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THE FESTIVAL OF WEDNESDAY NEXT.

A week hence it will be our privilege to report the result that has attended the very strenuous efforts which for several months past have been made on behalf of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we sincerely hope that result will prove satisfactory in every way, not only to our R.W. Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK, Prov. G. Master of South Wales (E.D.), who has so kindly undertaken to preside as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards which is so energetically assisting him in his task, but also to the Institution itself, which, for reasons that have already been explained, failed last year to obtain the amount of support it is, ordinarily, in a position to secure. Present auguries are certainly favourable to a good round subscription list. According to the latest information obtainable, the Secretary—Bro. JAMES TERRY—has succeeded in enlisting the services of some 435 ladies and brethren as Stewards for Wednesday next, while in 1897, when his Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT, Past G. Master, Prov. G.M. of Sussex, presided as chairman, the number of those who acted as such was 432, and these amongst them had the satisfaction of raising the splendid total of £19,000. But a Royal Chairman with a strong Board of Stewards at his back might reasonably be expected to secure a generous response to his advocacy, more especially as the year 1897 had not been preceded by one in which exceptional demands from other quarters had been made upon the purses of the brethren. Hence, we must not look, as a matter of course, for a big return, merely because Bro. TERRY'S efforts in obtaining the help of brethren as Stewards have been more successful than might have been expected. All we can do is to hope that, as both London and the Provinces are fairly well represented, the total of the Donations and Subscriptions which it will be the duty of the Secretary to announce on the eventful evening will be commensurate with the number and energy of those who, at the moment we are writing this brief article, are no doubt still engaged in the task of trying to bring "grist to the mill" of our Benevolent Institution. We, too, are not without hope that our successive earnest appeals for support in behalf of a Charity which annually disburses about £16,500 in annuities to aged brethren and

widows, and which invariably has an immense number of candidates for the benefits it dispenses always on its lists, may be at least as successful as in former years. There are, indeed, two grand reasons why those appeals should be responded to generously—the cause we have been advocating is a good one, and this year the needs of the Institution are greater than usual.

THE PAST G. MASTER OF CANADA.

When, in July last, Bro. WM. GIBSON vacated the office of M. W.G. Master of Canada (Province of Ontario), and was succeeded by Bro. E. T. MALONE, the Grand Lodge resolved on recognising the great services he had rendered to the Craft in the Dominion, and for that purpose appointed a Committee composed of the Dep. G. Master (Bro. R. B. HUNGERFORD), the Grand Treasurer (Bro. HUGH MURRAY, Past G.M.), and the Grand Secretary (Bro. J. J. MASON), to consider and report as to the best way of paying Bro. GIBSON the honour to which he was so justly entitled. The result of their deliberations was made apparent at a meeting of the Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, on the 28th December last, when, in the presence of the Grand Master and a large gathering of G. Officers, as well as of the members of Barton Lodge—in which Bro. GIBSON first saw the light of some 28 years ago—the Deputy G. Master, on behalf not only of Masonry the Committee, but also of the officers and members of Grand Lodge, formally presented him with a magnificent cabinet of silver ware. A plate on the cabinet bore an appropriate inscription, while accompanying the gift was an address in album form, beautifully illuminated and engraved, in which the services of Bro. GIBSON in the various offices he had filled, but more especially in that of Grand Master, 1896-98, were extolled, and the feelings of respect and gratitude entertained towards him were expressed in terms of simple and unadorned eloquence. When the ceremony of presentation was ended, and Past Grand Master GIBSON had returned his thanks for the honour done him, the representatives of the Grand Lodge, on the invitation of the members of the Barton Lodge, partook of a banquet, which had been prepared for them, at the Royal Hotel, and there, in the course of the after-dinner proceedings, a number of eloquent speeches were made, all tending in the one direction of bearing testimony to the zeal and ability which Bro. GIBSON had exhibited throughout his whole Masonic career. The recipient of these honours, on rising to acknowledge them, was greeted with the most enthusiastic cheers. Naturally he reiterated the thanks he had returned in the lodge; but the greater part of his speech was occupied, firstly, in sketching briefly the career of the Lodge at whose hospitable board they were seated, and then in extolling the splendid benevolent work that was being done by the Craft in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as well as the cordial relations which had always existed between it and the American Grand Lodges; in evidence of which he mentioned that the first Grand Master of Canada had to Detroit to be installed, and also that only a few months since a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Michigan had visited their Grand Lodge and presented it with a set of working tools. The speaker concluded his eloquent remarks by some very happy references to the Grand Lodge of England and its illustrious Grand Master, and after other speeches all couched in the same strain, the brethren rose and one of the most pleasant Masonic functions, of which it has been our good fortune to read, was at an end. We owe it as a duty to a very worthy contemporary to state that the particulars from which we have framed our article will be found in the *Canadian Craftsman* for last month.

"OUR VETERAN GENERAL."

The 13th annual report of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois (U.S.A.) is now being circulated among the favoured ones of the earth, whose names are enrolled, either as honorary (104) or subscribing members (347) of that famous organisation.

I call this issue the *Royal Number*, as it contains a fine portrait of our beloved Queen (with facsimile of autograph) being a reproduction of the latest and one of the best photographs ever taken of her Majesty.

There is likewise another of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Knights of Malta, and Sovereign of the United Order for Great-Britain and Ireland;" which cannot be excelled, and also a really good portrait of "General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G.," who is attired as Prov. G.M. of Sussex; but noted as "M.E. Grand Master, Great Priory of Ireland," with autograph of H.R.H.

There are numerous others, which will be highly valued, such as M.E. Reuben Hedley Lloyd, Grand Master of Knights Templars, U.S.A.; M.E. Warran La Rue Thomas, P.G.M. (U.S.A.); the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., Supreme G.M. of England and Wales (K.T.); M.E. Daniel F. MacWatt, Grand Master Sov. Great Priory of Canada; with the Grand Chancellors (or Vice G.C.) of each Body, viz., Bros. William H. Mayo (U.S.A.); C. Fitzgerald Matier (England); Lieut.-Col. A. V. Davoren (Ireland); and William H. Whyte, Past G.M. (Canada).

The Grand Master of the Chapter-General of Scotland, the Marquis of Breadalbane, K.G., also sent his Portrait to the General, with autograph, and Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, W.S., the well-known Grand Chancellor of K.T. for that country, is also represented, standing before an elaborately-dedicated altar.

The numerous illustrations else make up a gorgeous number, and include some special views of Torquay, the Masonic Hall of No. 328, the summons of No. 1402, a handsome little certificate of A.D. 1807 from Brixham, which is in Bro. John Lane's Library, the old print of "A Mason made of a Mason's Working Tools," sent by Bro. W. J. Hughan (of A.D. 1754), a "Carrick-Fergus Diploma of 17—" with an able article thereon by Dr. Chetwode Crawley, who gives excellent reasons for dating the curious Certificate 1780, *circa*; "Copy of first Charter ever issued by a Grand Lodge for a constituent Lodge" (1731, Ireland—of course), &c., &c.

I have overlooked two portraits, even now, that should be mentioned, viz., the lamented Hon. De Witt Clinton, P.G.M., who was the first Venerable Chief of Illinois; and "Lt.-General Sir Charles Warren, Founder and first W.M. Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London."

These choice plates are mainly in illustration of our General's "Wandering Steps" through Europe, 1898; the account of which is of a most interesting character, and contains so many good points that it sets at defiance any attempt to reproduce portions, as I had hoped to do. General John Corson Smith, Past G.M. of Illinois, is at home in all such literary labour; and the Firm of Messrs. Rogers and Smith Co. have done their best, which means success, to present in typographical and artistic form these entertaining sketches of visits to notable spots.

"The 13th Annual Meeting" at Smith's Inn (*i.e.* Mansion) was a great treat for all who participated; the hospitalities of 65, Sibley-street, Chicago, being well-known and most warmly appreciated.

W. J. HUGHAN.

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT OF THE ALFRED NEWTON LODGE, No. 2686.

Although the Alfred Newton Lodge has barely completed its first year of existence, on the testimony of the members it is generally conceded that it has more than justified its existence. The principal idea of its conception was to unite, under the genial bond of Masonry, the heads of departments and others connected with Harrod's Stores, Limited. The members are loud in their praise of the good work already accomplished, and look forward hopefully to its continuance in the future. A step in the right direction was taken on Saturday, the 11th inst., when the lodge entertained lady friends and gentlemen who are non-Masons at a banquet and concert at the Empress Rooms, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington.

Bro. Alderman A. J. Newton, W.M., presided with his usual geniality, whilst the energetic Secretary, Bro. W. B. Abbott, P.M.—to whom every credit is due for the completeness of the arrangements made—was well supported in his endeavour to make the guests comfortable and happy by Bros. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; H. K. Newton, H. J. Thwaites, I.G.; T. G. Neighbour, A. E. Catchpole, H. Burbidge, J. Naughton, M. J. Jessop, P.M.; and others.

After a well-served banquet had been enjoyed, four toasts were given before the concert was proceeded with. The first two were "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

Bro. J. J. THOMAS, P.G.S.B., then had the pleasing duty of proposing "The Ladies." That was one of those pleasant gatherings which Masonry had taken to heart during the last few years. Formerly they were an exclusive body, and the ladies thought they were selfish, but since the ladies had graced their Masonic festivals and these annual gatherings, he for one could say that his wife looked upon his absence more pleasantly. If he spoke for half an hour he could not tell them more than that they heartily greeted the ladies, whom they were pleased to see.

Bro. H. K. NEWTON briefly replied, after which

Bro. A. J. NAUGHTON, S.W., proposed "The President." He said that that lodge, although scarcely a year old, had done wonderful things, one of which was to have such a magnificent gathering that night. The lodge started with 23 founders connected with Harrod's Stores, and the Chairman, Bro. Alderman Newton, was the first Master. They had done well for the Charities, the W.M. when he acted as Steward for the Boys' School, standing 12th amongst all the lodges of England and fifth amongst the lodges in London.

Bro. Alderman A. J. NEWTON, W.M., in responding, said the S.W. had very appropriately referred to the great Institution with which most of them were connected. That Institution had established a reputation for promptitude, for despatch, and for doing its business in a business-like way, and, in a minor degree, this lodge claimed to be in the same category. He ventured to say that their experience of that evening was a satisfactory one in respect of prompt, smart, and sharp speeches. They had not been wearied in listening to platitudes, or in

wishing that a speaker would finish, for they all wished to listen to music. He had endeavoured to strike the keynote of brevity, and had been amply seconded, and would not, therefore, break the rule. He regarded with satisfaction the very handsome way in which the S.W. had referred, and they had endorsed, that reference to himself. It would be idle to affect for one moment that he was not extremely proud of this lodge of Freemasons. They had done him a very great honour in naming it after him, and he fully appreciated that honour, and hoped in the course of time to fully merit it. They would now have an opportunity of listening to a programme of music after the ladies had accorded them a brief interval of ten minutes.

During the barquet a selection of music was played by Miss F. Tipper (piano), Miss G. Tipper (violin), Mr. Masters (cornet), and Mr. Tipper (double bass).

The concert afterwards included items by Miss Greta Williams, Miss Eleanor Jones, Madame Lytton, Mr. Emyln Davies, Bro. W. E. Buchanan, Mr. Thomas Crook, Master Bernard Crook, Mr. Carrington Willis, Bros. W. Windsor, Org., and H. Tipper, P.A.G.P.

FIRST ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BRONDESBURY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2698.

The first annual supper in connection with this flourishing lodge was held at the Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn, on the 13th inst. About 45 brethren attended to support the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. A. F. Hardymont, W.M. elect 2698, J.W. 1500, and S.D. 1489, who presided. Bros. A. H. Oldrey, P.M., and Harry Willsmer, Hon. Sec., faced in the Vice-Chairs. Amongst the brethren were Bros. Aylett, Battrum, R. J. Campbell, P.M., Treasurer of the lodge of instruction; Geo. Coxen, Treasurer mother lodge; Wm. Geo. Coxen, H. J. Crook, F. Crook, P. Davis, G. D. Fraser, J. M. Goodwin, J. Gawthrop, W.M.; A. E. Horstead, Org.; Hammerton, Leavers, Levin, P.M.; Line, Marks, Pearce, M. Symonds, Palmer, W. J. Smith, P.M.; M. Strang, G. P. H. Stringer, Wheeler, Walker, Platt, Schomberg, A. Hawes, Chappell, Larner, Fleming, Keizer, and others.

An excellent supper was provided by the host, Bro. Wm. G. Coxen, which reflected great credit on the *cuisine* department of the hotel. The toasts were few and the speeches short.

The toast of "The Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction" was proposed by the CHAIRMAN.

Bro. H. WILLSMER, Hon. Sec., responded, and referred to the success that had attended their efforts in promoting the lodge, and the support accorded them by prominent members of the mother lodge, which had done much to attain that end. Having held but 25 meetings, the attendances have averaged over 20 at each meeting, and now they had a membership of 100. A Charities' Association was formed only in July last, and to the end of January nine sums of £5 5s. each had been contributed to one or other of the Masonic Institutions. The membership now was 40.

The toast of "The Chairman" was in the hands of that past master of the art—the first W.M. of the mother lodge and Treasurer of the lodge of instruction (Bro. R. J. Campbell, P.M.)—who referred in feeling terms to the long friendship that had existed between the Chairman and himself, stating that he was looking forward to a very happy time under Bro. Hardymont's ruling as the W.M. of No. 2698.

A capital musical evening followed, under the direction of Bro. Arthur E. Horstead, with Mr. A. Horstead at the piano. Bro. James Gawthrop, W.M. 1706, and a well-known singer, contributed four songs during the evening, which much delighted the company, who insisted upon encores. Bros. Fleming, Chappell, Campbell, Hardymont, and Strang, and Messrs. Foxall and Griffin, also assisted.

The menu card had an original design by Bro. the Hon. Secretary, in which was enclosed the photograph of the Chairman, Bro. Hardymont.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE CRICHTON LODGE, No. 1641.

This happy event took place on Friday, the 10th instant, at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., and, undoubtedly, proved an unqualified success, marking an epoch in the history of the lodge. It was decided by the Committee that it should take place on an evening which did not interfere with the duties of the lodge, and so heartily was it supported by the brethren that about 110 were present. At six o'clock a reception was held by the W.M., Bro. Vincent Thomas Murché, and Mrs. Murché, at which were present Bro. Gill, I.P.M., Mrs. Gill, and friends; Bro. G. M. E. Hamilton, Treas., Mrs. G. Hamilton, and friends; Bro. Geo. King, Sec., and Mrs. King; Bro. C. H. Stone, S.W., Mrs. Stone, and the Misses Marian and Laura Rushbrook; Mr. E. Rushbrook; Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., and Mrs. Pugh; Bro. Frank Stanger, P.M., and Mrs. F. Stanger; Bro. Wm. Briant, P.M.; Bro. Petley and Mrs. Petley; Bro. Ball, Mrs. Ball, and friends; Bro. W. Y. Andrews, P.M., and Mrs. Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. Andrews; Bro. Alf Andrews and Mrs. Andrews; Bro. R. Liebman and Mrs. Liebman; Bro. Castle, Mrs. Castle, and Mr. J. Brown; Bro. J. J. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott; Bro. Stevens and Miss Stevens; Bro. Robert Elgar and Mrs. Elgar; Mr. Thos. Murché and Mrs. Murché; Messrs. Vincent, Harry, Arthur, and Percy Murché; Miss Murché; Miss Lackington; Mr. and Mrs. Hichisson; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hichisson; Mr. H. Hichisson; Bro. Randall and Mrs. Randall; Bro. Bailey, Mrs. Bailey, and friends; Bro. Valentine Hill, Mrs. Hill, and friends; Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M.; Bro. Kendall, Mrs. Kendall, and friends; Bro. Henley and Mrs. Henley; Bro. Flux, Miss Flux, and friends; Bros. Barratt and Moore; Bro. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan; Bro. Robert Davis, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Frank Davis; Bro. J. J. White; Bro. George Rankin and friend; Bro. John Tom Evans and Mrs. Evans; Bro. J. W. Melton; Bro. D. Greville and Mrs. Greville; Bro. E. West and Mrs. West; Bro. Hy. Knibbs and Miss Knibbs; Bro. E. E. Vinen; Bro. G. Harrison, Tyler; Bro. Goffin and Mrs. Goffin; Bro. Tom Organ; Bro. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey; and others.

