is the pastor. The service was held under the auspices of the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551 (Bro. A. H. Cooper, W.M.), and by a special dispensation granted by the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the brethren—who occupied the area of this fine building—wore the Craft clothing and jewels indicative of their rank in the Order.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley (of Cricklewood), P.G.D., and P.P.G. Chap. Devon, the lesson being read by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Aveling, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Somerset. Bro. A. Briscoe, Past Provincial Grand Organist Surrey, the gifted composer of the anthem and magnificat, presided at the organ, the musical portion of the service, which was throughout most beautifully rendered, being supplemented by a choir belonging to the church and orchestra under the conductorship of Bro. Warwick Williams. Prior to the service the brethren entered the church in procession, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., acting as Director of the Ceremonies.

The sermon was preached from the text I. Corinthians, ch. 3 v. 13, "Every man's work shall be made manifest," and emphasis was laid upon the fact that Freemasonry knew nothing of denominationalism.

The Rev. M. H. LE PLA, who on this occasion wore his silk gown, took the opportunity of offering from the pulpit a hearty welcome to those members of Masonic lodges who had so kindly attended on that occasion to lend their support on behalf of the church funds. He had not been initiated into the mysteries of the Order, but for many years he had heard of the marvellous Charity which characterised the Craft, and knew of their desire to promote the brotherhood of mankind, and the well being generally of the human race.

A special collection was made on behalf of the church funds, which amounted to £25 7s. 2d., after which Miss Emily Davis sang, with charming expression, "With verdure clad." Then the choir, strengthened by the organ and orchestral accompaniment, rendered the festival anthem, "Awake thou that sleepest," and before separating the congregation joined with great heartiness in singing Sir Michael Costa's effective arrangement of "God bless our native land," to the tune of the National Anthem. Bro. Walter Syckelmere was the Choir Superintendent.

The arrangements for the service were excellently carried out under the joint supervision of Bros. A. Briscoe and A. E. Mitchell, W.M. 1714. The church was crowded in every part.

Amongst the brethren present were

Bros. George Graveley, G. Purst. Eng.; W. Gower, P.G.T. Essex; F. M. Bilby, P.M. 1327, Prov. G. Std. Br.; A. R. Bilby, 2323, Prov. S.G.W. Herts; W. T. Buck, P.M. 2241, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; A. H. Cooper, W.M. 2551; J. Oldis, P.M., Sec. 1288; H. Macfarlane, W.M. 2601; G. A. Wall, J.D. 2048; T. A. Key, A.D.C. 1288; W. Howes, P.M. 1599; E. Howes, P.M. 1599; J. Cox, P.M. 813; F. Norman, S.W. 1767; G. Cook, P.M. 1580; T. Andrew, W.M. 1366; F. Linfoot, S.W. 27; G. Edwards, W.M. 1287; S. H. Pearson, I.P.M. 1298; C. Burns, S.W. 1637; T. Bolton, I.P.M. 2712; W. H. Haylock, J.W. 901; J. Pakeman, W.M. 1728; J. J. Lamington, P.M., Sec. 2551; F. W. Downes, W.M. 1158; W. E. Toynton, J.D. 1950; H. M. Dove, I.P.M. 1984; J. Holding, P.M. 1350; A. E. Purkis, S.W. 1314; W. B. Pratt, J.W. 861; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; R. V. Davies, P.M. 1288; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; A. Millbourn, 1237; C. Bolton, and many others.

RECENT WILLS.

THE EARL OF LATHOM, PRO G.M.

The will bears date December 28th, 1897, with a codicil of the same date, and a codicil of the 31st October, 1898, of Edward, first Earl of Lathom, who died on the 19th November last, in his 61st year, leaving personal estate valued at £127,882 4s. 2d., and the gross value of the whole of whose estate is assessed at £147,527 3s. 4d. Lord Lathom bequeathed to devolve as heirlooms with Lathom House, under the settlement of Dec. 14th, 1885, all the paintings in oils at Lathom House, two paintings in his two houses bequeathed by the Earl of Clarendon, the gold watch and chain of William IV., the Queen's shawl and the small brooch given to Lady Lathom by the Queen, the gold snuff boxes presented to him by the Emperor of Austria, the King of the Belgians, and the Shah of Persia, the diamond ornament made from presentation snuff boxes, the aqua marine brooch given to his grandmother, Lady Skelmersdale, by Lord Liverpool, the presentation made to his grandfather by electors of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the gold snuff box given to Sir Thomas Bootle by Frederick Prince of Wales, the goblet and tankards given to Lord Lathom by the Freemasons of Lancashire, and many other articles. The testator bequeathed the remainder of his goods and silver plate, his furniture, and indoor and outdoor effects to his eldest son, and he appointed the balance of £15,000 of a sum of which he had power of appointment to his sons Villiers Richard and Randle Arthur Bootle Wilbraham and his daughters the Ladies Alice Maud, Bertha Maud, and Edith Cecil Bootle Wilbraham, and he bequeathed to his said two sons such sums as will make up their portions to £20,000 each, and the portions of his three unmarried daughters are to be made up to £7000 each, and they are to receive whilst unmarried £400 a year each, and the last remaining unmarried £800. A freehold or leasehold house is also to be bought, or a house to be taken on lease, for Lord Lathom's unmarried daughters, who are to have certain plate, furniture, and wine. Lord Lathom bequeathed to his daughter Lady Florence Mary Cecil £1000, and upon trusts for her £5000; and he bequeathed to the Earl of Derby and the Earl of Clarendon, executors of his will, £100 each; to his sisters the Hon. Jessy Caroline Bateman and the Hon. Rose Bootle Wilbraham £100 each; to his estate agent at Lathom, Mr. George Roper, £500; to his solicitors, William Melmoth Walters and Richard Mountford Wood, £100 each; to James Heald, clerk in the estate office, £50; Benjamin Ashton, head gardener, Henry Mansell, head coachman, Robert Hartland, Henry Franklin, and Zella Wright, £50 each; to Kate Johnson £20; to other servants of three years' service one year's wages; and to his children's governess, Elizabeth Hans, a life annuity of £50. Under power of settlements of 1st January, 1859, and 16th August, 1855, Lord Lathom appointed a sum of £20,000 to be raised in and of his personal estate, and he left his residuary estate in trust for his eldest son, now second Earl of Lathom.

BRO. JOHN STEPHEN JARVIS.

The personal estate has been valued at £104,075 11s. 10d. of Bro. John Stephen Jarvis, No. 1657, of Devon House, Clapham Common, who died on the 15th November last, aged 77 years. It is left chiefly to members of the family.

Craft Masonry.

Neptune Lodge, No. 22.

The installation meeting of this lodge—one of the City's very ancient lodges—was held on the 26th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. W. C. Greaves, the W.M. The other members present were Bros. F. Tennant Pain, S.W.; F. W. Golby, J.W.; Henry Povey, Treas.; J. Corkers, Sec.; Walter Whiting, S.D.; S. J. Cowley, J.D.; H. J. Whittard, I.G.; H. H. Knill, P.M., Org.; Will Cook, P.M., Steward; W. J. Charles, I.P.M.; John Kitchener Cotes, F. E. Sharpe, Edwin Reynolds, T. Richmond, E. T. Aydon Smith, R. W. Carter, R. J. Burt White, F. Loder, D. Kan, G. W. Staples, J. Richmond, R. Harey, A. Clark, J. Chapman, G. Waterall, P.M.; H. Savidge, P.M.; E. Derry, R. B. Baldry, R. Peirson, W. J. A. Deem, and Alick Holland. The visitors were Bros. W. F. Cole, W.M. 1239; H. G. Danby, 1056; T. May, 27; W. Wright, 1897; H. Wood, P.M. 101; F. Bolton Sutton, P.M. 1110; W. Miles, I.G. 1510; A. Holmes, S.D. 2256; W. A. Thuth,

P.M. 40; John Wicks, P.M. 1237; H. S. Wilton, P.M. 49; H. C. Arthur, 2243; P. F. Norrington, 1891; A. Baker, P.M. 1828; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; and many others.

After Mr. Alexander Clark had been initiated in the earliest mysteries of the Craft by Bro. Tennant Pain, P.M., the W.M. took the chair, resigning his seat afterwards, however, to Bro. Walter Whiting, P.M., for the purpose of the installation of the new W.M. Bro. Whiting then installed Bro. F. Tennant Pain, a Past Master of the lodge and also of lodge No. 1893, as the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Greaves was invested with the collar of the P.M., and the W.M., in presenting it to him, said that the brethren 'all appreciated his excellent work during the year. He, however, appreciated it personally, and he begged of him to accept at his hands a token of that appreciation in the form of a present. Bro. Tennant Pain, W.M., thereupon handed to Bro. Greaves a handsome cigar case as a personal present. Bro. Greaves said he was quite taken aback by the presentation, and he was unprepared with words to acknowledge it suitably, but at least he might say he was much touched by so unique a recognition of work conscientiously done. The investiture of officers for the year was afterwards proceeded with, the following being the result: Bros. W. Golby, S.W.; S. J. Cowley, J.W.; H. Povey, P.M., Treas.; J. Corbett, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Whittard, S.D.; E. Reynolds, J.D.; F. E. Sharpe, I.G.; W. Whiting, P.M., D. of C.; W. Cook, P.M., Stwd.; H. H. Knill, P.M., Org.; and A. K. Turkefield, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a handsome gold jewel was presented to Bro. Greaves, P.M. The W.M. announced that he was standing as the lodge's Steward for the 57th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

A banquet succeeded the working of the lodge, and the usual toasts were honoured, the speeches being brightened by some excellent singing under the direction of Bro. Arthur Weston.

The I.P.M. proposed in appreciative terms "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Tennant Pain appropriately responded, afterwards giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Greaves, I.P.M., briefly acknowledging the compliment.

The initiate next replied to the toast proposed in his honour.

