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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The ballot-papers for the April School Elections were issued early in the present week, and the Governors and Subscribers are, therefore, in a position to judge of the relative merits of the several candidates, so far, at least, as it is possible to form an opinion from the brief particulars appended to the children's names. From the list of those applicants whose cases have been approved for

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

we gather that the election will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 13th April; that the number of candidates is 36, of whom 14 bring forward their claims and votes from last year; and that the number of vacancies to be filled is 16. London furnishes eight candidates of its own, and has part interest with Kent in the success of two others. The eight of purely London origin are Nos. 6, 7, 9, and 13, who were among the unsuccessful in October last, and bring forward 2105, 1592, 1310, and 3501 votes respectively, No. 6, who has failed at two elections, having this one and only chance left her of securing admission into the School. The new candidates whose names have been placed on the list since October are Nos. 21, 27, 30, and 36, while the two London and Kent candidates are No. 4, who has 3327 votes in hand towards winning a place on this occasion or having her name removed from the list, and No. 35, with whom it is a case of winning now or never, as, like No. 4, she will be too old to be allowed another opportunity. The remaining 26 candidates hail from sundry Provinces and Stations Abroad and are thus distributed. Essex sends up three girls, of whom No. 12 scored 314 votes at her first attempt in October, and Nos. 25 and 26 are new to the experience of the ballot. Hertfordshire, Middlesex, and Warwickshire, have two candidates each, the first named furnishing Nos. 19 and 33; Middlesex, Nos. 10 and 11, with 896 and 2157 votes to their credit respectively; and Warwickshire, No. 15, who must win this election or have her name removed, and No. 16. The other 17 girls hail from the following,

namely, No. 1 from Valparaiso, who brings forward 1042 votes from her three previous attempts; No. 2 from Kent, who has in hand 1839 votes; No. 3 from Northumberland and Durham, with 3319 votes; No. 5 from Lincolnshire, N. and E. Yorkshire, and two other Provinces, with 2681 votes to the good; and No. 8 from Sussex, who brings forward 414 votes. The rest are new candidates, No. 17 from Oxfordshire and Derbyshire, and No. 18 from Wiltshire, being *last* cases; No. 20 from West Lancashire; No. 22 from Hong Kong and South China and South Wales (E.D.); No. 23 from Norfolk; No. 24 from Staffordshire and Leicestershire and Rutland; No. 28 from Leicestershire and Rutland; No. 29—a *last* case—from Hants and Isle of Wight, Bengal, and Punjab; No. 31 from the old Province of Berks and Bucks, who is also a *last* case; No. 32 from Oxfordshire; and No. 34 from Lincolnshire. We may add that the special feature in the list is the number of *last* cases, that is, of children whose names will be removed in the event of their being unsuccessful at this ballot.

The election for

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takes place at the Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 14th April. The number of candidates, of whom 16 remain from October, 1898, and 21 have had their names placed on the list since, is lower than it has been for some time, and reaches only 37, while the number of vacancies is 23, the chances of winning admission being decidedly more favourable than for the Girls' election, at which it will be only possible to elect 16 out of 36. London furnishes 11 candidates and has a joint interest with Surrey in two others. The former include Nos. 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11, who respectively bring forward 91, 1339, 2370, 713, and 1244 votes, while No. 15 has 883 votes to his credit. The other five are placed at Nos. 17, 20, 22, 34, and 37. Of these 11 boys, No. 6, if he fails this time, will have no further chance allowed him, as he will attain the maximum limit of 11 years in the month of August. The two London and Surrey candidates are No. 16, with 1663 votes in hand, and No. 23. Of the 24 Provincial and Foreign Candidates, Devonshire sends No. 1, who has 1819 votes in hand, and No. 36; Middlesex, two new candidates, who are placed at Nos. 25 and 29, and the latter of whom has only this chance of success; South Wales (E.D.), No. 14, with 24 votes brought forward, and No. 19; and Staffordshire, Nos. 21 and 33. The others hail from the following Provinces or Districts, namely, No. 2 from Buckinghamshire, with 325 votes to the good; No. 3 from West Lancashire, with 56 votes; and No. 4 from Herefordshire, with only 13 votes to help him at his last attempt. No. 7 from Northumberland brings forward 479 votes towards his last appeal; No. 12 from Auckland (N.Z.) has 8 votes forward from October; and No. 13 from Cambridgeshire 461 votes. The rest are all candidates for the first time, No. 18 being from Dorsetshire (a *last* case), No. 24 from Berkshire, Nos. 26, 27, and 28 from Derbyshire, Antigua, and West Yorkshire, respectively; No. 30 from Somersetshire, No. 31 from Hants and the Isle of Wight and the Punjab, and No. 32 from N. and E. Yorkshire.

It will be seen that taking the candidates for the two elections together, there are 13—eight girls and five boys—who must win vacancies this time or have their names removed from the list. The girls are Nos. 4, 6, 15, 17, 18, 29, 31, and 35, and the boys Nos. 4, 6, 7, 18, and 29, and, following the custom we have adopted for several years, we earnestly appeal to all Governors and Subscribers who are not pledged to support any candidates to give all their votes and use all the influence they possess in behalf of these children, who have only this one opportunity of securing the benefits which they have been adjudged worthy to receive.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BURMAH.

It is evident, from the report of the proceedings of this District Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication, on the 27th December last, that the Craft is prospering under the rule of Bro. J. COPLEY MOYLE, as it did under that of his respected predecessor, the late Bro. DONALD G. MCLEOD. The District is not a large one, but, so far as the District Grand Master had had time to judge, the lodges were doing their work admirably, and if only they were stronger in respect of membership, there would be little, if anything, to be desired. All the lodge dues had been received, and it was hoped that one of the lodges, which had lost its W.M., Wardens, and I.P.M., through their being transferred to other stations, and had not enough members to be able to hold a meeting, might be revived if it were removed to another locality, where there were reasons for believing that it would prosper and increase in membership. The District Grand Lodge funds, too, would appear to be in a sound condition, there being credit balances on the General and Benevolent Funds amounting together to over 1943 rupees. The District Grand Master, in the course of his address, referred in highly complimentary terms to the services rendered by the Rev. Bro. Clarke, District Grand Chaplain to the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Society by preaching a sermon on its behalf, which had resulted in a collection of over 400 rupees. Later in his remarks he drew attention to the diminution in the membership which was noticeable during the first three-quarters of the year, but which might be rectified by the returns of the remaining quarter, and he suggested that with a view to "increasing the number of Subscribing Members of the lodges," unattached brethren should be invited to rejoin. Many of these latter, he pointed out, had resigned "undoubtedly from very insufficient reasons," and, as he very truly urged "Wor. Masters can do much towards making the work of their lodges possibly more attractive by determining that there shall be always something more done than the mere routine work. Members should not only feel sure of a hearty welcome in their lodge, but of acquiring something in the shape of knowledge." He added that he felt sure it was sufficient to draw the attention of the Rulers in the Craft then present to the facts he had dealt with, and to remind them further "that quality was more to be prized than quantity," and that it was not so much the subscriptions as the regular attendance and co-operation in the work of the lodge that was to be desired." It is this kind of advice which is needed in order to induce brethren to rejoin lodges, and keep them there. No doubt, as the D.G. Master had previously remarked, brethren "by remaining unattached" "neglect the spirit of their Masonic obligations," but there can be no question that a very large proportion of the Unattached leave their lodges because there is no attempt made to interest them or to arouse in them a desire for the acquisition of knowledge. They have tired of the "mere routine work" which has been served up meeting after meeting, and in despair of attaining a clearer insight into our mysteries have withdrawn from active membership. It is to be hoped that the wise counsels of the Dist. Grand Master of Burmah will be taken to heart, not only by the brethren in his District, but also by those in other parts of the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Hertfordshire County Council a letter was read from Bro. Earl Cowper, who has been the chairman for the past 10 years, offering to resign his position, on the ground of ill-health. The Council, however, on the motion of Lord Clarendon, seconded by the Hon. A. Holland Hibbert, unanimously re-elected him lordship, and Sir John Evans, K.C.B., was unanimously re-appointed vice-chairman.

FREEMASONRY IN DUMFRIESSHIRE.

Dumfriesshire is a small Province on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but it contains some old and remarkable Lodges which have very interesting Histories, one dating back to the 17th century.

In the "Freemason's Directory," Edited by Bro. James Smith, P.M. (P. Prov. G. Treas.), and published for 1899, being the sixth issue, a few facts are noted which prove unmistakably how long ago some of the old Lodges were at work, and when regularly constituted.

The "Dumfries Kilwinning" Lodge, No. 53, has records preserved from 1687, its origin being still earlier, but it did not give in its adhesion to the Grand Lodge until the year 1750. Its History has been ably written by my friend, Bro. James Smith, in an attractive form, and two out of four of the copies of the "Old Charges" in its possession are reproduced in the same volume. It was known as "The Old Lodge of Dumfries," so the Editor tells us.

Then there is the "Thistle," No. 62, with its Charter of 1754, but a little older Records, whose origin is also uncertain. The members own a copy of the "Old Charges," more singular than valuable.

The third of the remarkable trio is No. 63, and called the "St. Michael's Kilwinning," which was warranted in 1755, but the existing Records only go back a little over a hundred years. Its History has also been entertainingly written by the Dumfries Masonic Historian, Bro. Smith (now of the Town of Shotts).

No. 100, Lochmaben, dates from 1766; No. 107, Langholm, from 1767, as respects Charter, but Records from 1747; No. 140, "Operative," Dumfries, from 1776; and still another of that century, No. 194, of 1778 constitution, with Records from 1738.

A little Province truly, but not easy to beat. Its list of dormant Lodges cited by the Editor includes five of last century. There are also other particulars in this wee brochure proving how anxious Bro. Smith has been to do ample justice to his Province.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF VERITY, No. 2739.

This lodge has been founded by 22 members of the Stock Exchange and is in connection with that important institution; it having long been felt that there was ample room for a second lodge there. It is in no way instituted as a rival of the old established Lodge of Prudence, but rather as a supplement to it, and in proof of the truth of the remark overheard, "we believe we are supplying a want." There were in the course of the proceedings, six candidates for initiation, and eight joining members proposed and seconded, to be balloted for at the first regular meeting of the lodge.

The consecration took place at the Café Monico on the 6th inst., when the founders and their guests, numbering nearly 100 in all, had the gratification of witnessing Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., perform the ancient and interesting ceremony in an impressive manner. He was ably assisted by Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., as S.W.; W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G. Chap., as Chap.; James H. Matthews, Pres. Board of Benevolence, as I.G.; and Frank Richardson, as D.C.

Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the Consecrating Officer called upon the D.C. to read the warrant, to which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, had graciously attached his signature. The CONSECRATING OFFICER then called the attention of the assembled brethren to the beauty and sacred character of the ceremonial, and alluded to the importance of the lodge being instituted, and felt sure that all present would join with him in wishing it a successful and useful career.

The gold vessels of Grand Lodge were lent for the occasion by Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms.

The Founders having expressed their approval of the first officers, whose names were engrossed upon the warrant,

The CHAPLAIN delivered a stirring oration upon the value of Masonry in the completion of a man's character.

Those under the rank of Master having retired, Bro. John Renton Dunlop, P.M., P.G.S., was then installed as first Master in the ancient chair, and he appointed Bros. Edward Roehrich as S.W. and Albert G. Nevill, J.W., and invested them with the collar, badge, and other insignia of their respective offices, giving to each a charge, description, and explanation in ancient Masonic form.

The W.M. was then, at the suggestion and instance of the Grand D. of C., deputed by the Founders to ballot on their behalf for a Treasurer, and elected Bro. Arthur E. Stearns to that office, and in investing him with the insignia of his office made a graceful reference to Bro. Stearn's family connection with his mother lodge.

The W.M. then appointed Bros. A. W. Stearns, Sec.; J. T. Bridgewater, S.D.; Michael Greive, J.D.; T. G. Detmar, I.G.; Horace Quare, D. of C.; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler.

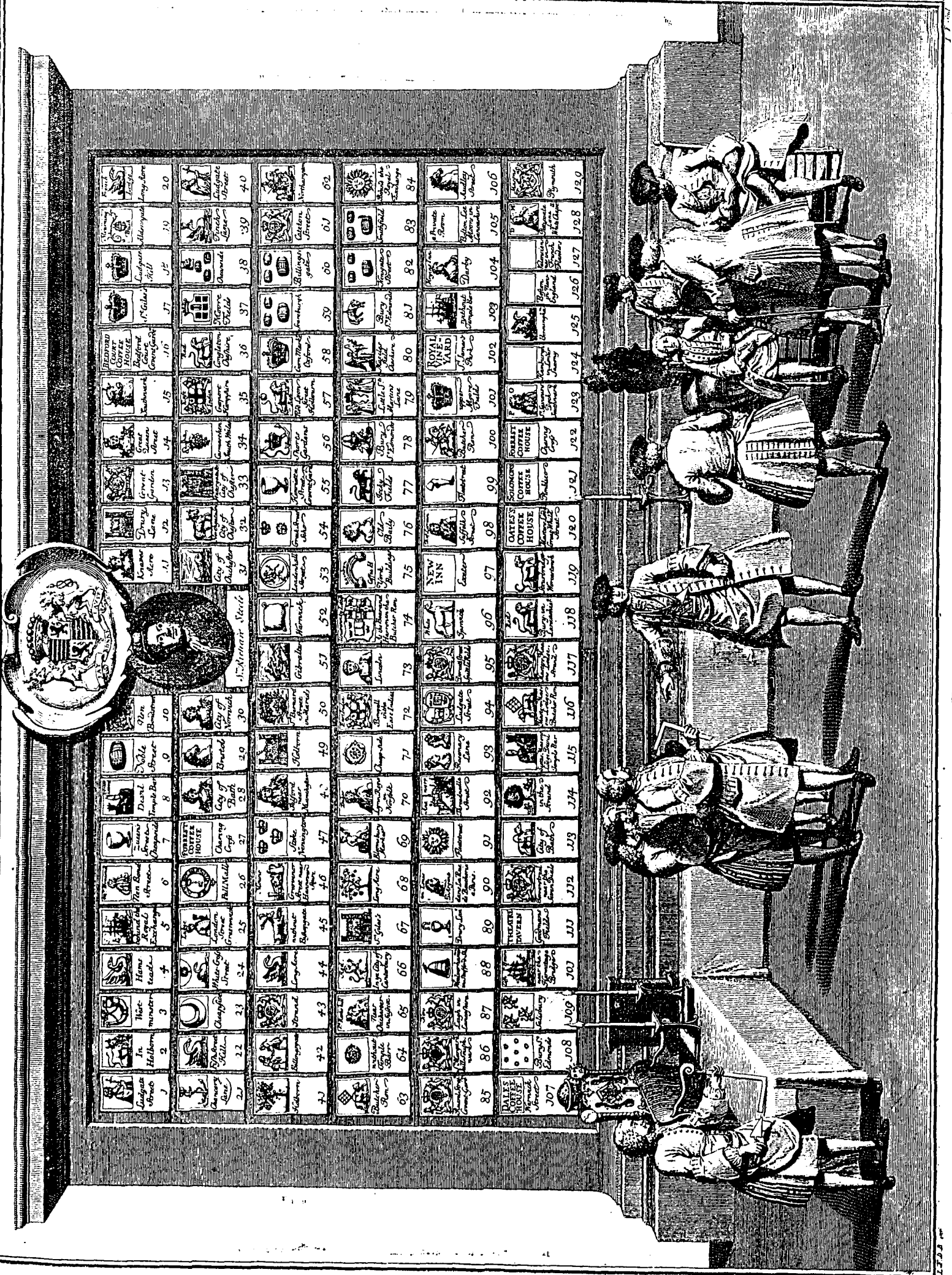
At the instance of the W.M. the Consecrating Officers were elected hon. members by the Founders with one consent.

The propositions, for initiates six in number, and for joining members eight in number, were then made, and nothing more being offered, the W.M. closed the lodge.

After the banquet, which was splendidly served, the usual loyal toasts were given, the W.M. proving himself qualified for the post by his terse and epigrammatic speeches.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," enlarged upon the splendid and unique position occupied by the Lodge of Prudence in regard to its funds, and hoped that the Lodge of Verity would strive to emulate it, and would obtain a like success—a hope in which all the founders of the new lodge devoutly joined.

XXXV.



LES FREE-MASSONS

The majority of those present were members of the Stock Exchange, and we were happy in witnessing the great cordiality that was manifest on all sides, and we can bear witness to the hospitality of the founders.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. Harry William Birks, John T. Bridgewater, F. P. Colliver, Richard Davies, T. J. Detmar, John Dives, J. Renton Dunlop, P.M., P.G.S.; Michael Greive, Edwin B. Holloway, P.M.; Ralph Langton, Norman Morice, Henry Neville, P.M., A.G.D.C.; Albert G. Neville, Charles James Powell, P.M.; F. W. Prior, P.M.; Horace Quare, P.M.; Walter Ramsey, Alfred Lewis Reynolds, P.M.; Edward Roehrich, Percy Stanfeld Smith, P.M.; Arthur Edmund Stearns, P.M.; and Arthur Woodburne Stearns, P.M.

A selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Miss Lucie Johnstone, Bros. T. G. Detmar and Richard Davies, and the Schartau Part Singers.—Violin soloist, Miss Zeta Mason.

Among the presents made to the lodge at the outset of its career is an old Bible of the year 1610, in which has been inserted an engraving, which represents a Lodge of Masons, and in the background of which is represented, as on a frame or screen, one of the early Engraved Lists of Lodges, in which the Lodges numbered consecutively from 1 to 129 inclusive are shown, with the signs distinctive of the houses at which they held their meetings. In the centre of the top portion of the frame is inscribed a coat-of-arms, with the motto—*Jay bonne cause*—on the usual scroll, and beneath it is a portrait of Sir Richard Steele. The title of the engraving, as given at foot, is "Les Free-Massons," and from the fact of Steele's portrait being introduced, we are inclined to associate it with the 1735 List in Picart's great work on "Cérémonies et Coutumes Religieuses." But in a matter of this kind we should like to have the opinion of Bro. W. J. Hughan.

CONSECRATION OF THE MAIDA VALE LODGE, No. 2743.

The Maida Vale Lodge, No. 2743, was consecrated at the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen-place, Maida Vale, N.W., on Monday, the 13th instant, in the presence of a large number of brethren. The new lodge starts under very favourable auspices, having a body of founders numbering 37, whilst the first W.M., Bro. Henry Trask, P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, is a brother with considerable Masonic experience.

The Consecrating Officer—Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.—was assisted by Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., as S.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and W. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, as I.G.

The following is a complete list of the founders: Bros. H. Trask, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts; E. L. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 753, 2150; H. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; W. Parsons, P.M. 753; J. L. Goldstein, S.W. 2265; W. M. Wilson, S.W. 2202; W. Yeo, F. Freke Palmer, G. Stwd.; G. D. Mogford, P.M. 2362; H. Denham Wall, Douglas Redfearn, W.M. 753; G. Andrews, R. Townsend, P.M.; T. G. Forster, P.M. 1608; F. Crocker, T. Bowls, Otto Schüler, T. B. Harpham, E. W. Miller, W. J. Alabaster, J. T. Matthews, J. J. Johnson, R. J. T. Ward, T. Grove, F. Hennig, C. J. Carter, C. H. Worley, A. Nicholl, J. Mansfield, S. W. Page, D. Rodrigues, J. E. Cole, A. A. Webber, T. W. Muzzell, A. H. Thomson, and G. Butcher.

The visitors were Bros. J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; P. Craig, 2372; T. F. Strutt, S.W. 2664; J. Owston, 1158; R. Middlehurst, P.M. 2372; W. E. Boyles, 749; E. Davies, 1158; R. J. Campbell, W.M. 2668; C. Coleman, P.M. 1425; J. Copper, 2409; T. W. Mogford, P.M. 2362; J. H. Griffin, I.P.M.; W. Fisher, S.D.; H. C. Parsons, 2206; J. Hawkins, Horace Reynolds, 2182; Robert Milliken, P.M. 282 (I.C.); H. Wharton Wells, Prov. G. Org. Middx.; L. S. Genese, P.M., Sec. 2265; R. H. Walker, S.D. 435; W. West, J.W. 172; A. J. Ward, T. A. Markland, 144; W. Miller, 758; T. Powell, J.W. 2182; R. Burleton, P.M. 868; J. Hands, W. H. G. Rudderforth, E. A. Collins, J. M. Klempner, W.M. 2721; W. M. Young, M.D. 81; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Pratt, P.M. 1744; B. R. Thomas, Geo. Wood, E. Phillips, P.M. 171; O. H. Abrams, 511; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said: We are met together this afternoon on an occasion of considerable interest and one which I am sure the founders of this lodge will look back to in years to come with great pleasure. We are here for the purpose of starting into existence a new lodge, and I feel sure I am only expressing the feelings of all present when I express a hope that this lodge may have before it a very successful future, that it may accomplish all those objects the founders have in view, and that it may advance in every way the best interests of our Order.

The founders signified their final approval of the officers named in the warrant, and an excellent oration having been delivered by Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Chaplain, the new lodge was dedicated and constituted with the usual solemn and impressive formalities.

Bro. Henry Trask, P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, was duly installed as the first W.M. by the Grand Secretary, and invested the following officers: Bros. E. L. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, acting I.P.M.; W. J. Stratton, P.M., S.W.; H. J. Thomas, P.M., J.W.; W. Parsons, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Goldstein, S.W. 2265, Sec.; W. M. Wilson, S.W. 2202, S.D.; W. Yeo, J.D.; F. Freke Palmer, G. Stwd., I.G.; G. D. Mogford, P.M., D.C.; H. Denham Wall, Org.; Douglas Redfearn, W.M. 753, Geo. Andrews, and R. Townsend, P.M., Stwds.; and Weeks, Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. E. L. BERRY, acting I.P.M., the Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected hon. members of the lodge, and were each presented with a handsome talarus suitably inscribed.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap., in acknowledging the gift, said the Consecrating Officers had frequently been the recipients of useful presents, but he did not think they had ever been presented with anything so practically useful.

Five candidates were proposed as initiates and two brethren as joining members, after which the lodge was closed.

The banquet which followed was well served, and in conjunction with the other arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren, reflected the greatest credit upon the worthy host, Bro. Frank Crocker, who was heartily congratulated accordingly.

The usual toasts followed, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being first honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers" the W.M. expressed his regret that Bros. Letchworth, Brownrigg, and Richardson had been obliged to leave. As Bro. Terry was present he would couple with this toast "The Masonic Institutions." The last amount collected for the Benevolent Institution was £18,560, but there were 123 candidates and but 27 vacancies. Bro. Terry invested him as S.D. in the James Terry Lodge, and afterwards installed him as W.M. of that lodge.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, P.D.G.D.C., in response, said that as his superior officers had been compelled to leave, he had been called upon to respond. Referring to the recent appointments, he said that Earl Amherst was one of the oldest Masons they had, and was the reigning sovereign of one of the largest Provinces, where he had reigned for something like 40 years. Earl Amherst was eminently fitted for the post for he never found the labour too much but was always anxious to do his work, and travelled all over the Province to do it. Those who saw the masterly manner in which Earl Amherst set to work when the gavel was handed to him in Grand Lodge, and wiped off the business, must have thought he was the right man in the right place. In the Earl of Warwick, the Dep. G.M., they had a very keen Mason, who travelled hundreds of miles to attend installations. The G. Officers present included Bro. Terry, who had served the Benevolent Institution for 30 years; Bro. Thomas, ever to the front with hard work; and Bro. Mason, Vice President of the Board of General Purposes, who were all good samples of G. Officers, and imbued



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

with one grand idea—to further the best interests of the Craft. He was delighted to witness the readiness with which warrants for new lodges were now granted. The Masonry of to-day was not the Masonry of 10 years ago, for the late Grand Secretary was very scrupulous. He was pleased that the present Grand Secretary went with the times, and realised that as lodges increased in number they continued to achieve importance, and gave many brethren an opportunity of getting collars they could not obtain in their mother lodges. All the lodges the Grand Secretary had consecrated had been going on successfully, so that he had no cause to regret the consecration of any one. He hoped this lodge would not prove an exception, but succeed, not only financially, but also in quality.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., said that contrary to expectations the Benevolent Institution Festival had proved a greater success than was anticipated. Last year they received a poor total, but he hoped the success which had attended them this year would be repeated when the Girls' School Festival took place. He could only thank those round the table who were Stewards, and assisted to ensure the success.

The W.M. next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said the brethren had witnessed a Masonic treat that evening, and they were thankful to the Grand Officers for their rendering of the ceremony, the remembrance of which would be with them for many years to come.

Bro. J. J. THOMAS, P.G.S.B., in reply, said that brethren finding a necessity for a lodge in a particular district always found the Grand Secretary coming to their assistance. The Grand Secretary was certainly the right man in the right place, always courteous to those seeking advice, and sending away his visitors delighted. He (Bro. Thomas) was personally delighted to lend his assistance upon that occasion, and hoped the lodge would prosper. He congratulated the W.M. on being again installed, for they knew him as an active Freemason, and had listened to his working in his mother lodge.

Bro. W. J. MASON, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, also replied. He said that everything came to those who waited; for a few weeks ago he little thought to be a Consecrating Officer. It was now eight years since he first entered the Board of General Purposes, and this was his second year as Vice-President.

Bro. E. L. BERRY, P.P.G.D. Surrey, acting I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he had expected that the Grand Secretary would have been present to propose this toast. He believed the W.M. was

initiated in the King Harold Lodge and was afterwards Master of the James Terry Lodge. That was a sign that Bro. Trask would be a good W.M. and that the founders had a treat in store. Having such Grand Officers present was an incentive to the W.M. to do his best for the Maida Vale Lodge in the coming year. They would taste his quality at the next meeting when there would be five initiates. He would ask the brethren to give the toast a hearty reception and wish the W.M. a prosperous year.

Bro. TRASK, P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, W.M., in his reply, said: I am very thankful to the acting I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he has proposed my health, and to you, brethren, for your hearty reception. Let me thank all the brethren of the Maida Vale Lodge for the honour done me, the greatest honour ever conferred upon me in my life, and for their confidence in placing me in the chair as your first Worshipful Master. I forget whether I told the I.P.M. I would do my best, having a bad memory sometimes, but I will take it for granted and repeat it. I will do my best for the prosperity and interest of the Maida Vale Lodge. As Bro. Stephens said just now, we cannot be too particular whom we bring into our lodge, but if we bring good and honest men into it it is impossible for the lodge to go wrong. As long as we do what is right and just this lodge cannot fail to be prosperous. I thank you again for the honour conferred upon me, and I hope we shall all live for many years, and be of the same mind as we are to-night.

On behalf the 43 visitors present the following brethren responded for "The Visitors" toast: Bros. Rudderforth, W.M. desig. 2742; Campbell, W.M. 2698; Dr. Griffin, 2312; and others.

Other toasts were honoured, praise being given to the energetic Secretary, Bro. Goldstein, for his services, and to Bro. Parsons, P.M., for his assistance, and the evening closed with the Tyler's toast.

Under the direction of Bro. Etherington Smith the Lyric Vocal Quartette performed a selection of music.

The gifts to the lodge included a handsome set of chairs and candelabra from Bro. Frank Crocker, set of working tools from several brethren, and a silver inkstand from Bro. Parsons, Treas. The founder's jewel, which was of chaste design, included the arms of St. Marylebone and Paddington, as Maida Vale divides those two districts.

Bro. Henry Trask, who, as described in the foregoing report, has just been installed as the first W. Master of this new Lodge, No. 2743, was initiated in the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, Waltham Cross, in 1886, was one of the founders and is a Past Master of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, Waltham Cross, and is Past Prov. G. Supt. of Works Hertfordshire. He occupies the chair of Second Principal H. in the James Terry Chapter, No. 2372, and has done his part towards assisting our Charitable Institutions, having twice served as Steward and qualified as Life-Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and become Life Subscriber of our two Scholastic Institutions.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE EARL OF LATHOM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1922.

The annual supper of this highly successful lodge of instruction was held at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, on the 8th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. Hy. Cornford, W.M. 1922, ably supported by Bros. E. D. Side, W.M. 1658, Vice-President; Buckeridge, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; Ware, Asst. Sec.; Gibbs, Cohen, P.M.; Brown, Taylor, J. Hooper, P.M.; H. Erridge, L. S. Shipton, Wm. Hill, Treas.; Messent, Trotter, G. White, P.M.; Willcox, P.M.; Wedge, Everill, Rudd, Strevens, West, Chadderton, Morris, T. R. Cass, P.M.; Heath, Tempest, Sisman, Greenwood, J. Perrin, McGregor, Vernon, Riches, W. H. Harper, P.M.; W. J. H. Faull, T. Hobley, W.M. 1320; Bernard Cohen, W. E. Groom, E. A. Costello, F. M. Nilen, J. Gibbs, and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.W. 1641.

A capital supper supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Sisman, was much appreciated, and personally superintended by him, for which he received hearty thanks.

The cloth removed, the W.M. presented the loyal and Masonic toasts in capital style, which were loyally responded to.

Bro. H. BUCKERIDGE, P.M. 1658, next proposed "The Health of the President, Bro. Hy. Cornford, W.M. of the mother lodge," who was a most ardent and hard working Mason. Through his indefatigability, the lodge of instruction had greatly increased, of which he was the worthy Secretary, and Bro. E. J. S. Ware the very able assistant. During the five years he had been Secretary the numbers had increased from six to about 16 average per week, which was most encouraging. Particular service had also been rendered to the lodge by Bros. Andrews, P.M., late Preceptor, and Plant P.M., Preceptor. The President had devoted much time and energy in arranging the social evening which was a means of bringing together many old friends, and under his able guidance he (Bro. Buckeridge) was confident the company would have a most enjoyable evening.

In reply, Bro. H. CORNFORD, W.M., thanked the Dep. Preceptor, Bro. Buckeridge, for such kind references to himself, and also for the hearty reception given by the brethren. It was the custom that the W.M. of the mother lodge always took the chair on such occasions, hence the double honour to himself, viz., President of the evening, and the W.M. of the Earl of Lathom Lodge. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to advance the cause of the lodge of instruction, which was one of the best in South London; his whole heart and soul were in it, and under the able Preceptor, Dep. Preceptor, and Asst. Secretary there was no lodge that could beat it. There were some excellent Section workers in the lodge, and that, with its financial position, made it such that very few lodges could boast of the same in South London. He could not refrain from speaking of the hearty support accorded the lodge of instruction by the brethren of the Skelmersdale Lodge, of which Bro. Side was the W.M., and whose working was admirable. He gave the following few statistics: The average for the year was 15; the Section night, the night of the season, there were 56 present. The most congratulatory was the Benevolent Institution, which had paid over during the last two years £209; and the W.M. took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for enabling him to take up to the Centenary Festival of the Boys the munificent sum of £150. The second association was started, in which were 30 members, and was making most steady progress. He recommended such associations to every Mason, which ought to be the ambition of everyone in supporting them to their utmost. There was also a Charity box and Charity fund connected with the lodge, the former with the sum of £3 8s., and the latter £3 18s., which was highly creditable. He most heartily thanked the brethren for their kind attendance and cordial support, and hoped those who were not already members would enrol themselves as soon as possible.

Bro. H. CORNFORD, W.M., next presented the toast of "Bro. C. L. Plant, P.M., Preceptor," who was absent through serious illness, brought on by an accident, and resulting in a complication of diseases. It was their earnest desire that he would speedily be restored to continue the excellent work in the lodge of instruction. He was most ably supported by Bro. Buckeridge, P.M., Dep. Preceptor, who was always ready and willing to do his utmost for their welfare. During the illness of the worthy Preceptor all would hope for his kind assistance in the lodge.

Bro. BUCKERIDGE, in reply, said that the illness of Bro. Plant, Preceptor, caused a gloom and dampened their spirits, but all expressed their deep sympathy, hoped for the best, and earnestly desired his recovery. He was a most able worker, being Preceptor of three or four lodges of instruction, and carried out the ritual in a very perfect manner. On behalf of himself he heartily thanked them for their very kind expressions, and promised his best service to the lodge of instruction.

The PRESIDENT next gave the toast of "The Visitors" in a very cordial manner, which was duly responded to by Bros. GREENWOOD, NILEN, VERNOR, GIBBS, and EVERILL.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given, was ably replied to by Bros. WM. HILL, Treas., and E. A. WARE, S.W. 192, Asst. Sec.

A capital programme of music was arranged, and the following brethren gave great pleasure: Bros. L. S. Shipton, T. Hobley, G. A. Costello, C. H. Stone, F. Everill, and Cohen, as reciters. Bro. W. H. Harper, P.M. 2182, ably accompanied.

THE OLDEST LIVING FREEMASON.

The *Sunday Magazine*, of New York, for last month, contains a brief account of Bro. William Earl Cooke, of Portsmouth, R.I., who, on the 26th January, completed his 102nd year. It is Bro. Cooke's boast that he is the oldest living Freemason, having been initiated in the St. Alban's Lodge, of Bristol, U.S.A., as far back as the year 1819. He has thus been a member of our Order for rather more than 80 years, which we consider is, or, at all events, is not very far removed from being a record membership. It has, we are told, never been disputed in the United States, while, as regards the United Kingdom, one of the nearest approaches in this respect to Bro. Cooke is Bro. the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., who was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford in 1819 the same year as Bro. Cooke—but died in 1896, after a membership of only 77 years.

Some time after his initiation, Bro. Cooke, it seems, was instrumental in founding Eureka Lodge in his own native town of Portsmouth aforesaid, and held several offices of importance. In private life he was a blacksmith, having been apprenticed in early life to that trade, and, with the exception of two years spent in Cuba, where he had the management of a coffee plantation he adopted it as his calling the whole of his career. On returning thence to Portsmouth, he went into business for himself, and followed his trade until he was 92 years of age, of which 75 were passed in his smithy. He married early, but his wife died in 1890, after they had been man and wife for 70 years. Bro. Cooke, who, to judge from the portrait in the *Sunday Magazine*, looks hale and hearty for a centenarian, has eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, and it is not unusual for him to have under his roof at one and the same time five generations of his family.