The reception ended, the company adjourned to the banqueting hall to participate in a *recherche* banquet personally superintended by Bro. Caller, the Manager, and with which all present were delighted.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. rose and presented the toast of "The Queen," dear to the heart of the nation and to none more than Freemasons, also of "H.R.H. M.W.G.M.," our King in Freemasonry, which was loyally received.

The next toast presented by the W.M. was the all important one that of "The Ladies." He said that the toast of the Empress Queen had been received right royally, but many present were honoured by the presence of his own queen that evening. When he was installed a few weeks ago he thought he had arrived at the zenith of his ambition; but not so, to his mind that ceremony fell short of his position that evening. It was the first occasion that such a meeting had been held by the lodge and he trusted that it was the happy augury for many such in the future. The W.M. Bro. V. T. Murché, having resumed his seat,

Bro. GEORGE GILL, I.P.M., rose, and in eloquent terms said that the brethren of the Crichton Lodge had thought the present occasion was most fitting to mark their appreciation, and love and esteem for their W.M. and W. Mistress. It gave him very great pleasure in presenting Mrs. Murché with a silver dessert dish, with cream jug and sugar basin combined, and which on that memorable occasion was filled with lovely roses and lilies. He hoped Mrs. Murché would accept the same in the name of the brethren of the lodge as a souvenir of a most happy and auspicious gathering.

These remarks were received with acclamation.

Bro. GOFFIN in eloquent and very amusing terms responded to the toast of the Ladies, and remarked how pleased they were to be present and at the manner they had been entertained, and earnestly hoped that on the next occasion they might again have the pleasure of attending. They were, indeed, gratified to see how their honoured sisters had been thought of by the brethren, and it was a proof to them that Masons were not altogether selfish in their enjoyments.

The next toast was given by Bro. G. GILL, I.P.M., that of "The W.M.," who he said was a master mind in the splendid ritual, and a thorough Jonathan in all his works. He had watched his progress for nearly 20 years in Masonry, and whatever duties had fallen to his lot were performed in an exemplary manner. He had assisted in founding several lodges, but now that he was the Master of his mother lodge eclipsed the whole of the preceding Masterships.

In replying, the W.M., who was unable to be heard for some time on account of the ovation, said in the first place he must, as was desired by Mrs. Murché to express her heartfelt thanks for such a handsome testimonial, and he assured the company present that he most cordially reciprocated her feelings. On behalf of himself he was gratified to hear such kind words by Bro. Gill, I.P.M., who was one of the very best, and would assure the brethren that as he had done in the past, so it would be his very best endeavour to perform the duties devolving upon him to the advantage, and he hoped with the love and affection of the lodge. He would not allow the occasion to pass without thanking the Committee, and especially Bro. C. H. Stone, S.W., through whose indefatigable exertions the meeting had been brought to such a successful issue.

Bro. C. H. STONE, in a few but forcible remarks, appreciated the very kind words of the W.M., and assured the ladies and brethren present that he was most happy to be engaged in such a vocation so that the ladies might be included in their festivities, and he trusted that ere long he might be employed in arranging for the summer outing of the lodge, in which the W.M. was deeply engrossed.

During the banquet a splendid selection of music was performed by the Salon Orchestra, under the direction of Bro. Archibald Evans, and several vocal solos were given by Miss Ballard and Bro. Lunnon, accompanied by Bro. E. E. Vinen, P. Prov. G. Org. Surrey.

Each lady present was the recipient of a bottle of scent as a souvenir of the occasion.

After the banquet the company adjourned to the ball-room, and the rest of the evening was spent in a thoroughly enjoyable manner to the admirable strains of the band.

MASONIC BALL AT CROMER.

The ball held at the Grand Hall, Cromer, under the auspices of the Baring Lodge, on Thursday, the 9th inst., proved a very great success. The fine dining hall had, under the auspices of Bro. J. and Mrs. Clarke, the manager and manageress, been transformed into a most beautiful ball-room. On the walls and pillars were tastefully arranged, some special Masonic devices, and with the addition of a plentiful supply of plants, left nothing to be desired. The guests, who numbered 90, arrived in quick succession, and introductions having been effected, the W.M., Bro. H. W. Churchyard, with his wife, opened the ball. Craft regalia was, by special dispensation, worn, and the effect was very bright and pleasing.

The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Bro. H. Callow, assisted by Bros. J. Lovelace, H. S. Fowler, and R. M. Ling, Hon. Sec. to the Ball Committee. The band was supplied by Bro. S. Salkind, with the best possible result, under the direction of Mr. G. Mall.

Immediately after the "supper dance," the guests sat down to a *recherche* supper.

Very briefly the W.M. gave "The Queen and Freemasonry," Bro. J. LOVE-LACE, I.P.M., responding for the Craft.

Mr. M. J. CALLOW then submitted "The Ladies," which found an able respondent in Bro. R. M. LING, who expressed the hope that so successful an event would become an annual fixture. (Applause.)

The guests then adjourned to the ball-room, where dancing was continued, one and all voting the ball an unqualified success.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE EBURY LODGE, No. 1348.

The Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, has at last joined the ever-increasing ranks of those lodges which annually cater for the enjoyment of the fair sex, and must be heartily congratulated on the great success of its first venture. The company which assembled at the Criterion, Piccadilly, mustered nearly 200, and they found the genial W.M., Bro. Alfred Atkin, and Mrs. Atkin, waiting to receive them. Every possible arrangement had been made for a successful evening by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. H. Fincham. The Treasurer, Bro. Wigley, P.M., Treas., and the Secretary were each resplendent in a new collar, presented to them at the last meeting of the lodge and bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the Brethren of the Ebury Lodge on the 21st anniversary of their initiation as a token of their regard and appreciation of zealous work in the interests of the lodge performed by them during the many years they have held office."

An excellent banquet was well served in the Victoria Hall, under the personal superintendence of the able manager, Mr. E. M. Thierry. Each lady was presented with a bottle of choice scent as a souvenir of the occasion.

A brief toast list was followed by a charming concert, in which the following

artistes assisted: Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. Stuart Walker, Alex. Edwards, Mervyn Ward, Herbert Emlyn, Geo. Robins, Frank Kennard, Fred Russell, Fred Stephens, Mark Attwood, Organist; and T. F. Noakes.

"The Queen and Royal Family" was the first toast honoured, after which

Bro. DAVIS, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed his peculiar pleasure at doing so, as they entered Freemasonry together. The W.M. deservedly enjoyed the good feeling, goodwill, esteem, and regard not only of every member of the lodge, but of a large circle in the Craft. The W.M. was to be congratulated on the fact that during his year the first ladies' night had been held, and they hoped that in future that event would always be a feature of the lodge.

Bro. ROBERTS presented Mrs. Atkins with a handsome silver casket, containing choice flowers, with a suitable inscription, as a souvenir of the occasion.

Bro. ALF. ATKIN, W.M., thanked Bro. Davis for his kind remarks, and the company present for their reception. He took this opportunity of thanking the members of the lodge for the splendid manner in which they had rallied round him, and he also thanked the ladies for their presence. He tendered sincere thanks for the present to his wife, which he regarded as a very great compliment.

Bro. H. FINCHAM, P.M., Sec., then said it devolved upon him to propose the next toast, which was a very agreeable duty to perform for the first time in that lodge—"The Ladies and Visitors," including those gentlemen who did not happen to be members of their glorious Craft. To the latter he would ask, had they been in any assembly where they had received greater cordiality and friendship than they had amongst the brethren of Freemasonry? To the visitors who had been with them before he offered a continuance of that greeting and cordiality which had been extended to them on previous occasions. To the ladies—God bless them—he offered thanks for their presence, and a most cordial greeting and welcome, with the assurance that everything possible had been done to make them happy and comfortable. As far as regards Freemasonry, it was generally thought that they did nothing but banquet, but he had only to refer them to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions and the Benevolent Institution for Old People.

Bro. COBLEY responded for "The Ladies," Bro. SUGG, P.M., for "The Visitors," and Mr. RICHD. GLOVER for "The Lay Visitors."

The company present included Bro. and Mrs. Alf Atkins, Bro. and Mrs. Sugg, Bro. and Mrs. Foulger, Bro. and Mrs. Pardoe, Bro. and Mrs. Edoxford Hook, Bro. and Mrs. Spencer Payne, Bros. Davis, P.M., Fowkes, P.M., and Capt. Thomson, Bro. Harry Morris, I.P.M., and Mrs. and Miss Figgess, Bro. and Mrs. Mervyn Ward, Bro. and Mrs. H. Fincham, Bro. and Mrs. Wigley, and many others.

MASONIC BANQUET TO THE MAYOR OF CARLISLE.

On the 3rd instant the two Carlisle lodges of Freemasons (Union, No. 310, and Bective, No. 1532) gave a complimentary dinner to the Mayor of Carlisle (Bro. George White), who is a member of Bective Lodge. The event was quite a unique gathering of the Carlisle Masons, the co-operation of unattached brethren in the city being also invited. It was intended at first to limit the number to 75, to suit the accommodation of Bro. Koster at the County Hotel, but that number of tickets was applied for within two days, and arrangements were then made for the use of the County Hall, and altogether about 130 tickets were taken. The brethren wore their full regalia. The chair was taken by the W.M. of the Bective Lodge, Bro. J. W. Hayton, and the Mayor (wearing his chain of office) occupied the place of honour on his right. There were also at the cross table Bro. J. Gray, W.M. 310, and a number of Prov. G. Officers, including Bros. Colonel Sewell, Dep. Prov. G. Master; A. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; E. J. Burgess, P.P.S.G.W.; J. A. Wheatley, P.P.J.G.W.; W. P. Gibbings, P.P.J.G.W.; D. L. Thorpe, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Potter, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Long, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Grant, P.P.G.S.B.; G. A. Mounsey-Heysham, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Armstrong, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Matthews, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Pratchitt, P.P.G.S.B.; R. A. Clarke, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. J. Nanson, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Wharton, P.P. Asst. G. Purst.; F. Ritson, P.P. Asst. G. Purst.; W. Pogson, P.P.G.S.; and others. The croupiers were Bros. T. Long, S.W. 1532, J. M. Henderson, S.W. 310; and Capt. Saunders, P.M. (Hon. Secretary of the Banquet Committee).

The printed menu and programme was a handsomely got up card, embossed with Masonic badges and the city arms in blue, chocolate, and gold, and bound with blue ribbon, and it contained a very good cabinet-sized picture of the Mayor. The production was a work of art, and a valuable memento of the occasion. The banquet was supplied by Bro. Koster in his customary admirable manner, and everyone had prompt attention shown him.

There were five toasts on the list. "The Queen" was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, who remarked that during her Majesty's reign there had been 1900 new Masonic lodges formed.

Bro. J. GRAY proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and Officers of Grand Lodge, also the Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Colonel SEWELL, who responded, observed that if they were to take a plebiscite as to who was the most popular man in Europe, the answer, he believed, would be universal, "The Prince of Wales." (Applause.) In Paris he was thought a Frenchman, in Berlin he was thought a German, and wherever he went he was a cosmopolitan at home among all nations, and universally respected. The Grand Lodge of England, he observed, had existed from 1717. There were different kinds of government before that, but in that year the first Grand Lodge of England was formed. Those who composed it little thought that in the course of time it would become the powerful social instrument it is. (Hear, hear.) Besides himself, there were two Grand Officers of England in this province. Bishop Ware had been Grand Chaplain of England; and there was also Bro. George Dalrymple. The Provincial Grand Lodge dated from 1771, but no great amount of action was taken until 1813. It had flourished exceedingly. As Provincial Grand Superintendent of Cumberland, he would like to ask the brethren to do their best to resuscitate the Union Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Carlisle. (Applause.)

"The Health of the Guest, Bro. George White, P.S.W. Bective Lodge, his Worship the Mayor of Carlisle," was proposed by Bro. HAYTON, who spoke of the Mayor's valued services on the Town Council, and referred to him as a native of the city and a self-made man, who, by his own industry and perseverance, had made himself a high and respected citizen. Bro. White, like many others, tried once to make his fortune in other cities, but he returned to Carlisle unsuccessful. The bells did ring on his return, but he was not aware it was recorded that they said "Turn again, George White, thrice Mayor of Carlisle." (Applause.) He also alluded to the Mayor's connection with Bective Lodge, and mentioned the voluntary assistance he had given the lodge years ago when it was in financial straits. He hoped the time was not far distant when Bro. White would occupy the chair of King Solomon in his mother lodge. (Much applause.) This, the largest gathering of Freemasons ever held in Carlisle, would long remind him of the high esteem and fraternal feelings of his brethren.

The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm.

The MAYOR, in response, admitted that he was proud of the honourable office he held, and they would agree that it was a pardonable pride in any man, especially the self-made man to whom Bro. Hayton referred, when he found himself installed in the civic chair of his native city, and more so when it was such a city as Carlisle. According to a translation in the new number of the "British Archaeological Journal," Carlisle was built at the time that King Solomon gave the contract to Hiram Abif to build the Temple—(much laughter)—and the Queen of Sheba went to hear his wisdom. (Renewed laughter and applause.) It was built by a man named Karleil, and he gave his own name to the city. Whether that was truth or fable he would leave to the Chancellor and his brother archaeologists to settle. (Applause.) After speaking of the progress in town matters, he went on to say that so long as Freemasonry continued to promote and foster the welfare and uplifting of the brethren, and the succour and support of their widows and orphans, so long would it continue to have a warm corner in his heart. It was 15 years since he was initiated into the Craft, and about 10 years since he was admitted into the Royal Arch. Next to the honour which had been done him by the Corporation, there could not be a greater honour and compliment paid him than that he had now received at the hands of his Masonic brethren, and for which he tendered sincere thanks. (Applause.) His worship added that a deputation from his mother lodge had waited upon him that evening, and had asked him to fill the position of Worshipful Master of Bective for the ensuing year. (Much applause.) After the kindness he had experienced at the hands of the brethren both of his own lodge and of the Union Lodge, he felt that there was only one course open to him, and he hoped it would prove to be beneficial to Masonry in general in the old city. He begged to say that he would have great pleasure in accepting the office.

The announcement was received with great applause.

Bro. T. LONG proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. P. JAMES (Post-master of Carlisle) responded.

The Tyler's toast was proposed by Bro. J. HENDERSON.

An ample programme of music, &c., had been provided, and included songs by Bros. E. Gray, W. P. Gibbings, W. Hughes, T. H. Hodgkinson, F. E. Godfrey, T. Long, E. J. Baber, T. Martindale, J. Kirkbride, W. T. Tiffen, and J. S. Finmore; recitation by Bro. Wheatley; and a ventriloquial sketch by Bro. Nutsford. Other musical items were upon the programme, but had to be abandoned for want of time.

The arrangements for the banquet were carried out by Bros. J. W. Hayton, J. Gray, Captain Saunders, J. Minns, J. Kirkbride, Hughes, Elwen, and E. Gray.

ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE, No. 1902.