Several brethren replied to the toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed in very happy terms by the W.M.; and the toasts of "The Installing Master and the Past Masters," "The Treasurer and the Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge," having been duly given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. George Lichtenfeld, W.M. There was, as is customary at this famous lodge, a very large attendance. The W.M. installed in capital style Bro. Joseph Marcus as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Lichtenfeld was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren were also invested as the W.M.'s officers for the year: Bros. Joseph Trenner, S.W.; Hermann Lichtenfeld, P.M. 2353, J.W.; John A. Gartley, P.M., Chap.; Simeon M. Harris, P.M., Treas.; Humphrey James Phillips, P.M., Sec.; Israel Richmond, S.D.; Melville M. Friedlander, J.D.; Henry M. Harris, P.M., D. of C. (20 years); W. Wright, P.P. Grand Org. Middx., Org.; David Greenberg, I.G.; Reuben Marcus, Emanuel Woolf, and Albert L. London, Stwds.; and J. W. Harding, P.M., Tyler. At the close of the ceremony, the W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., saying his first and pleasing duty was to make the presentation on behalf of the lodge as a token of the esteem and regard of the brethren which he had earned in a remarkable manner. He had also much pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's collar and jewel on behalf of a lady friend, Mrs. Phillips, the wife of the Secretary. The jewel attached to the collar bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. George Lichtenfeld, P.M. 205, as a token of sincere regard, by Mrs. H. J. Phillips, January 24th, 1899." (Applause.) Bro. Lichtenfeld, I.P.M., in acknowledging the present, said he highly appreciated the handsome jewel presented to him. He felt proud not only of having been Master of the Lodge of Israel, but more especially of having given satisfaction to the brethren in that capacity. This jewel would be valued by him more than any jewel he possessed. He could not conclude without thanking very sincerely the good wife of the Secretary for her great kindness in presenting him with a collar and jewel.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, and the proceedings of the evening were enlivened by a splendid musical entertainment by Bro. Richard Evans, Miss Alma Jones, Mr. Laurie Phillips (the son of the Secretary of the lodge), Bro. Stanley Thorne, Bro. W. Noel, Miss Handel Rosalki, Mrs. Melville Friedlander, and Bro. R. B. Hopkins (silver bells), under the direction of Bro. W. Wright, Org.

Bro. S. V. Abrahams, P.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. H. M. Harris, P.M., responded for "The Masonic Charities," and said he was gratified to announce that the Benevolent Fund of the lodge had £1000 invested in Consols and a fair balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

Bros. S. H. Harris, P.P.G.D.; B. Da Costa, P.M., Preceptor of the Israel Lodge of Instruction; David Moss, P.M.; and N. P. Vallentine, P.M., responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Hermann Lichtenfeld, J.W., for "The Officers."

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Armoury House, Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, E.C., on Friday, the 27th ult. It was interesting from the fact that it was the Jubilee of the lodge. There were present Bros. Capt. H. J. Bertram, W.M.; C. P. Dyke, I.P.M.; W. H. Hillman, S.W.; H. Humphries, J.W.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Adams, P.M., Treas.; J. McMunn, S.D.; F. L. Green, J.D.; H. Jarrett, I.G.; F. Hall, Stwd.; A. G. Young, Tyler; J. H. Hawkins, P.M.; A. Durrant, P.M.; W. Smith, P.M.; John Pash, P.M.; W. E. Williams, P.M.; H. F. Adlard, E. Farrington, H. G. Simmonds, R. S. Webb, H. S. Greenwood, W. J. Nodder, H. W. Shadwell, H. J. Norris, Wm. Clam, J. Davies, P.P.G.D. Middx.; H. Munday, G. F. Carpenter, and S. S. Faulkner. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Hathers, P.M. 139; G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59; S. S. Alexander, Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; J. Williams, P.M. 1295; T. Hall, W.M. 1295; Wm. C. Howard, 28; John Rice, 1593; G. Smith Ward, 403, P.P.G.W. Herts; E. E. Jordan, 2424; Lionel W. Harris, W.M. 2488; J. C. H. Dickson, I.G. 256; A. G. Wallis, 1201; Rev. T. S. Morass, Chap. 1928; F. G. Howard, P.M. 11; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Jas. Putney, 1718; E. H. Mayo Gunn, 1953; R. M. Daniel, I.G. 765; G. S. Dixon, S.W. 3; A. C. Hall, H. G. Woodington, 2374; Edwd. A. Bertram, J.D. 256; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; E. Branscombe, S.W. 1929; H. Tatton, P.M. 172; Jas. Kent, 2665; Alfred Tysson, P.M. 1768; Frank J. Sykes, P.M. 256; and H. Thomson Lyon, P.M. 1789.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. As a memorial of this, the 50th year of the existence of the Fitzroy Lodge, the Secretary, Bro. Stohwasser, P.M., presented new collars with silver chains and jewels attached to each to the W.M. and his officers. The collar of the W.M. was especially handsome and artistic. The W.M., on his part and private cost, had caused the lodge furniture to be entirely renovated. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Stohwasser and brethren for their generosity. The ballot was taken for Private S. S. Faulkner, and it proved favourable. The Secretary read a letter from the present Earl of Lathom in reply to a letter of condolence sent by the Secretary on behalf of the lodge. Mr. Faulkner was then impressively initiated by the W.M. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the spacious hall, where an excellent banquet was served. Over the chair of the W.M. there were three banners, the middle the Queen's colours, on one side of which was the colour of the regiment of the Honourable Artillery Company, on the other side was the National flag, the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America, with the military bodies of which the Honourable Artillery Company have very cordial relations.

After the banquet the usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Capt.-General of the Regiment, M.W.G.M.," were given by the W.M., and received loyal response from the brethren.

"The Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given.

Bro. H. F. Adams, Treas., replied on behalf of the Grand Officers.

The I.P.M., Bro. Dyke, gave in glowing terms "The Health of the W.M." He

alluded to the fact that this was the second year in succession he had occupied the chair. Now he might be congratulated on being the W.M. in this the jubilee year of the lodge. In addition to the usual Masonic fire he also gave that of the Honourable Artillery Company.

The W.M. replied. He said he considered that the first year he had presided over them had been, as it were, on "appro," and he held it as a double honour again to be W.M.

"The Initiate" was given by the W.M.

The Initiate briefly replied.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" followed. The W.M. said he intended to go up as Steward for the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and asked for their liberal support.

Bro. Terry replied, and urgently commended the claims of the Benevolent Institution to their generous sympathy. He mentioned as a curious coincidence that this should be the Jubilee of the Widows' Fund of the Benevolent Institution.

"The Visitors" was next given.

Bros. Lionel Harris, Thomson Lyon, Williams, and Morass replied.

In giving the toast of "The Secretary," the W.M. again alluded to the handsome collars presented by Bro. Stohwasser.

"The Past Masters" followed.

The I.P.M. replied.

"The Officers" was the next toast.

The S.W. responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

The musical programme was of a delightful character, the artistes being Madame Marie Haston, Miss Ethel Barnard, Bros. E. Branscombe, Schartau, Franklin Clive, and J. Blackmore, and Master Harben. Colour-Sergeant Slade gave a cornet solo.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 19th inst., and was numerously attended. Among those present were Bros. P. Cronin, W.M.; C. Wheatley, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Gale, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. F. Davis, S.D.; W. Hill, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., H. Boyce, A. Macchi, and A. Z. Schultze, Stwds.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; W. Sosaring, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Fisher, P.P.G. Treas.; G. J. Togg, P.M., P.A.G.P.; and W. Hopkins, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. R. F. Tyler, P.P.G.O.; Dr. W. Gripper, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. J. Brook, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; G. Moorman, P.P.G.P. Surrey; F. F. Bonney, W.M. 957; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; J. Mayo, P.M. 1614; C. Wickenden, P.M. 1599; F. Lockett, P.M. 2222; C. Ransford, S.W. 2432; T. Polson, J.W. 1826; J. Pritchard, J.D. 2222; J. Chilcott, 629; T. W. Rowley, 879; H. Clifford, 889; H. H. Allen, 1733; A. Ruff, 1733; E. Denyer, 2222; G. R. Draxton, 2540; F. Mills, 2540; J. Wheatley, 2540; and P. Dixon, 2581.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Allen, Parkhurst, and Larsby were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Colonel F. W. Hemming, late 5th Dragoon Guards, and he being in attendance was impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. C. Wheatley having been presented, was duly installed W.M. by Bro. W. Fisher, P.M., in a highly satisfactory manner. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Gale, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Jessett, P.M., Treas.; Walls, P.M., Sec.; Webster, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Boyce, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., A. Macchi, P.M., A. Z. Schultze, R. Ruff, and R. Fox, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Master's jewel and collar was presented to the I.P.M. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master. A petition to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of the widow of a deceased member was recommended and signed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. H. Trotter, P.M., P.G.P. Middx.; C. W. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Webster, S.D.; H. H. Room, P.P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br.; and others. Previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. A. O. Hemming presented the lodge with an oil painting of the late Bro. Dr. Hemming, M.A., P.G. Chap. Eng., Vicar of Hampton, &c.; and also with a very handsome banner, bearing the family crest.

The brethren and their guests then partook of a well-served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. G. J. Tagg responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in a neat speech.

The I.P.M. gave "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon the admirable manner in which he had invested his officers, and he had no doubt that Bro. Charles Wheatley's working of the ceremonies would be equally as good.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed in flattering terms by the W.M.

In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. took occasion to dwell upon the interesting fact that Bro. Col. Hemming was the grand nephew of the distinguished brother after whom the lodge was named, and he (the W.M.) trusted that the initiate might have a long and prominent career in the Craft.

Bro. Col. Hemming, in reply, stated that he had long desired to join Freemasonry, but the duties in connection with his profession as a soldier had stood in the way. He hoped in time to become an active and worthy member of the Order.

