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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Though all of us are more or less prepared for a modest return of donations and subscriptions at the forthcoming anniversary meeting at Brighton on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, there is no reason why we should not follow the usual course of drawing attention to the circumstances in which it is placed and do our utmost to enlarge, as far as possible, the amount which those who have undertaken to act as Stewards are endeavouring to raise. It is the fate of all Charities that depend for support mainly on voluntary contributions that under no circumstances can they allow their position and requirements to remain even temporarily in the background. However successful they may have been on certain special occasions, when there were particular needs to be met, they must still keep on presenting their claims for support to a generous public, or the funds which are theirs for the asking will find their way into other channels. Last year, the Boys' School Centenary was a magnificent success, but the bulk of the money then obtained will be devoted to the erection of the new premises at Bushey, and, as far as its ordinary requirements are concerned, the Institution is, financially, not so very much stronger than it was in 1897. The annual expenditure, amounting to between £13,000 and £14,000, is about the same as it was in that year; or, rather, we should say, it has been somewhat increased by the allowance it was resolved to make to each of the unsuccessful candidates at the 1898 elections in commemoration of the Centenary. The permanent income has, doubtless, been augmented by the interest on the greater amount of capital which has been invested, and, as a consequence, the year's deficiency will be smaller to the extent of a few hundreds of pounds. But there will still be about £11,000 required in order to meet the expenditure for the ordinary purposes of the School, and we hope this sum will be forthcoming when the Festival is held, more especially as whatever doubts may have existed as to the success of the Benevolent and Girls' Festivals have been set at rest by the munificence of the Craft, which subscribed about £19,600 in aid of the former and over £21,000 in aid of the latter.

The Festival, as we have already announced, will take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 28th instant,

when Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, will preside as Chairman, and, we trust, will be supported by a Board of Stewards sufficiently strong to raise the modest total we have mentioned, and more if possible. The preliminary meeting connected with this annual event is fixed for the preceding day at the Institution, Wood Green, where the prizes awarded to the successful pupils during the past year will be presented by Mrs. CHARLES E. KEYSER, and those who have the privilege of being present at the gathering will have the opportunity of judging for themselves, both from the reports that will be presented and from the conduct of the boys themselves, how well the children are cared for, and how admirable is the training, both mental and physical, they undergo. They will also be told of the successes which have been achieved at the Cambridge Local and other public examinations during the year, successes which redound to the credit no less of the boys who have benefited by the knowledge imparted to them than to the Head Master and his Staff for the manner in which they have fulfilled their important duties. These successes, which are the outward and visible sign of the excellence of the educational system adopted in the School, are corroborated by the reports of the successive examiners appointed by the Cambridge University Syndicate to test year by year the progress made by the boys in their studies and in the mental and moral training generally which is intended to fit them for their after career in life, and mould them into honourable men, worthy alike of the Institution in which they were educated and the Craft which founded and maintains the Institution. The Board of Management has the satisfaction of knowing that its administration, as a whole, of the funds subscribed to the School is regarded with favour, and that under its auspices it has thriven to an extent almost unprecedented in the annals of English Charitable Institutions. We trust, therefore, that when the appointed day arrives, and the Stewards and their friends meet in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of Bro. C. E. KEYSER, the donations and subscriptions will be such as will suffice to cover the year's expenses.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

In our former article on this subject we mentioned that additional evidence had recently been discovered by a Bro. JULIUS F. SACHSE in support of the late Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA'S contention that to Philadelphia belonged the honour of being the "Mother City of American Freemasonry," this evidence being described at length in a paper which Bro. SACHSE read before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its annual meeting on the 28th December, 1898, and which is reproduced in the printed Report of the Proceedings of that Grand Lodge for last year. We stated that this evidence had been found in BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S "daily commercial account-book and first ledger," which Bro. SACHSE had had the good fortune to meet with "among a lot of FRANKLIN'S papers and material," where it had reposed "for over a century in the archives of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, of which FRANKLIN was the first President." The book, as stated on the fly-leaf, dates from 4th July, 1730, and as regards its character contains "the daily entries, just as the young printer and shop-keeper made them from day to day," and in the latter part, which is "paged and indexed, and called 'Ledger A,' the in-

dividual accounts are duly posted, both parts containing the entries that relate to Masonry.

The earliest and most important piece of the evidence thus adduced in support of Bro. MACCALLA'S view is unquestionably the entry which bears date the 9th Sept., 1731, and is as follows: "Blanks for Masons 100 0.5.0." With reference to this, Bro. SACHSE remarks—though on what grounds does not appear—that "there can be no possible doubt that these 'Blanks' were petitions for initiation and membership." But whatever they may have been, we consider he is justified in the assumption he makes a few lines further on that the entry "positively fixes our date of active life prior to September, 1731." The "Blanks" were needed, and it was the Masons who needed them; and FRANKLIN, in the ordinary course of his business, supplied them for the sum of five shillings. Whatever the opponents of Philadelphia's claims to be the Mother-City of American Freemasonry, there can be no doubt about this positive contemporary evidence from a trustworthy source—that there were brethren engaged in the active pursuit of Freemasonry in Philadelphia before September, 1731.

Other interesting evidence, though as it is of later date it cannot be said to bear, except indirectly, on the question of Motherhood, will be found in the items relating to what FRANKLIN describes as the "Mason Book," that is "The Constitutions of the Free Masons," compiled by Anderson, and printed in London in 1723, and "Re-printed in Philadelphia by Special Order for the Use of the Brethren in NORTH AMERICA," by FRANKLIN, in the summer of 1734. The account in which these appear is headed "Lodge of Masons at B. Hubard's Dr.," the earliest dates being August 31 and September, 1734, and the latest, "1737, Aug. 10." These entries are "For a finely-gilded Constitutions to the Proprietor"; for "One Do. for the Lodge"; "Constitutions by JOHN CARTHERWOOD, Lancr. County"; "One Do. to MORGAN SEXTON"; eight by REYNELLS to Lancaster—against which is inserted in the margin, "Omitted, 15s."—and "Constitutions sent to Boston, 70, Carolina, 25." The price per copy is half-a-crown, except for the gilded one, and that supplied to the lodge, for which the price charged is five shillings. There are also two items dated respectively, Sept., 1734, and Oct., 1736, the former being "For Tickets, 1000," and the latter "For 1100 Tickets." In addition, there are other entries, in one of which it is shown that "Six Mason Books" are "sent to" Mr. TIMOTHY, at Charleston, S.C., by ROBERT STEVENSON, and in the other a similar consignment of the same book by his brother PETER to his brother JAMES at Boston, the dates assigned to both being "August, 1734." In respect of the consignment of "Three Constitutions by JOHN CARTHERWOOD, Lancr. County," we agree with Bro. SACHSE that the discovery of this "trace of Masonry in Lancaster, so soon after the organisation of the separate County," is valuable, firstly, because "it shows that the light of Freemasonry was disseminated in Pennsylvania, even to the outlying settlements, in the early days of our history"—it is unlikely that books of the Constitutions of Masonry would be forwarded to a district where there were no Masons—and secondly, because it "tends to give additional colour to the statement in the celebrated Cadwalader letter, wherein Dr. HENRY BELL, of Lancaster, claims to have been one of the originators of the first Masons' Lodge set up in Philadelphia in 1730." But in respect of the "Three Constitutions" sent to Lancaster, the 70 to Boston, and the 25 to Carolina, we do not consider he is justified in his inference that because they were "charged to, and paid for by, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania"—the account is headed "Lodge of Masons at Br. Hubard's," which may or may not have been the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—they "were sent by that body to the Lodges outside of Philadelphia which had been set up in Massachusetts, Carolina, and Pennsylvania, and were either within its jurisdiction or at least subordinate to that Right Worshipful Body."