LAYING THE CHIEF CORNER-STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

IMPORTANT MASONIC CEREMONY.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. White-Ridley, Bart., M.P., in his address at the annual provincial meeting, held at North Shields a few months ago, referred, in very complimentary terms, to the continued progress of Masonry throughout the province; new lodges had been consecrated, and the statistics showed that they were, both numerically and financially, on the increase. It is pleasing to report the enthusiasm that is evoked in some of the country lodges in Northumberland, and, as an instance of such, we might mention that on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th inst., the chief corner-stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Bedlington. It is intended for the use of the members of St. Cuthbert's Lodge, No. 1902, their meeting room in an hotel having been considered unsuitable for Masonic purposes.

Since the present W.M., Bro. Thomas Walker Barker, was installed into the chair, the scheme for the building of a hall has, with the assistance of a few more brethren, been pushed forward with great vigour, and to each of them much credit is due for their perseverance in thus providing a suitable building for Masonic purposes.

A special emergency meeting of the members of the lodge was called at the Turk's Head Hotel, Bedlington. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Barker, and preparations made for the procession. There was a large attendance of members and visitors—a dispensation having been granted for the brethren to wear full Masonic regalia.

The ceremony of laying the stone was performed by Bro. Augustus Edward Burdon, J.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W. (High Sheriff of Northumberland). The event attracted considerable attention. The acting officers on the occasion were Bros. Barker, W.M.; G. R. Turner, I.P.M.; S. Hare, S.W.; E. W. Carr, J.W.; P. Rudd, B.A., Chap.; John Carlton, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; R. Swann, P.M., P.P.G.S., Treas.; G. Hudson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Absalom, S.D.; R. Johnson, J.D.; and James Trebble, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

The following Provincial G. Officers and other brethren were also present: Bros. P. H. Gibson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; John Swain, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; John Tweedy, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Turnbull, 636; John D. Duncan, I.P.M.; Wm. Noble, W. F. Curry, Wm. Heddon, Richard Nicholson, G. W. Finn, Arthur A. Arkwith, W.M. 659; Robert T. Guthrie, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Usher, George Hudson, J. Turner, John Dixon, John Hogarth, Thos. Dunn, W. Beattie, E. H. Metcalfe, H. G. Goldsmith, James Jaint, J. S. Purdy, Thos. W. Weddell, R. W. Morris, G. R. Fail, Thos. J. Crondace, Wm. Pallister, H. Unwin, R. Walker, W. Arkley, C. Watson, B. Owen, and others. On leaving the lodge room the brethren formed in procession and marched to the site of the new hall, which is situated at the west end of the town. The procession was headed by the brethren of St. Cuthbert's Lodge, the W.M. walking alone bringing up the rear. The W.M. carried his gavel, the Senior Warden the level, and the Junior Warden the plumb rule of the lodge. The officers of the Provincial G. Lodge then followed according to rank, Bro. Burdon by himself bringing up the rear, but followed by the standard of St. Cuthbert's Lodge. The lodge sword was carried by the Provincial G. Sword Bearer, immediately in front of Bro. Burdon, and the Chaplain (Bro. P. Rudd), with volume of sacred law (closed), and square and compass thereon, walking in front of the Sword Bearer. On reaching the building the procession opened out from front to rear, allowing Bro. Burdon to pass through to his position on the platform at the building, the rest of the brethren closing and folding in in usual order of rank thereafter. The W.M., Past Masters, Provincial G. Officers, and others were also on the platform near the stone.

Bro. BURDON then called upon the Chaplain to offer up prayer.

Bro. BARKER, W.M., on behalf of the Building Committee, requested Bro. Burdon to lay the corner-stone according to ancient custom, presenting him with a silver trowel (suitably inscribed) for that purpose.

Bro. Swann, the Treasurer of the lodge, then handed to Bro. Burdon a large glass bottle, which contained the records of the lodge and copies of the daily papers and coins of the present reign and of 1899 date. The bottle was then deposited in the cavity of the corner stone, and the upper or corner stone was slowly lowered by three stages.

Bro. Burdon afterwards proved the upper or corner stone to be well and truly laid. He was handed the setting maul and after giving three knocks on each of the three sides of the stone, said "I declare this stone to be well formed, properly laid, true and trusty." The public grand honours were then given. Bro. Burdon put the contents of the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil upon the stone, according to ancient custom.

The CHAPLAIN offered up prayer.

Bro. Trebble, P.P.G.S. of W., then presented the plans of the building to Bro. Burdon, who, after examining them, and handing them over to the architect said, "I entirely approve of the plans of this noble structure, and now deliver them to you for your guidance and direction, and at the same time, I entrust you with the superintendence and erection of the building, enjoining you to proceed to its completion with the utmost dispatch, consistent with the interests confided to your care.

Bro. BURDON, then stepping to the front of the platform and addressing the brethren present, said for many years the meeting of the lodge had been held in places totally unfitted to the sacred, important, and mysterious work in which they were engaged. He hoped that the building about to be erected would be better suited to the purpose; the scheme had been one which had been strenuously advocated by one who had occupied the chair of King Solomon, but who had passed from this earth to the Grand Lodge above—I refer to the late Bro. Wm. Hogarth. They were there that day to rejoice in the successful issue of his idea. He hoped that from that lodge many Masons would come, and they would have true and fit men, and no others, to bring into the Order which had so much to recommend it.

The inscription on the stone was as follows: "St. Cuthbert's, 1902. Chief Corner Stone laid by A. E. Burdon, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and High Sheriff of the County. 8th February, 1899."

The anthem, "Hail! Masonry Divine," was then sung by Bro. Charlton, the whole of the brethren joining in the chorus.

The group was then photographed by the Grosvenor Photo Company, Blyth, and Bro. Kidd then gave the order to reform the procession, and the brethren marched back to the Turk's Head Hotel, where dinner was provided.

The building will cost about £700, the plans having been prepared by Messrs. Maughan and Beattie, who are also the contractors. An excellent lodge room is provided, 50 feet long by 22 feet broad.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the Grand Committee of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, occupied the chair, and Bros. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President of the Board, and Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, were in the two subsidiary chairs. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Henry Sadler represented the Grand Secretary's department.

The other brethren who attended were Bros. George B. Chapman, Charles J. R. Tijou, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. M. Bywater, George Graveley, F. W. Hancock, W. Kipps, Walter Martin, Lewis Lazarus, C. Pulman, E. W. Nightingale, Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; John Ellinger, C. H. Stone, W. Willis, J. Harrison, Major Hugh W. H. Cary Elwes, John Oldis, A. W. Duret, Charles H. Freyer, Col. Mansfield, F. B. Oldfield, H. Massey, Henry A. Tobias, W. C. Lane, W. Harris, George Powell, W. Porter, R. W. Ker, William Henry Clair, J. W. Burgess, Charles Sheppard, Edmund G. Harrison, Arthur Hannan, John A. Anderson, James Prentice, James Carey, Edward Hoyes, J. H. Merrett, R. S. Wheeler, F. Tennant Pain, T. M. Lambie, Frederick Hingston, Arthur White, David Jackson, Alfred B. Fox, George Cunningham, W. L. Coulson, J. W. Martindale, James B. Sargeant, C. W. Evans, William Hooper, G. Waterall, A. F. Cutler, Fredk. H. Varley, Robert Reid, James Speller, J. M. Grant, jun., and Frederick Wortham, W.M. 733.

The agenda for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was submitted to the brethren, and the scrutineers for the porch and for the ballot were nominated. The Board of Benevolence was then opened, and recommendations made at last January meeting for the approval of the Grand Master that grants be made to petitioners to the total amount of £230 were confirmed. The brethren then took up the new list, which contained the names of 27 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Royapooram, Sunderland, Lucknow, Aldershot, Lymington, Gosport, Topsham, Liverpool, Lowestoft, Tenby, Egutpoorah, Grand Lodge of Victoria, Shaftesbury, Simon's Town, Bristol, Port Chalmers, N.Z., and Dover. Four of these were dismissed, and one was deferred. The remainder were voted a total of £530. Two cases were recommended to Grand Lodge for £50 each; five were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, and two for £30 each; while six petitioners were granted £20 each, three £10 each, and four £5 each.

Craft Masonry.

Temple Lodge, No. 101.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 7th instant. There were present Bros. Wm. Briant, W.M.; Benj. Dowsett, I.P.M.; Harry Eyre, S.W., and W.M. elect; W. A. Perry, J.W.; Frank Williams, P.M., Treas.; Ed. S. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Paine, S.D.; H. Brandon White, P.M., D.C.; Walter A. Williams, I.G.; T. W. Chapman, Stwd.; Sidney Hill, Org.; R. Potter, P.M.; Tyler; Frank Wint, P.M.; Harry Wood, P.M.; Chas. L. Plant, P.M.; J. Minter Flegg, P.M.; T. J. Procter, A. Haines, G. Jenington, Thos. Greenway, F. Fox, A. Paine, J. Saunders, B. Cowell, H. Rose, A. Wood, J. Haines, E. M. Hall, W. T. Rogers, A. Grover, J. C. Cheshire, Harry Funnell, E. Isaacson, G. Harrison, and J. Leftwich. Visitors: Bros. Lennox Browne, P. Dep. G.D.C.; H. J. Lardner, G. Stwd.; C. Featherstone, I.P.M. 1542; Sidney Pocock, 2730; G. Thompson, I.P.M. 1744; W. Durnford, S.W. 2054; A. C. Everitt, W.M. 172; Thos. Semper, P.M. 1745; Vincent T. Murché, W.M. 1641; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1641; A. Jackson, 1539; W. H. White, J.D. 1260; A. G. Mann, 147; E. W. Finch, 890; W. Street, 2272; Sam. F. W. Fryett, 73; W. S. Nicholson, P.M. 209; J. H. H. Doughney, P.M. 79; J. Hamilton, 2062; J. C. Etherington, 1310, Prov. G.D.; E. A. Rice, I.P.M. 1320; R. S. Cartwright, 834; Jas. Budd, and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507 and S.W. 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Procter was raised in an exemplary manner by the W.M. Bro. E. S. Lardner, P.G.D., next presented Bro. Harry Eyre, W.M. elect, to Bro. W. Briant, W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a full Board of Installed Masters in a masterly manner. Bro. Harry Eyre, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Briant, I.P.M.; W. A. Perry, S.W.; J. E. Paine, J.W.; Frank Williams, P.M., Treas.; E. S. Lardner, P.G.S., Sec.; W. A. Williams, S.D.; T. W. Chapman, J.D.; E. Hall, I.G.; H. Brandon White, P.M., D.C.; H. D.

Squire, P.M., and J. Saunders, Stwds.; B. Covell, A.D.C.; Sidney Hill, Org.; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were ably delivered by Bro. Wm. Briant, I.P.M. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, which showed the lodge to be financially sound, and the outgoing Master was highly complimented. Bro. Harry Eyre, W.M., announced his intention of standing Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls, and he hoped the brethren would give him their hearty support and make his list worthy of the Temple Lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the excellent banquet, which was personally superintended by Bro. F. A. Heymer, the manager.

The cloth removed, the W.M. presented the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, especially offering condolence to her Majesty on the loss of her grandson and congratulating the M.W.G.M. upon his restoration to health.

In presenting the toast of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. remarked with what dignity they filled their high positions, and the brethren were proud to do them honour.

The toast was most ably responded to by Bro. Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C., who said he was highly pleased to speak of such distinguished noblemen in Grand Lodge. He stated that it had lost one of its most graceful, portly, and handsome members in the person of the late Lord Lathom, who was ever ready to perform every duty to further the noble cause; but he was succeeded by a thoroughly well-versed and able nobleman, Earl Amherst, and also in the person of Earl Warwick, as Deputy G.M., who was also one of the best that could be chosen. As an humble member of Grand Lodge, he was proud to have been honoured by a lodge being consecrated in his name, and eulogised the work and the whole of the proceedings of the Temple Lodge.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, G. Stwd., also very ably replied.

Bro. W. Briant, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said after those of the loyal and Grand Officers, there was none more important than that of the W.M., who was conversant with the ritual, and thoroughly able to perform the duties and maintain the prestige of the lodge. He had an able body of officers, and under his guidance he felt the lodge would prosper. His earnest desire was that the W.M. would have a most successful year, and health and strength to carry out the important duties.

In replying, Bro. H. Eyre (who received quite an ovation) said he tendered his sincere thanks for such flattering remarks and such a cordial greeting. It was "not given to mortals to command success, but he would do more—try to deserve it." He would endeavour his utmost to maintain the dignity and prestige of the lodge, and he asked their hearty support, especially in the cause of Charity and on behalf of the Girls' Institution, of which he took the opportunity of again reminding the brethren. He again heartily thanked them.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "Bro. W. Briant, I.P.M., and Installing Master," in eulogistic terms, who had had a very good year, and now had finished by the installation ceremony in so perfect a manner. It was an excellent example for him (the W.M.), and he hoped to emulate so worthy a brother. In pinning the Past Master's jewel to his breast, it was their earnest desire that he might be spared many years to wear the same in the Temple Lodge and remind him of their esteem and affection.

Bro. Wm. Briant, in reply, said he had only done his duty, he had done his best, as he had a most successful W.M. to follow, but the spirit of emulation should exist among the brethren to perform the ritual as it should be. In installing the W.M. he was certain it had been most congenial to all the brethren, and he was amply rewarded in having their entire satisfaction for the manner it had been carried out. He most heartily thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel, and specially thanked the officers for their hearty support during the past year, and more particularly to Bro. E. Lardner, their worthy Secretary, who had added so much to the success of his year of office.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most ably proposed by the W.M., and very cordially responded to by Bros. Pocock, Murché, Stone, Etherington, Lennox Browne, and H. J. Lardner.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," was duly honoured in appreciative terms by the W.M., and suitably replied to by Bros. Brandon White, Lardner, Sec.; Frank Williams, Treas.; and Dowsett.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Officers," congratulating himself and the lodge upon so efficient an array. He would ask their hearty co-operation in carrying out their respective duties, as had been given during the past year.

The S.W. and S.D. most ably responded, and thanked the W.M. for the honour bestowed on them, and promised their most cordial support.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by the W.M., the artistes being two of his daughters, Miss Mabel Eyre (pianoforte) and Miss Maud Eyre (humorous), both of whom had a great reception, and Bros. Jas. Budd, Arthur Grover, Walter A. Williams, and George Harrison. Miss Mable Eyre and Bro. Sidney Hill, Org. 101, were the able accompanists.

St. John's Lodge, No. 328.

The honour of re-election in the West country is a rare one, and especially in the province of Devon. Consequently the re-election of Bro. Fred J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O., as W.M. of the above lodge at Torquay was no ordinary compliment. No W.M. of St. John's has been re-elected for over 30 years, and Bro. Crowe's Masonic reputation as an author and otherwise is not confined to the province, as proved by his election to the Quatuor Coronati last month. The 26th inst. was St. John's "annual," when the usual installation ceremony was dispensed with, and Bro. Crowe was proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months by Bro. J. Grant, P.P.G.D., who also delivered the charges. The officers appointed, and most of them invested, by the W.M. were as follows: Bros. A. Westley, I.P.M.; J. Chapman, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., S.W.; W. F. Greenslade, J.W.; Rev. J. Henning, P.M., P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. T. H. I. Child, P.M., P. Prov. G.C., Asst. Chap.; W. S. Wakeham, P.M., P. Prov. G. S.B., Treas.; H. R. Beer, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. F. Fleming, S.D.; W. Narracott, J.D.; T. A. Blackler, P.M., D.C.; J. Grant, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., A.D.C.; S. G. Stone, Org.; J. E. Smith, I.G.; W. Pitt Palmer and G. Stamp, Stwds.; G. A. Stevens, Asst. Org.; T. Michelmores, P.M., Tyler; and R. D. Renwick, P.M., Rep. C. of P. Bro. J. Chapman, in apologising for his non-attendance, offered to contribute 100 books towards the formation of a library, which the W.M. promised to enlarge by a further gift of books. Bro. Crowe also presented to the lodge a handsomely-framed portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and Bro. Chapman was thanked for his generosity.