Bro. P. Cronin responded on behalf of "The Past Masters," and expressed his thanks for the handsome jewel and insignia that had been presented to him that evening. He hoped to be connected with the lodge as a Past Master for many years.

Bros. J. C. Jessett, P.M.; H. Gale, S.W.; and C. F. Davis, J.W.; replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Officers."

The first named proposed in fluent terms "The Health of Bro. A. O. Hemming," and on behalf of the members of No. 1512 thanked him for the handsome gifts that he had made to the lodge.

This pledge was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. A. O. Hemming on rising to speak was the recipient of an ovation. The speaker modestly said that he was somewhat overpowered by the warmth with which his name had been received. He thought that the brethren would appreciate a portrait of his reverend grandfather, and he likewise thought that his gift of a banner would also meet with their approval. He had introduced his nephew that evening to No. 1512, because Colonel Hemming had expressed a warm desire to enter a lodge bearing the family name. In conclusion, he hoped that they might both be members of the lodge for many years to come.

During the evening the members were agreeably entertained by Bros. Tyler and Chilcott, and Mr. Bonar.

The whole proceedings were voted by the members and visitors to have been an unqualified success.

The banner was manufactured by Bros. G. Kenning and Son, Little Britain, London, and was of excellent and chaste workmanship.

Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387.

The regular meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on the 26th ult., when there was a large number of brethren and visitors present. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Ronald Grahame, George Smith, Arthur D. Corry, and Hugh Freemantle, and, proving favourable, they were initiated, the ceremonies being performed in a very admirable manner by Bros. E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire, W.M.; J. H. Greenwood, I.P.M.; and Peter Lawton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Subsequently Bro. E. G. Simpson, W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented to Bro. E. H. Flower, P.M., Prov. G. Tyler, on his retiring from the office of Tyler of the lodge, a handsome illuminated address, along with a very substantial cheque, as a token of the respect and esteem which they had for him.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, after which the customary toasts were duly honoured.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme G. Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Comp. Earl Amherst, as Grand Z., on Wednesday, the 1st instant, when there was a fair attendance of G. Officers and the Principals of Chapters. The business as published in our last week's issue was transacted, and G. Chapter was closed after a brief sitting.

In the course of the proceedings Comp. Earl Amherst announced that his Royal Highness the M.E. Grand Z. had been pleased to appoint him as Pro Grand Z. in succession to the late lamented Earl of Lathom and Comp. the Earl of Warwick, as Grand H. As regards Comp. W. Sergeant Lee's motion, that Grand Chapter should sanction "a gold braid or chain to be attached to the red collars of Past First Principals or Installed First Principals," it was

as will be seen from our report, withdrawn on the understanding that the question, with others of a cognate character, should be referred to the Committee of General Purposes.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, this (Friday) evening, at 7 p.m., when the applications of 10 children to be placed on the list of candidates for election at the next Court of Governors will be considered. Four of these are for the Educational Fund, three for the Combined Fund, and three for the Advancement Fund.

We have received a letter from an influential brother in the West of England on the subject of the honorarium recently voted to the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys by the Quarterly Court of Governors with an earnest request that we should publish it in our correspondence columns. Had the discussion on this subject been still in progress, we should have had no hesitation in complying with his request, but we trust that, on further consideration, he will agree with us as to the undesirability of re-opening a discussion which has been closed. The money was voted almost unanimously at the Quarterly Court in October last and the vote was confirmed almost as unanimously at the Quarterly Court last month. Thus, no amount of protest on the part of lodges or brethren can avail to undo what has been done and under these circumstances we feel sure he will excuse us for not complying with his wishes.

One remark we do feel called upon to make, and that is, to express the hope that our correspondent has been misinformed as to the possibility of brethren withholding their subscriptions from the approaching Festival in behalf of the Girls' School in consequence of this gift. It will be exceedingly hard lines for that Institution if such a course is adopted.

A correspondent writes to ask if we can furnish him with the name of any lodge in which the Swedenborgian Rite is practised either in the Midlands or in London. There is no mention of any such lodges in the "Cosmo," nor have we ever heard of there being any in existence in England. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to answer the question.

We have received copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India at the Quarterly Communication on the 22nd October and the Annual Communication on Wednesday, the 30th November (St. Andrew's Day). Both meetings were held at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, the presiding officer at the earlier being Bro. P. N. Wadia, Grand Master Depute, as Grand Master, and at the later, Bro. J. W. Smith, Past Grand Master. At the quarterly meeting the office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected, and the acting Grand Master, in the brief address he delivered, expressed, by desire, the thanks of his Excellency Lord Sandhurst, M.W. Grand Master, to the retiring office-bearers for the manner in which they had discharged their duties. The presiding officer also passed in review the leading events of the past year, congratulating the brethren on the harmony which, except in one or two cases, had prevailed among the lodges, and the satisfactory state of the funds of Grand Lodge. He also mentioned that considerable progress was being made with the erection of the new Hall in Bombay, which, it was hoped, would be finished within the appointed time.

At the annual meeting on St. Andrew's Day, the new office bearers were obligated and invested. At the conclusion of this portion of the business, Bro. K. R. Cama, acting G. Master Depute, presented Bro. J. W. Smith, Past G. Master, with a very handsome ivory gavel, in recognition of the great services he had rendered to Scottish Freemasonry in India during the five years he had held the office of Grand Master; and Bro. Smith having briefly expressed his acknowledgments for the gift, G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren held their Grand Festival, under the presidency of the acting Grand Master.

The District Grand Lodge of Bombay held its regular half-yearly communication at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on Tuesday, the 29th November last. In the unavoidable absence, on official duty, of His Excellency Lord Sandhurst, Pro Dist. G. Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. I. M. Shields, Dep. Dist.

G.M., who was well supported by the Dist. G. Officers, both Present and Past, and the representatives of lodges. The acting Dist. G. Master, as usual, passed in review the events of the preceding six months, there being two or three matters of no little moment to which he felt it to be his duty to call the attention of Dist. Grand Lodge. One circumstance in particular appears to us to be not a little singular.

As our readers are aware, in the great majority, if not in all, the colonies and possessions of the British Crown, the three home G. Lodges exercise—and, in our opinion, rightly exercise—concurrent jurisdiction. Those who quit the mother country in order to settle in a British colony or possession are not English, Scotch, or Irish, but English, Scotch, and Irish indiscriminately, who take with them not only their worldly possessions, but also their Masonry, if they happen to be Masons. As the principles of Masonry are precisely the same under the three Constitutions, it is in the ordinary course of things to find the members of a colonial lodge of all Constitution should prefer its own system of working, three nationalities. But it is also quite natural that each and, accordingly, when there are a sufficient number of Irish or Scottish brethren to form a lodge or lodges of their own, it is usual for the Grand Lodge at home to give its sanction for their establishment. The Colonial Grand Lodges already formed are composed of the English, Irish, and Scottish lodges previously warranted from home, while in South Africa, Queensland, Western Australia, and elsewhere there are lodges of all three Constitutions working harmoniously side by side.

In his address on this occasion, the acting District Grand Master mentioned that in May last it came to his knowledge that an attempt was being made to establish an Irish lodge in Bombay, and that a petition had already been sent to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a charter. As there are no Irish lodges in Bombay, Bro. Shields may readily be excused for being unaware of this rule of custom as regards concurrence of jurisdiction in our Colonies and possessions. Accordingly, after consulting with the executive of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry, it was agreed that each should address the Grand Secretary of his Constitution on the subject.

This was accordingly done, and the Acting Dist. G. Master received in due time from the G. Secretary of England a communication to the effect that he (the said G. Sec.) had spoken to an "influential officer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland" on the subject, and had received from him an assurance that no warrant for such a lodge would be granted "unless recommended by an existing lodge" in the city of Bombay; and that he (the G. Secretary) agreed with Bro. Shields "as to the undesirability of establishing a lodge in Bombay under a third constitution." Thus, as there is no Irish lodge in Bombay, there is none to recommend the recent or any other petition to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and we are naturally left to draw for ourselves the inference that no lodge under the Irish Constitution will be warranted by that Grand Lodge. On this point we shall have some observations to make on a future occasion.

Among the other matters to which Bro. Shields, as acting Dist. G. Master, referred are the receipt of a petition for the formation of a new lodge at Rajkot, which has been forwarded to his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master for his decision, but in respect of which H.E. the Pro Dist. G. Master has for "sufficient reasons" conceived it to be his duty to withhold his recommendation for the present. It is further mentioned that on visiting certain of the up-country lodges, the acting Dist. G.M. observed an altar or pedestal on the floor of the lodge, "on which the Sacred Writings were displayed and at which candidates were obligated." Regarding this as an innovation, and inconsistent with the requirements of our ritual, Bro. Shields communicated with the Grand Secretary and obtained from him a decision as to the practice being irregular.

Bro. Shields, also referred to certain cases in up-country lodges in which brethren who had previously been members were re-admitted without ballot, and in testimony of this further irregularity gave the official ruling which he had received from the Grand Secretary on the question. He also announced that satisfactory progress was being made with the erection of the new hall, and expressed the hope that the next communication of the Dist. G. Lodge would be held within its walls.

Correspondence.

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

THE DUTIES OF A PRECEPTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Could you, or any member, recommend a little work on the duties of Preceptor in a lodge of instruction?—Yours fraternally,

MAGISTER.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the installation meeting of the Doric Lodge, 362, held here last month, Bro. T. Jackson was invested as Tyler for the 40th time.

Is this a record for Tyler's services?—Yours fraternally,

BENNETT BEESON, P.M. and D.C. 362.