"In offering these criticisms we labour under the disadvantage of not having FRANKLIN'S "daily commercial account-book and first ledger" at hand to guide us in forming an opinion, but only the entries we have quoted from and which are reproduced in fac-simile in these proceedings, while Bro. SACHSE may have drawn his inferences not alone from these particular entries, but also

from what else is contained in the book. But taking the materials vouchsafed us in fac-simile, we do not, as we have said, consider that Bro. SACHSE has just grounds for inferring that the Books of Constitutions were sent to "the lodges outside of Philadelphia which had been set up in Massachusetts, Carolina, and Pennsylvania," because they were "either within its jurisdiction or at least subordinate to" the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In fact, the only entries in this newly-discovered book which possesses, in our estimation, any importance in helping to settle the question as to whether Philadelphia or Boston was the "Mother-City of American Freemasonry" in favour of the former is that "recorded under date of September 9, 1731," namely, "Blanks for Masons, 100 0.5.0." and this we hold to possess a real value which cannot be exaggerated, because, as Bro. SACHSE remarks, it "positively fixes our date of active life prior to September, 1731,"

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G.M., presided. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G.M. of Guernsey, as Past Grand Master, next to whom sat Bro. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G.M. of Norfolk. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., occupied the chair of S.G.W., and Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., that of J.G.W.

Among other brethren present were Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. Strachan, O.C., G. Reg.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; A. C. Spaul, R. Clowes, H. Lovegrove, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.; John Houlding (late Lord Mayor of Liverpool), W. Russell, A. Lucking, C. E. Keyser, Dr. Mickley, J. M. McLeod, Major Woodall, T. L. Wilkinson, J. H. Matthews, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T.; Dr. Laurence, D. D. Mercer, C. A. Cottebrune, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, S. Cochirane, P.G.T.; C. J. R. Tjou, E. M. Money, J. A. Farnfield, H. Garrod, S. Valentine, S. V. Abraham, W. H. Spaul, J. Lewis Thomas, D. P. Cama, P.G.T.; W. C. Mulvey, and C. H. Kupferschmidt.

Nearly 1000 brethren attended, this large number being accounted for by the circumstance that the election for the Board of General Purposes was a part of the agenda.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the absence of Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C., wore the clothing of and acted as G.D.C.

Immediately after the Grand Lodge had been opened, the Scrutineers of the ballot were called and obligated. They then collected the ballot cards and retired.

The minutes of the meetings of March 1st and April 26th were read by the Grand Secretary, but on being put by Earl Amherst for confirmation,

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.G.D., rose and asked to suggest that the minutes of the March meeting should more fully describe the resolution passed by Grand Lodge with respect to Grand Lodge's action in regard to the Grand Lodge of Peru. It would be remembered that on a previous occasion, by the advice of the M.W. Grand Master, it was ruled that Grand Lodge have no Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of Peru, owing to their having abolished the Volume of the Sacred Law from their lodges. Subsequently they had acted as Grand Lodge would have wished them to do. He understood from the minutes which had been read that the resolution passed in March last was not fully set forward. He would suggest that that should be so. If he listened correctly to the Grand Secretary, the minutes, as he read them in Grand Lodge, merely set forward that there was a resolution passed by Grand Lodge in March. He reiterated his suggestion that they should express, as he was sure they all did, the brethren's satisfaction that the Grand Lodge of Peru had resumed their proper Masonic feeling, and that this Grand Lodge of England agreed to act in Masonic communion with them. His only wish was that Grand Lodge's resolution which was adopted in Grand Lodge should be more fully set forth than it had been, as he understood it as read by Grand Secretary.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, O.C., G. Reg., said, as being the constitutional authority responsible for the records of Grand Lodge, he would say that the Grand Secretary had put in the most ample form in the printed minutes, which Bro. Le Feuvre had received some time ago, the whole of the resolution; but if the Grand Lodge's time was to be taken up in reading all the minutes, the time of Grand Lodge would be wasted. The minutes, as read by the Grand Secretary, if he might say so, fully set out what took place.

Bro. LE FEUVRE said he only wanted it to be understood that on Grand Lodge records it should be fully set out what the resolutions were.

Earl AMHERST enquired if Bro. Le Feuvre moved anything.

Bro. LE FEUVRE: No.

The minutes were then put and confirmed.

Earl AMHERST announced that Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland had been appointed President of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. LETCHWORTH informed the Pro Grand Master that Bro. Loveland was unavoidably prevented from being present.

On the motion of Bro. W. J. MASON, V.P. of the Board of General Purposes, seconded by Capt. KNIGHTLEY, Bro. John Smith was re-elected Grand Lodge Auditor.

The following brethren were elected members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. Chas. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; William

D. Child, P.M. 1719; Lieut.-Col. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569; Constantine Doresa, P.M. 749; Leonard Potts, P.M. 1716; John Robertson Reep, P.M. 1260; George Graveley, P.M. 898; Alexr. C. A. Higerty, P.M. 2697; and James A. Shelton, W.M. 2579.

The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master on the same Committee: Bros. Thomas Jones, P.G.D.; J. T. C. Winkfield, P.A.G.D.C.; John Read, P.G. Std. Br.; Samuel Vallentine, P.G.P.; S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P.; James Kew, P.A.G.P.; H. A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br.; Frederick Mead, P.G. Std. Br.; and Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. H. W. Kiallmark, P.G.D.

On thy motion of Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, President, seconded by Bro. D. D. MERCER, S.V.P., the report of the Board of Benevolence for the past quarter was adopted and the following grants were confirmed:

A brother of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, Chorlton-cum-Hardy	£50 0 0
A brother of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London	50 0 0
A brother of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, Brighton	150 0 0
A brother of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, Guernsey	60 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge	50 0 0

The report of the Board of General Purposes, as already published, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Bro. W. J. MASON (Vice-President), seconded by Bro. Capt. KNIGHTLEY.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D.C., moved:

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes for the purchase of coals for the residents in the Masonic Institution at Croydon during the winter season, and that the cheque be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Institution.