The brethren present included the following Past Masters: Bros. J. Stocker, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Mordon, W.M. 248; A. Westley, E. Richards, P.P.G.S. of W., W. S. Wabalon, P.P.G. Std. Br., J. Taylor, P.P.G.R., T. A. Blackler, R. D. Renwick, H. R. Beer, and G. H. Halls, all of 328; W. R. Wedlake, W.M. 797; and J. G. Turle, W.M., and C. Hill, I.P.M., of 1402.

Owing to the recent death of Mrs. Crowe, wife of the W.M., a cold collation was served instead of the usual banquet.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Taylor, P.P.G.R., in responding for "The Prov. Grand Lodge," emphasised the need of brethren being strictly careful in the admission of suitable candidates into the Order.

Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Sutton, Surrey. There were present Bro. Harold Griffiths, W.M., the officers of the lodge, 31 brethren, and 11 guests.

Lodge being opened, Bro. Algernon Crook was raised to the Third Degree in due form. The W.M. then delivered the second of a series of Masonic lectures, taking for his subjects on this occasion "What is Freemasonry?" and "Freemasonry in England before Grand Lodge Era (1717)." In the former case the W.M. proved to the brethren the implication of the term to secrecy as distinct from morality, and its derivation from the ancient religions of the world. In the latter subject the W.M. gave an account of the development of the Craft, commencing from the time of "Jabal" (the seventh generation from Adam), showing how the worthy sciences were preserved at the time of Noah's flood, bringing the legend down to the making of King Solomon's Temple, and detailing the parts subsequently played by Pythagoras and Euclid, the spread of the science to France, and its introduction into England at the time of St. Alban, 287 A.D. (he being the first to give the Masons' charges in England), and then King Athelstan's grant of the first Charter to Masons in 926 A.D.; following which the W.M. described the Halliwell Poem as the earliest manuscript

extant relating to Masonry—then describing the Matthew Cooke and other manuscripts, also detailing the earliest record of an initiation in a speculative lodge of English Freemasons, which was in 1646, and then bringing down the development of the Craft by successive stages to the era of Grand Lodge, 1717. The lecture was made particularly interesting to the brethren on account of a number of facsimile constitutional rolls and manuscripts (of early origin) being exhibited and described to them by the lecturer, whose remarks were closely followed throughout.

After the lecture the brethren adjourned to a banquet admirably served by the Masonic Hall Co., and the remainder of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

Masonic toasts and music (for which latter this lodge is so celebrated) brought the proceedings to a close.

St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.

This city lodge, now in the 21st year of its existence, held another of its many successful meetings on the 8th inst. at the Great Eastern Hotel, when Bro. George Henry Clark, W.M., presided. The assembly was a large one, and so was the programme of business, and the latter led to a good deal of delay, which was rather wearisome and very disappointing. The lodge was called for half-past 3 p.m., and the banquet was fixed for 7 o'clock in the evening. The repast, however, did not take place until nearly 8.30, and in spite of the praiseworthy adoption of the practice of each speaker making his remarks extremely brief when the toasts came round, the hour was late when the brethren separated. The meeting was the annual installation meeting, and the lodge did not adopt the rule which many lodges now follow, of having only the installation for such a day, but there was placed on the summons a raising, the passing of the Auditors' report and balance sheet, the installation, and five initiations, and this menu was strictly followed. But the work had the merit of being splendidly executed, and not a hitch occurred all the way through. The outgoing Master and the incoming Master and the officers were all well up to their work, and when the numerous initiations were taken the P.Ms. who had to assist showed that they had not forgotten a Master's duties.

The brethren who were present on this memorable occasion, besides the W.M., were Bros. A. Cunningham, S.W.; A. Kaufman, J.W.; S. C. Kaufman, P.M., Treas.; W. Beasley, P.M., Sec.; A. Greenwood, S.D.; W. Shea, J.D.; W. E. Johnson, D.C.; D. E. Leman, I.G.; Henry Prenton, Org.; John Smith, A. A. Barnes, and G. L. Fearon, Stewards; S. Batcheler, P.M.; Joseph Cox, P.M.; George Bishop, P.M.; H. J. Thomas, P.M.; W. H. Care, L. Barzynski, G. A. Markham, John Hall, W. Prevost, T. Dunmo, J. S. Macvean, G. F. Hambly, L. Levy, D. Cunningham, James Hall, W. A. Lashmar, W. Dunz, and Miles Hall. The visitors were Bros. E. Hetherington, I.G. 1607; Thomas Clark, P.M. 1178, Prov. A.G.D.C. Surrey; F. E. Abbott, S.D. 2372; C. Giesche, P.M., Treas. 1221; John Dickson, 720; Thomas Dunstan, P.M. 1326; G. Cunningham, W.M. 1607; Wm. S. Kervey, P.M. 1216; F. Norman, S.W. 1767; F. Eyre, P.M. 1445; P. Wefel, 188; A. E. Cammell, I.P.M. 766; P. J. Machin, S.W. 28; H. Lotery, 2264; W. S. Clark, J.W. 28; W. J. Goldspink; J. S. Woolf, 185; J. Sutton Abbott, I.P.M. 2077; H. W. Alabone, 151; A. Monteith Webb, P.M. 11136; N. Siegenberg, P.M. 2455; W. A. Hallpike, 1891; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928.

Bro. G. H. Clark, W.M., raised Bro. Walter Henry Care, and afterwards installed Bro. Arthur Cunningham, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Clark was invested as I.P.M., and the following investitures were then gone through: Bros. A. Kaufman, S.W.; A. Greenwood, J.W.; S. C. Kaufman, P.M., Treas.; W. Beasley, P.M., Sec.; W. Shea, S.D.; D. E. Leman, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; A. A. Barnes, D. of C.; Henry Prenton, Org.; T. L. Fearon, T. D. Smith, and G. F. Hambly, Stwds.; and D. Legg, P.M., Tyler. When the ceremony of installation had been completed by the I.P.M.'s delivery of the addresses, the new W.M. initiated Messrs. Richard James Ames, Charles Block, A. J. Cormack, Woolf S. Phillips, and Richard N. O. Levie. The brethren afterwards passed a resolution to hold a ladies' night, and appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the same. Ten guineas were voted to the list of the W.M., who has undertaken the office of Steward for the 11th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The banquet which followed the work of the lodge was a grand production, and reflected great credit on the manager of the Great Eastern Hotel. The musical entertainment afterwards was profuse in quantity and super-excellent in quality, and was executed under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton, assisted by Miss Mabel Johnson, Miss Blanche Pryer, Miss Hamilton-Smith, A.L.A.M., Miss Aggie Davey, Bro. John Hall, Mr. Henry Slaughter, and Mr. George Renn.

After the preliminary loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. G. H. Clark, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said there was no necessity to dwell long on the qualities and ability of Bro. Cunningham, because the brethren had seen the way in which he worked the initiation ceremony that evening. The W.M. could work the other ceremonies quite as well as he worked the initiation; consequently, the lodge could not have a brother more capable of occupying the chair. He hoped the W.M. would have a very happy, pleasant, and successful year, as happy, pleasant and successful as he (Bro. Clark) had had. There was a prospect of excellent.

Bro. A. Cunningham, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was most heartily received, said he was in a very proud position, and he was proud to accept it. For a good many years he had been working up to it and he hoped he would satisfy the brethren in the coming year. He endeavoured to perfect himself as nearly as possible in the ritual, and he should endeavour to please the brethren in anything in the lodge; whatever their wish might be he should try to carry it out.

Bro. A. Cunningham, W.M., next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. George Henry Clark." The brethren knew how well Bro. Clark had filled the position of W.M. during the past 12 months, and what a jolly good fellow he was, how hard he had worked in order to satisfy the brethren. He had succeeded. He (Bro. Cunningham) hoped he would have as successful a year. They had never had a more enjoyable year in the past. An agreeable duty he had now to perform, which was to present the I.P.M. with a splendid jewel. It gave him a great amount of pleasure to present it for it reflected the good feeling of all the brethren of the lodge towards Bro. G. H. Clark.

Bro. G. H. Clark, I.P.M., responding to the toast and acknowledging the gift, said he had had a very enjoyable year, and he felt himself well repaid for any trouble he had had. Trouble in such a case was a pleasure. Every brother who was coming on to the position of W.M., if he had the same amount of pleasure as he had had, would be satisfied. It had been a record year, which he should remember all his life. He had no greater pleasure than at the lodge evenings, for he did not suppose they could go into any lodge where there were a better set of fellows than in the St. Leonard Lodge. Bro. Cunningham had a pleasant year of office before him, and any assistance he (Bro. Clark) could give him he should be most willing to render.

Bros. Ames, Cormack, Block, Phillips, and Levie respectively replied to the toast of "The Initiates."

Bro. Ames said he was pleased to be initiated because he found the great principle of Freemasonry was benevolence. It had been a great sorrow to him that he had not become a Mason many years ago, for he felt that a great part of his life had been wasted. He hoped the brethren would have no cause to regret accepting him.

Bro. Cormack said he should do his best to follow in the footsteps of his father, who was a good Mason.

Bro. Block said it had been his ambition for many years to be a brother Freemason, but he had not been in a position to gratify it. He would try to make a good Mason and support the cause.

Bro. Levie said his only regret was that he had waited so many years before joining the Order. One thing he noticed was how well the leading officers conducted the ceremonies. He was sure all the initiates would do their best to reach the high position of W.M.

Bro. Phillips was very glad to be a Mason. All his relations belonged to the Craft.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and the Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge," were respectively given briefly, and responded to in a few words, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

THE MARRIAGE of Mr. Cecil Grosvenor Wilson, second son of Mr. J. Wilson-Wilson, of The Grove, Market Drayton, and Threckingham, Lincolnshire, with Miss Evelyn Gough-Calthorpe, second daughter of Bro. General the Hon. Somerset Gough-Calthorpe, of Woodlands Vale, Ryde, Isle of Wight, Perry Hall, Birmingham, and Queen's-gate, S.W., was solemnised in St. Augustine's Church, Queen's-gate, on Tuesday.

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The Lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock p.m. precisely.
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The Work will be the First Lecture.

The First Section by Bro. J. Collett Smith.

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" Fifth " " Charles Lewis.

" Sixth " " G. R. H. Clark.

" Seventh " " T. W. Allsop.

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4. Andante from Second Sym-
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1899.

A new lodge was added to the roll of the Province of Hertfordshire on Saturday last, when Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., the respected Prov. G. Master, had the pleasure of consecrating the 15th lodge that has been warranted since his installation in office in the Town Hall, Hertford, now nearly 25 years ago. The new lodge is styled the Grove Park, No. 2732, and will meet at The Hall, Bushey, where already is located the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, consecrated in the month of November, 1889. In the performance of his duty the Prov. G. Master had the assistance of his Deputy, Bro. George E. Lake, P.G.D.; Bros. A. R. Bilby, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., P. Prov. G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. O. C. Cockrem, D.D., P. Prov. G. Chap., as Chaplain; Chas. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec., as Secretary; James Terry

P.G.S.B., Prov. G.D.C., Sec. R.M.B.I., as D.C.; and J. P. Taylor, Prov. A.G.D.C., as I.G. The ceremony of installing Bro. T. J. Mercer, as the first W.M. was performed by the Deputy, and the usual banquet followed on the conclusion of the remaining business. There was a full attendance of brethren, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. We heartily wish the new lodge a long career of prosperity.

There are now 23 lodges in Hertfordshire, of which, as we have said, all but eight have been consecrated since the installation in office on the 22nd April, 1874, of the present Prov. G. Master. The senior of the 15 lodges bears the honoured name of "Halsey" and is numbered 1479, its consecration on the 28th April, 1874, being the first official of Bro. Halsey in his new capacity of Prov. G. Master. During the 10 years that followed there were constituted only four lodges—the Cranbourne, No. 1580, Hatfield, in 1876; the King Henry VIII., No. 1757, Hemel Hempstead, in 1878; the Earl of Clarendon, No. 1984, in 1882; and the Wilson Hles Lodge, No. 2054, Rickmansworth, in 1884. Since then, however, the rate of progress has been far more rapid, the Dacre Lodge, No. 2086, Stevenage, having been consecrated in 1885; the St. Michael's, No. 2136, Bishop's Stortford, in 1886; the Rickmansworth, No. 2218, in 1887; and the Kingswood, No. 2278, Broxbourne, the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, and the Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331, High Barnet, in 1889. The Broxbourne, No. 2353, High Barnet, and the James Terry, No. 2372, Waltham Cross, both date from 1890, and the Charles Edward Keyser, No. 2518, Hoddesdon, from 1891.

A full report of the death and Masonic services of the late Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Bott Cook, J.P., P.G.D., Prov. Grand Mark Master of Middlesex, will be found in another column; but we cannot allow the sad event to pass without expressing our sorrow at the great loss which Freemasonry, but more especially in connection with the Mark Degree, has suffered through the death of this most able, energetic, and genial brother. Though still in middle life—he was but 54 years old at the time of his death—he had been an honoured member of our Order for close on 35 years. In Craft and Royal Arch Masonry he had won high distinction, and was one of the very few brethren upon whom his Royal Highness the W.W. Grand Master had been pleased twice to confer the purple of Grand Lodge, and with it corresponding rank in Supreme Grand Chapter. To him we owe it that the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591—of which, as the principal founder and first Master, and from his vacating the chair till his lamented death, the ever-active and ever-popular Secretary, he may be said to have been the central figure during the whole of its career—is one of the best and strongest of the lodges on the roll of United Grand Lodge. The other lodges, also, and likewise the chapters with which he was connected were, without exaggeration, the stronger and more capable of discharging their duties by reason of his membership.

But as it was in Mark Masonry that he was appointed to offices of the greatest responsibility, so, as the outcome of that fact, was it that under the Mark banner he won his chief distinctions. More than 20 years since, he was appointed to high office in Grand Lodge, and from 1890 to 1892 he held the important post of President of the General Board, while in 1892, on the erection of Middlesex into a separate Province, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cook was chosen to preside over it as Prov. G. Mark Master, and had so presided ever since. He was also a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer in the Order of the Temple, in the Royal and Select Masters and Allied Masonic Degrees, in the Royal Order of Scotland, and last but not least, in the Supreme Council 33° of the A. and A. Rite, in which he occupied the post of Grand Marshal. He was also a generous supporter of our three Charitable Institutions, as well as of the Mark Benevolent Fund. There was indeed, no branch of Masonry nor one of its Institutions, the interests of which he did not labour unceasingly to promote. In these circumstances it devolves on us to express on behalf of our readers and ourselves our sincerest condolence with the family and innumerable friends and admirers of our recently deceased brother, and to express the hope that for many years to come the memory of his great services to Masonry and its Institutions may be cherished.

Nor, in the case of our late respected Bro. C. W. Hudson, who for well nigh 30 years had been one of the ablest and most active members of the Masonic community in Sussex, though his services are fully

recorded in another part of our columns, should we be discharging our duty loyally if we omitted to pay the same tribute of respect to his memory and express our equally sincere condolence with his family and friends on the severe bereavement that has just befallen them. Though latterly he had won fame as the successful founder and first Master of a London lodge. Bro. Hudson's sphere of duty was restricted for the most part to the Province in which he resided, and in which he enjoyed the esteem and respect of the brethren he was associated with. Had his services to the Craft and its Institutions been more widely known, there is little doubt he would have fared better in the efforts he unsuccessfully made to be elected G. Treasurer of England; but had his life been prolonged, he would have renewed those efforts, and ultimately might have gained the object of his ambition—to be an elected officer of Grand Lodge.

The annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement will be held, as usual, on the last Friday in the present month, in other words, on Friday, the 24th instant, when we anticipate there will be the usual numerous gathering of brethren. The duties of the lodge will be performed at Freemasons' Hall, the work selected for the occasion being the Sections of the First Lecture; and when lodge has been closed, the brethren will adjourn to the Freemason's Tavern adjoining, and there, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, P.G.M. Staffordshire, supper will be partaken of, and the toast list of the evening duly honoured. There is a strong Board of Stewards, under whose auspices we doubt not the Executive of our well-known school of instruction will have the satisfaction of scoring another of their brilliant successes.

There is no Province in England in which the duties of the lodges are more faithfully discharged, or in which their interests, both severally and collectively, are more religiously cared for by the Prov. Grand Master than Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Hence, it is needless to say, that when our distinguished Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who has presided over that Province for close on 30 years, honours any one of the lodges under his charge with a visit, there is no one who receives a more cordial welcome, or to whom is more gladly paid not only the honour due to his rank and office, but likewise the far greater honour which is begotten of respect and affection. We have an illustration of this in the report, which will be found in another column, of the meeting of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, Southampton, on Friday, the 10th inst.

The lodge is not an old one, having been warranted as recently as the year 1878, but it has earnestly striven to fulfil its duties loyally and to the satisfaction of its chief, and this being the 21st year of its existence, the members resolved to mark the occasion by adding to the possessions of their lodge a handsome banner, and invited the R.W. Bro. Beach to grace the meeting with his presence, and formally present the gift to the W. Master. The request was promptly acceded to, and on Friday of last week the Prov. G. Master visited the lodge, and performed the part assigned to him with his usual kindness, the proceedings throughout being of the most pleasant character, and worthy of honourable record in the annals of the lodge.

The Army and Navy Lodge, No. 2738, was consecrated at Anderton's Hotel on Tuesday last, the 14th inst., by V. W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary. A full report of the proceedings will appear next week.

It would appear that our reporter of the Masonic Service which was held in the Congregational Church, in the Kingsland-road, on Sunday, the 29th ult., was somewhat rash in describing it as a unique occasion, such services having been previously confined to the Established Church. We have already published a previous case quoted by Bro. the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas as having occurred at Whitby in 1897; and now the Rev. J. G. James writes us that a similar service was held in the Market Square Congregational Church, Merthyr Tydvil, on the 20th June, 1897, when the W.M. and members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, attended in full Masonic clothing, and that in 1890 on the occasion of the Jubilee service of the same church the brethren were also present in their regalia. Perhaps our reporter intended his remark to apply to London only.

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.

TYLER'S RECORD SERVICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your edition of Feb. 4th, a "query" appeared asking if 40 years was a record for a Tyler's services. On Jan. 3rd, 1899, Bro. R. Lane, P.P.G. Tyler Staffs, was invested as Tyler in the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, for the 45th time. At the same installation W. Bro. W. J. Gothard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was invested as D. of C. for the 33rd time, and appointed Treasurer of the lodge for the 30th year.—Yours fraternally,

F. GOTHARD,
P.M. and Sec. 624.

Bearwood House,
Burton-on-Trent,
February 8th.

ANOTHER QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the installation meeting of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, held on July, 1898, Bro. George Martin was invested as Tyler for the 53rd time. He has also held the office of Tyler to the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, also in this town, for 51 years.

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

FRANK HITCHENS,
P.M. and D.C. 77, P.P.G. Reg. Kent.

38, Windmill-street, Gravesend,
February 9th.

Reviews.

NORTHUMBRIAN MASONRY.—Our esteemed Grand Registrar, Bro. John Strachan, O.C., has written and published a very interesting and valuable volume on "Northumbrian Masonry" (George Kenning, 1898), which he and his brother, T. V. Strachan, have made their particular study for many years past, and which the Grand Registrar especially has exhaustively and entertainingly treated from almost prehistoric times down to the present time. Bro. Strachan has long taken a direct interest in all that concerns the origin, progress, and welfare of the Craft in the County of Northumberland, as a P.M. of No. 685, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and P. Prov. S.G.W. and P. Prov. G. Secretary of the Province, so that he is entitled to speak with authority based upon an intimate acquaintance of the Fraternity locally, and his researches have also fitted him to describe the development of the Craft in England generally. It is not my purpose, however, to give any lengthy summary or digest of the varied contents of the volume, for the Editor of the *Freemason* has already most appreciatively and ably written a series of carefully prepared articles on the main features and distinctive characteristics of the work, which have placed studious brethren, at least, in the possession of a trusty guide to keep by them, while reading the handsomely printed Annals of the Northumbrian Craft. Besides which, my friend Bro. John Lane, F.C.A., some little time since, wrote a thoughtful review of the book for the transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge"—the first of the kind I have seen or read, though not yet published—so that there is really no need for my notice thereof, save to express the hope that its circulation will continue to be as gratifying in the future, as it has during the last few weeks of its advent. There is just one thing that would add to the value of Bro. Strachan's labours, and that is a more intimate acquaintance with, or fuller references to, recent Masonic literature, so that he could point out from time to time works that might be consulted by his readers who desire to continue their researches into the intricacies and evidences of the History of the British Craft. Of course, the great importance of the volume is its originality generally, and that I do not wish to ignore. As cases in point, take Bro. Conder's History of the Masons' Company, or a more frequent use of Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry," or of Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1894" (i.e., the second edition). It is quite correct that the title of Grand Lodge of all England "nowhere appears in the minutes [of the York Grand Lodge] until the revival in 1761," but I am not at all sure it was not used before then, for Bro. Francis Drake, in his oration delivered in 1726,† when J.G.W., thus referred to the subject: "There is sufficient to make us dispute the superiority with the Lodges in London. But as nought of that kind ought to be amongst so amiable a Fraternity, we are content they enjoy the Title of Grand Master of England; but the *Totius Anglie* we claim as our undoubted Right."‡ There are some excellent plates in Bro. Gould's colossal History which should be examined relative to the Masons' Arms in the 17th Century, at Gateshead and other towns; as also concerning the motto; and Bro. Conder's able volume is of great use in such an inquiry. But my principal desire now is to add my meed of praise, and express my warm appreciation of Bro. Strachan's efforts to do justice to Northumbrian Freemasonry, in which, undoubtedly, he has succeeded most admirably and effectually, and of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously accepted the Dedication.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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THE KENT JEWEL.

I shall be glad to know if any more Badges of the same design have been traced, in connection with the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent, A.D. 1794-5, as Bro. George Kenning's fine medal of the Prov. Grand Master's; and which I described from the excellent illustration in last week's *Freemason*. There may have been a set, and if so, others may be preserved.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Scotland.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Priory of Glasgow.

A meeting of this Priory was held on Wednesday, the 5th instant, in the Masonic Hall, West Regent-street, Glasgow. The Prior, Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, Bart., presided, and among those present were Frater J. Dalrymple Duncan, Major P. W. Allan, Colin W. Scott, Rees Price, and Emile Berger, and a deputation from the Edinburgh Priory. Six aspirants were admitted to the Order.

At the close of the meeting the Frater dined in the Windsor Hotel, the Prior being Chairman, and J. Dalrymple Duncan Croupier. A most excellent dinner was served.

† My "Masonic Sketches," 1871. ‡ Italics as in the original.

Craft Masonry.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.

The large number of brethren in the Metropolis—and their name is legion—who are familiar with the *bonhomie* and humour of Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org., will be interested to know that he has at last attained the dignity of the chair, having been installed at the Café Rcyal on the 7th inst. Bro. Schartau's friends, especially his brother artistes, mustered in strong force, and the result was a most enjoyable evening and a musical treat.

The members present included Bros. Dr. C. Imray Kirton, W.M.; H. W. Schartau, S.W., W.M. elect; F. W. Levy; G. A. Edell, Sec.; H. Hicklin; A. Farquharson Roberts, P.M.; R. Barnes, P.M.; Herbert Gardiner, P.M.; W. W. Hayworth, P.M.; A. Allworth, P.M.; and A. W. Pritchett, P.M. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. M. Robertson, P.M.; F. Inskipp, W.M. 2661; A. Finlay, P.M. 5, P.G.S.; J. Plant, P.P.G. Org.; R. T. Woulfe, 1556; D. Baron Russell, 933; J. G. Vigo, P.M. 1671; V. Jagulski, P.M. 534; F. Thomas, I.G. 180; H. L. Sarson, 2000; W. Bowles, 144; S. Forman, 193; T. Norman Pryor, 212; A. H. P. Snow, J.W. 2191; E. A. Jehring, P.M. 1858; C. P. Langford, J.D. 21; J. C. Ward, 303; T. W. Eastgate, P.M. 1563; W. Potter, P.M. 1260; C. T. Johnson, 1706; F. H. Davies, 2006; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a satisfactory Audit Report was adopted. Bro. H. W. Schartau was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Dr. Kirton. The following officers were appointed, and were invested, with the exception of the Treasurer, from whom a telegram was received from Cairo expressing "Hearty good wishes": Bros. F. W. Levy, S.W.; W. H. Cleland, J.W.; W. Hicklin, Treas.; G. A. Edell, Sec.; H. Hicklin, S.D.; A. O. Davies, J.D.; R. J. Schrader, I.G.; and C. Patrick, Tyler. The I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which was duly acknowledged, and the lodge was closed.

After a choice banquet the usual toasts were quickly given—not too rapidly for the full display of genuine feeling, but with an absence of any fulsome flattery or extravagant language.

Bro. T. H. Gardner, P.A.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said it was always a pleasure to visit the various lodges and see what was going on. The G. Officers were not idle men, and valued good work done. He apologised for a late attendance, but pleaded misdirection by those who invited him.

Bro. Dr. C. I. Kirton, I.P.M., proposed "The W. Master," and said there was a fine musical programme before them, and as the W.M. had smelt the battle from afar, he had had some difficulty in getting in this toast at all. He referred to the newly-installed W.M. as their late lamented and very respected S.W., and expressed his pleasure at seeing him preside so gracefully in the chair. His many virtues and qualities need not be dilated upon, for as Bro. Schartau was so well known, they could be taken as read. The W.M. evidently intended to have a busy year, having proposed two gentlemen for initiation, and, speaking for the members, any friends of his would be welcome.

Bro. H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., W.M., who met with a hearty reception, said that having asked them to be brief he could not do better than set them the example. He thanked them very heartily for the way in which they had proposed and received the toast. He trusted they would have a happy year together, and he would try his best to make it so.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M.," stating that Bro. Kirton was a busy man, and it was therefore to his credit that he had done the work so well.

The I.P.M. acknowledged the toast, after which Bro. Allworth, P.M., answered for "The Past Masters" as senior P.M., and wished the W.M. a good year of office, feeling sure he would be well supported by the officers.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. J. Plant, P.P.G. Org., and J. C. Ward. In giving "The Officers," the W.M. recommended to their notice the three Ps.: punctuality in attendance, punctuality in payment, and proficiency in working.

"The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Hicklin," absent in Cairo, was heartily received, and a cordial toast was accorded the large number of musical brethren who had assisted in the entertainment, and for whom Bro. Kift returned thanks.

The programme of music included items by Miss Kate Cherry, Miss Gertrude Snow, Miss Beatrice Ashton, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Marie Hooton, Miss Marian Blinkhorn, Bros. Frank Tebbutt, W. Fell, J. Bartlett, C. Ellison, P.M.; E. Branscombe, Geo. Stubbs, Jas. Brand, Jno. Josey, and Bertram Mills, Mr. W. R. Maxwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Upton.

Those brethren who have had an opportunity of hearing Bro. Schartau's humorous rendering of a prophetic song entitled "In glorious days to come" will doubtless appreciate the following lines written at the banquet table:

With Schartau as Master, we'll fear no disaster,
And none of us e'er will look glum;
For the fun will not cool, under his GOLDEN RULE,
In the glorious days to come.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bro. E. J. Harrison, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. H. B. Harding, P.M.; R. Loomes, P.M.; D. C. Ritchie, P.M.; J. R. Blount, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts.; A. Cox, P.M.; A. Henning, F. Meyer, J. F. Wahlers, W. F. Roberts, T. Spotswood, F. H. Palmer, D. C. Attwater, E. A. Wagstaff, W. E. Perkoover, F. Simmonds, W. Goring, L. Danielsson, W. Pannell, A. Buckland, G. Fullbrooks, R. Bluden, E. H. Bury, P. Faber, J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, C. Weber, A. Pope, J. Johnson, E. A. Beer, E. H. Yexley, and others. The visitors were Bros. C. J. Moore, S.W. 70; A. J. Merry, 1981; W. S. Lawrence, 1572; G. Freeman, 1929; W. Lawrence, 2416; W. J. Williams, 1524; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; V. J. R. Longman, W.M. 1328; W. Hancock, P.M. 2191; F. Gardner, 276; F. Allen, P.M. 1686; A. Williams, 1584; F. Cakebread, 1175; R. Philip Upton, P.M. 1328; J. Petch, P.M. 2278, P.P.G.S.B. Herts.; and F. Louis Schneider, 2512.

The first business was to pass Bro. F. H. Palmer, and to ballot for, and initiate, Mr. James Waller, and these ceremonies having been admirably performed by the W.M., he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec., the senior P.M. of the lodge, and Bro. C. Isler, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented for installation and placed in the chair of K.S. He was then proclaimed by Bro. A. Cox, P.M., and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. Horst, S.W.; F. W. White, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); W. Taylor, S.D.; G. E. Walker, J.D.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C. (re-appointed); T. E. Newman, I.G.; E. H. Bury and A. Pope, Stwds.; E. J. Bury, Org.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was then given by Bro. E. J. Harrison, I.P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. R. Loomes, P.M., and the one to the brethren by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M.; five P.Ms. taking part in the installation ceremony, an arrangement which commended itself to the brethren present. The Past Master's jewel, voted at the previous meeting, was presented to Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., and suitably acknowledged by him.

The names of two gentlemen (candidates for initiation) were proposed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet, which being concluded, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts.

"The Initiate, Bro. Waller," received a very hearty greeting, to which he replied.

"The Health of the W.M." was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and "The I.P.M., Bro. Harrison," had also a very cordial reception.

"The Health of the Visitors" having been proposed, a hearty welcome was accorded them.

Bros. V. J. R. Longman, W.M. 1328; C. J. Moore, S.W. 70; and W. Hancock, P.M. 2191, replied.

Bro. C. M. Coxon replied for the toast of "The Past Masters," and the Treasurer, Bro. Napper, P.M., and Secretary, Bro. Blinkhorn, P.M., in their respective capacities.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical programme which had been arranged was of a most attractive character. It included a song by Miss Gabrielle Bjorkman; mandoline solo, Miss Vissian; song, Bro. D. C. Attwater; duet, mandoline and guitar, the Misses Vissian; duet, the Misses Bjorkman; violin solo, Bro. F. Louis Schneider; duet, Miss Gabrielle Bjorkman and Bro. W. F. Roberts; Bro. E. J. Bury, Org., and Miss Pauline Isler accompanying.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

A meeting was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 8th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., P.M. S., P.P.G. Org., W.M.; H. Bright, S.W.; E. H. Tompsett, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G.C. Chap.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. F. Bonney, S.D.; G. Dobson, J.D.; G. Hertslet, Steward; A. B. Brown, I.P.M.; and W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Among the visitors were Bros. Pittman, 79; F. Foes, late 1512; and G. S. Hertslet, 1656.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Foes and G. S. Hertslet as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous. The Secretary having reported the illness of Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., a vote of sympathy was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The by-laws having been read, the name of a candidate for initiation at the next meeting was handed in.

Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. O. Hemming, I.G.; J. Williams, D.C.; E. W. Davis, P.M.; and others. The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M. in feeling terms, and briefly acknowledged by the W.M.

The toast of "The Joining Members" followed. The W.M. in his speech said that the advent of new members was always an agreeable feature in every lodge. The brethren who had been introduced that evening would, he felt confident, reflect great credit on the lodge. They were both young, and, he was given to understand, anxious to achieve success in Freemasonry. He trusted that their laudable ambition would in due time be gratified.

Bros. Foes and Hertslet having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" came next.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was coupled with the respected names of Bros. A. B. Brown, I.P.M., and W. Fisher, P.M.

These brothers in terse but effective terms responded.

In submitting the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. regretted the cause that had kept their old and tried Treasurer away that day. Bro. Briggs by his bluff yet genial manner had won the respect of every member of the lodge. He had discharged his duties in a most efficient manner, and he (the W.M.) trusted that for many years yet to come Bro. Briggs would continue to hold the position of Treasurer, which office he so greatly adorned.

This toast was most warmly received.

Bros. Bright, Tompsett, Bonney, Dobson, and G. Hertslet responded to the pledge of "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.

A meeting of this city lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. Witt, W.M.; Webb, S.W.; Walter Wellsman, C.C., P.M. 1589, J.W.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Weinell, P.M., S.D.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.M., P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.O.-Asst. Org.; Collier, Stwd.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; C. Bachoffner, P.M.; Evans, I.P.M.; F. Kent, P.M. 177; A. B. Cook, G. Walter, I. L. Pawtress, and E. Mallett, P.M. 1623, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, two brethren were raised to the Third Degree in a most excellent manner by the W.M. A notice of motion was given to hold a summer outing in July, and that the expenses be supplemented by a vote from the lodge funds. The name of Mr. William Kent was proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M., Treas.; N. P. Lardner, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, and the manner in which it was served reflected great credit on the management. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The I.P.M., in submitting the toast of "The W.M.," congratulated Bro. Witt upon the impressive way in which he had performed the beautiful ceremony of raising that evening. He felt confident that the members and their visitors had all been interested with the work. The W.M. was latter perfect in the three rituals, and therefore his—the speaker's—office of Immediate Past Master was a sinecure. At the banquet table the W.M. was also thoroughly at home.

The toast having been warmly received and drunk, the W.M. briefly responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was suitably acknowledged.

In giving the pledge of "The Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate No. 1745 upon the number of Past Masters that it possessed. Among them were brethren who had distinguished themselves, not only in Freemasonry, but in parish and municipal life. They were all round a powerful body, and he thanked them for the assistance and support that they had kindly given him at all times. He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Evans and Simpson, who duly replied.

The W.M. then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." In the course of his speech he touched upon the genial qualities, Masonic abilities, and business-like characteristics of the Treasurer, Bro. Henry Joseph Lardner, whose absence that day both from the lodge and social board all regretted. They possessed also an excellent Secretary in the person of Bro. W. H. Jackson, a founder and the first Master of the lodge.

This toast having been drunk with acclamation, the Secretary responded in neat and fluent terms on behalf of himself and absent colleague.

Bros. J. D. Webb, S.W., and F. Weinell, S.D., responded on behalf of "The Officers."

During the evening Bros. D. Lott, Dr. Hinton, G. Herbert, J. Young, A. B. Cook, and Stracey, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780.

There was a large assembly of brethren from all parts of the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Friday, the 10th instant, on the occasion of a visit to the above lodge of Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master, with many of his Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past. The regular lodge meeting had been adjourned by dispensation from the Tuesday, to meet the convenience of the Prov. G. Master, who was attending the opening of Parliament. After the ordinary lodge business had been transacted, the Prov. G. Master and his officers arrived, and after some formal preliminaries, Bro. Prowse, I.P.M., requested the Prov. G. Master to present to the lodge a banner on behalf of the brethren. It gave him, he said, great pleasure to ask this of the Prov. G. Master, knowing that he was the most beloved and most respected Mason in the province over which he had so long presided, and he hoped an over-ruling Providence would spare him for many years to occupy the position he now so worthily filled. The Prov. G. Master said it was with great pleasure that he acceded to the request made to him. The presentation of so handsome a banner as that before them was a memorable occasion in the history of the lodge. He referred to the significance of the emblems emblazoned thereon, and said it was a happy omen that the lodge was identified with the name of the Grand Master, who since he had held the office had done so much to advance the interests of Freemasonry. As the colours of a regiment incited the soldiers to victory, so should their banner incite the brethren to do all they could, individually and collectively, to advance the true interests of Freemasonry. The Albert Edward Lodge, though not one of the oldest in the province, had done a great deal for Freemasonry, and he hoped that under the banner which it now possessed it would go on and prosper. The W.M. (Bro. Drysdale) having accepted the banner, Bro. Prowse moved that at the next meeting a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M. for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the

year. This was seconded by Bro. Berry, and supported by the Wardens, Bros. R. W. Denness and T. G. King, and carried unanimously. The W.M. expressed his acknowledgments, and proposed a vote of thanks to the P.G.M. for his attendance that day. The Albert Edward, as he had said, was not an old lodge, but it had contributed its fair share to the charities. It was now in its 21st year, and it was *apropos* that the Provincial Grand Master, who presided at its consecration, should be present when it had attained its majority. If in its old age the lodge did as well as it had done in its youth, it would have nothing to be ashamed of. Bro. Algar seconded, and reminded the lodge that the late D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman, was the first Master of the lodge. The Provincial Grand Master briefly returned thanks, and announced that the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Giles, was unable to attend through family bereavement. A vote of sympathy with Bro. Giles was passed, and then to mark the visit of the Provincial Grand Master to the lodge, the sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons or their widows, on the motion of Bro. Algar, seconded by Bro. E. Warren.

A banquet followed, provided under the superintendence of Bro. Hussey, D.C., and presided over by the W.M.

"The Health of the P.G.M." was cordially honoured among other toasts; and Bro. Beach, in responding, mentioned the interesting fact that though Earl Amherst, the Pro G.M., appointed to succeed Lord Lathom, was senior to himself as a Provincial Grand Master he himself initiated him. The Earl was in the Crimean War, and, hearing that a life was saved by a Masonic sign, he took the earliest opportunity when he reached England of joining the Craft, of which he had been an enthusiastic member ever since.

The banner, which is of Craft blue, bearing the Prince of Wales's coat-of-arms and motto, with the name and number of the lodge, was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, Little Britain, London.

Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127.

Bro. Gerald Maxwell, W.M. of this lodge, closed a most successful year of office on Tuesday last at the Mark Masons' Hall, when he initiated in splendid style Messrs. Bedford McNeill, the Hon. George Keppel, and J. Thompson Murray, and afterwards installed in the chair Bro. Guy Repton as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, and they were witnessed by, amongst others, the following brethren: Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; George Everett, P.G.T.; Fredk. Mead, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; C. M. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; James Stephens, P. Dep. G.D.C.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; T. Skewes Cox, M.P., P.G.S.; Lionel Rignold, J. H. Barnes, Thos. Catling, P.M., Treas.; Harry Nicholls, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Neville, and William Pilcher.

After Bro. Guy Repton had been installed, Bro. Gerald Maxwell was invested as I.P.M. The following brethren received the other collars: Bros. Lionel Rignold, S.W.; J. H. Barnes, J.W.; C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Thos. Catling, P.M., Treas.; Harry Nicholls, P.M., Sec.; Luigi Lablache, S.D.; A. G. Neville, J.D.; A. R. Phipps, D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., Org.; W. Pilcher, I.G.; Grimston, Nye Chart, and Clarence Coggin, Stwds.; and Goddard, P.M., Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, and partook of an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Guy Repton, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that this toast was usually proposed as a formality, but, considering the circumstances, on this occasion it was something more. During the Queen's younger days her Majesty was a constant attendant at Drury Lane Theatre, and in later years she saw the Drury Lane company perform before her at Windsor Castle and elsewhere. On that account this toast should be the more attractive to the Drury Lane Lodge. Sympathy also should be attracted to the drinking of this toast because a few days ago she suffered a great grief in the death of her grandson. It was painful to see an elderly and venerable lady not only losing a son of one generation (the Duke of Albany), but two sons of another generation, Prince Edward, Duke of Clarence, Prov. Grand Master for Berkshire, and Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg, also passing away. The brethren ought to feel additional heartiness in drinking this toast, and, if he might say so, expressive sympathy.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," Bro. Guy Repton said H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had always fostered the stage and given encouragement to it in every way, and Drury Lane and the Drury Lane Lodge, as well as Masons generally, owed a great deal to him.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," Bro. Guy Repton called on Bro. Thomas Fenn to reply. Bro. Fenn was his father in Masonry; he was not well, having a bad cold, and it was out of old friendship to him (the W.M.) and his family that he had consented to reply.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., acknowledging the toast, said it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure, because it gave him the opportunity of expressing the extreme gratification he had in being present on the occasion of the installation of his friend, Bro. Guy Repton, to the honourable position of the chair of this lodge. He had known Bro. Repton's family many years. Bro. Repton's father was one of his oldest and most respected friends; Bro. Repton was a fine, true English gentleman, whom to know was to respect. Some of the brethren might not know Bro. Repton's peculiar claims on the brethren, derived from his Masonic ancestry. His grandfather was 50 years Grand Master of Ireland—the old Earl of Leinster, to whose influence in the House of Lords Masonry owed its exemption from being classed as a secret society. In that respect Bro. Repton had a claim to the brethren's undying gratitude. With such an ancestry Bro. Repton would prove an excellent Master of that lodge, and he would do it great credit and honour.

Bro. Gerald Maxwell, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said the loyal toasts and the toast of the Grand Officers were common to all Freemasonry, but the toast of the W.M. was particular to the members of the Drury Lane Lodge, and those guests who had been kind enough to lend the lustre of their countenance to its gathering. Bro. Fenn had told them what a brilliant ancestry Bro. Guy Repton had. He (Bro. Maxwell) might tell them that Bro. Repton was not only worthy of that ancestry—that they would imagine for themselves—but that he had shown his worthiness already by the rapidity of his progress in Freemasonry. Bro. Guy Repton was not a very old Freemason, but he had been already the W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge—a very select and distinguished gathering of Freemasons, containing on its roll most of the Grand Officers of England. Bro. Guy Repton had also been W.M., and was now I.P.M., of the Playgoers' Lodge. That ought to appeal to all the brethren, because all gathered now together had some sympathy with the art—the so-called art—of play. (Laughter.) And now Bro. Guy Repton had reached the summit of his ambition—he thought he might say it was the summit of the ambition of all of them (it was of his, and would always be so)—to be Master of the Drury Lane Lodge. He would not further descend on Bro. Repton's many excellences; he was known to all the brethren; he was a worthy man, and—though it was a time-worn phrase—a good Mason. (Cheers.)

Bro. Guy Repton, W.M., replying, said he was sorry to announce that he had no set speech prepared. On Saturday afternoon he began to prepare one at Monte Carlo and got to a few platitudes when his wife nudged him and said, "You have got zero on plane." (Laughter.) He then got mixed, and the speech got under the table. Yesterday afternoon, in the Channel, he began to write a speech, and somehow or other it got blown away. (Laughter.) He was perfectly well. (Renewed laughter.) However, be that as it might, he felt sure the brethren's sympathy would be with him when he told them that the few words he was saying were straight from his heart and not from a prepared oration, written out possibly by some writer skilled in getting ready speeches of that kind. Bro. Maxwell had referred to his (Bro. Repton's) having been Master of the Playgoers' Lodge. As the brethren knew, he was in the train on Saturday night, and it was not he who was at the Prince of Wales's Theatre who got up and made a speech there. (Laughter.) He forgot where he was; he was on the way, but he was not at the Prince of Wales's Theatre. If he had been there he might have made a speech from the stalls, but he did not. (Laughter.) He would like to say this—the Drury Lane Lodge was his mother lodge, and he thought it should be a special ambition for all the brethren—and he would press his remarks on the initiates—that it was a great and laudable ambition to be Master some day or other of the lodge one was initiated in. It was several years ago that Bro. J. H. Matthews, the then Secretary, came to him and asked him to be S.D. in the hope that some day he would be Master. He accepted the office, and there was a good deal of work to do as Deacon in that day, but it was a stepping stone to the Mastership. To-night he had the very, very great honour of being the first time Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, which was the object of his ambition. He said to all the officers who followed him that it was something

to be ambitious for, and something to try for. The Drury Lane Lodge was a lodge of which they were all proud, it was an honour to any one to belong to it, and he thanked the brethren perhaps more heartily than these few words could show for the way they had received the toast and their kindness in electing him W.M.

Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M. and Treasurer, replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said that any brother of the Craft who was privileged to stand and respond to a toast like that might think himself peculiarly happy because in that lodge they had gathered not only what he conceived to be the best traditions of the Craft but also a bond of fellowship, of loyalty, and humanity, that helped to carry the good fame of Masonry abroad throughout the world.

Bro. James Fernandez, P.M., said it was not possible for him to add anything in the way of novelty to what had fallen from P.M. Catling. Indeed, so little time had elapsed since he had the pleasure of responding when they had the honour of giving a dinner to an honoured member of the lodge, Lord Kitchener, that he felt the difficulty of his position because it was not what you had to think to say, it was to remember to forget what you had said. (Laughter.) Therefore, he thought that to most of the brethren the idea would occur that it was only the old thing over again. Well, after all, how could it be anything but the old thing, for the subject of the toast had the ancient flavour about it inasmuch as it bore reference to the old, at least, old in the sense that it alluded to those of the past. "Masters," it was a very great and commanding sound; "Past Masters" had something in it that carried a suggestiveness of the old school. Well, there was a sound that he must say, despite what fell from his inestimable the I.P.M., "if we may call it an art," he laid distinct and particular claim to. But whatever they did say they could always say with certainty that the Past Masters were delighted to receive the remarks and kindly remembrance of their brethren because they were so much delighted at all times to further the interests of their lodge and also to see such good and worthy Masters follow them, and especially, he alluded to the I.P.M., who, to emphasise the remarks of the W.M., had performed the installation ceremony in a way that no one could do better. He expressed the hope that the brethren of the Drury Lane Lodge might long live to interchange such mutual good wishes. (Applause.)