The Craft Abroad.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

Antigua Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 84.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Nevis-street, St. John's, Antigua, W.I., on Wednesday evening, the 8th ult. The brethren present were Bros. R. H. Kortright Dyett, M.W.S.; Chas. Griffin, Prelate; Hon. Geo. Melville, C.M.G., 1st Gen. (M.W.S. elect); George E. Perez, M.D., 2nd Gen.; J. T. Thibou, Treas. and Recorder; Robert Bell, Marshal; the Rev. C. H. Branch, B.A., P.M.W.S., Raphael; Hon. A. W. H. à Court, 30th, P.M.W.S., D. of C.; R. Warneford P.M.W.S., Capt. of the Guard; and S. L. Athill. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Kelsick and S. L. Sedgwick.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. R. Warneford presented the M.W.S. elect, Bro. the Hon. George Melville, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary of the Leeward Islands, who was, with the customary ceremonies of the Order, duly installed as M.W.S. by Bro. R. H. Kortright Dyett. The newly-installed M.W.S. made the following appointments: Bros. Charles Griffin, Prelate; Geo. E. Perez, M.D., 1st Gen.; R. Bell, 2nd Gen.; J. T. Thibou, Recorder; the Rev. C. H. Branch, B.A., Marshal; R. Warneford, Raphael; the Hon. A. W. H. à Court, 30th, D. of C.; E. F. K. Farrington, Herald; and R. H. K. Dyett, I.P.M.W.S., Capt. of the Guard. Bro. R. Warneford was also appointed Organist. Bro. R. H. K. Dyett was unanimously elected Treasurer. The Audit Committee's Report, which showed a satisfactory state of the finances, was read and adopted. A communication from the Supreme Council 33rd, relative to the death of the late Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, 33rd, M.P. Sov. G. Com., was received with much regret, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The annual statement of the affairs of the A. and A. Rite for 1898 was also read. A letter from Ill. Bro. W. F. Portlock-Dadson, Grand Sec.-Gen., acknowledging the receipt of a small donation from the chapter to the funds of "Our Brother's Bed," was read; and Bro. Dyett announced that he had opened a subscription list on behalf of this truly Masonic Charity, and was prepared to receive and remit to Bro. Dadson the contributions of brethren in Antigua. This announcement was received with pleasure, and all present signified their intention to subscribe.

Nothing further occurring, the chapter was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the dining hall, where supper was served under the able superintendence of Mr. Frederick Lewis, who was, as usual, quite up to his reputation as a caterer.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts of "The Queen and the Supreme Council 33rd," "The M.W. Grand Master of English Freemasons, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The United Grand Lodge of England," were proposed by the M.W.S. and duly honoured.

"The M.W.S." was proposed by Bro. R. H. K. Dyett, I.P.M.W.S. In the course of a brief speech he mentioned that the chapter had been founded, and from time to time ruled by distinguished members of her Majesty's Civil Service, and he was sure that the new M.W.S., who could also boast of being an initiate and Past Master of one of the oldest lodges in the world (Cannongate Kilwinning, No. 2, S.C.), would not be considered least of the brilliant number. He said that last year when Bro. Melville, although his official superior, had condescended to serve under him as 1st General, he had considered himself highly honoured, and now again he was sensible of having had the further honour of installing him as his successor, the performance of which ceremony he had indeed entered upon with the most unfeigned pleasure. In conclusion, he wished his honourable brother a happy and prosperous year of office, and assured him of his earnest and hearty co-operation.

The toast was received with acclamation.

Bro. Melville, in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast, and also for the high honour which they had conferred on him.

by electing him their M.W.S. He also thanked Bro. Dyett for his kind remarks concerning him, and assured the brethren that he would do all in his power to promote the welfare of Masonry in general and of the chapter in particular. He concluded by proposing "The Installing Officer, Bro. Dyett, I.P.M.W.S."

Bro. Dyett briefly responded.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Past Most Wise Sovereigns," with which he desired to couple the name of Ill. Bro. à Court, who was not only the senior P.M.W.S. now with them, but had also been most untiring in his efforts to resuscitate the chapter when it fell in abeyance a few years ago.

Bro. à Court replied in suitable terms.

Bro. Dyett proposed "The Founders of the Chapter." He said he had to call upon the brethren to, as it were, combine two toasts in one, viz., "the Memory" and the "Health" respectively of the illustrious brethren whose names appeared on the warrant. Ill. Bros. Sir H. J. Burford-Hancock and Robert Hamilton, having joined the great majority, only their "memory" could be submitted, but Ill. Bro. Portlock-Dadson, the present Grand Secretary-General, and an old friend and comrade of the M.W.S., being still in the land of the living, although nearly 3000 miles away, his "Health, Happiness, and Prosperity" could be proposed, and he was certain would be cordially received.

The toast was heartily honoured.

Bro. Warneford proposed "Our Absent Brethren," naming Bros. his Honour Sir H. T. Wrenfordsley, his Honour Oliver Smith, R. M. Bartleman, C. E. Melanson, L. Redd, and A. R. Tinckler.

Bro. à Court proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. Pierz, on behalf of the fair ones, replied. He said that that duty was generally performed by the youngest bachelor present; but, as all at the board were steady, respectable married men, he would undertake the task, and with pleasure return thanks for the ladies—"what would we do without them?"

After "The Visitors" had been duly submitted and responded to, the brethren separated, having passed a happy and pleasant evening.

Below we give a portrait of the newly-installed M.W.S., Bro. the Hon. G. Melville, C.M.G.



Bro. Melville was initiated in Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2 (S.C.), Edinburgh, in 1864, and installed as R.W.M. in 1867. He was perfected in the Antigua Chapter Rose Croix, No. 84, on July 13, 1896, and installed M.W.S. on the 8th ult., as reported above. His official record as taken from the Colonial Office List for 1899 is as follows: "MELVILLE, GEORGE, C.M.G. (1891), late lieut. Kent Art Militia; ed. Edinburgh Academy; clerk in the Solicitor's department, inland revenue, after competitive examination, June, 1862; afterwards in the legacy and succession duty department; Chief Clerk, Treasury Sierra Leone Nov., 1874; acted as Colonial treasurer Decr., 1874, to Feb., 1876, during which period also acted as Colonial Secretary July to Sept., 1875; acted also as collector of customs and Colonial Surveyor, and held commissions as deputy coroner and J.P.; first clerk, Government Sect.'s office, British Guiana, 1877; asst. Gov. Sect. 1879; acted as Govt. Sect. 1881, 1882, 1887, and 1888, and also as Audt. Gen., Col. Secy., Audt. Gen., and Reg. Gen. of British Honduras, 1889; Admr. of Govt. 1890 and 1891; Admr. of Govt. of Falklands, 1893; Col. Secy. Bahamas 1894; Admd. Govt. 1894 and 1895; Col. Sec. Leewards 1895; Admd. Govt. 1895, 1896, and 1897."

CLUBS OF INSTRUCTION.

Professors of the dramatic and musical arts who are members of the Masonic Craft in London, not being able to attend lodges of instruction, which, as a rule, meet late in the evenings of week days, have established for themselves in the Metropolitan area two clubs of instruction, to meet on Sunday mornings. These two clubs are named the Logic Club and the Genesis Club, the former, which is the elder of the two, meeting at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, and the latter at Bedford Park, Chiswick. By means of these two clubs the working of the dramatic and musical lodges has become perfect, for the attendance of the brethren at the Logic and the Genesis is both large and regular. Further incitement to such attendance has been established by occasional visits of the one club to the other, and on Sunday last the Genesis visited the Logic, and gave an exhibition of the working of the ceremony of installation, but with the introduction of a novelty, a splendid musical accompaniment, vocal and instrumental. The brethren assembled in great numbers, and among them were Members of the Logic Club: Bros. Robert Manuel, Harry Nicholls, Sam Johnson, J. Percy Fitzgerald, Sec.; R. D. Cummings, J. J. Thomas, A. G. Duck, Albert G. Neville, Nathan Robinson, Melson Rees, G. Greiner, Lionel Rignold, F. Spicer, W. G. Kent, W. Llewellyn, O. Barnett, J. E. Hambleton, F. T. Davies, C. B. Lumley, J. Garcia, John Murray, Robert Robinson, and E. Gifford. Among the visitors from the Genesis Club were Bros. Richard Green, H. G. Danby, Frank Boor, Clarence Coggin, Chas. Cruickshank, Tom Reynolds,

Hubert Willis, Louis Honig, F. H. Macklin, Edward Jones, Herbert Leonard, A. H. P. Snow, F. Garnham, E. F. Williams, and H. J. Thomas.

The officers for the day were Bros. H. G. Danby, as W.M.; Harry Nicholls, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Marler, J.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., Sec.; W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Mathews, S.D.; A. H. P. Snow, J.D.; F. W. Garnham, I.G.; Louis Honig, Org.; Sam Johnson, P.M., Preceptor; and W. Lestocq, P.M., Deputy Preceptor.

The musical committee consisted of Bros. F. H. Macklin, P.M.; Louis Honig, Edward Jones, Frank Boor, Edwin Smith, and Richard Green.

The vocalists were Bros. Frank Boor and Richard Green. Bro. J. E. Hambleton, P.M. 1319 (Logic Club), accompanied on the cello. Bro. Frank Boor's beautiful rendering of Mendelssohn's "Be Thou Faithful."

Bro. Danby opened the lodge, and on the presentation to him by Bro. Lestocq of Bro. Harry Nicholls for installation, Bro. F. H. Macklin, P.M., took the S.W. chair, and Bro. Charles Cruickshanks, P.M., acted as I.G. The ceremonies were magnificently performed, and the music unexceptionable. The brethren appointed to office after the investiture of Bro. Danby as I.P.M. were Bros. W. H. Marler, S.W.; J. W. Mathews, J.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., Sec.; A. H. P. Snow, S.D.; F. W. Garnham, J.D.; W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C.; C. T. Coggin, I.G.; Louis Honig, Org.; and Charles Cruickshanks, P.M., Tyler.

Before Bro. Danby delivered the addresses Bros. Frank Boor and Richard Green, tenor and baritone, sang the anthem, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come," especially composed for the Genesis Club, and this occasion by Bro. Edward Jones.

When the addresses had been delivered

Bro. ROBERT MANUEL moved a vote of thanks to the Genesis Club. They had all listened with delight to the beautiful rendering of the ceremony of installation. If that had been the only treat in store for them they would have been heartily delighted; but a beautiful musical ceremony had been organised in addition, and he thought it might be well for the Logic Club to see if they could not appoint a Committee similar to the Musical Committee of the Genesis Club. The interchange of visits of the two clubs was no novelty, as there had been a visit of the Logic to the Genesis. This morning there had been an excellent attendance, and there were no less than 34 P.Ms. on the Board of Installed Masters. He thought all the brethren must have been stimulated in their desire to learn the work. He believed these visits were of an immense amount of service to both.

Bro. J. P. FITZGERALD, P.M., Sec., seconded. That had been a most glorious meeting, and the presence of so many brethren who had passed the chair showed that their interest in Freemasonry did not cease after they had served the office of Master, as some people said was the case with Worshipful Masters. The Logic Club were pleased to entertain the Genesis Club, and he hoped the visits would be more frequent.

Bro. HARRY NICHOLLS acknowledged the compliment, although, as a member of both clubs, he did not know how to do it; he was really thanking himself and being thanked.

Bro. W. LESTOCQ proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Danby, who had got off a sick bed to perform the ceremony. They had had in Bro. Danby's work an object lesson which he hoped they would profit by. Then as to the musical portion of the entertainment, it had been glorious, and it reflected the greatest credit on the Committee that organised it.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. J. J. THOMAS, Treasurer, and passed,

Bro. DANBY returned thanks, wishing the thanks had been bestowed on some other than himself. If he had been successful he was amply repaid, and the brethren would feel that, although they had been away from home, they had been partakers of both profit and pleasure.

The lodge was then closed in the Three Degrees, and the brethren partook of light refreshments.

Craft Masonry.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.

This grand old lodge held its 142nd installation meeting on the 8th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. F. C. Bradley, W.M. The new W.M. to be installed was Bro. George Frederick Smith, of the Guildhall School of Music, Past Grand Organist, and Past Master of several other lodges, and the popularity of his election was evidenced by the immense gathering of Masons who assembled to do honour to the occasion. The company consisted of, among others, the following brethren: Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; Cottrell, P.M. 15; Dr. Bruntón, Kennedy, Leigh, Aubert, Whitfield, Sheriff, Tagg, Etridge, Hart, Noakes, Roach, Bailey, Jager, Kibblewhite, Streeter, Jacobs, Kearsey, P.M. 15; Scrivener, Dr. Campbell, C. Keep, G. Kearsey, E. Stimson, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Buckeridge, P.M., Sec.; A. R. Carpenter, A. C. Huddart, H. G. Norris, Dr. J. Priestley, W. J. Everett, A. Burton, G. T. Saunders, W. J. Towers, P.M.; Dr. Adams, W. H. Cummings (Prin. Guildhall School of Music); Thompson, Wheeler, Syckelmore, A. Smith, Pinnington, Haddon, Heald, F. Newman, West, Kelsey, Rev. W. T. Brown, Chisnall, Underwood, Burgess, Bath, Turle Lee, Albert Simmons, Galey, Gilbert, Ballam, Ferguson, Woolf, Tebb, Salfie, Woodhouse, J.W. 165; M. J. Robinson, Sloper, Horne, P.M.; Lucas, Bn3, Dutton, Camden, Budd, Jenkins, Kedge, H. Massey, P.M. and P.Z. 619 and 1928; Percival, D.C.; Robinson, Pakeman, J. P. Robinson, Harris, Cureton, Shaul, Owen, Evans, Carter, Nicholson, J. S. Tayler, E. A. Wells, P.M. 15; W. P. Smith, Rushbridge, Rivers, Bins, Clapp, P.M. 15; Moser, Perry, Barker, Walesby, Bishop, Parkins, Peters, Ball, Wiggleworth, Franklin, H. Newman, Benton, Franklin, Hosie, Gummant, Dunn, Bowers, P.M. 15; Dr. Oldfield, Hatchett, Nightingale, Dwydale, Tabor, L spine, Cnesterna, Williams, jun.; Gammell, Aldia, Towers, P.M. 15; Covall, Hills, Mumford, Tritton, Cooper, Dottridge, King, Barker, Burton, P.M. 15; Egginton, A. Burton, Sutton, H. P. Stimson, Ruback, Treant, E. F. Stimson, W. Chapman, Hood Barrs, Torr, Howard, Hirst, Grantham, Clarke, Reid, Powell, Hutchison, Scott-Miller, Holloway, Dr. Adam, Byerley, Orchard, Berryman, Todd, P.M. 15; Loftus, Robins, Hollands, Waite, P.M. 15; Judd, Sams, Sheffield, Greeley, Williams, Collins, Ellis, Fulwood, Watts, Col. Vincent, Ardmore, Kemble, Bidwell, Carpenter, P.M. 15; Widgery, Davin, Pointon, Salter, Allen, Myerson, Goddellow, Field, Akers, G.H. G. Wells, Akers, Davis, Willis, Evans, Rice, Bennett, Pickering, Norris, Geig, Thornhill, Hobley, Lambert, Grimmett, P.M. 15; Skelton, Webster, Gibbs, Lerwill, Birch, Wacher, Goringe, Soddy, F. Smith, Herdman, M. L. Carpenter, and E. W. Carpenter.

Bro. Bradley, W.M., gracefully gave way to the Grand Secretary to perform the installation ceremony, which was preceded with soon after the preliminaries of the lodge work were completed. Bro. Letchworth having duly installed Bro. G. F. Smith as the 142nd W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Bradley was invested as I.P.M. The other investitures were as follows: Bros. A. R. Carpenter, S.W.; A. C. Huddart, J.W.; E. Stimson, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Buckeridge, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Norris, S.D.; Dr. J. Priestley, J.D.; W. J. Everett, I.G.; A. Burton, D. of C.; G. T. Saunders, Org.; W. J. Towers, P.M., and Dr. Adams, S.Ws.; and Edgley, Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered by the Grand Secretary, a vote of thanks to him was proposed, seconded, and carried, and in the proposition of that vote a well-deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Bradley, I.P.M., who, although perfectly able to perform the duties of Installing Master himself, had ceded his right to an old friend and brother Grand Officer of Bro. G. F. Smith—an act which the proposer and second of the vote and the other members of the lodge thought deserved recognition. After Bro. Letchworth had acknowledged the vote, which was unanimously adopted, the W.M. presented a valuable and elegant Past Master's jewel to Bro. Bradley, whose few words of hearty thanks concluded the business of the evening, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an elegant banquet awaited them.