He said it might seem strange that he moved this resolution in June; but, as the brethren knew, the motion must be confirmed at the September meeting, for, if it was not, the benefit they wished to give the Old People in the autumn would be lost.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., moved:

That Rule 137 of the Book of Constitutions, which requires the Master and Wardens of every lodge in the London district, after installation and investment, to sign their names in a book at the Grand Secretary's Office, be expunged.

He said he was quite satisfied that he need not detain the brethren more than a few very minutes in moving this resolution, because when they heard it—at all events the London brethren—they would be so satisfied of its justice, that they would unanimously vote for it, and he also felt that the provincial brethren were quite animated by the same feeling—that they would not wish the London brethren to be tied with a disability from which they had not suffered themselves. By the Book of Constitutions, Rule 137 provided that "the Master and Wardens of every Lodge in the London district," i.e., within a circuit of 10 miles round London, "shall, after installation and investment, respectively, sign their names in a book, at the office of the Grand Secretary, and no Master, Past Master, or Warden of any London lodge shall be entitled to enter the Grand Lodge unless he shall have previously signed his name in such book." That applied to Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, and the penalty of not doing so was that the brother could not attend Grand Lodge. That arrangement, he was informed, was made nearly a century ago, when none but Masons surrounding Freemasons' Hall, ever attended Grand Lodge, because brethren, even residing ten miles away, would be afraid or deterred from coming up to town by fear of being captured by highwaymen—(laughter)—and, therefore, the rule had stood to this day. But a rule was passed that all lodges in the country should send in returns of the Masters and Wardens, and that had been carried out to the present day; but this arrangement about the London brethren signing the book had never been expunged. Now it worked very unfairly indeed. The brethren did not live in London now, but in the suburbs, and they came up to London in the morning by train, and had no leisure to go to the Grand Secretary's office in time; and if they did come to Grand Lodge on some important matter, and their names were not down, they were excluded. This came to his mind very forcibly the other day at the election of Grand Treasurer, when he was in charge of the London room, and he had to disfranchise several brethren because there was a law, and the law must be obeyed. One of his disfranchisements was the Master and Wardens of his own lodge. (Laughter.) It came to his mind that the London brethren were under a disability, and the country brethren were not. He put it to the Board of General Purposes, which was a representative Board not only of London, but of the country; they unanimously endorsed it at once. This was his reason for laying it before the brethren this evening, and he did it with very great confidence. He therefore moved the resolution.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., seconded the motion.

Bro. D. D. MERCER, P.G.P., moved that it be referred back to the Board of General Purposes. He believed it would lead to unqualified brethren gaining admission to Grand Lodge, and he said this after long experience as a Scrutineer.

A BROTHER near the porch seconded.

Bro. W. J. MASON said the Board had carefully considered Bro. Richardson's motion. He could say that at the election of Grand Treasurer six or seven were disqualified.

Bro. STRACHAN, Q.C., added that what had been said in favour of the amendment applied equally to the provincial brethren. The London brethren were at a disadvantage which the country brethren were not, and the present motion was intended simply to do an act of justice. The Rule 137 had been, at least, 60 years too long in the book.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., agreed with the motion, but pointed out that disfranchisement took place because the Secretaries of lodges, who were bound to send in returns of who were installed as Masters and appointed as Wardens, had neglected their duty.

The amendment was lost by an enormous majority, and the original motion was all but unanimously carried.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., next brought up an appeal by Bro. Alexander Corrie, P.M. of General Gordon Lodge, 2119, Brisbane, P.D.G.W. Queensland—

Against the ruling of the R.W. District Grand Master of Queensland in declining to receive certain motions for proposed alterations in the by-laws of District Grand Lodge—

and, after stating the circumstances of the case, advised that the appeal be allowed.

This was seconded by Bro. T. L. WILKINSON, P.D.G. Reg., and carried.

Earl AMHERST said, as the Scrutineers had not yet made their report, he would take it in his private room.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening last at Mark Masons' Hall, London. The Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, R.W. Dep. G.M., occupied his allotted seat. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., P.G.W., acted as Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., as Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Charles Belton, as G.M.O.; Bro. Richard Eve, as G.S.O.; and among the other brethren present were—

Bros. Gordon Miller, Baron de Ferrieres, W. M. Stiles, Charles Hammerton, Richard Clowes, Dr. Clement Godson, Major C. W. Carrell, Henry Lovegrove, the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, W. Goodacre, John Houlding, Thomas Fenn, Major J. Woodall Woodall, T. H. Gardiner, Sir Thomas Roe, C. F. Matier, E. Brymer, W.P., R. Loveland-Loveland, Q.C.; John Strachan, Q.C.; H. C. Parkes, P.G. Treas.; W. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; A. Woodiwiss, Prov. G. Master Derby; Sir Richard Boileau, Bart., A. Cooper, F. Laurance, Rev. V. Wyatt, P.G. Chap.; Rev. F. Cree, P.G. Chap.; A. F. Church, R. Cleeves, A. Johns, Percy Wallis, and Rev. A. Hayman Cummings.

After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of February 28th had been read and confirmed, the Report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., seconded by Bro. GORDON MILLER, P.G. Reg.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q.C., President of the General Board, in moving—

That the Body styling itself "The Honourable United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons, Ashton District," is a spurious and clandestine Body, and all members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, are hereby prohibited from visiting such Body, or from receiving any member thereof as a visitor in any lodge of Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction,

said: This matter, Most Wor. Grand Master, has been before the Board for some time. We have received information from time to time of this body styling itself "The Honourable United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons, Ashton District." It has nothing to do with our Grand Mark Lodge, and, therefore, it is time that something should be done, inasmuch as we have sent various communications from this body asking them to correspond with us, and to show cause, if they can, as to their remaining and styling themselves a Grand Body of Mark Master Masons; but they have treated us more or less with silent contempt—we can get no answer from them. They meet on a Sunday under the warrant of a Craft lodge; the Master, Wardens, and brethren meet together on Sunday—on a day not named in their by-laws; they open in the Three Degrees, and then go through this Degree of Mark Master Mason. Besides the action we have taken, probably the attention of his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, may be drawn to the Craft lodges; and possibly the Grand Master of the Craft may call upon the brethren of those Craft lodges to show cause why it is they have met on a day not named in their by-laws, viz., on a Sunday, that they have gone against their constitution, and contrary to the law. I have no course, therefore, to take but to recommend that this lodge is spurious, and all lodges meeting under it are spurious, and that they receive a communication from the Grand Secretary to the effect that they are a spurious and clandestine body, and that all members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, are hereby prohibited from visiting such body, or from receiving any member thereof as a visitor in any lodge of Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction. I therefore move the declaration which stands on the notice paper.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg.: M.W.G. Master, I rise to second the resolution which has been so well explained by the President of the General Board that it requires very few words from me. In olden times when this lodge worked under the style of "The Honourable United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Ashton-under-Lyne District" it was not a matter of so much consequence, but now that they have assumed virtually our own title and are calling themselves "The Honourable United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons," I think it is time that something should be done to prevent all Masons joining in or having anything to do with such a lodge. Therefore, I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., suggested that after the word "visiting" should be added the words "or countenancing."