Bro. Gerald Maxwell, I.P.M., said he was overwhelmed with the kind remarks that had fallen from the W.M., and that had been all too kindly endorsed by worthy P.M. Fernandez. He would like to begin by heartily disagreeing with him in the definition of Past Masters. P.M., he would apply to Bro. Fernandez, meant Most Excellent Master of the Craft, a brother who had passed the chair, who had risen to such excellence that he could prompt the worthy occupants of the chair if one had occasion to want it. Therefore, he could see nothing displeasing in the term Past Master.—(Bro. Fernandez: Nor do I.)—Past Master had always been applied to adepts, and they had in their Past Masters in that lodge (those before the I.P.M.) most adept members of the Craft. And that led him to become a member of that distinguished Order. It happened that when he was studying at the High School at Cambridge, some colleagues told him of the mystic Craft of Masons, and he having given his attention to the works of the Rosicrucians, thought Masons might give him the *elixir vitae* and the philosopher's stone. At a recent meeting, where he represented the Drury Lane Lodge, he said he found after he had passed two or three Degrees—and since when he had passed 18 others—that Masonry did not possess the secret of the philosopher's stone; but he found that there was much in the ritual of Masonry which restored to his wandering faculties a certain mental equilibrium; he found an all-satisfying religion or rite. Therefore, he was in the position of coming to Masonry in search of a stone, and Masonry had given him bread. That was a reversal of what happened to those who sought for bread and who got afterwards a stone. Of stones it was a white one that marked the rubicon of his having passed the chair of the Drury Lane Lodge. He had spoken of his ambition of getting in the chair, but with that ambition came the timidity that he might be an unworthy occupant of it. No doubt it was justified that he was an unworthy occupant of it; but in Masonry, such was the fraternal regard of all brethren for one another, and the solidarity of the brethren for the W.M. in the chair, that whatever mistakes he might make, they forgot them, and if he did the ceremonies at all passably, they remembered them. He felt he had a most colossal task in succeeding Worshipful Bro. Henry Neville, who had held the lodge together during a period of adversity, or a sort of period of indifference. It was admitted that in the affairs of man there was a low and a high tide, and in a Masonic body with which the Drury Lane Lodge was affiliated, there was a feeling that the lodge had reached a low ebb. An indication of that was that a man like himself was being rapidly advanced to the chair. The brethren had got him there, and now they had a most advanced brother, a S.W. of the Province of Middlesex, following him, and it was with feelings of delight he (Bro. Maxwell) retired from the chair—he would not say reaching the high mark of the brethren's estimation, but, at all events, of having held the position of W.M. without having made an absolute and unequivocal failure.

Bro. Guy Repton, W.M., next presented to Bro. Gerald Maxwell, I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel, and Bro. Maxwell acknowledged the gift, which he said he most heartily appreciated.

Bro. Bedford McNeill, responding to the toast of "The Initiates," said it had been his ambition for many years past to be a Mason, and to-day he had started upon a career which he had the authority of the Past Master for saying it continued not merely through this life and the grave, but beyond.

Bro. the Hon. George Keppel said it should be his earnest endeavour to rise to the heights alluded to by the W.M.

Bro. J. Thompson Murray said it was of course impossible for any one who was not a Mason to know anything whatever of the principles of Freemasonry, but he had been thinking it over for many years, and he was sorry he had not had time to devote to it till now. But he conceived it to be only another guise of many religions we had in this world, and he regarded those religions, in whatever guise presented, as intended for us to leave the world better than we found it, to leave it better for having lived in it, and when you had gone a little regard for some kind action you had done. He knew of no purer religion in the world than this. He could only say, without egotism, if he had been asked to express what the principles governing Freemasonry were he should say the principles he was asked to sign before entering the lodge. He hoped he and the two other initiates would follow the example set before them by the W.M. and his predecessors.

Bros. Robert Manuel, Skewes Cox, M.P., and C. L. Carson, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Lionel Rignold, S.W., and J. H. Barnes, J.W., to that of "The Officers"; and with Bro. Goddard, P.M., giving the Tyler's toast, the proceedings closed.

Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698.

The last regular meeting prior to the installation of the second W.M. was held at the Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. R. J. Campbell, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; A. F. Hardymont, S.W.; C. Goodman, J.W.; G. Coxen, Treas.; E. George, P.M., Sec.; B. Stocker, P.M., S.D.; A. R. Greaves, acting J.D.; C. W. Paine, I.G.; F. Crook, Steward; J. M. Godwin, D. of C.; Aylett, Fleming, Line, H. Crook, Wm. G. Coxen, Stringer, C. J. Greaves, A. Hawes, C. Hawes, Pearce, Schomberg, M. Symonds, S. A. Marks, Palmer, and Smith, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Kynaston, 177; Horstead, 1897; H. Williams, 1567; and Colman, 1446.

The lodge was opened, and the ballot having proved unanimous in his favour, Mr. H. James Dunaway was initiated. Bro. C. Hawes was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bros. J. Aylett and F. C. Fleming were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. A. F. Hardymont, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and G. Coxen, Treasurer. Bros. Paine, Goodman, and F. Crook were elected Auditors. A vote of thanks and a proposition by Bro. George, P.M., seconded by Bro. Hardymont, S.W., that a jewel of the value of £10 10s. be awarded Bro. R. J. Campbell, P.M., W.M., as a mark of appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of his high and important office of first W.M. of the lodge, was unanimously carried. A Committee was appointed to select a design for the Past Master's jewel to be presented to Bro. Campbell and subsequent Masters. Bro. A. F. Hardymont, S.W., W.M. elect, is representing the lodge at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Old People, and has already 80 guineas on his Steward's list. Bro. Hardymont's abilities to carry out the duties of W.M. are well known to all the members; although a member of the Craft for upwards of 20 years, he has not until now arrived at the summit of his ambition, but has for many years past been an enthusiastic attendant at lodges of instruction, and as the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction working under the banner of the Brondesbury Lodge he has shown his desire not only to keep himself perfect in our beautiful ritual, but the wish that as regards all the younger members of his lodge needing instruction,

he, with the able assistance of Bro. R. J. Campbell, was only too willing to lend a helping hand in imparting the knowledge they were so well competent to give.

The brethren sat down to an excellent banquet served in Bro. W. G. Coxen's well-known style. Bro. R. J. Campbell presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of interspersed by vocal contributions by Bros. Paine, Fleming, Hardymont, and C. J. Greaves.

Bro. A. E. Horstead, acting Organist, superintended the musical arrangements. Mr. A. Horstead at the piano.

Bro. George, P.M. and Secretary, as acting P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M."

The W.M. that of "The Visitors," which was responded to by each of the four brethren present.

The toast of "The W.M. elect," met with a very enthusiastic reception, testifying to the popularity of Bro. Hardymont.

The newly-initiated brother having had to leave very early his toast was postponed. The Tyler's toast brought to a close an exceptionally enjoyable meeting.

Darwen Lodge, No. 381.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the annual meeting of the above lodge took place for the installation of the new W.M. and other officers. Bro. James H. Bury was elected as the W.M., and was installed into the chair by Bro. F. Thomas, P.M. 345, P.P.S.G.W. E. Lancs, P.P.G.R. Oxon. Bro. Thomas is one of the leading lights in the Province of East Lancs, having had provincial honours for many years, and held Oxford provincial honours previously, and he is held in high esteem by the Darwen brethren, having performed the ceremony of installation for close upon 40 years in unbroken succession. This is looked upon as a record in the annals of Freemasonry. This estimable brother has now passed the octogenarian period of life, and is in the enjoyment of good health. The following brethren were invested into their various offices by Bro. J. Wardley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancs: Bro. Cocker, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; Procter, P.P.G. Chap. E. Lancs, Chap.; R. J. Lomax, Sec.; J. H. Ellison, S.D.; J. Lightbown, J.D.; G. G. Sames, Org.; W. Kershaw, I.G.; Jesse Lowe and Henry Leach, Stwds.; and A. Beswick, Tyler.

The brethren afterward celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in the large Masonic Hall, and during the proceedings a subscription amounting to nearly £12 was collected towards the Charity Fund.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge took place at the Criterion, Regent-circus, W., on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. George Thompson, W.M.; A. B. Fox, S.W., W.M. elect; W. M. Stiles, P.G.T. Treas.; Major C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec.; A. George, J.W.; E. P. Waymouth, S.D.; J. H. Adcock, J.D.; W. Sparks, I.G.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; H. S. Scott, Org.; A. Ramsden, Jno. Bishop, T. Jefferies, P.M.; A. H. Cole, P.M.; J. Pratt, I.P.M.; C. P. Coles, G. Rice, his first appearance after a long absence through illness; T. Nicholson, A. J. Tapling, A. C. Norman, R. J. T. Ward, T. J. Ash, A. J. Pratt, H. Fuller, W. T. Lawrence, W. Javens, T. A. J. Gorniot, W. K. Humphreys, and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. James Irvine, P.M. 862; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Dawson, P.M. 1622; James Hemming, P.M. 2398; W. G. Adcock, W.M. 2202; G. C. Tegetmeier, I.G. 1929; Thos. Hobley, W.M. 1320; Wm. Yeo, 753; A. Lidgate, 901; A. Mills, 704; W. J. Clark, 1831; C. Bauer, 2021; R. Jones, 1539; J. E. Lawler, 907; and R. T. West.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. Bro. Geo. Thompson, raised Bro. T. A. J. Gorniot to the Third Degree, and afterwards passed Bro. W. K. Humphreys to the Second Degree. The working of Bro. Geo. Thompson was performed in a manner that stamped him as one of the best Masters in the annals of the lodge, and in vacating the chair for Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., he completed his successful year of office with *ecelat*. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., then occupied the chair, and Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., D.C., presented Bro. A. B. Fox, the W.M. elect, and he was duly installed. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers, and addressed them in suitable terms as to their respective duties, but made special mention of the past services of the indefatigable Secretary, Major C. J. Knightley, P.M. They were as follows: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; T. Jefferies, P.M., J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., Treas.; Major C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Cole, P.M., S.D.; J. Pratt, J.D.; G. Rice, I.G.; G. Thompson, I.P.M., D.C.; H. S. Scott, Org.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., gave the usual addresses. It has been our privilege and pleasure to have seen Bro. Stiles act as Installing Master many times, but on this occasion he excelled himself, and we have never seen the ceremony of installation better performed. The W.M. then rose and said that a most pleasurable duty devolved upon him to present the outgoing Master, Bro. George Thompson, with a Past Master's jewel, which he had so well earned, for the great services rendered by him, and no one could have carried out the duties of W.M. with more ability. The inscription on the jewel was—"Presented to Bro. George Thompson, P.M., by the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. 1898-99." In a few appropriate words, Bro. Geo. Thompson, I.P.M., acknowledged the jewel.

The sum of one guinea was voted for "Our Dying Brother's Bed," and after other business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., responded to the toast of "The Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," speaking in eulogistic terms of the great things many of the Grand Officers had done for the Craft.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., also acknowledged the toast, which he did in eloquent terms.

In submitting "The Health of the W.M., Bro. A. B. Fox," Bro. G. Thompson, I.P.M., stated that the W.M. was good, his first Christian name, Alfred, was known as Alfred the good, and his second name, Benjamin—should always be well loved—was good. There was no doubt the W.M. would be able to carry out everything with satisfaction to the members of the good old Royal Savoy Lodge, as he was an excellent Mason and a very good fellow.

Bro. A. B. Fox, W.M., in response, said he thanked Bro. Thompson for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and some of the members for the hearty manner in which they had received it. It had taken him 16 years to reach the chair; they could have found someone more competent—"No, no"—but anyway he was proud of his position, and would do his very best to give satisfaction to the members, and endeavour to keep up the old traditions of their good lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said that he hardly knew what to say about the Installing Master, Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., because he was so well known, but he had never heard the ceremony of installation done better, and they had had an intellectual feast and treat. Those who had attended the lodge during the last 12 months could testify to the great services rendered by the I.P.M., Bro. George Thompson. As a member for 16 years he (the W.M.) had never seen the working of the ritual better done in the lodge, and they all appreciated him. The W.M. then referred to the Past Masters, remarking that the longer they knew Bro. W. A. Scurrah the better they liked him, and he was honoured to have him as one of his officers. Bro. A. H. Cole, P.M., was one of the best Masters the lodge had ever had; a general favourite and being lately married he had come up to the scratch very well. Bro. T. Jefferies, P.M., was a most genial and good fellow and it was his good fortune to have him as one of his officers. Bro. Jno. Pratt, P.M., was also one of the best, and in conclusion, the W.M. stated that he had much pleasure to couple the names Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., and George Thompson, I.P.M., with the toast.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., said he supposed the reason he had been called upon to acknowledge the toast was because he was the most modest of all the Past Masters. He esteemed it an honour and a great pleasure to instal his friend Bro. Fox into the chair of his mother lodge, which he would ably and creditably fill. Might he say that in the old Royal Savoy Lodge everything was done properly, and if he had given satisfaction as Installing Master he was proud. He earnestly hoped that all the members would at the end of the W.M.'s term of office, say good and faithful servant you have done well.

Bro. G. Thompson, I.P.M., also responded. He stated that he thought all the members had respect for him; he had worked hard as a member and Master, and he felt that his services were appreciated, or he would not have had the handsome Past Master's jewel, which he should ever honour. He took that opportunity of thanking his officers for the great assistance he had received at their hands, especially the Secretary, Major Knightley, P.M., who had worked hard and saved him (Bro. Thompson) a lot of time, and he could not thank him too much for his great services, which he should never forget.

There was a draw for three Life Subscriptions to the Old People's Institution, which fell to the lot of Bros. J. Pratt, P.M., H. Ward, and G. Rice, who promised the amount (15 guineas) to Bro. A. H. Cole, P.M., who was going up as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of that Institution.

Bro. A. H. Cole, P.M., acknowledged the amount, and in very earnest terms advocated the cause of the Old People, and he urged the members to give liberally to his list.

It is pleasing to record that, in response to this appeal, Bro. J. Bishop stated that he would give five guineas in addition to one guinea he had already subscribed.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., intimated that he would subscribe five guineas, as also did Bros. Major Knightley, P.M., and A. George.

It was subsequently stated that Bro. Cole's list amounted to 60 guineas.

Bro. A. George mentioned the case of Bro. J. W. Smith—an old P.M. of the lodge—a candidate at the next election of the Old People and he urged the brethren to give it every support.

Bro. Stiles, P.G.T., endorsed everything that Bro. George had stated, and said that he would give all his votes to Bro. J. W. Smith.

Bro. Major Knightley said that he would help the case with 100 votes, and

Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., promised his votes and do everything he could to support such a deserving case.

The toast of "The Visitors" met with a warm reception, the W.M. extending to the guests a hearty welcome, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. W. G. Adcock, W.M. 2202; W. J. Clark, 1831; Thos. Hobley, W.M. 1320; J. Hemming, P.M. 2398; James Irvine, P.M. 862; and C. Baur, 2021; and several excellent speeches were made in response.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge," having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the very successful proceedings.

A splendid programme of music was arranged under the able direction of Bro. Wilfrid Davies, most efficiently assisted by Bros. W. Kirby Humphreys, Frank Swinford, Lawler, and Fred S. Ephens, who gave with very marked effect "A Fallen Star."

Royal Arch.

Moir Chapter, No. 92.

The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Present: Comps. E. D. Oppert, M.E.Z.; J. M. Mitchell, H.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, J.; R. F. Gould, P.Z., Scribe E.; G. Greiner, I.P.Z., Scribe N.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., Treas.; W. F. Noakes P.S.; W. H. Hooker, P.Z., A.S.; Wickham Noakes, P.Z., Stwd.; W. Bohm, P.Z.; J. N. Noakes, and S. B. Noakes. Visitors: Comps. J. C. Partridge, 29; Edward Macbean, J. 2020, P.G. Chancellor Scotland; R. Fox, 175; E. R. Ratcliffe, J. 175; W. G. Poole, P.Z. 860; and C. G. Poole, 1347.

The minutes of the last convocation having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. F. A. Donnison, I.G. 92, which proving favourable, and the candidate being in attendance, he was exalted into the mysteries and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. There being no further business, the chapter was then closed, and the convocation dissolved together.

Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

The anniversary meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when there were present Comps. J. W. H. Littleboy, M.E.Z.; J. H. Askham, H., and M.E.Z. elect; C. Pulman, P.Z., J., and H. elect; W. J. Jackson, J. elect; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., Scribe E.; A. H. Gale, Scribe N.; J. Webb, P.Z., Treas.; and J. B. Woods, A.S. Also, Comps. R. F. Gould, P.A.G.S., and C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Scribe E. (honorary members); and G. J. Ma-on, Janitor. Comps. H. J. Bidwell, M.E.Z., and A. Reid, A.S. 2120, were visitors.