Doric Chambers,
Grantham.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' MANUAL FOR KENT, 1899," (Rochester: W. T. Wildish, "Journal" Offices).—This valuable annual is in its 22nd year of publication, and was originally started by the lamented Bro. T. S. Warne, of Rochester, on the plan adopted by Bro. W. J. Hughan, when Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall, 1869-70. On Bro. Warne's decease, Bro. Frank Hitchens kindly undertook the editorship, and has continued and amplified the manual on similar lines, until now it is one of the best, largest, and most useful Masonic directories published in England. All the aid rendered to the editor is always most gratefully and appreciatively acknowledged, and for this edition Bro. W. J. Hughan has fraternally presented an article on "Two Old Lodges" (viz., No. 125, Hythe, and No. 133, Faversham) which will be read with much interest in the county. There are 64 lodges in the province (which is the fourth largest in England), returning 4266 subscribing members, or an average of over 66 per lodge. The chapters number 28, and the Mark Lodges 20. There are also four Rose Croix Chapters, three K.T. Preceptories, four Red Cross Conclaves, and other Masonic bodies. All these organisations are duly and carefully represented in the manual; the information being varied, well arranged, and practically exhaustive. The votes in the central Masonic Charities are likewise described and noted under lodges, but not those of the individual brethren. The former amount to considerably over 5000, and it would be helpful also to know the full totals for the province, even if the names cannot be given, as the manual now exceeds 200 pages. Bro. Hitchens has done his work well, and is to be congratulated most heartily thereon, as also the printer and publisher.

Craft Masonry.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet, on Friday, the 27th ult. Bro. J. M. Rainsford, W.M., occupied the chair and was supported by Bros. R. Cranston, S.W.; H. J. Grimwade, J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Charles Gray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; John Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. E. Cussans, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. C. Collingwood, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. G. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Dr. Haskins, P.P.G. Org., Org.; Ellis, Stwd.; R. W. Goddard, Tyler; Inglis, Cooke, and other members, while among the visitors were Bros. T. S. Carter, P.M. 403, P.P.G.W.; John Purrott, P.M. 1479, P.P.G.W.; Witthaus, W.M. 2509; W. Plowright, P.M., Sec. 2509; Rev. Gardner, Chap. 2509; W. J. Fisk, J.D. 404; and many others.

The minutes of the November meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Cranston, W.M. elect, was presented by the D.C., and very ably installed in the chair of K.S. by the W.M., Bro. Rainsford, who was at once invested as I.P.M. The new W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, the majority of them being present, and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, Bros. Billson, Baddeley, and Dade being, unfortunately, absent through illness or other sufficient cause: Bros. H. J. Grimwade, S.W.; J. Billson, J.W.; R. F. Young, P.M., Treas. (elected); C. Gray, P.M., Sec.; W. Baddeley, P. Prov. G. Steward, S.D.; H. Dade, J.D.; W. Lewis, P.M., D.C.; H. C. Ellis, I.G.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. Bro. R. F. Young, P.M., Treas., having been appointed representative of the lodge on the Prov. Board of Finance, and Bro. Brittain, P.M., on the Hereford Masonic Charity Association, the W.M. presented Bro. Rainsford, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel voted him in November in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, and the presentation having been briefly but gracefully acknowledged, Bro. Cranston received the congratulations of those present on his installation, and lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The I.P.M." were received with special honour, and the speeches were interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Gray, Lewis, Mason, Cookes, and others.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1714.

The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Duke of York Hotel, Yorktown. The attendance of brethren was a record one. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred E. Mitchell, was presented by Bro. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br., and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. H. Twort, P.M., who had initiated Bro. Mitchell into Masonry. Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G. Org., presided at the organ, and added much to the beauty and solemnity of the ceremony by his judicious musical accompaniments. The new W.M. then invested his officers with a suitable address to each. A vote of sympathy was passed by the brethren and ordered to be sent to Bro. Captain Bunting, P.M., who was prevented by family bereavement from being present. After the election of a Reference Committee, and the proposal of a suitable candidate for initiation, the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, a large number of brethren and visitors from other lodges sat down. The catering of Bro. Lardner was excellent.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered to the new W.M. and compliments paid to the I.P.M.

Bro. Mason's facetious speech was received with much merriment in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and later, when responding for "The Charities," his eloquence on behalf of the Aged Freemasons resulted in the W.M. consenting to become a Steward at the forthcoming Festival, and a subscription list being handed round the table, was substantially responded to by the brethren.

Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.P.G. Org., responded for "The Prov. Officers," and alluded to the two banners so noticeable in the lodge (viz., military and civil), and pointed out the necessity of keeping another unfurled around which they all should rally—and that was the banner of "Brotherly Love."

The evening was an unqualified success from beginning to end, and augurs well for the W.M.'s year of office.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834.

The was a large and representative gathering of brethren at the Masonic Club, Commercial-road, Landport, on the 26th ult., to witness the installation of Bro. Horace A. Smith as W.M. of the above lodge. Besides a very large number of the brethren of the lodge, many provincial officers, and nearly all the W.Ms. of neighbouring lodges were present. The installation ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. P. Boughey. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. P. Boughey, I.P.M.; J. Chipper, S.W.; H. Hawkin, J.W.; Rev. H. L. Watts, P.D.D.G.M. Manitoba, Chap.; C. W. Bevis, Treas.; H. Spencer, Sec.; T. W. Outlaw, S.D.; E. W. Grist, J.D.; H. Marchmont, I.G.; R. Waterman, P.M., D. of C.; and W. Read and J. Hart, Stwds.

At the subsequent banquet a record attendance supported the new W.M.

A long toast list was enlivened by the vocal and other efforts of Messrs. A. J. Lewis, H. Spencer, R. J. Waterman, R. Watmore, J. J. Bascombe, A. E. Guy, the Rev. H. L. Watts, and G. W. Allen. Bro. W. T. Fellows presided at the piano.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W. Present: Bros. Wilfred A. Bowser, W.M.; R. S. Fairbank, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Turner, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; J. H. Lavies, P.M., Sec.; Hugh T. Taylor, S.D.; A. Dawson Jones, J.D.; J. Davidson, I.G.; R. Lake, I.P.M.; N. H. Turner, P.M.; J. Pollard, P.M.; R. C. P. Gardner, P.M.; Dalzell, P.M. 1549; and about 25 other members. Visitors: Bros. Cookson, P.M. 540; Allen, P.M. 540; Whyley, P.M. 2016; Little, P.M. 1685; Gripper, P.M. 1826; Openshaw, W.M. 2528; H. C. Houndle, P.M. 1826; W. Rose, 126; Bond, P.M. 85; Hawes, P.M. 463; C. Fox, P.M. 90; Lambert, 1556; Bull, P.M. 5; and number of other brethren; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts and Auditors' report thereon for 1898 were received and adopted, these being of an exceptionally satisfactory character. Some resignations were reported, and various alterations were made in the by-laws. The I.P.M., Bro. Lake, then presented Bro. R. S. Fairbank, S.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M., Bro. Bowser, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The anthem "Be thou faithful unto death" was sung by Bro. Dalzell, accompanied by Bro. H. R. Rose, Past Grand Organist, on the organ, the violoncello obligato being played by Bro. H. A. Brouil, the effect of which combination was most appropriate and impressive. A Board of about 25 Installed Masters having been constituted, Bro. Fairbank was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Bowser, W.M., according to ancient custom, in a manner which subsequently elicited the warmest expressions of approval from the experienced brethren present. The new W.M. then invested his predecessor as I.P.M., and the Board of Installed Masters was closed. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Fairbank, W.M., was duly proclaimed and saluted. He then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Turner, S.W.; H. T. Taylor, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, I.P.M., Sec.; A. D. Jones, S.D.; J. Davidson, J.D.; Viscount Mountmorres, I.G.; R. Lake, P.M., D. of C.; J. Pollard, P.M., and E. Henry Taylor, P.M. 586, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. Rose, P.M., gave the address to the W.M., Bro. Luke gave that to the Wardens, and Bro. Bowser gave the closing address to the brethren. It was then agreed to present Bro. Lavies, P.M., with a suitable jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge as Secretary during the past two years; and we understand that Bro. Lavies will assist Bro. Bowser, I.P.M., in the discharge of the Secretarial duties whilst in lodge during the next 12 months. The Charity maul having been passed round, and liberally supported, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

After grace had been sung, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who stated that Bro. Fairbank had followed him, step by step, in the various offices of the lodge, and had now arrived at the highest position which it is in the power of the lodge to confer on any of its members, and that he, Bro. Bowser, was quite sure, from what he knew of the W.M., and from the excellent manner in which he had appointed and invested his officers and closed down the lodge in the three Degrees that evening, that he would perform the work of the lodge with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself. Beyond that, he was, as the brethren knew, one of the best and kindest of men, and the brethren would all join most heartily in wishing him a happy and successful year of office. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm.

In reply, the W.M. made an effective speech, promising to do his utmost to maintain the traditions of the lodge, and concluded by presenting to the I.P.M., Bro. Bowser, the handsome P.M.'s jewel of the lodge voted to him at the November meeting, and in proposing his health referred in very warm terms to the assistance he had received from the I.P.M., to the unprecedented success which had attended his year of office, and to the great interest he took in the prosperity and well being of the lodge. The toast met with the heartiest possible reception.

Bro. Bowser, I.P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. for the very kind—almost too flattering—words he had spoken, but which he knew came from his heart, and sincerely thanked the brethren for the warmth of their reception, and for the beautiful jewel which they had presented to him. He should wear it with pride and in pleasing remembrance of a very happy year of office. He had done his best; and desired to acknowledge with gratitude the unfailing support he had received from the brethren generally and from his late officers in particular. As I.P.M. he should still have something to do in the lodge, whilst as Secretary he should have a good deal to do out of the lodge; and, as Secretary of the lodge of instruction in addition, he hoped to continue to promote the interests of the lodge in a manner which to him had a special interest.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. Houndle, P.P.G.W. Surrey, who mentioned that he was present at the initiation of the W.M., and of both the Wardens.