A rich menu of vocal and instrumental music was provided after dinner for the brethren's delectation under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, in which the Celia Quartette (Bros. A. Pinnington, Heald, J. L. Haddon, and Sydney Galey), and Bros. Herbert Simmons and Arthur Smith (solo cornet) took part. The ancient warrant of the lodge was reproduced by photography in the programme of music. With the exception of a word or two here and there it is quite undecipherable. An unfortunate event was announced by the W.M., who informed the brethren when the Celia Quartette were about to sing the madrigal "Come let us join," that the alto died on the previous Monday. Bro. Smith asked the brethren's indulgence for the substituted brother, as there had not been sufficient time in the interval which had elapsed since the death for proper rehearsals.

Bro. G. F. Smith, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," asked the brethren as Englishmen to show their love, and as Craftsmen their loyalty.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M." the W.M. said that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was the first gentleman of Europe, and one who was not ashamed to call them brethren.

In giving "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. asked to be excused if he mentioned the name of the late much esteemed and beloved Earl of Lathom, to whom he owed his position of Grand Organist in the Jubilee Year.

Bro. J. D. Langton and R. Clowes responded.

Bro. F. C. Bradley, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that in Bro. George Frederick Smith the lodge had one of the most distinguished Masters who had ever occupied the chair. Bro. Smith had occupied the chair in nine lodges previously. He wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. G. F. Smith, W.M., in reply, said he liked work in Masonry, and that was why the brethren saw him in his present position. He might tell them a secret he had not told anyone yet. He was initiated in the Lodge of Industry, 186, but his ambition was to be spared to be the Master of a very old lodge. He had been so spared, and he was very thankful for it, more particularly to be Master of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, that was a really Masonic lodge to his mind. They had heard about fifteen brethren of the Order who were divided into three lodges of five each, going to find something some where or other, and he thought to be Master of this Kent Lodge, 15, was what anyone might be proud of. He had been associated with this lodge now some years; indeed, he thought all the P.M.s. of the lodge were brethren each of whom he had had the pleasure of seeing Master of the Kent Lodge. He trusted that all present might be spared to see all who were below the rank of Installed Master W.M. of the Kent Lodge. All he could say with regard to the office he held was that during his year, if he had health and strength, he would endeavour to do his duty. The next toast was "The Installing Master, Bro. E. Letchworth," who was not present, but he did not think they could allow the toast to pass for all that. It was strictly by the doctor's orders Bro. Letchworth did not stop to banquet; the doctor told him, "If you want to kill yourself quickly, attend every Masonic banquet." The brethren would excuse Bro. Letchworth on that advice.

Bro. W. H. Cummings, W.M. 2454, responded for "The Visitors," of whom some 165 were present. He said it was really a pleasure to respond to such a toast when one had such an army at his back. If he had been out in the Sudan with as many brethren as now they must have beaten with Lord Kitchener. All the visitors must have felt it a great honour to be invited to a lodge so ancient as the Kent Lodge. It was their duty to pry as far back as far as they could into its history and see those who were Past Masters of the Craft. He only wished that in addition to the photograph of the warrant of the lodge, they had photographs of all the Past Masters, and it would be still more interesting if they could have photographs of all who were to succeed for the next 60 years when the W.M. hoped to be there to see his. The prosperity and harmony of the lodge he hoped would continue in the future and that whenever the lodge had the installation of a Master they might have as happy and pleasant a meeting as this. One other wish on the part of the visitors was that the lodge would invite them all to be present on such an occasion. They were very delighted with the work they had seen that night. All Masons must recognise when they got one of the Grand Officers to perform the ceremony of installation they would have something worthy of the occasion. They had had that to-night. They knew how well the Grand Secretary always did his work. A good thing never could be had too often, and the visitors only wished that the lodge would give them the opportunity of having another such treat. (Applause.)

Bro. G. F. Smith, W.M., proposed "The Past Masters." It was all honour to the Past Masters of the Kent Lodge that it was built on such a firm foundation. He hoped the brethren would not think that the Grand Secretary was put in as a stopgap because Bro. Bradley could not perform the ceremony. Bro. Bradley was quite competent; but he (Bro. G. F. Smith) asked him if he would allow the Grand Secretary to do it. Bro. Bradley kindly assented to the proposition; he had had a most successful year—a record of initiates—and he did the work admirably, and was a worthy brother to be associated with the Past Masters, who were not all gas, but really good men.

Bro. F. C. Bradley, I.P.M., thanked the brethren and the W.M. He could thoroughly endorse all Bro. Smith's remarks with regard to the Past Masters. During his year of office he found them all ready to come forward to assist him; and, speaking now for the Past Masters, he was sure they would come forward and give the W.M. every assistance.

Bro. G. F. Smith, W.M., in giving the toast of "The Treasurer and the Secretary," observed that, as he said in lodge when he invested those officers—"These are honourable men." He could not say more with regard to them. Any W.M. might be proud to have one or the other; happy was the W.M. who could have both.

Bro. E. Stimson, P.M., Treas., said he had now been a member of the lodge 25 years, and he hoped to be with the brethren another 25. (Hear, hear.) It was very gratifying to him when the lodge gave 100 guineas to the Boys' School to see that it was 25th on the list. While the brethren had him as Treasurer he should be happy to remain in that position and look after the lodge funds; he took care of them. The lodge had a good balance, but they did not waste it.

Bro. E. H. Buckeridge, P.M., Sec., also replied. The lodge had had only three Secretaries during the last 100 years, and only three Treasurers, one Treasurer was 32 years in office, another 34, and another 33; one Secretary was 41 years in office, one 31, and one 25. He only hoped that these worthies had entered the Grand Lodge above, and that after the few years he had to live he might follow them; but in the meantime he trusted he should do his duty faithfully to the brethren and to the Kent Lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was given and acknowledged, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge, on the 13th inst., Bro. C. F. Kernot was raised by the W.M., Bro. H. S. Davison; and Mr. Philip A. Moyes was initiated by his brother in the flesh, Bro. John H. Moyes, I.P.M. This is the fourth son of the late revered Dep. Prov. G. Master of Cambridgeshire who has been admitted into the Scientific Lodge.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487.

The last of the installations in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was that of the above lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on the 9th inst., the function passing off with the utmost *éclat*, there being an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, representatives being present from all the lodges in the borough. The S.W., Bro. Walter W. Slade, was installed in the chair of K.S., in succession to Bro. W. Bates, P.M., a gratifying feature being the beautiful and impressive manner in which the ceremony was gone through by Bro. J. Brickwood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., who was afterwards most cordially thanked for his valued services. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Bates, I.P.M., Treas.; H. G. Fryer, P.P.G.O., S.W.; H. M. Triggs, J.W.; Rev. E. Bruce Cornford, Chap.; J. Williams, Sec.; W. Bates, S.D.; W. J. Palmer, J.D.; J. W. Adams, I.G.; C. F. Brown, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Cowan, Org.; G. A. Symes and A. E. Guy, Stwds.; and J. Exel, Tyler.

Over 100 attended the installation banquet, at which Bro. W. W. Slade, W.M., who presided, was supported by Bro. W. Bates, I.P.M., Treas.; J. Brickwood, P.M.,

P.P.S.G.W.; C. F. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. L. Snell, P.M.; F. Meredith, P.M.; and a large number of visiting P.Ms. After a capital repast had been thoroughly enjoyed the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the W. the Dep. Prov. G.M., and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. F. Meredith, and responded to by Bro. J. Brickwood, who alluded to the flourishing condition of Freemasonry, especially in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, thanks to their P.G.M., who had presided over them for nearly 30 years, and who had been a Mason for 50 years. (Applause.) Before resuming his seat Bro. Brickwood proposed the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Slade," who, he observed, had served the Craft 15 years, and whom they were proud to see at the head of the lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Slade replied in an appropriate speech, and concluded by proposing, in eulogistic terms, "The Health of the Installing Master."

In his reply Bro. Brickwood referred to the prosperous condition of the lodge, and said it was a pleasure to him to assist in any of its ceremonies. There was not another lodge in the town that owned big and valuable premises such as theirs. The debt was nearly wiped out, and the fact that the lodge was on a sound commercial basis was a source of congratulation. (Applause.)

Bro. C. F. Brown proposed "The W.Ms. of Neighbouring Lodges," and Bros. Bradley and Gibbs replied.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Snell, was responded to by Bros. Bascombe (Winchester) and Hobbins.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and Bros. Bates, Brown, and Snell replied.

The remaining toasts were, "The Officers," proposed by Bro. Rea, and the Tyler's toast.

The speeches were interspersed with songs excellently rendered by Bros. Isidore Marcell, J. W. Adams, C. F. Brown, W. Cronin, R. W. Cunningham, E. H. Eason, B. F. Sperring, F. J. Jenkins, W. C. Bate, and A. E. Guy; while recitations were given by Bros. G. W. Allen and H. M. Triggs, and a violin solo by Bro. T. Holding. Bro. J. H. Cowan was the able accompanist. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.

An ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sutton, on the 11th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. Harold Griffiths, W.M. (in the chair); J. H. Asman, S.W.; J. F. Van Oppen, P.D. Dist. G.M. The Argentine, acting J.W.; the Rev. H. W. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap. and Treas.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; T. R. Porter, J.D.; E. D. Frost, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D. of C.; T. A. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; D. Napper, I.G.; and N. B. Payne, Tyler; also the following members of the lodge: Bros. A. Stribling, P.M.; H. Taylor, P.M.; G. W. Dixon, P.M.; Tom Cooke, P.M.; C. Price, A. E. Stubington, F. N. Smyth, F. Dyke, C. E. Stribling, W. J. Jones, W. Sabine, A. E. Van Weede, T. L. Rowse, W. Van Oppen, R. G. Goatcher, R. R. Banks, A. Easter, J. G. Spencer, W. C. Cooke, J. H. Greenwood, W. J. Whitfield, and A. Crook; also the following visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, 2076, P.A.G.D.C.; J. G. Plumb, 2030; H. Carman, 2535; B. Stockman, 2331; Conrad Nichols, 1837; R. W. Price, 463, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Skinner, 2453; R. George, 2034; T. Rowe, P.M. 1641; M. H. Pocklington, 1288; T. G. Detmar, 2739; and W. J. Dibdin, 2603.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting in February were read and confirmed. The sum of five guineas was voted for the W.M.'s list as Steward, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The W.M., in presenting the Treasurer (Bro. H. W. Turner, M.A.) with a very handsome case of cutlery and plate, together with a gold chain bracelet (which were the gift of the brethren), in recognition of his approaching marriage, rose and said it now devolved upon him as W.M. to discharge one of the most pleasant duties that had befallen his office since he was installed in the Master's chair, and this duty was made the more pleasant because in the matter he was about to bring before their notice he knew the heart of every member of the lodge was in accord with his own. Twenty years since Bro. Turner was initiated into the Lorne Lodge, and he was installed W.M. in 1888; two years later he was elected Treasurer, and during these years of Masonic activity the brethren had the opportunity of observing upon untold occasions the many services the Treasurer had rendered the lodge, the dignity he had always shown both in and for the welfare of the lodge, and his one constant care and endeavour to raise and maintain the standard of the lodge to that height upon which the brethren now reflect with pleasure and pride. The W.M. stated he was sure the Treasurer had a just claim to be entitled the "perfect ashlar" of the Lorne Lodge—for, like that stone, he was of a "true die" and "square" in all his actions. The D. of C. then escorted the Treasurer to the front of the W.M.'s pedestal. The W.M., on behalf of the Wardens, officers, and brethren, asked the Treasurer to accept the case of cutlery and plate as a small practical token of the intense regard and high esteem he was held in by the whole of the brethren of the lodge. Taking the gold bracelet, the W.M. requested the Treasurer to place it upon the wrist of her who would become nearest and dearest to him—charging him to tell her that, although it was currently reported that the objects of the Craft were inconsistent with the duties men owe to the fair sex, yet woman has no better champion and defender than a true and worthy Mason. The Treasurer, who, in responding, showed strong emotional feeling, stated that during his 20 years' connection with the Lorne Lodge he could conscientiously say that he had never had a wry word with any of the members; on the contrary, he had always received the utmost support and sympathy from the brethren. His multifarious duties as the rector of the parish of necessity gave him oftentimes anxious moments, and he always looked forward to the meetings as a healthy recreation and diversion from parish cares. Briefly alluding to his approaching marriage, he assured the brethren that it would in no way interfere with his attendance at the lodge, for the lady to whom he hoped soon to be united had the highest esteem for Masons and the noble work of Charity, which they support so generously. The handsome present, to say nothing of its pecuniary value, was another proof of the strong ties of affection the brethren bore him. So long as it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to give him health and strength, so long would it be one of his chief delights to come among them and participate in the good fellowship that has so universally prevailed amongst them.

The W.M. then proceeded to deliver the third of a series of Masonic lectures, taking for his subjects "Free" and "Accepted" Masons and "The two brazen pillars, 'J' and 'B,'" this latter being illustrated by several quarter full size drawings specially prepared by the W.M. With the former subject the W.M. showed that "Free" Masons originated from the operative masons or practical workers of the various stones, and that the "Accepted" Masons were masons who had no practical connection with the actual working of the stone, but men thought fit and sufficient to be "accepted" and become members of the honourable fraternity. In dealing with the two brazen pillars the W.M. showed they were not erected solely for architectural effect, neither were they designed to support any part of the structure, as they had a religious significance, and were, in fact, symbols of "Diety." Before proceeding to describe them the W.M. alluded at some length to the position they occupied when completed, and proved from an architectural point they could not have been erected in the position described in Kings Ist., VII., 21 v. ((This was illustrated by the W.M.'s drawings in contradistinction to the second tracing board.) The construction of the pillars was fully described, and special reference was made to their height, as many Masons did not appear to fully realise the difference between the height of a pillar and the height of a column (a column being divided into shaft, base, and chapter)—this was made clear to the brethren. A coloured sketch drawing of one of the pillars one-fourth the actual size was of special interest to the brethren. This was the W.M.'s idea of what these columns actually were. The weight of the pillars were then gone into, which the W.M. calculated at 45 tons, and he spoke in high praise of H. A. in erecting these pillars of such weight so far from the clayground in which they were cast. The W.M. then dealt with the thickness of their outer rim, and also that they were cast hollow the better to serve the purpose as archives of Masonry. The W.M. cast some doubt upon these statements, as he also did that, in addition to the chapters, the pillars were further adorned with two spherical balls; these he showed to be the innovations of modern Masons. At the conclusion of the lecture a discussion followed, in which Bros. Pocklington, Asman, and G. W. Speth, Sec. 2076, took part, and the meeting was brought to a close by the W.M. replying.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1899.

In addition to the School voting papers, which, as we mention elsewhere, were circulated early in the week, we have received the reports and statements of account of the two Institutions for the year. As regards the Girls' School, the House Committee report, firstly, that the year's expenditure was below the average of the last five years; secondly, that with the exception of a few mild cases of whooping cough, the general health of the School has been good; and further that there had been no necessity for appropriating any part of the £4,000 which had been placed on deposit in view of the expected shortcoming of the anniversary Festival towards the year's expenditure, and, consequently, that the said sum together with an additional £2,000 had been invested. The particulars relating to the successes of the girls at sundry public examinations in 1897-8 and 1898-9 need not be referred to as they have already been described in our columns, but

we note with pleasure that the Civil Service and Commercial Classes are still working satisfactorily, and that the children are making great progress in shorthand and typewriting.

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Turning to the several statements of account, we remark that the Income and Expenditure Account shows a total receipt of £16,478 14s. 10d., and a total disbursement of £13,764 11s., the balance remaining being £2,714 3s. 10d. But, allowing for depreciation on the School and Office Furniture and the Freehold buildings, this is reduced to £1,692 4s. 1d. The chief heads of receipt comprise £11,651 in respect of Donations and Subscriptions—or more than £2,000 in excess of the sum announced at the Festival—Special Donations, £2105, and Interest on Investments and Deposits of £2568. The chief items of expenditure were for Provisions, £3369; Clothing, £1029; House, £456; Alterations and Repairs, £580; General Cleaning, £604; Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, £798; Coals, Gas, and Water, £730; School Books and Stationery, £268; Infirmary, £369; Gratuities and outfits to girls on leaving, £187; Salaries, School and Office together, £3390; Stationery, Printing, Postages, &c., £673; and Pensions, £435. The balance sheet shows value of land and buildings, £97,720; of Furniture, &c., at School and Office, £6260; and of Investments, £96,391; with cash in hand, &c., £832; the balance to be carried forward of assets over liabilities being £200,417.

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The report of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Statement of Accounts for 1898, make, as may readily be conceived, very pleasant reading. There is no need for us to refer to that portion of the former in which are enumerated the successes achieved by the pupils at the Cambridge and other public examinations, as they have already been noted in previous issues. It is, however, gratifying to learn that the plan of retaining boys of exceptional ability beyond the age fixed for their leaving the School has been attended with satisfactory results, not so much because they have been in a position to compete on better terms with the senior boys from other schools, but because, as the Board are able to report, they have "secured more advantageous situations on leaving the School in consequence of their better equipment for the battle of life."