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND said he would accept that addition.

Bro. Dr. C. S. BREWER, Birkenhead, said he hailed with great satisfaction the action which the General Board and the Mark Grand Lodge had taken. For some years in the neighbourhood of Cheshire this so-called Grand Lodge had done the work of the Mark Degree, and in 1858, when the Lodge of Fidelity was founded, and holding warrant under the Grand Mastership of Lord Leigh, this lodge set themselves against it, and it had to cease its meetings for many years. They had in Lancashire and Cheshire several brethren parading as Mark Masons under this so-called lodge, and that prevented the propagation of the Mark Degree in this special part of Cheshire. In this special part of Cheshire there were 10 Craft lodges, and in East Lancashire some seven or eight, and they had lent themselves to this action, which had been very detrimental to the Mark Degree in the Province of Cheshire.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., quite approved of Bro. Strachan's suggestion, but thought it required a special notice. He would suggest, however, that it be put by way of amendment.

Bro. STRACHAN, Q.C., then moved the addition as an amendment, which was seconded by Bro. RICHARD EVE.

The Earl of EUSTON said the brethren would agree with him that there must not be two Grand Lodges in this island. Although Grand Lodge exerted their power, they did not wish to put their feet down upon any body; they wished, however, at the same time, to uphold their honour. He agreed with the motion and with the amendment of Bro. Strachan.

The amendment was then put and carried, both as an amendment and afterwards as a substantive motion.

Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL, G.D.C., then proclaimed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as again duly installed Most W. Grand Master.

The Earl of Euston and Viscount Dungarvan were proclaimed and saluted as re-appointed M.W. Pro G. Master and Right W. Deputy Grand Master respectively.

The other appointments and investitures were as follows:

Bro. Lord Glenesk...	...	...	S.G.W.
" Sir Thomas Roe (ex-Mayor of Derby)	...	...	J.G.W.
" Major C. W. Carrell	...	...	G.M.O.
" John Houlding (ex-Lord Mayor of Liverpool)	...	...	S.G.O.
" C. V. Cotterell	...	...	J.G.O.
" Rev. William Russell Finlay	...	...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. W. N. Deacon	...	...
" A. H. Bevan	...	...	G. Treas.
" Frank Richardson, P.G.W.	...	...	G. Reg.
" Richard Loveland Loveland, Q.C., P.G.W.	...	...	Pres. Gen. Board.
" Charles FitzGerald Matier, P.G.W....	...	...	G. Sec.
" Col. C. Walton Walker	...	...	} S.G.Ds.
" Edgar Horne	...	...
" W. H. Bull, M.D.	...	...	} J.G.Ds.
" Thomas Henry Gardiner...	...	...
" Rowland Plumbé, F.R.I.B.A.	...	...	G.I. of W.
" H. E. Cousans	...	...	G.D.C.
" Harold L. Thomson-Lyon	...	...	} A.G.D.Cs.
" Charles Samuel Brewer, M.D.	...	...
" Major-Gen. Astley Fellowes Terry	...	...	G.S.B.
" Harry Nicholls	...	...	} G. Std. Br.
" Spencer W. Morris	...	...
" T. Westlake Morgan, Org. Bangor Cathedral	...	...	G. Org.
" William Forrest	...	...	G.I.G.
" John Smith	...	...	A.G.I.G.
" Edward J. Mills	...	...	G. Tyler.

At the close of the investiture, the Grand Officers were saluted.

The GRAND SECRETARY announced that his Royal Highness the Grand Master had been pleased to approve of the following Grand Stewards: Bros. Frederick George Ivey, 3; Frederick Thomas Rushton, 13; Charles Denton Leech, jun., 105; John Henry Taylor, 109; Alfred Thomas Simpson, 267; George Alfred Pickering, 330; George Phillips Parker, 400; William Briggs, 406; Herbert Langton, 409; Wm. Alfred Surridge, 410; Percy Clifford Probyn, 415; Arthur Brooker, 431; W. J. Fisher, 454; and William Edward Smithies, 493.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to nominate as members of the General Board: Bros. Abraham Woodiwiss, Prov. G.M. Derby; C. W. Carrell, G.M.O.; Charles Belton, P.G.O.; Richard Eve, P.G.O.; Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas.; and Rowland Plumbé, G.I. of W.

The following brethren were elected as members of the General Board: Bros. Richard Clowes, P.G.O.; Alfred F. Church, P.G.O.; Col. and Sheriff Clifford Probyn, Frederick West, Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey; and T. P. Dorman, P.G.I.G.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, the Earl of Euston presiding.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., in proposing "The M.W. Pro Grand Master," said there were many things for which Mark Masons had to bless the Prince of Wales, and the most important was the happy inspiration which induced him to appoint as Pro Grand Master, such an excellent Mason as the Earl of Euston. (Hear, hear.) Not only in the Craft, in the Arch, in the Mark, in the Temple, but in every Degree in Freemasonry, the name of Lord Euston was held as being not only a name of mark in Masonry, but also a man of mark even among Mark Masons; and when a gentleman of his position, instead of devoting his life to what was sometimes called the leisure of his class, devoted it to Masonry, the thanks of the brethren must go out to him. Lord Euston spared neither himself nor anybody else—he was such a thorough man in whatever he undertook, whether it was in military work or in Masonry—and the result was that other officers copied his example. All the Grand Masters in Mark Masonry had done their work well, the Prince of Wales among the number, but no one had done it better than the Earl of Euston.

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply, said he did not claim all that Bro. Strachan had kindly said of him, but he tried to carry out the work he undertook. Referring to the unfortunate business they had had in Grand Lodge, he said they did not like having to do it, but there were times and cases when action must be emphasised in the strongest manner possible, and he thought the case that came before them that evening had to be taken very strongly in hand. It might seem hard, but it was not politically hard according to the Mark Order, or every Degree as far as Masonry was concerned. He was glad to see that the whole of Grand Lodge was so united on the matter, and looked upon it as the honour of Masonry being concerned. During the past year the Mark Degree had gone forward, although there had been losses in its ranks. Other brethren, however, had come forward who would do their duty. Of one thing he was quite certain, so long as the brethren would give him their kind support it would be a very pleasant thing for him to hold the position of Pro Grand Master and he should try to uphold it to the best of his power and ability. He then proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers."