Bro. Cookson, P.P.G.W. Beds, said that, without flattery, the work done that evening in lodge had been first class, and that the love and harmony of the brethren appeared to be perfect.

Bro. Whyley, P.M. 2016, also responded.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. N. H. Turner, the senior P.M., responded, and stated that he initiated the W.M. 10 years ago, and had come up to London from Birmingham specially that day to see him installed.

Bro. J. H. Lavies, P.M., also replied, and said that, although no longer Secretary, his interest in the lodge would continue unabated.

"The Health of the Officers" was next drunk.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were exceptionally good, and were under the direction of Bro. Hilton, part songs and instrumental solos being contributed by Bros. G. Miv, H. Perkins, E. Dalzell, H. T. Taylor, G. Hilton, W. Douglas Powell, W. L. Barrett (flute), H. A. Brouil (violin), and H. R. Rose (pianoforte).

Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

The ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 18th ult. The only business was the passing of Bro. Bonamy Dobree. The W.M., Bro. J. J. A. Soper, presided, and was supported by his Wardens, Bros. Bauer and Dangerfield, Bros. H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. R. Reep, P.M.; W. T. Buck, P.M.; W. F. Potter, P.M.; C. J. Wilkinson, Pimbury, P.M.; and many other brethren. Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, I.P.M., was also present.

The brethren afterwards dined together.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, the 5th ult., at Bradford, Yorks. Bro. J. B. Fearley, W.M., presided over a considerable muster of the brethren; he was supported by Bros. John Morton, W.M.; John Niven, P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; Saml. Robinson, P.M.; C. H. Ellis, P.M., as S.W.; Wm. Docksey, J.W.; John W. Bland, Treas.; F. Betteridge, B.A. Chap.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. S. Hedley, S.D.; T. H. Bedford, J.D.; W. Durrance, as I.G.; and J. S. Cooper, Tyler. It being visiting night the lodge entertained the W.Ms., officers, and brethren of Pentlaph Lodge, No. 974, the Baidon Lodge, No. 1545, and the Victoria Lodge, No. 2609, as its guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the business of the evening was proceeded with, which consisted of the election of Bro. R. S. Town, 61, as a joining member, and the passing of Bros. A. Lee and R. A. Hinchliffe to the Degree of F.C., the former by the W.M. and the latter by Bro. Bailey, P.M. Bro. Docksey, J.W., explained the working tools, and the charge in the Second Degree was delivered by Bro. Ellis, P.M. A candidate was proposed for initiation at a future meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The W.M. entertained his guests at dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts (interspersed with songs) were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

This class lodge of Architects and Surveyors held its installation festival on the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Walter West, W.M., presided. There were present in addition to the officers, Bros. Wrightson, P.M.; Powell, P.M.; Elkington, P.M.; Bonner, P.M.; G. P. G. Hills, Haskins, R. G. Young, W. Herring, E. O. Sacks, J. Rush Dixon, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Read, G. Std. Br.; P. J. O'Leary Bradbury (from Antigua), H. Shirreff, Elliott, Murray, J. E. Anderson, H. Warren, A. E. Mullens, D. Hatch, and H. Carvill, P.M. 201.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Walsh was raised. Bro. Samuel Jackson, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. H. J. Pain, S.W.; W. Henry White, J.W.; F. R. Farrow, P.M., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; M. Garbutt, S.D.; J. Merritt, J.D.; F. W. Pearce, J.G.; F. Tupper White, D.C.; C. Bassett-Smith, A.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. F. S. Leslie, R.E., and W. Lawrence, Stwds.; and G. Austin, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to initiate Mr. Woodington in a most able manner.

An excellent banquet followed.

Chaloner Lodge, No. 2464.

On the 27th ult. the brethren of the above lodge celebrated their annual festival in the Masonic Hall, Melksham, when Bro. Edward James Lowther, J.W., was installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Captain Chaloner, M.P., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, the ceremony being admirably conducted throughout. There was a very large attendance, amongst those present, in addition to the Installing Master, being Bros. H. Bevir, P.G.S., 355; J. A. G. Matthews, P.J.G.O., 355; D. Bishop, 355; A. J. Beaven, 1271, P.P.S.G.D.; James Sparks, P.P.G. Reg. 1271; H. E. Bishop, P.M. 632; A. Wallington, 1271, P.P.G. Purst.; C. W. B. Bryant, 1271, P.P.J.G.D.; James P. Martin, 663, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. White, 632, P.G.S.B.; E. H. Pritchett, 355; J. F. Goodall, I.P.M. 1271; W. E. Taylor, P.M. 1271; F. C. Kent Gooch, P.M. 1285; T. Baggs, W.M. 906; Douglas Ware, Chap. 355; Ralph Pearce, D.C. 626; W. C. Dotesio, 1271; G. W. Rose, 1271; H. A. Wall, 103; P. F. Wall, 103; E. C. Skurray, 355; E. Bishop, 355; J. H. Aplin, 632; Robert Long, 632; Mervyn Wilson, 1626; R. B. Bedford, 2556; besides 35 members of the lodge. The following officers were invested: Bros. Captain R. G. W. Chaloner, M.P., I.P.M.; Charles Awdry, S.W.; Henry Sawtell, J.W.; Edwin George Wyld, Chap.; George Child, Treas.; John Parker, Sec. and D.C.; W. H. Taylor, Asst. Sec.; F. W. Bascombe, S.D.; J. E. Bush, J.D.; J. A. Coombe, I.G.; H. J. White, Org.; A. H. Manning and H. W. Taylor, Stwds.; and A. A. Angel, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Phipps, D.P.G.M., was thanked for his services as Installing Master, a similar compliment being paid to Bro. Captain Chaloner, M.P., for the way in which he had filled the chair from the foundation of the lodge (February, 1897).

The banquet was admirably served by Mr. James Larcombe, of the King's Arms Hotel, and was partaken of by nearly 60 brethren. The newly-elected W.M. presided.

The usual round of loyal and Masonic toasts was gone through.

The D.P.G.M., in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," expressed his pleasure at being present, and specially complimented the lodge upon the excellent way in which the work was done by the officers in the lodge and the Secretary.

Bro. John Parker, Sec., also spoke in eulogistic terms of the lodge generally.

Bro. H. Bevir, P.G.S., in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," stated that the past year had been the most successful in the annals of Masonry, the amount subscribed to the Royal Masonic Boys' Institution being £1,112,203; to the Royal Masonic Girls' Institution £16,478 14s. 10d.; and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £19,170 4s. 4d.; making a total of £176,851 19s. 2d.

"The Health of the W.M." was cordially drunk, and hearty good wishes tendered him on all hands for a happy and prosperous year of office.

Royal Arch.

Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13.

The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Comp. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 913, P.Z. 1472, P.P. 1st Asst. G. S. Kent, installed Comps. G. H. Porter into the chair of M.E.Z.; R. J. Warren, P.Z., P.Z. 1472, P.P. 1st Asst. G. S. Essex, as H.; and A. McQueen into that of J. The following officers were then invested: Comps. G. Kennedy, P.Z., S.E.; W. J. Crowdy, S.N.; Capt. J. Spinks, P.Z., Treas.; J. Taylor, P.S.; Cable, A.S.; and J. Lackland, Janitor. Among the other members present were Comps. H. S. Syer, P.Z.; W. Tailby, P.Z.; H. W. King, P.Z.; J. Mathey, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z. 1472, P.Z. and S.E. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; Sydney Horton, P.Z.; Isiah Turton, H. 913; and J. D. Brooks, 1973.

The chapter was opened by Comp. W. H. Keeble, M.E.Z., who shortly afterwards vacated the chair in favour of Comp. Penfold, as Installing Officer. Comp. Keeble was presented with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the companions, and for his services as M.E.Z. during the preceding 12 months, and for which he returned thanks. Comp. Penfold was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services, long and continued to the chapter, especially as its Installing Officer, and the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, Woolwich, where, in the new and handsome assembly room of the establishment, the banquet was served. It was a high-class "Woolwich Infant" banquet, and the worthy host, Bro. George Cashfield, and his amiable wife, were complimented on all sides for their perfect catering and service.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been honoured,

Comp. Keeble proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." in glowing terms, and wished him a prosperous and happy year of office.

The M.E.Z., in response, said he should endeavour to do his best, but if he found that he could not do all that was necessary to sustain the prestige of the chapter, he knew that he could fall back upon the help of their I.P.Z., who had shown them that he was both able and willing to do any work he was called upon to do.

In response to a flattering reception of his name as "Installing Officer," Comp. Penfold said it was a great pleasure once more to meet the companions of the Union Waterloo Chapter. For many years past he had had the honour and pleasure of installing the Principals of the chapter. The years seemed to roll past one after the other in quick succession, and so it seemed to him did the Principals of the chapter continue to be installed; some passed away and some remained. In looking through their warrant he found that it was consecrated in the year 1827, at the Barrack Tavern, on Woolwich Common. Their chapter, therefore, was 72 years old, and he heartily wished there were 72 elders now present; of course, that could not be, because, as he before said, they, like the years, were past and gone; however, he was glad to say that they had a goodly number of members, and were in every way in a flourishing condition. As they knew, there was another attractive meeting that night elsewhere that, as it were, split them up into sections, but though disunited that night, yet they were firmly united in their love for Royal Arch Masonry and their grand old chapter. Every other chapter in the district was the child of that chapter, and he trusted their M.E.Z. would, during his year of office, see himself surrounded by the members of those chapters that sprang from the good old mother chapter, and that when he vacated the chair they would be able to say to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

"The Second and Third Principals" having been toasted and responded to the compliment.

Comp. Jolly briefly responded for "The Visitors," so far as himself was concerned, and thanked the companions for their hospitality.