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It has always been our opinion that the ruling powers made a great mistake when they altered the limit for remaining in the School from 16 back to the old limit of 15 years. It is true that when they did this, they reduced the minimum limit of age for admission from eight to seven years; but we are satisfied that an education which extends from eight to 16 years is productive of far greater good than one from seven to 15 years. As children approach more nearly to "years of discretion" their minds develop more and they are better able to grasp the full meaning of what they have been taught. There is a great tendency in these days to force children forward to a certain standard of proficiency in their studies, quite regardless of their capacity for acquiring knowledge. We venture to think that children learn more between the ages of 14 and 16 than during the whole of their previous school career; and, what is of still more importance in the case of our children—who are for the most part orphans and must depend chiefly on their own efforts to make their way in the world—they are able to turn the knowledge they have acquired to better account. We should be glad to see the minimum age limit for admission into the School restored to eight and the limit for remaining to 16 years.

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But let us return to the Board's Report, which is equally satisfactory, but especially to be commended is the report of the Examiner selected by the Cambridge University Syndicate to examine the whole School. This gentleman appears to have done his work thoroughly and conscientiously, noting carefully whatever he found commendable, but, at the same time, taking equal care to point out any weaknesses shown in the subjects of examination by any of the classes. The very favourable judgment he passes upon the work done by the highest class—Form V.—strengthens our contention in the preceding Note in favour of restoring 16 years as the limit for remaining in the School.

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We also notice with pleasure that the health of the boys has been good throughout the year, and that

the premises are in a thorough state of repair. But what will prove of still greater interest to know is that "the working drawings and quantities for the new buildings at Bushey" have been completed, and are now in the hands of eminent builders and contractors, from whom tenders are expected to be received during the present month," so that the Board "hopes to be able to report fully thereon to the Quarterly Court in April." It is added in a footnote by the Secretary that since the preparation and adoption of the report, tenders from 19 builders had been received, and "that of Bro. Henry Martin, of Northampton, amounting to £98,950, being the lowest, was accepted."

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As for the Statement of Account, it is, perhaps, only necessary to mention, as stated by the Board, that "whilst increased benefits have been given to the boys during the year, and although the price of provisions has been greater, the average cost per head will be found to compare favourably with past years." The number of boys on the establishment including, of course, those who are out-educated, was 280, while the general and special expenditure reached £13,951. The total amount of invested capital is returned at £155,116 11s. 11d., of which £92,264 8s. 6d. was invested in 1898.

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We are in a position to state that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge has been pleased to sanction a re-arrangement of the lodges in the Province of East Anglia, and that those located in Essex have been constituted a Province by themselves under Bro. the Earl of Warwick as its Grand Master, while the lodges in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge will remain under Bro. Lord Henniker, as Prov. Grand Master of East Anglia. The subdivision thus sanctioned is as nearly as possible into two equal parts, the lodges in the new Province of East Anglia being six in number, and comprising the Albert Victor, No. 70, Ipswich; the Walpole, No. 92, Norwich; the Freeman, No. 105, Bury St. Edmunds; the Isaac Newton University, No. 112, Cambridge; the Youell, No. 317, Great Yarmouth; and the York, No. 334, Cambridge. Essex will muster seven lodges, namely, the Constantine, No. 145, Colchester; the Beaconsfield, No. 205, Walthamstow; the Chelmer, No. 342, Chelmsford; the Brentwood, No. 377, meeting in the town of the same name; the St. Nicholas, No. 413, Harwich; the George Graveley, No. 461, Leytonstone; and the West Ham, No. 467, Stratford. The re-arrangement has been made just in time to admit of Essex filling the role of "Chairman's Province" at the approaching Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at which Lord Warwick has consented to preside.

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It will be seen from an account we publish this week, and for which we are indebted to the courtesy of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., that Freemasonry has sustained a heavy loss through the death of Bro. Enoch T. Carson, one of the highest authorities on Masonic Bibliography of which the Craft has been able to boast. Bro. Carson was also till within a few weeks of his lamented decease the fortunate possessor of one of the best furnished Masonic libraries, having spared neither trouble nor money in order to collect together all that was best and most valuable in our literature. We tender our sympathy not only to the family and friends of our late Bro. Carson, but also to the Craft in the United States, of which for so many years Bro. Carson had been a distinguished member.

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There will be sincere and widespread sympathy among the brethren of the English Craft with Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, in the great bereavement which has just befallen him. About a fortnight since the Hon. Lady Ridley was attacked with influenza, and pneumonia supervening, her ladyship died on Tuesday morning at her house, No. 10, Carlton House-terrace. Lady Ridley was the eldest daughter of the late Bro. Lord Tweedmouth, and sister of the present Lord. She was married in 1873, and was beloved and respected, not only by her family and friends, but also by all with whom she came in contact.

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The numerous friends of Bro. General J. C. Smith, Past Grand Master of Illinois, U.S.A., will be glad to hear that he is again on a visit to Great Britain and Ireland, and especially to attend certain meetings of the High Degrees in Edinburgh and Dublin, this month and the following. "Our General" is in excellent health, full of vigour, and zealous as ever on behalf of the Craft Universal, on the "old lines," and in the "old ways."

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Solway Lodge, No. 1220.

The annual installation ceremony of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Aspatria, on the 8th instant, when there were present Bros. Ponton, Tulley, Holliday, Richardson, J. R. Thompson, H. Thompson, G. H. Askew, R. Askew, Hinde, Frear, Robinson, Newton, Nichol, Vaughan, Ross, and Cobb; and the following visitors: Bros. A. J. Livesey, P.M. 317; John Brown, W.M. 872; G. F. Paton, 872; J. E. Dowie, I.M. 327; E. Hope, 327; J. Sibson, 327; J. W. Hayton, W.M. 1532; W. H. Hoodless, 327, P.P.G.O.; R. G. Twentymann, 327; Jos. Reed, P.M. 371; and R. Monkhouse, W.M. 371.

Letters of regret and telegrams were read from Bros. Col. Sewell, Dalrymple, Gascoigne, Henderson, and others. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by Bro. Hinde, and Bro. Livesey subsequently took the chair, and acted as Installing Master, when Bro. Tulley, S.W., was installed into the chair of King Solomon in a very able manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Ponton, I.P.M.; Holliday, S.W.; J. R. Thompson, J.W.; Richardson, Sec. and Treas.; Ross, S.D.; Newton, J.D.; Cobb, Org.; Robinson, I.G.; and Ponton, Almoner.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cowen, and a very pleasant evening was passed in Masonic toasts and songs, a great many of the brethren contributing to the harmony of the evening.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780.

The last of the Masonic annual festivals in the Southampton district for 1898-99 was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when the brethren of the above lodge assembled in large numbers on the occasion of the installation of Bro. R. W. Denness as W.M. for the coming 12 months. The Masters and Past Masters present were Bros. H. Searle, 76, P.P.G.D.G. and P.G. Chap.; R. R. Linthorne, W.M. 130; H. Rowthorne, W.M. 359; S. Cooksey, W.M. 1112; R. W. Rider, W.M. 1461; G. Ward, W.M. 1883, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Lashmore, 394, P.P.S.G.D.; H. B. Rhoss, 1461; Kingman, 199; E. W. Drysdall, W.M.; W. Berry, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Heathcote, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Warren, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Algar, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Hussey, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Jordan, 1780; J. Burrow, 1780; W. Prowse, 1780; and Arthur Jones, P.M. St. Paul's, Cyprus, A.M.C. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. H. Searle, B.A., of whom the new W.M. is a friend and old college pupil. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. E. W. Drysdall, I.P.M.; T. G. King, S.W.; A. Curtis, J.W.; G. Heathcote, P.M., Treas.; T. Holmes, Sec.; H. Hussey, P.M., D.C.; G. Woodford, S.D.; S. Howland, J.D.; G. Beadle, I.G.; J. Crocker, Org.; J. Marchant and F. Day, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. Before the closing of the lodge a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Master (who had to return to Winchester by an early train), and also to the I.P.M., to whom a Past Master's jewel, voted to him at the last lodge meeting, was presented, as well as a Past Master's apron subscribed by the brethren initiated by him during his year of office. On the motion of the I.P.M. 10 guineas was voted to the Girls' School, the sum to be added to Bro. Giles's list.

A banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of the W.M. The repast was admirably provided by Bro. Biggs, and served under the direction of Bro. Hussey.

The usual round of Masonic toasts were honoured, and an excellent musical programme, for which Bros. Lavington, Conlan, Billett, and Crocker were mainly responsible, was gone through.

Henley Lodge, No. 1472.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge—numbering as it now does some 150 good and true Masons on its books—took place on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, and was graced by the presence of some 130 brethren of the lodge and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Palmer, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Auditors' report and balance-sheet were received and adopted, a high eulogium being paid to Bro. Jolly, P.M., Sec., for the admirable manner in which the accounts were presented to the Audit Committee. The balance-sheet showed that the sum of £446 odd had been received, and up to date a clear balance of over £200 was in the Treasurer's hands. (We may here confidently contradict the report that either Bro. Jolly or Bro. Canning, the esteemed Treasurer, have been offered and have declined Grand Lodge honours.) The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Bartlett, Pugh, Parker, Davis, and Reynolds, and they were duly approved of. Bro. A. T. Ives, P.M., D.C., then presented Bro. Thomas Havelock Lait, S.W., W.M. elect, to the Installing Officer, Bro. Palmer, to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and Bro. Lait was installed, proclaimed, and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Ross, S.W.; S. Chaplin, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.M. and Treas. 2184, P.P.J.G.D. Essex, Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. and Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex, Sec.; W. Turvey, sen., P.M., Asst. Sec.; T. Welsh, S.D.; C. Carter, J.D.; R. Alabaster, D.C.; G. Richardson, A.D.C.; A. T. Ives, P.M., F. Andrew, C. Davies, T. Smith, and W. Jeavons, Stewards; and Jos. Andrew, Org. The addresses were then eloquently rendered by the Installing Officer, and the ceremony of installation concluded. The new W.M. opened his year of office by initiating the above-named candidates in a perfect manner, for which he was congratulated on all sides. Bro. Palmer was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, and also a vote of thanks—the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge—and it was further resolved that a copy of the same should be emblazoned on vellum, mounted, and framed, at a cost not exceeding five guineas, and presented to Bro. Palmer at the next regular meeting of the lodge. Bro. Palmer having returned thanks, five brethren of the lodge were elected to serve on the "East London Charitable Association," after which the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome assembly room attached to the hotel, the walls of which were prettily decorated with shields and floral devices. The stage was a mass of beautiful shrubs and hothouse flowers, tropical and lovely; while half concealed amid this luxuriance a portion of the Royal Artillery Band played selections during the repast.

The toasts were of the usual orthodox order—"The Queen, God bless her;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," and "God bless him." We, down here at Woolwich, surrounded as we are by arsenals, dockyards, and barracks, are real loyal folk, and we like to pledge, especially at our Masonic gatherings, our beloved Queen and Grand Master, and wish them long life and every happiness under the sun; so we just let ourselves loose over these toasts, and sang the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" as if we meant it—and we did. Of course Earl Amherst got his hearty greeting—why, ain't he a Kentish man?—and we drank his health in bumpers.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the W.M., not to be outdone, returned the compliment, and we all felt sure when it was over that two better Masons never lived.

The initiates all made a speech in reply to the toast of their health, and were evidently all coached by one Preceptor, for they all said the same thing.

About 10 of the visitors responded to their toast, and were exceedingly unanimous in declaring that "never had they seen the work done better, if so well." Their lodges met on certain coming dates, and every member of the lodge was cordially invited to attend, and "W. Sir," said one grand old Past Master, "if we cannot imitate your splendid hospitality, we will at least give you a hearty Masonic welcome." At that and of that we all felt very proud, and promised to attend his lodge, in Herts.

Then "The Past Masters" had a go at speechifying, and it was nice to hear them one and all declare their delights at being "the back bone" of the lodge, and how that, as long as they lived, they would uphold the dignity and prestige of the lodge. Thus, the delightful time passed, song and sentiment, kind and brotherly recognitions, and an earnest desire to make and enjoy happiness filled up the passing hours, till the Tyler's toast warned us that the time had come when we were "happy to meet, happy to part, and happy to meet again."

Just one last word, the singing was delightful, and the singers were Miss Edith Kingstone and Miss Ella Johnson, Bros. W. T. Spencer and Tom Taylor, and Mr. J. J. Berry. Bro. Malcolm Johnson accompanied the singers like a thorough musician, as he is.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Dr. W. Vance, P.M.; C. Powling, P.M.; T. Reeve, P.M.; W. Hudson, Jas. Gemmell, Chas. Davies, O. Anstead, E. Newman, H. Buck, A. Wren, E. Dawson, J. Franklin, W. Dodge, E. McNicoll, W. Deacon, E. Hornsey, C. Hodgson, T. Terras, J. Brown, V. Horton, C. West, W. Jeavons, G. Crump, J. Bell, H. Jackson, T. Jeavons, F. Francis, C. Freeland, A. Silk, J. Chave, W. Derbyshire, J. Byrom, Jas. Byrom, H. Woodward, T. Smith, J. Ward, C. Davidson, A. Bassett, C. Catchpole, W. Pope, N. Foster, A. Bailey, J. Orford, W. Baker, G. Carter, J. Redwood, C. Shaw, M. Moses, J. Howett, Charlton, W. Redman, J. Reavel, P. Smith, J. Bartlett, R. Davis, R. Reynolds, C. Parker, W. Pugh, H. Barwick, and D. Baldie. Among the visitors were Bros. R. J. Warren, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.T. Essex; C. Killick, P.M. 1693, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; A. McQueen, W.M., H. Jacobs, S.W., H. Saunders, and G. Gable, of 13; W. Long, S.W., W. Chambers, J.W., W. Lawson, P.M. and Sec., G. Porter, P.M., A. Clamp, T. Collins, and F. Folkes, of 700; Dr. J. D. Rhodes and D. Hook, of 615; W. Davidson, 913; A. Hill, W.M., and A. Simmonds, S.W. 1536; C. D. O'Mears, P.M. 1076; A. Ingram, P.M. 2278; T. Clayton, 79; F. Raffaeli, 1441; R. Waters, 2187; W. Evans, 615; G. Spittle, 2626; F. Cattison, 2615; J. Cook, 2661; T. Green, J.W. 1076; G. Stevens, J.W. 19; W. White, 212; D. Suthard, 781; G. Sidders, W.M. 2615; and others.

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Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922.

PRESENTATION OF A BANNER BY BRO. L. C. SHIPTON, P.M., SEC.

This well-known and highly successful lodge held its meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Monday, the 13th instant, when there were present Bros. Hy. Cornford, W.M.; E. J. Ware, S.W.; A. Chadderton, J.W.; Rbt. Peachey, I.P.M.; A. H. Cannon, P.M., Treas.; L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec.; A. R. Jackson, S.D.; F. W. Riches, J.D.; J. E. Robertson, I.G.; G. Herridge, Asst. D. of C.; J. N. Taylor, Org.; J. E. Groom and T. T. Harris, Stwds.; Thos. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; O. Lamare, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; S. Shipton, A. Furneaux, F. C. Greenley, C. N. Wedge, C. Cook, N. Legg, L. Notley, W. E. Low, W. Wise, H. Lambert, G. F. Lambert, J. N. Graves, G. R. Costello, W. L. Chamness, W. Simmonds, J. H. Heath, W. Moore, J. F. Warne, W. Hipgrave, J. B. Maltby, F. G. Messent, W. A. T. Martin, A. G. Pocock, H. C. E. Vieusseux, and Wm. Evans. The visitors were Bros. Perceval A. Nairne, P.G.D.; C. Johnson, S.D. 2206; E. West, 1641; B. Dowsett, P.M. 101; W. A. Hine, P.M. 933; W. Goodwin, 1604; J. H. Cooper, S.W. 1475; R. Brown, P.M. 2593; R. J. Richards, I.G. 1050; N. Courtney, 1507; T. Spenaby, 871; F. Houlton, 1320; Thos. Hobley, W.M. 1320; W. T. Snell, S.D. 1320; J. Hooper, P.M. 1320; A. E. Mullins, P.M. 1416; F. E. Murray, 1528; Hy. Buckridge, P.M. 1658; F. C. Everill, 2448; J. N. Omer, P.M. 1259; J. Parker, 2272; and Chas. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.W. 1641.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. S. A. I. Shipton, C. Cook, and C. N. Wedge were raised in an exemplary manner; Bros. L. Notley, W. Wise, and G. A. Costello passed; and Messrs. C. E. Vieusseux, A. G. Pocock, W. S. T. Martin, and Wm. Evans initiated in an impressive and perfect manner; the W.M. likewise giving the charge to the 10 initiates that he has had since his installation in January. A sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Girls' Institution; likewise a similar sum voted to the widow of a late Treasurer to the lodge. A proposition for initiation was handed in to the Secretary. Bro. Henry Cornford, W.M., announced the most important ceremony of the evening. Bro. L. C. Shipton, I.P.M., then stated that in commemoration of the W.M., his first initiate of several years previous, occupying that proud position, he asked their acceptance of the banner to the lodge in honour of Bro. H. Cornford, one of the best of Masons and Masters occupying the chair, and he would ask Bro. P. Nairne, P.G.D., to kindly unfurl the same. Bro. P. Nairne, in reply said, in answer to Bro. L. C. Shipton, P.M., that it was a most pleasurable and happy task. The Earl of Lathom Lodge had been named after a most worthy nobleman, one of the greatest in modern times. It had been said of him, and rightly, too, that among the late Lord Lathom's manifold duties, he not only adorned the Court, the State, and the Craft, but also, from one who knew him best, he equally adorned the hearth. He was an excellent Mason, and all deeply mourn his loss. Bro. Nairne then said, by the invitation of Bro. Shipton, P.M., and on behalf of the lodge, he unfurled the banner, which bore the arms of Lord Lathom, and he hoped it would be borne for many years before the lodge in Masonic progress, and that the brethren and worthy candidates who would from time to time be initiated in the lodge would remember the motto "In Portu Quies," rest in the haven of Freemasonry in the Earl of Lathom Lodge. The W.M. in a few well-chosen remarks most heartily thanked Bro. Nairne for his very graceful act, well knowing the many professional and Masonic duties that so often bound him. The brethren of the lodge were grateful for his great kindness. Bro. Hy. Cornford, W.M., then said he could not allow the pleasing event to pass without tendering his heartfelt thanks to Bro. Shipton, who was his father in Freemasonry. He had known him many years before entering the Craft, and he had great admiration for him. Little did he think of ever occupying the proud position of Master, but having buckled up, he loved the ritual, and had so far become master of it. He trusted that the brethren would meet under the banner for many years to come. This was seconded by Bro. Ware, S.W., in some well chosen remarks. In response, Bro. Shipton, P.M., in a few words, said he was grateful for such kind remarks, and it gave him intense pleasure to present the banner, which he hoped would hang above the Master's chair for long to come, and never be soiled.