Bros. Viscount DUNGARVAN and Sir THOMAS ROE replied.

Bro. the Rev. HAYMAN CUMMINGS, P.G.C., proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," the next festival of which would take place on July 12th with the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M. for Essex, in the chair. He asked the brethren to support it to the utmost. It deserved support. Cases that came before the General Board received due consideration and that meant everything. Much work was done by that Board, and he asked the brethren to remember the labours of Bro. Matier. None but Bro. Matier himself knew what arduous duties were connected with each annual festival.

Bro. R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND replied. He would not say a word

against the great Masonic Charities; they were magnificent, and did great good. But there were many cases, no doubt, where parents preferred, on account of the delicacy of their children, or for some other cause, to have them educated at home. Again, in cases of temporary distress, it might not be wished to apply to the Board of Benevolence of United Grand Lodge, and application was therefore made to the Mark. He was pleased to say that Bro. Matier was indefatigable in his labours, and he hoped that when the Festival came round he would be able to give a good report.

Bro. SIR JAMES BUCHANAN replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and said he should be able to give a good report to Scotland of the reception he had met with. He had been pleased to see the excellent work of Mark Masonry in England. In Scotland they were improving in their work. He was glad to see how friendly the two jurisdictions were. The Pro Grand Master, Lord Euston, had been to Scotland many times, whenever there was anything to do he was there, and they were glad to see him. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was coming to London next year, and he hoped it would be a good deputation.

Bro. Capt. CLAUDE DE M. FRANKLYN, R.E., Chairman of the Grand Stewards, responded to the toast given, after which the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF LATHOM AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

One of the largest and most brilliant Masonic gatherings ever held in Lancashire took place on the 1st inst., at Preston, when the Earl of Lathom was installed as Provincial Grand Master for the Province of West Lancashire, in succession to his father, the late Earl. Joining the Order some years ago, the Earl of Lathom, then Lord Skelmersdale, served the office of Provincial Senior Grand Warden of East Lancashire in 1894, and in the same year was appointed one of the Wardens of the Grand Lodge of England. He has also held high office in other Masonic Degrees. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in the Public Hall, Preston, by Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master of England, who performed the installation ceremony. Upwards of 300 members of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge were present, together with many provincial brethren from the provinces, and the numbers in the hall were variously estimated at from 1250 to 1500. The members of Grand Lodge present included Bros. R. Wylie, D.P.G.M., P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas.; Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.G. Chap.; J. J. Lambert, P.G.D.; J. Houlding, P.G.D.; G. S. Sinclair, P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; Burgess, P.G.D.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. W. Lancs; J. Newton, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. E. Lancs; R. Newhouse, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. Cheshire; J. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; and T. Forrester, P.G.S.B.

The PRO GRAND MASTER said he attended that Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of installing a brother who had been appointed by his Royal Highness the Grand Master to the high office of Provincial Grand Master. It was an occasion, he was sure, of very great interest to the very numerous assembly of brethren of West Lancashire whom he saw before him. He did not propose to make any reference to the occurrence which had caused the vacancy to which their distinguished brother was about to succeed. It was his painful duty not long ago, in Grand Lodge, to express the feelings of the Freemasons of England upon the great loss they had all recently suffered by the death of the Earl of Lathom, and especially the members of the Order in West Lancashire. It was well not to rake up the aches and sorrows of the past; they should rather look forward to the Masonic future. They were met to instal in the high office of ruler of that province the worthy son of a most worthy father—(applause)—one who, by his close attention to the duties of Masonry and by the tact and ability with which he had performed those duties which had hitherto devolved upon him, had amply merited the confidence which his Royal Highness had shown in him. He (the Pro Grand Master) need scarcely say that no Provincial Grand Master, however great his position and talents, could successfully conduct the affairs of a province—still less those of a large province like that of West Lancashire—without the cordial support and co-operation of the brethren. (Applause.) That support and co-operation had never yet been wanting in West Lancashire, and it was his earnest request that they would do their best to support the brother who was that day to be installed in the high office of Provincial Grand Master.

The Prov. Grand Master designate was announced and his patent submitted and found in order. He was then introduced by the customary number of Masters or Past Masters, and, with due rite and ceremony, inducted into the office of Prov. Grand Master. The impressive proceedings were concluded by the investiture of the noble Earl, who was placed in the chair amid loud and prolonged cheering. The Prov. Grand Master then reappointed and invested Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D., as Dep. Prov. G. Master.

The annual business of Prov. Grand Lodge was then transacted. The roll was called, and it appeared that of the 121 lodges in the province all were represented save one.

Bro. E. R. LATHAM, Prov. G. Treas., submitted the financial statement, which showed that the receipts, including last year's balances on account of the Charity Fund, amounted to £442, on account of Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to £737, and on account of the Fund of Benevolence to £785, making a total of £1965. The expenditure side of the account showed that the Charity Committee had made grants to the extent of £95, that to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the Alpass Benevolent Institution, and the Hamer Institution sums of 50 guineas each had been voted, that £42 collected at the last annual meeting was given to the Children's Convalescent Home, Ormskirk, and that, after the office and other expenses of the province had been defrayed, there remained a balance in the bank of £1165.

The adoption of the financial statement was moved by Bro. J. J. LAMBERT, P.G.D., and agreed to.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY submitted his annual report upon the condition of Freemasonry in West Lancashire. In reviewing the past year

he said they were forcibly put in remembrance of the immense loss sustained by the Craft generally, and especially in the county palatine of Lancashire, by the deaths of two Provincial Grand Masters, who, during a period exceeding a quarter of a century, presided so wisely and well over the sister divisions of Lancashire. Of both Provincial Grand Masters it might be justly said that earnest solicitude for the prosperity of the Craft and tender care for its best interests were the leading characteristics of their long and beneficent rule. Further, it might be said that both were proud of their provinces, and that the provinces were proud of them. (Applause.) In mourning the loss of their Provincial Grand Master, the lining of the cloud was brightened by the choice of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, who, in selecting a son to fill the office held by so revered a father, had carried into effect what those who enjoyed the confidence of the late Earl of Lathom knew to have been one of the dearest wishes of his heart. Their Provincial Grand Master entered upon the duties of his exalted position with the best wishes of the 121 lodges over which he now presided. (Applause.) They desired to congratulate him upon his appointment, to convey to him the assurance of their loyal support, and to express the fervent hope that he might for many years preside over a great and united province. (Applause.) With regard to the province itself, 800 candidates had been admitted to the Order during the year, and the roll of members exceeded 8000—an average of 67 per lodge. The Benevolence and Charity Committee had made grants to brethren and widows amounting to £95. The West Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution had now a sum invested of about £23,000; its income for 1898 was £2000, and it had expended upon 215 children £1500. The Hamer Benevolent Fund, with an invested capital of £5200, had an income of £700, and it had assisted 25 men by grants and annuities amounting to £463. The Alpass Fund, with £7000 invested, had an income of £1200, and 65 widows on the foundation had received annuities amounting to about £1300. The Victoria Fund had made grants to several deserving cases, amounting to £70. To keep green the memory of the late Earl of Lathom, it had been decided to form a "Lord Lathom Memorial Fund," to be used for the benefit of the West Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institutions, and the lodges were asked to give their support to this scheme.