Comp. Horton regretted not being able to be present at the installation, but had come as soon as he could, because he believed in the Principals of different chapters visiting one another. He was proud of his office as M.E.Z. of the Pattison Chapter, and felt sure that if Comp. McQueen would study Royal Arch Masonry he would find it, as it claimed to be, "the climax of all Freemasonry."

Comp. Turton said he was pleased to see the M.E.Z. of the Pattison Chapter present and to be present himself. Some years ago, before he was a Royal Arch Mason, a brother of his, who had done good service to Masonry in America, came over here on a visit, and that brother told him "you must join the Royal Arch, for you find it the most beautiful ceremony in the whole working of the Masonic Degrees." He found his brother's words to be correct, and whatever he could do to further the interests of the Royal Arch he would do with all the energy in his power.

Comp. Spinks responded for "The P.Z.s and Officers," and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings, which were most enjoyable.

St. Magdalen Chapter, No. 242.

The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 27th ult. Present: Comps. A. W. Fretwell, M.E.Z.; John Fitzgerald, H.; H. A. Fenton, J.; J. Constable, P.Z., Sec.; F. J. Forth, Treas.; R. Brew, P.S.; W. Langbridge, S.N.; and J. Mason, Janitor.

The election for officers resulted as follows: Comps. J. Fitzgerald, M.E.Z.; H. A. Fenton, H.; F. J. Forth, J.; W. Langbridge, S.E.; C. E. Boomer, S.N.; R. Brew, P.S.; J. W. Chapman, 1st A.S.; and J. Constable, 2nd A.S. and Org. The S.N., Comp. J. Constable, read the address of Comp. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.H., delivered at P.G. Chapter at Huddersfield last November.

The companions afterwards partook of light refreshment in the anteroom.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 441.

The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 25th prox., and was attended by 32 companions. Comp. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., installed Comp. S. H. Sharman as M.E.Z., and Comps. H. King, P.Z., and J. F. Symonds, P.Z., were placed in the chairs of H. and J. respectively. The other officers were subsequently invested. Comp. B. Chennell, P.Z. 88, P.P.G.H., gave the lectures on the jewel, the pedestal, and the banners. Appended is a list of the officers for the year: Comps. S. H. Sharman, P.P.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; H. King, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., H.; J. F. Symonds, P.Z., P.G.S.N., J.; J. Sheldrick, P.Z., P.P.G.R., S.E.; J. Royston, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., S.N.; J. Vail, P.P.G. Asst. Soj., Treas.; G. F. Knowles, P.S.; G. R. Barnes, 1st Asst. Soj.; F. W. Miller, 2nd Asst. Soj.; F. Dewberry, P.Z., P.G.J., D.C.; E. E. Ing and A. R. Jennings, Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Janitor.

Star Chapter, No. 1275.

The installation meeting of this well-known chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, King-street, Cheapside, E.C., on Tuesday, the 24th ult. Present: Comos. W. R. Barr, M.E.Z.; C. Meierhoff, P.Z., acting H.; J. S. Targett, J.; Woolmer Williams, P.Z., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z. elect, S.E.; J. H. Witty, S.N.; C. Patrick, Janitor; C. H. Stone, P.Z.; G. G. Benedetti, P.Z.; W. Crook, P.Z.; Wm. Cowley, P.Z.; W. Smith, P. H. Garner, and J. Cogliati. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Cureton, P.Z. 2182; Wm. Dawson, M.E.Z. elect 1622; and G. S. Graham, P.Z., P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the election of J., which proved unanimous in favour of Comp. C. Meierhoff, P.Z. A conclave of First Principals was formed, and Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., was inducted into the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. W. R. Barr, I.P.Z. Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z., next presented Comp. J. S. Targett to Comp. T. Grummant, M.E.Z., who installed him into the chair of H. Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z., next presented Comp. C. Meierhoff, P.Z., and he was inducted into the chair of J. Comp. T. Grummant, M.E.Z., invested his officers as follows: Comps. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; C. N. McIntyre North, P.Z., D.C. (deferred); J. H. Witty, S.N.; P. H. Garner, P.S.; J. Vagg, 1st A.S. (deferred); H. J. Cutbush, 2nd A.S. (deferred); and C. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor. The M.E.Z. next presented Comp. W. R. Barr, I.P.Z., with the P. Principal's jewel, and remarked that he had had a most successful year of office, leaving a substantial balance in favour of the chapter, and the year had also been marked by excellent working and thorough harmony. Comp. Barr most lucidly and pertinently replied, and thanked the companions for voting him the jewel (the prettiest jewel, to his mind, he had ever seen), as a testimony of their esteem towards him. The Auditors' report was presented and adopted, which showed the chapter to be very flourishing financially. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds to the Benevolent Institution and placed upon Comp. Barr's list, who is Steward at the coming Festival. A very pleasing incident followed, when Comp. Chas. Meierhoff, J., said, to mark the love and esteem of the companions of the Star Chapter, they had thought it a very fitting opportunity to present Comp. Thos. Grummant, M.E.Z., with the Provincial Grand clothing, he having been honoured with the position of P.S. of Essex, and he might say none was more competent or worthy of that honour. In reply, Comp. Thos. Grummant, M.E.Z., said it was a very proud moment to be again elected to that position after 13 years leaving the chair, and 21 years since his exaltation, but he certainly appreciated the honour much more on account of their very kind present. He tendered his hearty thanks. A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Comp. Wm. Eckersall, P.Z., to be sent to Mrs. Eckersall. The name of a candidate for exaltation was handed in for next convocation.

The business of the chapter ended, the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was highly appreciated.

The usual loyal and R.A. toasts having been duly honoured, that of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given, and most cordially received.

Comp. W. R. Barr, I.P.Z., next presented the toast of "The M.E.Z.," which he thought, indeed, a great honour. It was unnecessary to expatiate upon his excellent qualities, one of the ablest Preceptors, kind and genial and ever ready to help all who asked his assistance. He wished the M.E.Z., as did all the companions, a happy and prosperous year, which he felt confident would redound to the honour of the Star Chapter.

Comp. T. Grummant, M.E.Z., on rising, received an ovation. He said he most heartily thanked them for their warm expressions. It was a proud moment after an interval of 13 years to again be elected to the chair. He might assure them the interest of the chapter was dear to his heart. There were many happy reminiscences, but during the last year two of the worthy Past Principals, Comps. Addington and Eckersall, had passed away, which was a severe loss to the chapter. However, there were many old and esteemed friends around, especially Comp. Wm. Cowley, who was exalted with him 21 years ago. He again tendered his thanks for their gift of Provincial Grand clothing and would assure the companions that his love for the chapter had not in the least waned and whatever he could do to forward its best interests would be done as a labour of love.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Principals H. and J." in terms of strong commendation, which was duly responded to by them tendering their most hearty support.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably and gracefully proposed by the M.E.Z., giving them a most cordial welcome.

This was replied to by Comps. Graham, P.Z., Cureton, P.Z., and Wm. Dawson, M.E.Z. elect 1622, in appreciative terms for the great kindness shown them, and all paid a high tribute to the M.E.Z. for his able service rendered to Royal Arch Masonry in particular, and his election to the chair would add lustre to the chapter.

The M.E.Z. honoured the toast of "The Past Principals," which was ably responded to by Comps. Barr, Cowley, Crook, and Benedetti, in terms of appreciation.

In presenting the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the M.E.Z. paid a high compliment to Comp. W. Williams, Treas., the father of the chapter, who was one of the best, as also of the S.E., who was most assiduous to duty, and it was a very great pleasure to him to invest him with the collar and have his able assistance during the coming year.

The toast was replied to in appreciative terms by Comp. Stone, P.Z., S.E., on behalf of himself and of Comp. W. Williams, P.Z., Treas., who was obliged to leave on account of other important business.

The toast of "The Officers" was given by the M.E.Z. in terms of eulogium, and ably responded to by Comps. Witty, S.N.; P. H. Garner, P.S.; W. Smith, P.S.N.; and Cogliati.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy and enjoyable meeting.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. G. S. Graham, P.Z., P. Prov. G. Org. Middx. and Surrey, assisted by the Court Part Singers, Bros. Arthur Carlyle and Dyved Lewys, and Comps. Ed. Delavanti and Hy. Prenton. Comps. Graham and Delavanti ably presided at the piano.

The jewel was manufactured by Comps. George Kenning and Son, Little Britain, London.

Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

The election meeting was held in Mark Masons' Hall on the 23rd ultimo. Bro. A. Love presided, and was supported by Bros. J. R. Reep, W.M. 234, S.W.; C. J. Axford, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Smith, P.G.S.; H. Lovegrove, P.G. Inspector of Works, Treas.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; J. Campbell Johnstone, J.W.; and others.

Bro. John Robertson Reep was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. Lovegrove, Treasurer; and Bro. E. J. Mills, Tyler.

Nene Lodge, No. 427.

The installation meeting was held at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., when Bro. Harry Healey, P.P.G. Org., was installed as W.M. by Bro. C. E. Ward, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Charity Steward, over two-thirds of the members being present. Bro. Healey appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. H. Aldham, 18, Prov. G.M.O., I.P.M.; Wm. Fletcher, P.P.G.I.G., S.W.; Chas. Winlove Smith, 18, Prov. G. Std. Br., J.W.; Rev. Matthew Benson, P.P.G.C., M.O.; G. W. Whitehead, S.O.; J. Robinson, J.O.; J. R. Clarke, 18, P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; C. E. Ward, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; T. H. Hold, Prov. G. Stwd. Org.; C. Bonner, R. of M.; T. J. H. Brogden, S.D.; A. G. Russell, J.D.; J. S. B. Glasier, 18, P.P.G.M.O., D.C.; H. G. Brown, I.G.; John Hardy Carter and R. Crawley, Stewards; and David Oliver, Tyler. The Auditors' report, showing a satisfactory financial position, was accepted. Bro. C. E. Ward was elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of the Yarborough Mark Benevolent Fund.