The business of the lodge ended it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her usual pleasing style.

Supper ended, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then given, the W.M. stating the lodge was honoured with the presence of Bro. Nairne, P.G.D., who most ably replied, specially mentioning it was his first visit, and he had never seen the work carried out with more accuracy than by the W.M. and his officers. It gave him great pleasure to be present. He also remarked on the great assistance given the brethren in the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction by the Preceptor, Bro. C. L. Plant, P.M. 101, who he trusted would speedily be restored to health and his very useful work.

Bro. R. Peachey, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said his work almost surpassed other Masters of the lodge and he had shown his great ability in already in two months having had 10 initiates. He hoped the W.M. would continue to have the same success and do the same excellent work in the lodge.

In reply, Bro. H. Cornford, who had quite an ovation, said he was most grateful for such kind remarks and since his installation he had endeavoured to do his best and he was glad it had given satisfaction. He was most ably supported by his officers and he thanked them. That occasion was the crowning point in his life, in the presentation of the splendid banner. He hoped at the end of his year of office it would be fully acknowledged he had done his duty.

The toast of "The Initiates" was most cordially given and duly responded to by them all.

As also that of "The Visitors," who were heartily welcomed, and for whom replied most forcibly Bros. Nairne, Hobley, Buckridge, Stone, and Dowsett.

The W.M. presented the toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," also "The Officers," in terms of eulogium, which were ably responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought a most eventful evening to a close.

Much harmony was added to the meeting by solos from Bros. Groom, Greenley, C. S. Shipton, Everill, Costello, and Stone. Bro. J. N. Taylor, Organist of the lodge, ably presided at the piano.

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Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686.

The first year of this prosperous lodge was brought to a successful termination on the 11th inst., when the installation meeting was held at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, and Bro. Alderman A. J. Newton vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. J. Naughton. The members present included Bros. Alderman A. J. Newton, W.M.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; A. J. Naughton, S.W., W.M. elect; D. F. Norrington, J.W.; W. Bannister Abbott, P.M., Sec.; H. K. Newton, R. W. Burbidge, A. Strutt, E. J. Rix, J.D.; H. J. Thwaites, I.G.; T. G. Heighington, W. Windsor, Org.; B. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. T. Pearce, P.M.; M. J. Jessop, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. M. Skilton, 2581; F. J. Hardinge, W.M. 2421; J. Kynccch, 2581; C. E. Turnbull, P.M. 190; F. T. Larkman, P.M. 780; J. A. Stock, P.M., Sec. 1586; G. W. Turner, 858; A. R. Hipwell, 192; J. Adams, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; W. J. Light, W.M. 299, P.P.G.S. of W. Kent; R. J. Maitland Coffin, W.M. 2581; Orlton Cooper, P.M. 211; Geo. Davis, P.M. 167; Leslie Standing, 1642; Imre Kiralfy, P.M. 2581; Arthur Williams, P.M. 834; T. Richmond, 22; H. S. Croker, P.M. 190; W. R. Flack, W.M. 1656; T. Hodgson, 2310; T. Whitford, M.A., P.M. 1321; W. A. Shaw, 1305; J. W. Saunders, P.G. Stwd.; C. Bonham, P.M. 1305; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Frederic Pegrum was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Alphonsus J. Naughton was next impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., and the following officers were invested: Bros. D. F. Norrington, S.W.; H. K. Newton, J.W.; J. Bailey, M.P., Treas.; W. Bannister Abbott, P.M., Sec.; A. Strutt, D.C.; E. J. Rix, S.D.; H. J. Thwaites, J.D.; T. G. Heighington, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; J. W. Jupe, A. E. Catchpole, and H. Burbidge, Stwds.; and Ellis, P.M., Tyler. A very satisfactory audit report was adopted, and Messrs. Harry Day and Charles Bland were initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. presented Bro. Alderman Newton, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel in appreciation of the esteem of the members and in recognition of many favours conferred upon the lodge. He also presented the I.P.M. with an interesting souvenir of the formation of the lodge, consisting of a handsome volume containing the programme and details of the consecration printed on vellum, and a photographic reproduction of the warrant. The book bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Alderman A. J. Newton, first W. Master of the Alfred Newton Lodge as a souvenir of the consecration and as a token of fraternal regard and esteem, by the officers and brethren upon the termination of his year of office." Bro. Alderman Newton, I.P.M., in acknowledging the gift, said they had added to the many obligations under which he laboured. Their present of a Past Master's jewel was, he believed, carrying out a tradition which was generally observed amongst Masons. He accepted that jewel as an outward and visible sign of their kindness, and of the fraternal feeling existing between them. Their present of the volume was quite unexpected, and touched him deeply. He should treasure it amongst his most valued possessions, for he believed it honestly conveyed the expression of genuine kindly feelings, and as such he accepted the extremely handsome and unique souvenir of some very pleasant meetings, and of the foundation of an institution which would be of considerable benefit not only to themselves, but others. As there were other duties to perform, he would only very sincerely assure them of his gratitude.

The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft" was first honoured.

The W.M. then proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and alluded to the noble work done by his Royal Highness in presiding at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., replied for the toast of "The Grand Officers," proposed by Bro. Norrington, S.W., and said he appreciated the honour of the reception. The Grand Officers were all animated with one desire—to use their best endeavours to further the interest of the Craft. There had been some changes in consequence of the death of Lord Lathom, and promotions had taken place. Earl Amherst, who had been appointed Pro Grand Master, had done good service in Kent, and the Earl of Warwick, the Deputy Grand Master, was a popular brother in Essex, and with those two brethren the councils would be properly conducted and guide them in the right path. They had an indefatigable Grand Secretary, who had been busy in consecrating lodges, and who was much appreciated for his admirable way of performing that ceremony. As long as the Grand Officers had the confidence of the brethren, as evinced in the toast, they would do their best, so that their grand Order might go on and prosper.

Bro. Alderman A. J. Newton, I.P.M., said he made no apology for rising so quickly, for the evening was speeding rapidly along, and they had still a number of toasts to propose, but that which he had the honour of submitting was undoubtedly the toast of the evening. It was that of "The Worshipful Master." Now the Institution of Masonry was undoubtedly a very powerful establishment, and one occasionally wondered whether it had attracted a large number of men under its banner from motives of self-aggrandisement, from motives of self-advancement, or from some other underlying and probably greater motive. He could not for one moment believe they joined the great Institution of Masonry merely from selfish motives. He believed honestly they were induced to become Masons, not merely from a love of sociability, but from a desire to help and assist their brethren in less favoured circumstances. The men who come to the fore in their noble Institution were those who undoubtedly worked hard. There were many Masons who advanced no further than the proud position of Master Mason, and there they stopped. There were others who sought still further advancement, and to achieve positions of eminence, and positions of great usefulness in their Institution, and their W.M. was undoubtedly an example of that character. To the W.M. unquestionably belonged the honour of establishing and commencing this lodge. It had given him (the I.P.M.) the greatest pleasure to assist the W.M. to the best of his ability, but he unhesitatingly said that the credit belonged to Bro. Naughton. He would not detain them at any great length. He had given utterance to a few platitudes appreciated amongst Masons, but coming to the personal part of the toast, he wanted to give them in the heartiest manner possible the toast of "The Worshipful Master." They knew the W.M. was actuated by motives they admired, even if they did not possess them themselves. In him they had a man who, once he confined himself to certain lines, and was satisfied he was in the right path, spared not himself or any one else to achieve success. The W.M. had undertaken to guide them for the next 12 months, and they were perfectly satisfied to accept his guidance and work under him. He gave them in the very heartiest manner possible "The Health of the W.M.," and asked them to give it the usual Masonic honours.

Bro. Alphonsus J. Naughton, W.M., in response, said that following such a W.M. he was fully sensible of his shortcomings in the chair, particularly at the festive board, where the I.P.M. was such a master of the situation and had so distinguished himself in making them comfortable and happy. The I.P.M. was, of course, intimately acquainted with him as the Chairman of the Board he had the honour to serve. After such remarks coming from the I.P.M. they could understand he was given a task somewhat difficult to achieve. To serve under such a Master as the I.P.M. had given him the greatest possible pleasure, and the success of the lodge and its marvellous prosperity was due to the fact that the Chairman of the Board became its first Master. It was therefore in that respect that he felt a difficulty in following such a W.M. The I.P.M. having referred to his connection with Harrod's, he could not refrain from mentioning that there was another Director present, Bro. Harvey Samuel. He would take this opportunity of at once proposing "The I.P.M." What Bro. Newton had done for the lodge only the founders who had watched its progress could realise. The I.P.M. presented them with a beautiful set of working tools, and had arranged for each successive Master for 10 years to be presented with a beautiful silver vase. He was not a recipient on this occasion, having already received it, by the favour of the P.M., whilst acting as S.W.

Bro. Alderman A. J. Newton, I.P.M., briefly replied, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness.

Bro. Harvey Samuel also expressed his thanks for the kindly mention of his name by the W.M. He had been deeply impressed with the manner in which the work had been performed, and the fraternal feeling shown by the brethren. It gave them some idea of the men they had in office and of the manner in which they would perform their work in the different walks of life they followed.

"The Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who referred to Bro. Thomas as a thorough master of every detail of the Craft, and one who was always ready to do anything, and do it in the best manner possible. Better working he had never witnessed, whether as Master or Installing Master.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., said he had taken a great interest in the lodge since its inception, and as far as he could assist it by bringing his Masonic knowledge to bear.

As far as the ceremonies were concerned, their approbation was a great reward, and as long as he was a member they could command his services. He had been asked to propose the next toast, that of "The Initiates," and he hoped the lessons learnt by them that evening would not be lost sight of. However good they might have been, he was sure the initiates would leave the lodge better than when they entered.

Bros. Day and Bland suitably responded, after which the W.M. gave "The Visitors."

Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.M., in replying, said he was very proud of the W.M., who was an initiate of the Empress Lodge. The W.M. was a great supporter of the Charities, and on each of five occasions on which he (Bro. Kiralfy) had acted as Steward, had contributed a splendid subscription. He had never heard the installation ceremony performed in a more dignified manner in his experience of 31 years as a Mason. The words and sentiments Bro. Thomas expressed came from his heart, and that was Masonry as it should be done.

Bros. Whitford, Davis, Saunders, and Harding, W.M., also replied.

Other toasts were given before a very successful meeting was terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. W. Windsor, Org., arranged an admirable programme of music, and was assisted by Miss Jennie Higgs, Miss Bessie Glenister, and Bros. W. Syckle Moore, P.M.; H. Redgrave, and G. W. Turner.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

This old chapter held a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 3rd inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.E.Z.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, H.; J. Hemming, P.Z., Treas., as J.; W. J. Collier, P.P.C.S.N., S.E.; Spawforth and Cooper, Asst. Sojs.; F. Gravis, P.Z.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; W. Ratcliffe, P.Z.; H. Birch, P.Z.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; and W. Mapleton, I.P.Z. Comp. Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.Z. 84, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Binnie, of the Pimlico Lodge, and he being in attendance, was duly and impressively exalted by the M.E.Z. It having been reported that Comp. Nash, J., was very unwell, a vote of sympathy with him in his sickness was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Nash, J.; Weeks, P.Z.; Stevens, P.Z.; Larcomb, P.Z.; and others. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the old Chapter of Fidelity on possessing a companion at the head of affairs so thoroughly competent to undertake its arduous duties as Comp. H. J. Lardner undoubtedly was. The M.E.Z. had had a long and interesting career in Freemasonry and his services to the great Masonic Charities were of no mean order.

This toast having been drunk with acclamation, the M.E.Z. responded in a few brief and modest words.

"The Exaltée" followed.

In responding to this toast, Comp. Binnie expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to be present that evening. He had been highly impressed with the ceremony of exaltation. He considered that to retain the words of so long a ceremony was no mean feat of memory. The M.E.Z. never hesitated a moment nor was lost for a word in the beautiful and impressive mystical lecture. In conclusion, he thanked his old friend, Comp. Birch, P.Z., for his kindness in introducing him to so old and pleasant a chapter.

Comp. Dr. Hinton responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

"The Health of the Past Principals" was coupled with the respected names of Comp. F. Graves, P.Z., the father of the chapter, and Comp. W. Mapleton, I.P.Z.

These companions having replied, the M.E.Z. gave in very flattering terms "The Health of the Scribe E. and Treasurer." He said that the present prosperous state of the chapter was entirely due to Comps. Collins and Heming. They were both estimable men and Masons, and long might they continue to work together for the good of the Fidelity Chapter.

This toast having been responded to, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Spawforth and Cooper, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Comps. Dr. Hinton, W. Radcliffe, J. Heming, and W. J. Collins instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions, and Comp. Spawforth exhibited some novel and clever card feats. The whole proceedings were throughout most enjoyable.

Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1745.

A meeting of this prosperous civic chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. T. Simpson, I.P.Z., as M.E.Z., in the absence of Comp. Murphy; T. S. Plummer, P.Z., as H.; J. Young, P.Z., as J.; Major T. C. Watts, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. D. Webb, S.N.; G. Newell, P.S.; T. L. Pewtress, 2nd A.S.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.Z. 84, Asst. Org. Comp. E. S. Lardner, P.Z., was a visitor.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Murphy, M.E.Z.; F. Weinell, H.; H. B. Marshall, M.A., J.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., 1st A.S.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; and others. The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in due course. The proposer of the toast regretted that E. Comp. Murphy, by the exigencies of business, was unable to be present. His place, however, had been genially filled by Comp. Thomas Simpson. It was always a pleasure to sit under his presidency at a banquet table, whether it was a civic or Masonic function. His utterances were always worth listening to, as they were invariably original and pertinent.

The toast having been warmly received, the acting M.E.Z. responded. In the course of his remarks he regretted that there had been no work to do that evening. He failed to understand why the members of the mother lodge did not join them. The chapter was small, but it was very prosperous and a happy one. He had seen the ceremony of exaltation worked in other chapters, but not so well as in number 1745. The chapter possessed several Past Principals whose names were household words in metropolitan Freemasonry. In conclusion, he said that it was always a pleasure to him to do everything that he could for the Farringdon Without Lodge and Chapter.

A few other toasts followed.

The members were favoured with the instrumental and vocal abilities of Comps. Dr. Hinton, J. Young, T. S. Plummer, and others.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211.

A very successful meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. E. W. Beard, W.M.; J. Rossdale, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Richards, J.W.; F. N. Hardinge, M.O.; T. F. Strutt, I.O.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Willshire, S.D.; Baragwanath, J.D.; R. Shaw, P.M., D.C.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; Huish, P.M.; and Larter, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Roberts and Abrahams.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Percy Gayer was impressively advanced by the W.M. Bro. J. Rossdale having been presented, he was ably installed as W.M. by the W.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. T. Richards, S.W.; F. N. Hardinge, J.W.; G. Wales, M.O.; T. F. Strutt,

S.O.; W. Willshire, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; T. Baragwanath, S.D.; G. A. Dowse, J.D.; R. Shaw, P.M., I.G.; P. Beard, D.C.; C. E. Burton, E. C. S. Bradley, and G. B. Johnstone, Stewards; and S. Ellis, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; F. C. Frye, P.M.; P. Morson, P.M.; Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Kiallmark, P.M., P.G.W.; D. P. Cama, P.M.; Dr. E. Pocock, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been closed, a banquet followed.