The PROV. G.M., who was loudly cheered on rising, said it was ever the custom of their late Provincial Grand Master to offer some remarks upon the report. He desired earnestly to thank them for the way in which they had received the words uttered by the P.G. Secretary with reference to his late father, and also those assuring him of their support. He congratulated the province upon its prosperous position, and he thanked them for the reception they had given him, and for their promise of support in the future. (Applause.)

Upon the motion of Bro. G. Oakey (Preston), seconded by Bro. W. Troughton, P.G.S.B., Bro. R. Prosser White, 1335, was elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Auditors were re-appointed.

The DEP. PROV. G.M. then moved that a sum of 200 guineas be voted from the Charities Fund to the Lord Lathom Memorial Fund. It was intended, he said, to obtain at least 4000 guineas from the province for their local Institutions by means of that fund, and there ought to be no trouble about it.

Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.G. Chap., seconded and Bro. J. SLYMAN, P.P.G.D., supported the motion, which was adopted unanimously. A collection was then made on behalf of the Preston Infirmary, which realised upwards of £48.

The Prov. Grand Master invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. C. Forbes Bell, 32	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. G. B. Watts, 2289	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Dr. Porter, 2360	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. E. Jelly, 730	...	...	...
" R. Prosser White, 1335	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Oakey, 2600	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Loftos, 1476	...	...	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" W. Goodacre (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. W. Rostron, 1140	...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" George Barclay, 2316	...	...	...
" R. Rawlinson, 1473	...	...	...
" J. E. Williams, 2681	...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" J. Fineberg, 1609	...	...	...
" Charles Gibson, 241	...	...	...	} Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" R. E. Stringleman, 2231	...	...	...
" Simon Jude, 241	...	...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" E. Pritchard, 2215	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" J. Worthy, 1505	...	...	...	} Prov. A.G.Ds. of C.
" J. Stubbs, 1620	...	...	...
" E. Collister Jones, 1325	...	...	...	} Prov. G.S.B.
" A. K. Boothroyd, 2359	...	...	...
" W. Longbottom, 1256	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" W. Barnes, 823	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Oliver, 220	...	...	...
" G. Dawber, 2269	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Payne, 333	...	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" W. W. Webster, 1713	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Macauley, 1756	...	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" F. Smith	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. H. Evans	...	...	...
" J. Adams	...	...	...
" W. Taberner	...	...	...
" R. W. Gow	...	...	...
" W. Boden	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. J. Doran (re-appointed)	...	...	...

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., attended with three members of the Board of Management of that Institution to present an address to the Provincial Grand Master recording appreciation of the aid rendered to the School by the late Earl of Lathom and that province. He explained that it was intended to present the address to the late Earl at the last annual meeting he attended, but it could not be got ready in time.

In reply, the PROV. G. MASTER thanked the deputation, and assured them that the interest taken in the Institution by his late father would be continued by himself.

Upon the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Earl

Amherst, Pro Grand Master, for his presence; and his lordship having replied, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

Earlier in the day a meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held, at which the Earl of Lathom was installed as Grand Superintendent of the Order in West Lancashire. The installation ceremony was performed by Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Z., who was assisted by Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.H.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.E., and others. The officers for the ensuing year were subsequently invested, and the sum of 60 guineas was voted to the Lathom Memorial Fund.

LOGIC CLUB.

The Logic Club was founded nearly 20 years ago by Bros. the late John Maclean, the late Geo. Buckland, and J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., who still officiate as Secretary, to promote the reverent study of the beautiful Masonic ritual and to render it in as perfect, precise, and dignified a manner as possible. The last meeting of the session (1898-99) was held at the club's home, the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., on Sunday, the 28th ult., when Bro. Dr. Milson Rees, for the first time in his Masonic experience, rehearsed the initiation ceremony in an admirable manner. The W.M. was assisted by Bros. Robert Manuel, the genial and capable Preceptor; Keatley, S.W.; Albert Neville J.W.; S. Johnson, P.M., Treas.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., Sec.; Rowe, S.D.; McNeil, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; J. T. Murray, Org. (who is to be congratulated on the new organ now possessed by the club); Steiner, Tyler; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Harry Nicholls, P.M.; R. D. Cummings, P.M.; N. Robinson, P.M.; J. Kift, and many others, making a total attendance of over 50.

The ceremony, which was carefully rehearsed, with Bro. Stanley Pringle as candidate, was interspersed with appropriate musical selections, the solos being well sung by Bro. W. Llewellyn and R. W. Maxwell, and Bro. Kift as accompanist.

Bro. ROBERT MANUEL, P.M., Preceptor, before the lodge was closed, briefly addressed the brethren, and gave a resumé of the work done during the session. There had been 34 meetings of the club, and rehearsals of the ceremonies as follows: Installation five, Third Degree, with traditional history, 15, Second Degree and tracing board three, initiation and charge 10. The club had interchanged visits with the Genesius Club, over 100 brethren attending on each occasion. One most gratifying feature was that five W. Masters had occupied the chair and worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time. They could congratulate themselves on the progress of the club during the last two sessions, for they had had an accession of about 50 new members, the membership now standing at 105. It was always desirable that all the officers of a lodge should be working on the same lines, and the club would, therefore, gladly welcome new members. In regard to the Charities, the club had done good work. Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., was the Treasurer of their Benevolent Association, which had contributed 2565 guineas to the Charities, whilst another 160 guineas was now in progress. He wished to pay a special tribute of praise to the Secretary, Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., the only surviving founder, who had been Secretary for nearly 20 years, and whose labours involved an amount of trouble only known to those who had experienced it.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Preceptor, Treasurer, Secretary, Treasurer of Benevolent Association, and Musical Committee for their services during the past session, and the lodge was closed until the first Sunday in October.

Several ballots were then taken for the Benevolent Association, which will, doubtless, increase Bro. J. J. Thomas's list for the Boys' School to 100 guineas, as he will represent the club at the next Festival.

A summer outing will be held on the last Sunday in June, going from Paddington to Reading, and thence by launch to Pangbourne.