Letters were read from the newly-appointed D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. E. Mitford Weigall, P.G.C. Eng. (who was unanimously elected an honorary member), regretting his inability to be present.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to banquet, served in good style by Host Smith.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most successful meeting closed.

Instruction.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 101.

A highly instructive and intellectual treat was afforded by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in rehearsing the ceremonies of consecration and installation and launching the above at the Upland Hotel, East Dulwich, on the 10th ult. He was ably supported by Bros. Walter Martin, P.G.P.; E. Lardner, P.M. 101, P.G. Std.; C. Plant, P.M. 101, as I.P.M.; B. Dowsett, P.M. 101, as S.W.; H. Cornford, W.M. 1922, as J.W.; W. Pottinger, P. Prov. G.S.B. Bucks, as D.C.; H. Eyre, W.M. elect 101, as J.D.; W. J. Gregory, P.M. 73, as I.G.; J. Omer, P.M. 1259, Sec.; and G. Searle, Org. 1572, as Org.; and a long list of brethren to the number of nearly 70.

Bro. B. Dowsett was installed into the chair of K.S. Votes of thanks were accorded Bro. James Terry for his great kindness in rehearsing the ceremonies and he most ably responded; to Bro. Wal Martin for allowing the use of the consecrating vessels which he was ever ready to do; to Bro. J. F. Shepherd for presenting the lodge with the furniture; and to Bro. Hy. Cornford, W.M. 1922, for presenting the lodge with the rough and perfect ashlar beautifully worked. Bros. Terry, Wal Martin, Rev. Cohen, as Chaplain, and H. Pottinger were elected honorary members. The officers of the lodge of instruction are Bros. C. Plant, P.M. 101, Preceptor; J. G. Shepherd, 172, Treas.; G. Searle; 1572, Org.; and J. Omer, P.M. 1259, Sec. Lodge meets every Thursday at 8 o'clock at the above address.

The sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds to the R.M.B.I. and duly acknowledged by Bro. James Terry, the respected Secretary of that Institution.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. J. H. Cureton, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, H.; H. Cornford, J.; Thomas Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; Latham, Scribe N.; Stone, P.S.; C. L. Plant, P. H. Garner, and T. R. Cass.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Latham personating the candidate. Comp. C. L. Plant, M.E.Z. 101, was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Sterndale Bennett Chapter on the 10th instant. The business of convocation ended, the chapter was closed.

IVY LODGE, No. 1441.

This lodge of instruction, which has rendered good service for years past amongst brethren in South London, has taken a new lease of life since its recent removal to the Half Moon and French Horn Hotel, St. John's-hill, S.W. The brethren of the immediate locality will, doubtless, appreciate this opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of the ritual, and they cannot but admire the energy and enterprise of the genial host, Bro. Mayes, of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, who has provided a commodious and con-

venient room, with suitable furniture, and made every arrangement possible for their comfort. The instruction is given in a kind and courteous manner by the Preceptor, Bro. Chandler. The meeting held on Thursday, the 26th ult., was well attended. Bro. West occupied the chair of W.M., and was supported by Bros. Chandler, Preceptor; Pike, S.W.; Stafford, J.W.; Clark, S.D.; Marrabel, J.D.; Marchbank, I.G.; Clarke, Crane, Somerville, Moore, and many others.

After the opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, the Third Degree was rehearsed, and was followed by a capital rendering of the Second Degree. This being the usual night for the election of officers, this duty was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Bros. Chandler, Preceptor; Rinbolt, Asst. Preceptor; Hugh James, Treas.; and West, Sec. Votes of thanks were accorded the officers for past services, and Bro. Lee having been elected a joining member, on the proposition of Bro. Mayes, seconded by Bro. Marchbank, the lodge was closed.

The lodge meets every Thursday, at eight o'clock, when any prospective members or visitors will be gladly and fraternally welcomed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. V. J. R. Longman, W.M.; F. H. Johnson, S.W.; C. Nicole, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Isler, S.D.; H. R. Bower, J.D.; E. H. Yexley, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; F. H. Palmer, S. Cload, E. J. Harrison, and R. Loomes, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Isler as M. elect. The address having been given, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Johnson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS HASTINGS.

We regret to have to record the death and burial of Bro. Thomas Hastings, who died on the 17th and was buried on the 22nd ult., at Charlton Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of his brethren and companions in Masonry, and of the municipal bodies of the town and neighbourhood, of which latter he was, as in Masonry, an esteemed and energetic member. Bro. the Rev. Caseley, Chaplain to the Licensed Victuallers Asylum, officiated, and on the completion of the beautiful service the body of our good friend and brother was laid to rest. Among the brethren present were Bros. Sydney Gore, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Kent, W. Moulder, P.M. and Sec., P.P.A.G.P. Kent, Jas. Seaton, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Kent, J. Farrier, P.M., G. Kennedy, P.M., R. Hanson, P.M., W. Jorgenson, W.M., H. Syer, J.P., P.M. 13, S.W., W. Bull, J.W., T. Coombes, W. Arnold, G. Davies, P.M. (Hon.), S. Messer, A. Chapman, D. Mackay, J. Cook, W. Eveleigh, F. Mark, J. Daniels, J. Broughton, W. Scott, G. West, W. G. Fletcher, G. Fletcher, and W. Chick, all of 829; G. F. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; A. McQueen, W.M., T. Hutton, P.M., L. Chasteaneuf, P.M., W. J. Barnes, P.M., F. Dickenson, Sec., W. J. Crowley, J.D., J. Everson, G. Warnock, W. Skinner, A. Wagg, H. Staples, H. Grant, J. Harper, A. Vincent, and R. Hoar, all of 13; H. Tufnell, P.M., G. Porter, P.M., S. Southgate, P.M., J. Church, A. Sanders, C. Perry, and J. Plume, all of 700; H. Mason, S.W. 706; E. M. Taylor, S.W., W. Lomax, H. Pryce, H. Hall, J. Taylor, G. Laurance, J. Stratton, and A. Wallis, of 913; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472, &c., &c., &c.; Capt. G. T. Spinks, P.M. and Treas. 1536, P.P.S.G.W. Kent; W. Moulds, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; and F. Reynolds, 75. There were some 20 beautiful wreaths sent from both lodges and private friends, the one sent by the High Cross Chapter held at Dartford, being much admired. Bro. Hastings was a Past Master and Treasurer of the Sydney Lodge, and a P.P.A.G.P. of the Province of Kent, P.M. 13, P.Z. of the High Cross Chapter, and P.P.A.G.S.E. Kent. He was also a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and was respected and beloved by all who knew him.

BRO. EDWIN T. TAYLOR, P.M., P.P.G.S. OF W. MIDDX.

It is with very sincere regret we have to announce the death of another well-known brother—Bro. Edwin Thomas Taylor, P.M. 1567—who died suddenly at his residence at Bexhill-on-Sea, where he had very recently gone to reside. He was initiated in the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, on 17th March, 1883, and became a P.M. in 1891, and was made Prov. G.S. of Works of Middlesex in 1895. He was exalted in the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, in 1884, and was M.E.Z. in 1893. He was a good supporter of the Charities, having served five Stewardships, and Mrs. Taylor had also served in that capacity on two occasions, and he had made his children Life Governors of the various Institutions. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult. at Kensal Green Cemetery, and as many brethren as could attend at short notice did so, dropping the acacia—the usual emblem—into the grave. This is the second Past Master of the Elliot Lodge buried within three weeks, and, of course, has caused great sadness to fall on all the members at the loss of two such valuable members.

BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE.

The funeral of Bro. H. Muggeridge took place at Abney Park Cemetery on Saturday last in the presence of a large number of brethren and friends. A full report will appear in our next issue.

LORD AND LADY ALINGTON arrived at Alington House, South Audley-street, on Saturday last from Bournemouth. His lordship's general health has improved, and the operation on his eye was performed on Tuesday.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

CONCERNING THE Grand Registrar's recent work on the development of the Craft, the *Scotsman* says: "Mr. Strachan's history of Northumbrian Masonry is of more than local interest. It concerns the Craft in general in England and in Scotland, and contains a great deal of fresh and important matter bearing on the ancient connection between operative and speculative Freemasonry, and the rise and development of the speculative organisation. Mr. Strachan writes with authority, and out of a fulness of knowledge that finds expression on every page."

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at 4 p.m.

BRO. THE EARL OF MARCH left London on Monday for Gordon Castle, Fuchobers, Scotland.

THE 'DUKE OF GRAFTON left town on Saturday last for Wakefield Lodge, Northants, near Stoney Stratford.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE have returned to Devonshire House from visiting the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at Hatfield.

BRO. THE DUKE OF PORTLAND has intimated his willingness to accept the presidency of the Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society during the ensuing year.

BRO. E. MACRORY, Q.C., has resigned the post of Hon. Secretary to the Barristers' Benevolent Association, after having held it for many years past, as also his co-secretary, Mr. S. H. Day.

BRO. RICHARD HORTON SMITH, Q.C., one of the leaders in Mr. Justice Romer's Court, has retired from practice, after a connection with the Bar of about 40 years, he having been called at Lincoln's Inn on January 25th, 1859.

THE DUKE OF YORK has promised to preside at the 14th triennial festival and jubilee commemoration of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society, of which Bro. George Abbott, Station Superintendent at Charing Cross, is Chairman.

BRO. SIR WILLIAM WALKOND, Chief Government Whip, will arrive in town to-day (Friday) from San Remo. He will be engaged with his full staff at the Treasury to-morrow (Saturday) in preparing for the re-assembling of Parliament on Tuesday next.

AT A BANQUET given on Monday evening at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., by the Master (Mr. H. Clarke, C.C., L.C.C.) and the Court of the Loriners Company, the chief guest was Bro. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., L.C.C., who responded for the toast of the House of Lords.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF YORK, attended by Major the Hon. Derek Keppel, left Osborne for London after the investiture, crossing over to Portsmouth on board her Majesty's yacht Alberta, Rear-Admiral Fullerton, A.D.C. His Royal Highness returned to town, and subsequently proceeded to Sandringham.