The following are the officers for the year: Comps. J. H. Askham, M.E.Z.; C. Pulman, H.; W. S. Jackson, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, S.E.; A. H. Gale, S.N.; J. Webb, P.Z., Treas.; A. G. Clinton, P.S.; A. M. Kennet, 1st A.S.; J. B. Wood, 2nd A.S.; H. B. Osburn, D.C.; and W. A. Shaw, Stwd. Comps. Askham and Pulman having previously served in their respective offices, the full ceremony of installation was only requisite in the case of Comp. Jackson, who was inducted into the Third chair by Comp. C. T. Tyler, in the happy and impressive manner for which the Prov. G. Scribe E. is so renowned, when performing any of the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft or Royal Arch Degrees. The jewel of a Past First Principal was presented to Comp. J. W. H. Littleboy, I.P.Z., for his able conduct in the chair, 1898-99, after which, there being no further business, the chapter was closed.

At the subsequent banquet, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comps. R. F. Gould and C. Pulman returned thanks for "The Grand," and Comp. C. T. Tyler for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The toast of the evening, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was very enthusiastically received, and acknowledged in most feeling terms by Comp. Askham.

Other toasts followed, and finally the Janitor's toast brought a most agreeable evening to a close.

Mark Masonry.

Faithful Lodge, No. 229.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Globe Hotel, Main-street, Cockermouth, on Wednesday, the 8th instant. Among those present were Bros. W. W. R. Sewell, W.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S. Eng.; T. Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Hewson, P.M., P.P.S.G.O.; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.J.G.W.; G. L. Skerry, P.M. 282, P.P.G.R. of M.; J. J. Little, P.M. 282, P.P.S.G.O.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Sec.; D. G. Douglas, 152; and others.

The opening of the lodge was followed by the confirmation of the minutes. Bro. Walker being in attendance was advanced to the honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason in good style by Bro. W. W. R. Sewell, W.M., who was ably supported by the whole of the officers present; in fact, the work was done in a manner that entirely met with the approval of the most critical.

All the business being ended, the brethren adjourned for refreshment under the presidency of the W.M., and afterwards a very happy time was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. A. BOTT COOK, J.P., P.G.D.

It is with extreme regret that we announce the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Arthur Cook, J.P. for London and Middlesex, who expired somewhat unexpectedly at his residence in Great Cumberland-place, on Sunday, the 12th instant. Our late brother, who was in the 54th year of his age, and leaves a widow and a son to mourn his loss, had taken a very distinguished part in Masonry for about 35 years, and had won high distinction in the different branches with which he was connected. He was initiated while *in statu pupillari* at Trinity College, Cambridge, in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, on the 27th February, 1865. On the 22nd January, 1867, he was elected joining member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and having represented it on the Board of Grand

Stewards in 1870, was elected and installed into the chair as Dep. Master, his period of service in that capacity extending over two years—1877 and 1878. He was also a member of the Oxford and Cambridge University Lodge, No. 1118; and in 1876 became the principal founder and was installed the first W. Master of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591. On vacating the chair he was appointed Secretary, and it is mainly owing to his exertions that this lodge has attained to a position of such eminence in the Metropolitan district. This fact was stated in open lodge at the meeting held by special dispensation in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole on the 20th January, 1897, when the lodge celebrated the 21st anniversary of its consecration, and when, after Bro. the Right Hon. W. Hume Long, M.P., President of the Board of Agriculture, had been installed W.M. in the presence of a brilliant gathering of members and visitors—of whom several were colleagues of Bro. Long in Lord Salisbury's Cabinet—Bro. Alfred Cooper, P.G.D., Treasurer, rose, and in the name and on behalf of the Studholme Lodge, presented our late brother with a service of plate "as a slight recognition" of what he had done for the lodge. In the course of his remarks in making the presentation Bro. Cooper is reported to have said, "This lodge was started 21 years ago at Surbiton"—where it was consecrated by the late Bro. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., then Prov. G. Master of Surrey—"and its principal founder and first Master was our Bro. A. B. Cook. In consequence of its great increase in members and prosperity, the lodge was transferred to London, and I think I may say without fear of contradiction, that no lodge of this age has ever held a more prominent position in the Craft. This, I may say, is chiefly due to the energy, tact, zeal, and ability of our Secretary, Bro. Cook." With such a record of services as the above it is not surprising that the late Bro. Cook should have been appointed to office in Grand Lodge; indeed, he was twice so appointed, firstly to the substantive rank of Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1881, and the second time to the brevet rank of Past Grand Deacon at the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Euclid Chapter, No. 859, Cambridge, on the 27th November, 1866, and has served the office of First Principal Z. both in the Prince of Wales' Chapter, No. 259, and the Studholme Chapter, while in Supreme G. Chapter he was appointed, in 1881, G. Std. Bearer, and in 1897 Past Asst. G. Sojourner. In the Mark Degree he has taken a still more prominent part. He was appointed G.M.O. in 1877, and having held the important post of President of the General Board from 1890 to 1892, was in the latter year, on the death of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey, and the division of that province into the separate Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey, appointed and installed Prov. G. Mark Master of Middlesex. In that capacity he presided in 1897 at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, when the "record" total of £3100 of donations and subscriptions was announced as the result of his advocacy, the contribution of his Province towards this total being £1251, including Bro. Cook's own list as Chairman, which was in round figures, £800. In the Order of the Temple, of which he was a Knight Grand Cross and Past First Grand Constable, he was at the time of his death a member and Past E.P. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory, No. 128, and had been such since 1873, there being only one member senior to him in the Preceptory, namely, Sir Knt. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P. In addition, he was Past G. Treasurer of the Imperial Council of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, Past Dep. G. Master of the G. Council R. and S.M., and representative of the G.C. of South Carolina; Past Dep. G.M. of the G. Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees; Past G. Warden in the Royal Order of Scotland (Prov. G. Lodge London and Met. Counties); Past M.W.S. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, No. 45, and G. Marshal of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. As regards our Institutions, besides making Mrs. Cook a Vice-Patron of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions and his son a Vice-Patron of the three, he had himself qualified as Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and Life Governor of the Boys' School. In respect of the Stewardships he had served—four for the Girls', three for the Boys', and three for the Old People—it is worthy of remark that our late distinguished brother acted as the representative of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, at all the three special Festivals of the last 10 years, his list at the Girls' Centenary, 1888, realising £420; at the Benevolent Jubilee, in 1892, £441; and at the Boys' Centenary, in June of last year, £126. He was also a Vice-President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, in behalf of which he had served some seven or eight Stewardships, his most valuable services having been rendered to the Fund—as already described—in 1897, when he took the chair, and at the same time rendered most valuable aid as Steward. It need only be said that the death of one who has accomplished so much, and who, being still in the prime of life, might have been looked to to continue his work for many years to come, is a serious loss, more especially to the lodges, chapters, and other bodies with which he was connected as member, and to these, as well as to his widow and only son, we tender our sincerest sympathy.

BRO. CHARLES WM. HUDSON, W.M. 2665, P. PROV. G.W. SUSSEX.

Bro. Charles Wm. Hudson, whose death we regret to say occurred at his residence, in Brighton, on Monday, the 13th instant, at the early age of 51, was initiated into Freemasonry in 1868 (over 30 years ago) in the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, at Brighton, by his father, who was then W.M. He became W.M. in 1879, and in 1885, was elected Treasurer, which office he had held up to the present time. In 1882 he was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for Sussex. This office he held for three years, until he was appointed to the chair of Provincial Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Hudson was a founder and P.M. of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, and a founder and P.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201. In 1897, he became principal founder, and on the 4th October in that year, after the ceremony of consecration had been performed, was installed first W.M. of the Past and Present Lodge, No. 2665, and had the satisfaction of knowing that under his auspices the lodge passed successfully through the first and therefore, the most critical year of its existence. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in 1874, in the Royal Pavilion Chapter, No. 315, of which he was P.Z. and Treasurer. He was a founder of the Chaucer Chapter, No. 1540, and of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, in both of which he served as M.E.Z. In Mark Masonry, Bro. Hudson was a Past Grand Steward, Past Provincial Grand M.O. of Sussex, and had twice served the office of W.M. in the Southdown Lodge, No. 164. He was from the time of his initiation an ardent worker for the Charities, was a London representative on the Board of Management of the Boys' School, of which Institution he was a Vice-President. He was also a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution and Life Governor of the Girls' School, having served in all 16 Stewardships. It will be recollected that Bro. Hudson unsuccessfully contested the election of Grand Treasurer in 1894 and again in 1895, and doubtless had he remained in his usual health, he would have again offered himself as a candidate for that high and honourable office.

BRO. WILLIAM WORRELL.

THE DEATH occurred on Tuesday of Bro. William Worrell, of Brixton and Streatham Hill. Deceased was a liveryman of the Fanmakers' Company and an assistant of the Yang Tse Insurance Association. He had survived his wife, the late Madam Worrell, who was so well-known in musical circles, for just four years.

Masonic and General Tidings.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES as a Freemason is not very familiar to the lay public, although every other aspect of his Royal Highness is written about. But his portrait in the magnificent regalia of his Worshipful Grand Mastership, with many details about his work as a Mason, are given by Mr. John Strachan, O.C., in a book he has written called "Northumbrian Masonry, and the Development of the Craft in England" (published by Bro. George Kenning, of Great Queen-street). Books on the history of Freemasonry are so little known to the general reader that Mr. Strachan's readable compilation is welcome.—*Illustrated London News*.

LORD AND LADY ALINGTON have left town for Bournemouth.

THE DUCHESS OF MONTROSE has arrived in Pont-street for the season, from Crewe Hall.

THE DUKE OF YORK received his Excellency the President of Costa Rica at York House, St. James's Palace.

BRO. LORD GREVILLE and the Hon. Veronique Greville have arrived for the season at 8, Upper Belgrave-street, S.W.

BRO. COLONEL THE EARL OF STRAFFORD has arrived at Windsor as Equerry-in-Waiting to the Queen. The Munshi Abdul Karim has also arrived.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, as Grand Master of Mark Masons, has appointed Bro. the Earl of Lathom as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for Lancashire.

BRO. SIR HENRY HARBEN has consented to preside at the Hotel Cecil on Wednesday, May 10th, at a festival dinner in aid of the North London Hospital for Consumption.

MR. M. B. LUMSDEN, of 33, Spenser-road, Herne-hill, S.E., has been appointed Honorary Secretary to the Old Masonians' Athletic Club, to whom all future communications should be addressed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—By the kind invitation of Bro. Oscar Barrett our boys attended the performance of the pantomime of "Dick Whittington" at the Adelphi Theatre on the 8th inst., and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

IT IS PROPOSED by the board of the Holborn and Frascati (Limited) to pay a dividend and bonus of 10 per cent. for the year, and to place £10,000 (as against £5,000 a year ago) to reserve, leaving a sum of £7,000 to be carried forward.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON and the Sheriffs have accepted the invitation of his Excellency Monsieur Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador, to be present at the 31st anniversary dinner of the French Hospital and Dispensary, at the Hotel Cecil, on Saturday, April 29th.

A MARRIAGE took place on Saturday last at St. Michael's, Stockwell, between Mr. Harry Ernest Willing (the second son of Bro. James Willing, jun., of Rock Hall, Teddington) and Miss Kate Mabel (Norah) Sidmouth (the youngest daughter of Mr. G. Sidmouth, of Ramsgate).

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK, who were delayed a day at Calais on account of the storm, arrived at Charing Cross at ten minutes past six o'clock on Tuesday evening, their Royal Highnesses being met by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (who was attended by Captain Holford) and the Duke and Duchess of York.

BROS. THE LORD MAYOR AND LADY MAYORESS, Alderman and Sheriff Alliston, and Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, L.C.C., will be guests at the Hotel Metropole, on Tuesday, April 18th, at the annual banquet of the Homes for Little Boys, Farningham and Swanley.

THE OLD MASONIANS gave the annual concert in aid of their Benevolent and Grant Fund on Friday, the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Among those present were the President of the Association, Bro. John Strachan, O.C., G. Reg., and Mrs. Strachan; Bro. C. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., W.M. 2700, and Mrs. Keyser; Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., and Mrs. McLeod; Bro. R. Harold Williams, and Bro. R. Stanley Chandler, Treasurer of the Association. A capital programme of vocal and instrumental music was given and a most enjoyable evening spent.

ACCIDENT TO A CARDIFF DOCTOR.—What might have been a serious accident occurred on Tuesday morning last on Canton Bridge, Cardiff. The road is being repaired at the spot, and the steam roller in use for the purpose caused a horse attached to a lorry to shy on the pathway, where Bro. Dr. De Vere Hunt was engaged in conversation with Mr. Stanaway. The latter gentleman was struck by the shaft, and was shot against the doctor, both gentlemen falling to the ground. Mr. Stanaway was cut about the hands, knees, and left shoulder, and Dr. Hunt was bruised about the ribs. The driver of the vehicle was Thomas John, 11, Crwys-place, whose employers are a firm of furniture dealers. Mr. Stanaway's injuries were attended to by Dr. Hunt.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES visited the National Gallery of British Art at Millbank on Tuesday morning, for the purpose of choosing a position for the proposed statue of the late Sir John Millais. He was received by the committee of the Millais Memorial, and, ultimately, it was decided to place the statue on the principal flight of steps in front of the entrance portico, or, as an alternative, in one of the open spaces in front of the building. Mr. James Knowles, the Hon. Treasurer of the Fund, reported the amount of subscriptions already promised or received, the total, which at present nearly reaches £1000, including £100 from the Prince of Wales; £100 from Mr. James Knowles; and the same amounts from Mr. Peter Reid and Sir Henry Tate. Among other subscribers are Sir E. J. Poynter, P.R.A., Bro. Sir Henry Irving, Bro. Sir Squire Barcroft, the Earl of Wemyss, Sir W. Agnew, and others.

PRESIDENT FELIX FAURE died on Thursday evening at 10 o'clock, after three hours' illness. It had been known for some time past that M. Faure suffered from a heart affection. The first intimation that he was worse than usual came at half-past six in the evening, when a message was despatched to M. Dupuy, the Premier, announcing that the President had been taken ill. When the news of his death reached the House of Commons there was some conversation in Ministerial circles as to whether the adjournment of the House should at once be moved out of respect to his memory. In the absence of any precedent for such a course, and in the absence also of official confirmation of the news, it was decided not to move the adjournment, but to-day (Friday) some formal notice is expected to be taken of the sad event.

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BRO. CHAS. ORTNER held a grand Bohemian concert (ladies' night) at St. Martin's Town Hall on the 8th instant, when over 30 well-known artistes assisted in a very successful programme. On the 14th instant, at the Prudent Brethren Chapter, Bro. Ortner was assisted in the musical programme by Miss Haslett, and Comps. Wilson and Cox.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg (with Princess Victoria Eugenie and the Princes Leopold and Maurice), and her Grand Ducal Highness Princess Louis of Battenberg (with the Princesses Alice and Louise and Prince George), arrived at Windsor Castle shortly before two o'clock on Thursday afternoon from Osborne, crossing over to Clarence Yard on board her Majesty's yacht *Alberta*, Rear-Admiral Fullerton, A.D.C.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY has again arranged with Messrs. Walter Hill and Co., Ltd., of 67 and 69, Southampton-row, London, W.C., for the preparation of a list of seaside, farmhouse, and country lodgings to be let at places adjacent to, or in connection with, their system. The stationmasters at the various Great Northern stations are collecting the necessary information, and will be glad to furnish full particulars on application. Enquiries may also be addressed to Messrs. Walter Hill and Co. at the above address, or to Mr. J. Alexander, superintendent of the line, Great Northern Railway, King's-cross Station.



BRO. T. BRIGGS, I.P.M. No. 1657
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