Ireland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Midland Counties of Ireland was held in Parsonstown, on Friday, the 20th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. G. Cosby, D.L., Prov. G. Master, who was supported by a majority of his Prov. G. Officers, including Bro. the Rev. Canon Gillespie, D.D., Prov. Grand Chaplain. Having disposed of a considerable amount of business, the members accepted the invitation of the Parsonstown brethren (Lodge, No. 163) to an excellent luncheon, which was served on the stage of Oxmantown Hall, the catering being entrusted to Mrs. Edwards, Duke-street, and the menu of that choice character that could only be expected from an experienced judge of the culinary art. The brethren enjoyed a brief season of pleasure, and after the usual loyal sentiments had been honoured, that of "The Prov. Grand Master" was received with enthusiasm and acknowledged.

Later, there was a meeting of the Sharavogue Preceptory of the Order of the Temple, presided over by Sir Knight John Wright, Editor *King's County Chronicle*, and the brethren had the rare privilege of having the benefit of the presence of some of the visiting brethren from Dublin. The occasion was a unique one in local Masonic records as it was the first, so far as we are aware, on which there was the dual event in Parsonstown, viz., the communication of Prov. Grand Lodge and the meeting of the Preceptory.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SAM FAY.

Bro. Sam Fay, the recently appointed Superintendent of the Line, London and South-Western Railway, was entertained at dinner on the 26th ultimo by the Directors of the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway, of which he had been General Manager and Secretary for seven years. All the clerical and uniform staff who could be spared from duty were also present, together with representatives of other railways, and of Southampton, Cheltenham, and other towns. The gathering was at the King's Head Hotel, Cirencester, the home of the Cotteswold Lodge, of which Bro. Fay is a member. Bros. the Earl Bathurst, the Hon. Ben. Bathurst, M.P., Lord Robert Bruce, and other influential persons were present; and the Chair in of the evening (and of the Midland and South-Western Junction Railway), Mr. E. W. Cripps, presented to Bro. Fay a solid silver salver, large as to size and artistic in design, a silver coffee and tea set, and a splendidly illuminated inscription on vellum, as a token of esteem from the directors, officials, and staff.

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GRAND FESTIVAL, 1899.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held, at the usual hour, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master. There was an exceptionally numerous attendance, caused principally by the interest taken by the brethren in the election of members to serve on the Board of General Purposes. The motion, of which Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., had given notice, and which received the full endorsement of the Board of General Purposes, was adopted almost unanimously, an amendment by Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., that it be referred back to the Board, meeting with only a very small measure of support. The appeal against the decision of the District Grand Master of Queensland, "in declining to receive certain motions for proposed alterations in the by-laws of District Grand Lodge,"

was, on the motion of the Grand Registrar, allowed. A full report of what passed at the meeting will be found in another column.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England and Wales, &c., &c., was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, when the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested, and when the business of the day was concluded, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, and held their Grand Festival, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Master, whose efforts in behalf of Masonry, but more particularly for the Mark Degree, cannot be too highly eulogised. As regards the investiture of Bro. A. H. Bevan—who had been unanimously elected to the office at the previous Communication—as Grand Treasurer, it is worthy of note that though other brethren, such as the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris and Bros. W. M. Stiles and Col. Clifford Probyn have served the office in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry, Bro. Bevan is the first who has held the three concurrently.

The resolution declaring a certain "Honourable United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons, Ashton District," a "spurious and clandestine Body," and prohibiting all Mark Master Masons holding under the Mark Grand Lodge from interchanging visits with or countenancing its members, was carried unanimously, and if the attention of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G. Master is drawn to the circumstances so far as they affect the Craft lodges which sanction the meetings of this body of "Ancient Free and Accepted Mark Master Masons," on a day not provided for in their by-laws, it will probably not be very long before we hear the last of those who have now been proclaimed "spurious and clandestine."

We have much pleasure in announcing that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P., eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Derby, who was J.G. Warden of England in 1883 and for many years Dep. Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, to be Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire in succession to the late lamented Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie. His lordship was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, in 1891, is a joining member of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, and was a founder of the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614. He filled the office of J.G. Warden of England in 1897, and the previous year was S.G. Warden of the Mark Grand Lodge.

We publish in another column a full account of the recent installation, at Preston, of Bro. the Earl of Lathom as Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, in succession to his father, the first Earl, who, in 1873, when Lord Skelmersdale, was appointed to that office, and subsequently became in succession Dep. G. Master and Pro G. Master of England. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Earl Amherst, Pro G. Master, Prov. G. Master of Kent, in the presence of about 1500 of the brethren, and we have every reason to believe that Lord Lathom will fully realise the high expectations that have been formed of him by those who know him best, and will prove in every way a worthy successor to his revered father.

It will be seen from the ample report we publish this week of the proceedings at the recent annual convocation at Dewsbury of the Prov. Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire that the G. Superintendent (M.E. Comp. W. L. Jackson, M.P.) is quite as anxious as he was last year that greater interest should be taken in Royal Arch Masonry, and that Craft Masons should exhibit a greater desire than they appear to do at present to be exalted into this necessary branch of Constitutional Masonry. We trust that his recurrence to the subject will have the desired effect, though, as we pointed out some time ago, the position of West Yorkshire in Royal Arch Masonry—at least, as regards the number of its chapters—already compares very favourably with that of other Provinces. It will also be noted that Comp. Richard Wilson has been appointed Prov. G.H. in succession to Comp. J. C. Malcolm, just as a little back he succeeded him as Dep. P.G. Master in Craft Masonry, it being Comp. Malcolm's opinion—and we think he is right—that the two offices should, if possible, be held by the same person.

There is a very full programme of business to be transacted in the near future by the Province of Kent. On Monday, the 12th inst., the Prov. Grand Master—Bro. Earl Amherst, Pro G.M.—will lay the first stone of

the Convalescent Home established by Bro. Passmore Edwards at Herne Bay. On Wednesday, the 14th instant, the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge will be held at Sevenoaks. On Friday, the 23rd instant, his lordship will consecrate the new St. John's Lodge, No. 2753, at Margate, and on Friday, the 14th July, the Prov. G. Chapter will hold its annual convocation at Plumstead.

The Excelsior Chapter, No. 1155, which will meet at the Holborn Restaurant, will be consecrated on Thursday, the 15th instant, when no doubt the ceremony will be performed by the Grand Scribe E., Comp. E. Letchworth. The Principals Designate are Comps. A. A. Frigout, M.E.Z.; William G. Simmonds, H.; and Thomas Bugler, J.

The Aldermaston Lodge, No. 2760, will be consecrated at Aldermaston on the 19th instant, and as soon as the lodge has been constituted, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D., will be installed as the first W. Master. This will augment the number of lodges in the Province of Berkshire to 17.