LORD LAWRENCE presided at the annual meeting of the Buckingham Nursing Home and Association, in the Town Hall, Buckingham, recently. His lordship was supported by Lady Lawrence, Bro. Lord and Lady Addington, the Hon. Rose Hubbard, Mrs. W. F. Gore-Langton, Rev. Fred G. Kiddle (vicar), Rev. L. E. Goddard, Mr. A. Burrowes, and others.

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND held his first Levee on Tuesday at Dublin Castle, when there was a very full attendance. The same evening his Excellency, accompanied by the guests staying at the Castle, was present at a ball given by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland (Bro. Lord Ashbourne) and Lady Ashbourne, at their residence in Merrion-square.

MARCH 1st has been fixed as the date for the visit to Portsmouth of the Duke and Duchess of York to open the new wings of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, which have been erected, at a cost of £15,000, as a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The foundation-stone of the extension was laid by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and that of the original building by the late Prince Consort.

IT WAS REPORTED on Monday morning that the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir J. V. Moore) who, since January 10th, has been suffering from bronchitis and the effects of a severe chill which he contracted while fulfilling a public engagement, has suffered a relapse, and was again confined to his bed. On inquiry in the afternoon, it was stated that his lordship was decidedly better, and that he expected to be able to leave his room at the expiration of a few days. Meantime, the Aldermen are discharging the magisterial and other duties of the right hon. gentleman.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER have been entertaining a house party at Eaton Hall. Among the guests were Princess Victor of Hohenlohe, Countess H. Gleichen, Lord Wenlock, the Marquis of Ormonde, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dartmouth, Viscount Villiers, the Countess of Dartrey, Lord Iveagh, General the Hon. N. and Mrs. Lyttelton, Col. and Mrs. Langford Brooke, Sir Donald Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Egerton Leigh, Col., Mrs. and Miss Cotton-Jodrell, Hon. H. Dawnay, Bro. Col. and the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Egerton, Madame Albani, Mr. Gye, and Mr., Mrs., and Miss White.

TUESDAY EVENING'S *Gazette* contains the titles which have been taken by the gentlemen who were at the New Year honoured by her Majesty by being raised to the peerage. Sir Henry Hawkins, the distinguished judge who recently retired from the Bench, becomes Baron Brampton, of Brampton, in the county of Huntingdon; Lord Cromer is raised to the higher rank of Viscount Cromer, of Cromer, in the county of Norfolk; Sir Philip Currie, her Majesty's Ambassador at Rome, will henceforth be Baron Currie, of Hawley, in the county of Southampton; Bro. Sir Joseph Russell Bailey, Bart., formerly M.P. for Hereford, has taken the title of Baron Glanusk, of Glanusk Park, in the county of Brecknock; and Mr. R. T. Gurdon, of Letton Hall, becomes Baron Cranworth, of Letton and Cranworth, in the county of Norfolk.

ON MONDAY her Majesty held a private investiture of the Orders of the Bath, St. Michael and St. George, and the Star of India. The Queen was accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Duke of York, while there were in attendance upon her Majesty the Duchess of Roxburgh (Lady in Waiting), the Earl of Hopetoun (Lord Chamberlain), Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. Sir Fleetwood Edwards (Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse), Major the Hon. Charles Harbord (Groom in Waiting), C. G. Barrington, Esq., C.B. (Gentleman Usher of the Bath, acting for Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King of Arms, Registrar and Secretary of the Order), the Hon. Sir Spencer Ponsonby Fane (Comptroller in the Lord Chamberlain's Department), and Bro. Col. Lord Edward Pelham Clinton (Master of the Household).

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and Mrs. Temple on Saturday last left Euston for Liverpool.

THE COBORN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1804, is now held at the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, and meets on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

THE HON. LADY WHITE-RIDLEY will have evening parties at 10, Carlton House-terrace, on Saturdays, the 18th and 25th instant, and March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

LONDON ORPHAN ASYLUM, WATFORD.—Bro. Chas. E. Kevser, J.P., will preside at the 86th Anniversary Festival of the Charity at the Hotel Metropole on the 9th of March.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON has arrived at 50, Grosvenor-street from visiting the Earl of Rosebery at Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard, and was joined on Monday evening by Countess Carrington from Brighton.

BRO. SIR WILLIAM HOWARD RUSSELL desires very sincerely to thank his numerous friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in his recent loss, and much regrets that for the present he is unable to acknowledge them individually.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL LORD WOLSELEY, Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards, will be Gold-Stick-in-Waiting during the present month; Lieut. C. N. Miles, 1st Life Guards, Silver-Stick-in-Waiting; and Capt. H. M. Walker, 1st Life Guards, Adjutant-in-Waiting.

ON SUNDAY the Queen and the Royal Family attended Divine service at Osborne. The Rev. Clement Smith, M.A., Rector of Whippingham and Chaplain to her Majesty, officiated. His Royal Highness the Duke of York, attended by Major the Hon. Derek Keppel, arrived at Osborne, having crossed over from Portsmouth on board her Majesty's yacht Alberta, Rear-Admiral Fullerton, A.D.C. The Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G., Lord Chamberlain, also arrived.

MR. THOMAS GARNER is the architect of the new hotel which is being erected at Buxton by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited). Mr. Garner (late of the firm of Bodley and Garner, that partnership being now dissolved) is designing the furniture, plate, carpets, and the entire fittings and decorations of the interior, as well as the actual building. The period is that of Charles the First. The hotel, which will be one of the most beautiful and complete in England, will stand in terraced gardens, 12 acres in extent.

MR. F. W. POMEROY, of Chelsea, has been commissioned to execute the statue in bronze which is to be erected to Admiral Blake in Bridgwater, his native place. About £250 is, however, still lacking to complete the cost of the pedestal on which the counterfeit presentment of the gallant sailor is to stand. A London committee, on which are Bro. Sir Walter Besant, Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Mr. Leslie Stephens, Mr. Blake Odgers, Q.C., and others, has been formed with the view of raising that sum, and, at a time when opinions respecting the necessity of maintaining England's naval supremacy are unanimous, this ought not to be a work of much difficulty.

A MASONIC SERVICE will be held in St. Mark's Church, New Barnet, in connection with the consecration of the new Nave, on Sunday, the 12th inst., when the sermon will be preached by Bro. the Venerable W. M. Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London. The service will commence at 3.30 p.m., and a special train for the conveyance of brethren desirous of attending from a distance will leave King's Cross at 2.35 p.m., calling at all stations en route to New Barnet. The offertory will be given to the Church Funds.

ROYAL AQUARIUM SEVENTH ANNUAL GREAT YACHTING EXHIBITION.—As an interesting and instructive trade exhibition showing the perfection attained by launch and boat builders in the building of their craft, the Seventh Annual Yachting Exhibition will be unexcelled by any of its predecessors. The number of launches with their different methods of motive power is a feature of the show, amongst the different types exhibited being steam, electric, hydro-carbon, and petroleum. In the yacht and boat building section the leading Thames builders and others are showing a fine array of sailing craft, skiffs, punts, dinghies, canoes, and folding boats. Several important firms engaged in the supplementary trades will also be found exhibiting, including manufacturers of life saving appliances, tents, anti-fouling compositions, washing appliances, filters, varnish, waterproofs, and other articles.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND, attended by Capt. Cecil Fielden, aide-de-camp-in-waiting, has arrived at Dublin Castle from London, for the season. Countess Cadogan has joined the Lord Lieutenant at the Castle from Mount Stewart, where she had been on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry. Their Excellencies have been entertaining the following guests at the Castle during this week: Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and the Ladies Alexandra and Gladys Hamilton, the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and Lady Helen Stewart, the Earl and Countess of Pembroke and Lady Beatrice Herbert, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Lady Magheramorne, Viscount Acheson, General and the Hon. Mrs. Oliphant, Mr. and Mrs. H. White and Miss White, Miss Farquharson, Mr. Milbanke, and the Hon. William Cadogan.

THE ALDERSGATE CLUB BALL will be held in the Kings' Hall of the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday evening, the 1st March. The string band of the London Rifle Brigade, under the direction of Mr. H. Henton, has been, by permission, engaged for the occasion. The order of the day will be evening dress, Court dress, or military uniform, and, as the number of tickets to be issued is limited, early application is desirable; price 10s. 6d. each, supper inclusive. The ball will take place under the patronage of the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir John Voce Moore), Bros. Aldermen F. P. Alliston and Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, G. Treas.; Sheriffs of London; Bro. Sir Jos. Renals, Alderman of the Ward; and Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., and the Hon. Alban G. H. Gibbs, the Members of Parliament for the City. Full particulars obtainable from Bro. James Mayhew, 9, Foster-lane, E.C., and T. Murray James, 101, Aldersgate-street, E.C., Hon. Secretaries of the Committee.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, as president, with the Hon. Mrs. Neville Lyttelton and Major-General J. Bonus, as the honorary secretary and treasurer, write on behalf of the Up Country Nursing Association for Europeans in India asking for further funds to permit an extension of its beneficent work. The first appeal to the public on the formation of the association in 1893 realised the sum of £800, and yearly subscriptions of between £40 and £50 have been received. With those funds available the committee have been able hitherto to meet all applications for the supply of nurses, but they now find that the increasing development of the system compels them to put forward a special plea for additional help. With these aims in view, which have the approval of her most gracious Majesty the Queen, who is patron of the association, the committee confidently appeal to the public for increased aid. Donations and yearly subscriptions will be received by Messrs. Henry S. King and Co., 65, Cornhill, E.C., and reports and any other particulars can be obtained on application to the honorary secretary, Major-General J. Bonus, R.E., The Cedars, Strawberry-hill.

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