Bro. R. Shaw, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in fluent and exhaustive terms.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his thanks to the brethren for having elected him to preside over the destinies of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. From the first moment of his joining No. 211 he had been struck with the unanimity that prevailed among its members. He belonged to other Masonic bodies, but there was not one that he held in greater estimation. With the assistance of the Past Masters he trusted to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of everyone. He saw no reason why the Earl of Carnarvon Mark Lodge should not be one of the most influential and prosperous in the Metropolis.

The toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master" followed. In submitting this toast the W.M. declared that he could say without fear of contradiction that no W.M. had ever sat in the chair of No. 211 who had surpassed Bro. Beard in his general working. His urbanity and geniality were of the highest order. He had, moreover, provided them every night of his Mastership with an excellent musical programme. In conclusion, he trusted that Bro. Beard would live many years to wear the handsome jewel which had been presented to him that evening, and which he had so richly earned.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Beard made a neat and emotional reply.

Bro. Gayler acknowledged the toast of "The Advancee,"

Bros. Roberts and Abrahams "The Health of 'The Visitors,'" and

Bros. Parkhouse, Huish, and Larter the toast of "The Past Masters."

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" the W.M. expressed his regret that W. Bro. J. N. Frye had been prevented from attending the lodge through indisposition. The lodge owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. Frye for the careful manner in which he had husbanded the funds. The report of the Audit Committee had been a most satisfactory one. He trusted that at the next meeting they would see their genial and respected Treasurer in his wonted good health.

The Secretary having acknowledged this toast,

"The Health of the Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. Richards and Harding, terminated the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was furnished by Mesdames Maud Allen, Florence Daly, Theresa Beney, and Mr. Mark Ambient. Bro. T. F. Strutt also greatly delighted the brethren with a powerful and effective bass solo.

The W.M. and executive of the lodge are to be complimented upon the results that attended one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Earl of Carnarvon Mark Lodge.

The jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

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GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE.

The annual assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall on the 6th instant. The Earl of Euston, M.I.G. Sovereign, was unable to attend, but the members present included

Sir Knights J. B. Cockburn, Int. Gen. Guernsey, as M.I.G.S.; A. H. Bateman, P.G.G., as G.S. Gen.; Rev. C. E. Wright, P.G.L., as G.J. Gen.; Rev. H. J. Mason, G. Prelate; Major C. W. Carrell, G. High Almoner; A. Woodiwiss, G. High Chan.; C. F. Matier, P.G.V.E., G. Recorder; C. S. Brewer, G. Historiographer; W. D. Grant, G. Examiner; Capt. E. M. Money, W. Briggs, Geo. Graveley, G. H. Dowsett, J. Barker, W. C. Taylor, R. Haliburton Adie, Edwin Moore, G. J. Dunkley, T. E. Tidswell, G. J. Howell, L. Crosthwaite, J. Briggs, W. H. Barrow, P. C. Voisey, and others.

Grand Imperial Conclave was opened and the minutes were confirmed.

The G. RECORDER read the annual report of the Executive Committee, which showed balances of £112 16s. 6d. and £68 3s. 9d. on the General and Grand High Almoner's Funds respectively. During the past year 106 certificates had been issued for the Red Cross and 52 for K.H.S. and St. John—those numbers being considerably in advance of the previous year. A new conclave had been sanctioned in Ceylon, and was consecrated on 8th November, 1898. Sir Knight G. F. Traill had been appointed Intendant General for Ceylon. On the invitation of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Scotland, a conference was held in Edinburgh on 28th April, 1898, when many matters of great importance were discussed. Deep regret was expressed at the death of Lord Lathom, who was G. Viceroy E. in 1876. The Earl of Euston was thanked for his continued interest in the Order, and the Grand Recorder was also thanked for his services, an honorarium of 15 guineas and 10 guineas for assistance in office work being granted. Twenty guineas was voted to the Girls' School to support the G. Viceroy E., Viscount Dungarvan. The Committee expressed grateful thanks for a beautiful transparency of the Resurrection, painted and presented by Sir Knights A. Rutherford and L. Crosthwaite.

The Earl of Euston was unanimously re-elected Grand Sovereign and proclaimed accordingly, and Viscount Dungarvan was re-elected Grand Viceroy. Sir Knight Gordon Miller was also re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The following appointments were made to—

GRAND COUNCIL:

Sir Knight A. Woodiwiss	...	G. Sen. Gen.
" Major C. W. Carrell	...	G. Jun. Gen.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford	...	G. High Prelate.
" H. J. Mason	...	G. High Chan.
" Gordon Miller	...	G. Treas.
" C. F. Matier	...	G. Recorder.
" J. Binney	...	G. High Almoner.
" J. Armstrong	...	G. Chamberlain.
" W. F. Carmon	...	G. Architect.
" C. S. Brewer	...	G. Marshal.
" W. D. Grant	...	G. Orator.
" A. H. Baird	...	G. Historiographer.

GRAND SENATE:

Sir Knight R. J. Voisey	...	G. Preceptor.
" W. A. Scurrah	...	G. Examiner.
" Thomas Paget	...	G. Prefect.
" Rev. W. Russell Finlay	...	G. Sub-Prelate.
" J. Kenyon	...	G. Vice-Chan.
" T. M. Bichard	...	G. Asst. Recorder.

The following Sir Knights were elected G. Senators, and were by command of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign appointed to office as follows:

Sir Knight Harold Thomas	...	G. Sub-Almoner.
" W. Briggs	...	G. Ins. of Regalia.
" B. R. Bryant	...	} G. Std. Brs.
" E. K. Corbin	...	
" John Mills	...	G.S.B.
" W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc.	...	G. Org.
" F. K. Stevenson	...	G. Precentor.
" G. H. Dowsett	...	G. Vice-Cham.
" H. J. Rolls	...	G. Asst. Marshal.
" W. Campbell Taylor	...	} G. Heralds.
" Geo. Graveley	...	
" W. T. Wiggins	...	G.D.C.

Baron de Ferrieres was appointed President, and Sir Knight Frank Richardson was appointed a member of the Executive Committee, and Sir Knights Walls, Carrell, Powell, Woodiwiss and Lardner were elected members.

The following appointments were made to the Patriarchal Council of K.H.S. and St. John:

Sir Knight A. Woodiwiss	...	G. Seneschal.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford	...	G. Prior.
" Rev. W. Russell Finlay	...	G. Sub-Prior.
" Major C. W. Carrell	...	G. Capt. of Guards.
" A. H. Jeffers	...	G. Chancellor Gen.
" Gordon Miller	...	G. Treasurer "
" C. F. Matier	...	G. Registrar "
" J. Binney	...	G. Hospitaller "
" J. Armstrong	...	G. 1st Lieutenant.
" W. F. Carmon	...	G. 2nd "
" C. S. Brewer	...	G. Guardian S.V.
" W. D. Grant	...	G. Std. Br.
" A. H. Baird	...	G. Torch Br.
" R. J. Voisey	...	G. Verger.
" W. A. Scurrah	...	G. Harbinger.
" T. Paget	...	G. Warder.

Sir Knight E. J. Mills was re-elected G. Sentinel.

Imperial Grand Conclave was then closed, after which the Order of K.H.S. was conferred upon several Sir Knights.

Plantagenet Conclave, No. 2.

A regular assembly of this conclave was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 9th instant. There were present Sir Knights W. Briggs, G.I.R., M.P.S.; W. J. Armitage, Viceroy; E. M. Money, P.G.P., P.S., Treasurer and Recorder; R. H. Adie, S.G.; C. E. W. Boughton-Leigh, J.G.; J. Briggs, Prefect; W. G. Mills, Herald; and T. C. Edmonds, Sentinel.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Sir Knight W. J. Armitage was enthroned M.P.S., the ceremony being performed by Sir Knight E. M. Money. The new M.P.S. then consecrated Sir Knight R. H. Adie as Viceroy. Sir Knight W. Briggs then resumed the chair, and Bros. F. A. Powell and W. J. Songhurst having been duly elected, were installed as Knights of the Order. Sir Knight Armitage, M.P.S. then appointed the following officers, investing those present: Sir Knights C. E. W. Boughton-Leigh, S.G.; J. Briggs, J.G.; E. M. Money, P.S., Treas. and Recorder; J. G. Marsh, P.S., H.P.; W. G. Mills, Prefect; H. Tipper, Herald; S. H. Hare, Std. Br.; and T. C. Edmonds, Sentinel. The Auditors' report was read and adopted, and the M.P.S. congratulated the conclave on its healthy and prosperous condition, financially and otherwise. The M.P.S. then decorated the outgoing Sovereign with the jewel voted to him by the conclave, which was then closed.

The knights adjourned to the banquet in the Japanese Salon, over which the M.P.S. ably presided.

The toasts peculiar to the Order were given, and received with enthusiasm. Testimony was borne to the excellent work and vigour of the outgoing M.P.S., Sir Knight Wm. Briggs, who had installed seven new members during his year of office, and to the unflagging zeal and energy of the Recorder, Sir Knight E. M. Money. The Masonic record of the incoming M.P.S., Sir Knight W. J. Armitage, was sufficient guarantee that the conclave would continue to flourish under his able guidance.

Sir Knights Boughton-Leigh, W. Briggs, and J. Briggs assisted with songs, and Bro. Ashwell also sang and presided at the piano.

The jewel was manufactured by George Kenning & Son.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The annual meeting of Grand Council was held on the 9th instant at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. There were present Comps. R. Loveland Loveland, Dep. G.M., as G.M.; R. Berridge, G. Treas., as Dep. G.M.; R. Clowes, as P. Con. of Wrks.; the Rev. W. Russell Finlay, G. Chap.; J. A. Craik, A.G.D.C.; Vincent Murché, G. Marshal; Geo. Graveley, P.G.M.; Wm. Briant, P.G.M.; the Rev. C. E. Wright, P.G. Chap.; H. E. Cousans, P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. F. Tower, P.G.M.; Alex. Stewart Brown, W. A. Scurrah, H. G. Giles, A. Molony, Dr. Alfd. King, John Dimsdale, Gordon Millar, R. Percy Clowes, and many others.

Grand Council was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed.

A report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite was read by the G. RECORDER, and unanimously adopted, which showed that 31 certificates had been issued, making a total of 857 members on the register, an increase on last year of 17. A warrant had been granted for a new Council at Liverpool, which was consecrated on the 24th February last by the G. Recorder and other G. Officers, when 15 candidates were admitted. The relations with sister Grand Councils continued to be friendly. The Grand Master had re-appointed Comp. Loveland Loveland as Dep. Grand Master, and thanked him and other G. Officers for their untiring efforts. All Councils had made their annual returns, and paid their dues. The G. Treasurer's accounts showed a balance of £34 6s. 5d., being an increase of £10.

The DEP. GRAND MASTER congratulated Grand Council on the most satisfactory report, and expressed the hope that the Order would continue to flourish.

Comp. GORDON MILLER proposed the re-election of Comp. R. Berridge as Grand Treasurer, and said that apart from the eminence to which that companion had attained in Freemasonry, he was one of the best Treasurers, and they were only too glad to find his name associated with all their organisations in that capacity.

Comp. R. J. VOISEY seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

Comp. R. BERRIDGE, G. Treas., returned thanks for the kindly confidence placed in him, and hoped to be able to fulfil the duties as in the past.

The DEPUTY G. MASTER made the following appointments:

Comp. Cordon Miller	...	...	G.P. Con. of Wks.
" Rev. Russell Finlay	...	...	G. Chap.
" R. Berridge	...	...	G. Treas.
" C. F. Matier	...	...	G. Recorder.
" R. J. Voisey	...	...	G. Lecturer.
" Reynolds Green	...	...	G.D.C.
" Brewer	...	...	G.A.D.C.
" Tomlinson	...	...	G. Con. of Council.
" Percy Clowes	...	...	G. Capt. of Guard.
" Dr. Alfred King	...	...	G. Org.
" Louis Mieble	...	...	G. Marshals.
" Southwell	...	...
" Commander Giles, R.N.	...	...	G. Stwds.
" Osterstock	...	...
" John Dimsdale	...	...	G. Tyler.
" E. J. Mills	...	...

On the motion of Comp. Rev. Russell Finlay the usual honorarium of 10 guineas was voted to the G. Recorder, and the G. Council was closed. The Degree of Royal Master was afterwards exemplified, and a banquet followed.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following new lists, and additions to lists, have been received since last week:—

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
29	Bro. J. R. Eastwood, new list	...	21	0 0
90	" Charles Fox, additional ... (raising his list to £131 5s.)	...	5	5 0
174	" W. J. Darby, additional ... (raising his list to £150 6s.)	...	5	6 0
Unattached	Bro. W. J. Mason, additional ... (raising his list to £68 5s.)	...	5	5 0
	" A. Graddage, additional ... (raising his list to £61 8s.)	...	11	8 0

THE PROVINCES.

Lodge	CAMBRIDGESHIRE.	£	s.	d.
859	Bro. W. J. Armitage, new list	...	16	16 0
Unattached	CHESHIRE.			
	Bro. F. R. Oke, new list	...	10	10 0
Lodge	ESSEX.			
2256	Bro. J. H. Bridgman, additional ... (raising his list to £88 4s.)	...	26	5 0
	KENT.			
913	" W. Burbridge, additional ... (raising his list to £216 3s. 6d.)	...	16	3 6
Province	LINCOLNSHIRE.			
	Bro. Major R. F. Moresby-White, additional ... (raising his list to £243 19s.)	...	77	10 0
Lodge	SURREY.			
1929	Bro. J. J. Lamigeon, additional ... (raising his list to £21)	...	10	10 0

We beg to add that two new Stewards will be added to the list in the reprint, and that one of the Stewards returned as representing No. 2579, London, should be *not* J. A. Stretton as we gave it, but J. A. Shelton.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council, No. 1.

A meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 26th ultimo. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M., as T.I.M., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. George Gregory; H. P. Hay, D.M.; B. Stewart, P.C.W.; George Graveley, P.T.I.M.; Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.T.I.M.; Recorder; G. Briggs, E. Storr, P.T.I.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.T.I.M.; O. Heinemann, J. Rowe, and E. Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. the Rev. H. Roberts, M.A., and he, being in attendance, was duly admitted, received, and greeted. The acting T.I.M. performed the ceremonies in his usually impressive manner. Comp. Hay was unanimously elected T.I.M.; Comp. G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treasurer; and Comp. E. Mills, O.S. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. George Gregory for his services as T.I.M. during the past year. A vote of thanks was also given to Comp. H. J. Lardner for his services as acting T.I.M.

Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. G. Gregory, R. L. Loveland, O.C., P.T.I.M.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, M.A.; Rev. T. E. Wright, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., G.C.; G. Powell, P.T.I.M.; J. N. Frye, S. H. Parkhouse, A. McDowall, P.T.I.M.; W. M. Stiles, and others. The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant. The Recorder presided. M.E. Comp. Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Obituary.

BRO. ENOCH TERRY CARSON.

I am very sorry to state that my old and esteemed friend Enoch Terry Carson, of Cincinnati, U.S.A., died on the 23rd ult. He has been ill for some time, but the collapse came all too soon for his many friends.

Bro. Carson had no superior as a Masonic Bibliographer, and had collected a most valuable library relating to the Craft, which he disposed of to another ardent and distinguished collector a few weeks prior to his regretted decease.

We have long worked together in all matters appertaining to the Bibliography of the Brotherhood, and his services, especially in relation to Masonic books and MSS., have been of great value. We shall miss him very much.

W. J. HUGHAN.

BRO. LEOPOLD G. G. ROBBINS, P.G.D.

Bro. Leopold G. Gordon Robbins, to whose recent and lamented death we referred in our Notes of last week, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1863, and was appointed Prov. G. Steward in 1886, and in the following year Prov. G.D. of C. Oxfordshire. In November, 1866, he joined the University Lodge, No. 1118; and in 1880 had the honour of being installed its W. Master. In 1877 he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and occupied the chair in 1884. He was also a member of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, Hampton Court, and had served it in the capacity of Treasurer. In 1893 his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. was pleased to appoint him S.G. Deacon in recognition of his many services. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in June, 1866; and, having subsequently been elected a joining member of the University Chapter, No. 1118, and Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 18, was installed M.E.Z. of the former in 1884 and 1885, and of the latter in 1886. In 1893 he was appointed Dep. G. Registrar in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was a member of the Mark Degree, and in 1890 was appointed G.S.O.; while in the Order of the Temple he ranked as P.E.P. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory, and was appointed G. Herald in 1893; and in the A. and A. Rite as Past M.W.S. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter of Rose Croix, and had taken the 31°. He was a liberal supporter of our Institutions, had served several Stewardships for the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions, and had qualified as Vice Patron of the Benevolent Institution, Vice President of the Girls' School, and Life Subscriber of the Institution for Boys.

FUNERAL OF BRO. T. HEATH, P.M.

With many marks of sympathy and esteem, the funeral of Bro. Thos. Heath, solicitor, took place on the 9th inst., at Plymouth Cemetery. Leaving the residence of the deceased, in St. Aubyn-street, Devonport, shortly before 11 o'clock, the cortege proceeded direct to the Cemetery chapel, where the first portion of the burial service was impressively read by the Rev. J. Knowles, Nonconformist Chaplain. From the chapel the body, enclosed in an oak coffin with an elm shell, and covered with beautiful wreaths, was conveyed to the family vault, where the interment took place, Mr. Knowles again officiating. The principal mourners were Mr. J. Percival Heath (son), Mr. John Heath (brother), and Mr. E. J. Bath (brother-in-law). Captain de Gruchy, and Messrs. Onesimus Dorey, T. Harris, and G. F. Watson (directors) represented the Anglo-French Steamship Company, of which deceased was Chairman; Messrs. F. W. Hayes, J. Turpin, and F. Saunders attended on behalf of the St. Aubyn Ward Conservative Association, of which deceased was for many years Treasurer; Mr. A. J. Roberts represented the Central Conservative Association at Devonport, with which Bro. Heath was also connected; and Bro. R. Kent represented the Carew Lodge, No. 1136, of which he was a Past Master. Among others present were Dr. McElwaine and Messrs. W. Lidstone, M. E. Baxter, J. T. Luxon, G. J. Kingdon, W. Rattenbury, Allen, Worsfol, C. A. Organ, Millman, Parsons, C. H. Hoare, F. N. Roach, T. Shears, J. Woodman, R. Truscott, and W. Trenoweth. Among the floral tributes were very beautiful wreaths from the directors of the Anglo-French Steamship Company, the officers of the Devonport Conservative and Unionist Association, and relatives and friends.

FUNERAL OF BRO. WALTER OGILVY.

The remains of Bro. Walter Ogilvy, who died on the 4th inst., and who enjoyed the unique distinction of being the oldest Freemason in Scotland, were interred in the New Cemetery on Wednesday, the 8th inst., in the presence of a large concourse of mourners. The cortege left deceased's residence in Clerk-street, where a short funeral service was conducted by the Rev. John A. Clark, Brechin Cathedral, at a quarter past one, the funeral being witnessed by large numbers *en route*. The Masonic lodges turned out in regalia in honour of their deceased brother, while the Guildry Incorporation were represented by Mr. David Lamb, Dean, and Mr. William Smart, Treasurer and Fiscal. Amongst the general body of mourners were Ex-Bailie Anderson and Mr. George Anderson; Mr. Charles Anderson, solicitor; Mr. A. M. Thomson, Arbroath; Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Brechin Castle; ex-Provost Lamb, Mr. James Craig, Town Clerk; Mr. John Shiell, factor on Dalhouse estate; Mr. Robert Duke, Bearehill; Mr. R. W. Duke, St. Ninians; Revs. John A. Clark, E. Beresford Cooke, The Rectory and John Fraser, West Free, Brechin; Rev. George Munro, emeritus minister Free Church, Menmuir; Rev. Robert Grant, Stracathro; Mr. Alex. Thomson, solicitor; Mr. John Black, solicitor; Mr. James H. Lamb, Mr. Robert Allan, Inspector of Poor; Mr. William Eggie, Burgh Surveyor; Mr. Wm. Johnson, Rosemount; Mr. Tom Ireland, Mr. James Duncan, Mr. D. W. Galloway, architect; &c., &c. At the graveside the Masonic service was carried through with the prescribed ceremonials by Bro. the Rev. E. Beresford Cooke, Chaplain of the St. James Lodge. The pall bearers were Mr. George Anderson, Mr. William Anderson, Mr. Charles Anderson, Mr. A. M. Thomson (Arbroath), Mr. F. C. Anderson, Mr. John Anderson, Hon. C. M. Ramsay, and Rev. John A. Clark.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, March 25, 1899.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 20.**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.
720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
862, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
901, St. Peter Westminster, Cafe Royal.
1537, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
1657, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal.
2489, Willesden, National Schools.
2563, Justitia, Freemasons' Hall.
2699, Wandle, Town Hall, Wandsworth.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

- 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial
road, E., at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Arms, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-st., Plaistow, E., at 7.30
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E.
at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd.,
Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loggia Italia, Restaurant Frumagalli, 12 and 13, Wilton Road,
Victoria Station, S.W., at 9.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-
way Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penze-rd., at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 30, United Mariners, Frascati Restaurant.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2022, Haven, Public Buildings, Ealing.
2045, Wharton, Holborn Restaurant.
2108, Hampstead, Vestry Hall.
2500, Old Boys, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 26, Castle of Harmony, Cafe Royal.
46, Old Union, Albion Tavern.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Cipper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street,
Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High
street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street,
Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E.,
at 7.30.
Excelsior Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe,
Faith, Fumagalli Restaurant, Wilton-rd., Victoria Station, at 8
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and
4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway,
S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-rd., at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-rd., South
Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.

Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-
road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green,
S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22.

Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
207, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.
1017, Montefiore, Trocadero Restaurant.
1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
1808, Clapham, Criterion.
2332, Borough of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.
2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.
2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.
2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall.
2650, Christ's Hospital, Christ's Hospital.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 703, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
99, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
861, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
871, Royal Oak, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1608, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1974, St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.

MARK LODGE.

- 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24.**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
107, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
599, Fitz-Roy, Headquarters Honourable Artillery Company,
City-road.
1591, Studholm, 33, Golden-square.
2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
2312, London Irish Rifles, Hotel Cecil.
2048, Marcians, Trocadero Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Holborn Restaurant.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
1584, Loyalty and Charity, Frascati Restaurant.
1670, Henry Haggeridge, Anderton's Hotel.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
2472, Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel.
2047, Allegn, Crown and Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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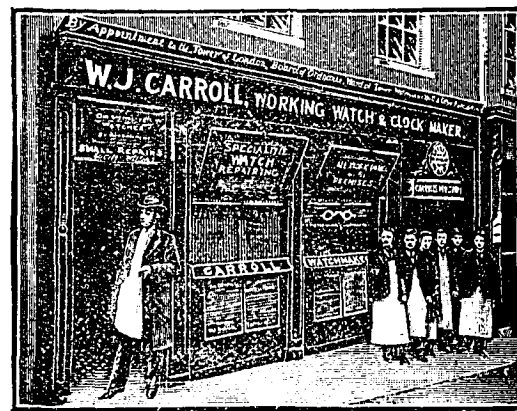
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BRO. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN has left town for Biarritz for rest and change.

BRO. LORD AND LADY ARTHUR HILL have removed from 74 to 43, Eaton-place.

BRO. LORD AND LADY SALTOUN have taken 26, Grosvenor-place for two months and are expected in town this week.

BRO. EARL EGERTON OF TATTON and the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, who have been travelling in Greece, are expected home shortly.

ON SATURDAY LAST Lady Frederick Cavendish presented the prizes at the Hendon Hall School for Girls, Hendon, Middlesex.

BRO. CHAS. E. KEYSER presided last week at the annual Festival of the London Orphan Asylum at the Hotel Metropole. Subscriptions amounting to £5600 were announced.

THE BELLS OF WINDSOR were rung last week, and a Royal salute was fired in the Long Walk, in celebration of the 36th wedding day of H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were married at St. George's Chapel on March 10th, 1863.

BRO. SIR FRANCIS KNOLLYS, Private Secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, after being present on Saturday last at the departure of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and her daughters from Charing Cross, left, with the Hon. Lady Knollys, for Hythe.

BRO. J. L. TOOLE received many congratulations on Sunday last on his 69th birthday, and innumerable friends will be glad to hear that the veteran comedian is still in good health. His eyesight is better since the operation he underwent so successfully some time ago.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN is authorised to state that Drawing Rooms will be held at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, May 10th; on Tuesday, May 16th; and on a day, not yet fixed, later in the season. The names of ladies to be presented cannot be received at the Lord Chamberlain's office until Monday, April 17th next.

LORD ALEXANDER THYNNE, brother of Bro. the Marquis of Bath, has been selected by the Executive Committee of the City of London Conservative Association to stand as a candidate for election as successor to Bro. the Duke of Leeds, who recently resigned his position as a representative of the City on the London County Council.

YOUNG TROUT FOR THE THAMES.—The Henley Fish Preservation Society has made another addition to the stock of trout in the local waters of the Thames. The consignment consisted of 1000 healthy young fish, and they were distributed between Henley and Medmenham. The Windsor and Eton Preservation Society, it is announced, will this week turn 1500 trout into the Thames.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, as Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, has sanctioned a "Café Concert" being held on May 5th, at, probably, the Grafton Galleries, in aid of the funds of the British Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem, belonging to the Order. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal family are among the patronesses.

HER MAJESTY, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Duchess of York, and their Highnesses Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein and Prince Leopold of Battenberg, and attended by her suite, left Windsor Castle on Saturday morning last at 10.35 o'clock for Folkestone. Subsequently the Queen embarked on board the South-Eastern steam packet Calais-Douvres for Boulogne, en route for Nice. Her Majesty arrived at Cimiez on Sunday afternoon.

AT QUEEN'S HALL, on Tuesday evening, the members of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society gave the second smoking concert of their 37th season. The Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Sir J. V. Moore), who was supported by the Sheriffs (Bros. Alderman Alliston and Lieut.-Col. Probyn), in their chains of office, presided, and there was a goodly attendance of friends and visitors. Mr. Ernest Ford again took charge of a programme which contained many favourite pieces, among them being Sullivan's delightful overture to "The Yeomen of the Guard," the ballet music from Gounod's "Faust," and a selection from Bizet's "L'Arlesienne."

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, Princess Victoria of Wales, and Princess Charles of Denmark left Charing-cross by special train at 10.55 on Saturday morning last for Paris, on their way to Marseilles, where they will embark on board the Royal yacht Osborne for a Mediterranean cruise of several weeks' duration. Miss Knollys, Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke, and Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson were in attendance, and travelled with the Royal party. The Duke of York, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, accompanied the Princesses to the station, and saw them off. General Sir Dighton Probyn and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys were also present. Their Royal Highness, at the station, were received by Colonel Surtees, one of the directors, and Bro. George Abbott, the district superintendent.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON presided at the annual banquet of the society of East Anglians in London in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday evening last, among the company being Countess Carrington, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, Viscount and Viscountess Coke, Lady Dorothy Nevill, Sir William Robinson, Sir F. Lacey Robinson, Sir Joshua and Lady Fitch, Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., the Dean of Norwich, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, several of the members of Parliament for East Anglia, and Mayors and Mayoresses of boroughs in the Eastern Counties. In proposing the toast of the evening, the Chairman dwelt very happily on the history and traditions of Norfolk, and humorously referred to the pugnacious character of the people from the days of Queen Boadicea down to that moment when they were engaged in fighting each other in a by-election.

RHODESIAN GOLD TRUST.—The event of the past few days has been the interest taken in everything Rhodesian. Some of the biggest financiers, including the Messrs. Rothschild and the leading Berlin bankers, are now largely interested in Rhodesian gold properties. It is said that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has gone to Berlin to personally confirm the statements made about the great mineral wealth of Matabeleland and other parts of Rhodesia. The Rhodesian Gold Trust Limited, whose capital is £1,000,000 in shares of £1 each, has taken over an immense tract of gold-bearing reefs. They own 2157 claims in the best known and most important parts of Matabeleland and Rhodesia. According to the reports from their engineers on the spot, there are valuable old workings on many of these claims. Some of the properties are now being developed, which means the flotation of a number of subsidiary companies, with large profits to the parent company. The prosperity and success of the Rhodesian Gold Trust are now so well assured that it is right attention should be drawn to the low price, 8s. per share, at which its £1 shares are now selling on the London Stock Exchange.

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BRO. COLONEL T. DAVIES SEWELL has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has arranged to leave London for the Continent on the 24th instant.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING has promised to distribute the Beaufoy and Mortimer prizes at the City of London School on Friday, June 9th.

IT IS WITH regret we announce the death, on the 13th ult., of Bro. H. J. Rustonjee of the well-known firm of H. J. Rustonjee, of Kurrachie and Bombay.

BRO. JOHN LOBB, C.C., M.L.S.B., has left town for Bournemouth. We are gratified to hear that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his recent severe illness.

BROS. THE LORD MAJOR, Alderman and Sheriff Alliston, and Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, L.C.C., will be the guests of the evening at the dinner of the Law and City Courts Committee at the Albion Tavern on Monday, the 16th inst. Bro. Thomas Briggs, Chairman.

THE ROYAL SEA-BATHING HOSPITAL.—A concert will be held at Grosvenor House, by the kind permission of the Duke of Westminster, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 1st June. Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to patronise the same, and has signified her attention of taking tickets. H.R.H. the Duchess of York has also been pleased to give her name as a Patroness.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1623, meets at the "City Scotch Stores," Knight-riding-street, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., every Wednesday during the season at 7.45 p.m., and on Wednesday next, the 22nd instant, but at the earlier hour of 6.30 p.m. the business of the lodge will be the working of the Fifteen Sections. The chairs of the Principal Officers will be occupied by Bros. F. P. Weinell, P.M., Preceptor, as W.M.; H. J. Lardner, Past G. Std., as S.W.; and Herbert Clinch, W.M. No. 1623, as J.W.; with Bro. J. Knight as I.P.M.

A MASONIC CASE, inscribed "Charles C. Pearce, Enfield Lodge, 1237," has been recovered from the river Lea, near Tottenham Lock. Inside the case were several packages of tea bearing the name "Frank H. Pearce, 1, Aldgate-avenue," and a hat bearing the same name was found in the vicinity a few hours later. Inquiries made at 1, Aldgate-avenue show that Mr. C. Pearce has been dead some time, but his son, Mr. F. H. Pearce, has carried on business there as a tea merchant. He has been missing for about a week, and it is conjectured that he has been drowned in the Lea.

THE SHRIEVALTY OF THE CITY.—At a meeting of the Court of Aldermen at Guildhall, the Lord Mayor exercised an ancient privilege accorded to his office by nominating a candidate for the Shrievalty of the City of London Bro. Alfred Henry Bevan, citizen and brewer. Bro. Bevan is a director of Messrs. Barclay, Perkins, and Co., Limited, and has been recently chosen G. Treasurer for the year. The nomination has been made at the request of Bro. Alderman Newton, who stands next in rotation for the Mayoralty. In the absence of a contest the Sheriffs for next year would be Bros. Alderman Treloar and Bevan. The election takes place at Midsummer.

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OLD MASONIANS will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 25th instant, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., G. Registrar, who is President of the Association for the year, will occupy the chair, and it is hoped that there will be present on the occasion a numerous gathering of the friends and supporters of the Association as well as of the members. Full particulars of Bro. Horace Lewis, Hon. Sec., of whom tickets, price 5s., can be obtained. Morning dress. We beg to add that at 5 p.m., the same afternoon and at the same hotel, an emergency meeting of the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700—of which Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., is W. Master—will be held for the purpose of initiating two ex-pupils of the School, and it is hoped that those who propose to attend the dinner will take the opportunity of visiting the lodge.

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AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE for the late Bro. Lord Herschell, which is to be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Tuesday next, the Queen will be represented by Lord Churchill, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by Sir Francis Knollys, and the Duke of York by the Hon. Derek Keppel. The mourners will consist solely of the family, the former private secretaries, and the vicar and churchwardens of St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square. The pall-bearers will be as follows: On the right, the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Kimberley, Lord Strathcona (High Commissioner of Canada), the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Mr. Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G.; and on the left, the United States Ambassador, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Lord James of Hereford, Sir Henry Roscoe (Vice-Chancellor of London University), and Mr. Francis W. Buxton. The Lords Justices of Appeal will be accommodated with stalls in the choir. The order of service will be similar to that used at the obsequies of the late Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

MINES CONTRACT COMPANY.—This company was established in 1888, and has paid dividends which for one year amounted to no less than 95 per cent. Owing to the renewal of activity in the mining market, a resumption of distributions is probable. What the premium on the shares will then be investors can judge for themselves. The issued capital is only £55,000, an extremely moderate figure when the assets are taken into account, and which the last balance-sheet issued show to be of an amount nearly four times the capital. Out of this the directors wisely placed about £100,000 to a "contingent reserve fund." The Mines Contract Company owns 700 acres of coal lands in South Wales, two-thirds interest in an Australian gold property, a considerable interest in mining claims in Rhodesia, half interest in a large number of properties in Canada, a large interest in the Lomatie (Lydenburg) Exploration Company, half interest in a Mexican silver property, and a considerable interest in a mica manufacturing company, besides shares in various other syndicates. Some of these concerns are doing extremely well, whilst, in addition, the company hold mortgage charges to the extent of £32,000—a very important asset. Why Mines Contract £1 fully-paid shares should be quoted in the neighbourhood of 12s. 6d. is an anomaly which will probably right itself in a very short time; in any case, a good chance is now given to cautious mining investors.—*Money Market Review.*

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