We are exceedingly glad to note among the recipients of Birthday Honours the name of the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, henceforward Sir James Creed Meredith. There were only four Irish gentlemen nominated by the Lord Lieutenant for the honour of Knighthood, and it is a high tribute to Sir James Creed Meredith's personal character, as well as a source of just pride to the Irish Fraternity, that he was selected for so conspicuous a mark of his Sovereign's favour. We heartily congratulate both the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, over which he so worthily presides.

Apropos of Irish Freemasonry, we learn from another source that the Grand Lodge of Ireland, at its last Quarterly Communication, approved and adopted the revised *Book of Constitutions*, on which Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., has been so long engaged. From the known reputation of Dr. Chetwode Crawley in the threefold schools of Law, History, and Literature, we anticipate a lucid exposition of the Statute Law as well as of the historical tenets of the Craft. No brother is more conversant with the ancient landmarks and their speculative development, and we shall take an early opportunity of discussing the result of his labours.

We learn from the *Australasian Keystone* that the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, at its Quarterly Communication in March last, adopted a resolution to the effect "That the practice of attending Church services in regalia meets with the disapproval of this Grand Lodge, and should be discontinued." This is a much more decided pronouncement against the practice than is to be found in the circular-letter addressed by our Grand Secretary to the Worshipful Masters of lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, to which we drew attention in our article of last week. But it shows that the practice, which has latterly attained to such dimensions as to lead to the deprecatory intervention of our Grand Lodge authorities, is not confined to the jurisdiction of England, and that our Grand Lodge does not stand alone in its desire to discourage it.

Our worthy contemporary stoutly opposes "the parading in public with regalia and jewels," and declares that it "cannot be too strongly condemned," on the ground that "it appeals to two very ignoble emotions of the human mind—that of vanity in the wearer and of curiosity in the spectator." It concludes its remarks by expressing the hope that a similar resolution will be adopted by the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, "by way of an expression of opinion for the guidance of our rulers," and with a view to securing that "the dignity, the honour, and the reputation of our Institution may be preserved from such degradations."

We do not go the same length as our contemporary and we greatly prefer the courteous invitation of our Grand Secretary to the lodges to restrain the tendency they have latterly exhibited to appear in public as Masons to the sterner resolution of Grand Lodge. But equally with the *Australasian Keystone* we are desirous to see these public appearances restricted to the occasions which were customary, say, 30 or 40 years ago. We do not look upon these invitations to which we referred last week to parade ourselves in Masonic costume as a compliment to Freemasonry, and for this reason also we are glad the attention of our lodges has been called to the subject.

Correspondence.

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

RITUAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was present at a R.A. Chapter a few evenings ago where the ritual was to me a very peculiar one, and upon inquiry I was told it was the "Oxford working." Can any brother inform me if this is authentic or orthodox? I never heard of it before.—Yours fraternally,

P. S. (Lancs.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Longcauseway, Dewsbury, under the banner of the Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208, on Monday, the 15th ult., when there were present—

Comps. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.Z. 289, G. Supt.; Jno. C. Malcolm, P.Z. 304, Past G. Soj., Prov. G.H.; C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, P. Prov. G.H.; T. R. Vaux, P.Z. 208, P. as Prov. G.J.; Capt. H. G. E. Green, P.Z. 1019, Prov. G.S.E.; Alfred Stephenson, P.Z. 302, Prov. G.S.N.; Wm. Laycock, P.Z. 1001, P. Prov. G.S.N.; Wm. Smith, P.Z. 289, P. as Prov. G. Treas.; Richard Wilson, P.Z. 289, Past G. Soj., P. Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. A. Phillips, P.Z. 306, Prov. G. Reg.; D. Allison Shaw, P.Z. 208, Major G. Bolton, P.Z. 154, and T. Corrin Bell, P.Z. 1283, P. Prov. G. Regs.; Alfred Robertshaw, P.Z. 61, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; Jno. W. Cocking, P.Z. 275, Prov. 1st Asst. G. Soj.; Jas. Wm. Tanner, P.Z. 337, Prov. 2nd Asst. G. Soj.; Thos. Richards, P.Z. 208, Alfred Verity, P.Z. 208, W. R. Thompson, P.Z. 208, James Lawton, P.Z. 337, Wm. Flockton, P.Z. 1042, Hy. Blackburn, P.Z. 208, Wm. Watson, P.Z. 304, Wm. Haigh, P.Z. 1283, and Jno. P. Hewitt, P.Z. 139, P. Prov. G. Sojs.; Abm. Armitage, P.Z. 521, Prov. G.S.B.; Geo. Hesketh, P.Z. 1462, Prov. Dep. G.S.B.; Wm. Cockcroft, P.Z. 307, P. as Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. E. Smithies, P.Z. 1283, P. as Prov. Asst. G. Std. Br.; Joe Ellis Cave, P.Z. 264, Prov. G.D.C.; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P. as Prov. A.G.D.C.; F. S. H. Wilson, P.Z. 139, and John Tillotson, P.Z. 387, Prov. A.G.D.Cs.; John Barker, P.Z. 258, Thomas Gaukroger, P.Z. 307, Edwin Billington, P.Z. 1462, J. R. Fawcett, P.Z. 1214, Thos. Uttley, P.Z. 308, and W. D. Quarby, P.Z. 208, P. Prov. G.D.Cs.; John Constable, P.Z. 242, P. as Prov. G. Org.; Wm. Hy. Hewson, P.Z. 304, Prov. Asst. G.S.E.; Thos. Chester, Jan. 904, Prov. G. Janitor; and John H. Simpson, P.Z. 208, Robert Sheard, P.Z. 1019, and Thos. Hy. Vernon, P.Z. 139, Prov. G. Stwds.; and acting Principals, Past First Principals, and companions of the following chapters, viz., 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 408, 448, 458, 521, 600, 603, 652, 827, 904, 974, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1239, 1283, 1462, 1513, 1645, 2069, 2491.

Apologies were received from Comps. W. C. Lupton, P.Z. 974, Prov. G.J.; Rd. Jackson, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. Treas.; A. Macredie, P.Z. 296, Dep. Prov. G. Reg.; T. W. Roome, P.Z. 904, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Lewis Lee, P.Z. 827, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 495, Past G. Soj., P.P.G.H.; W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289, Past G. Soj., Past G.D.C.; and 126 Past Prov. G. Officers, Zs., and companions.

The Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., accompanied by the Grand Officers, entered, and Prov. G. Chapter was opened.

The Grand Superintendent, the Prov. Grand H. and J. were saluted, and the rolls of chapters and Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers were called.

The Prov. G. Scribe E. presented the minutes of the half-yearly meeting (which had been printed and circulated to about 600 companions), held at Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 16th November, 1898, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved: "That the minutes be taken as read and confirmed."

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, addressing the companions, said: Companions, at this stage I may be permitted to address a few words to you, although I am glad to say there is no question of any great importance which it is my duty to bring before you. First, let me say we are extremely indebted to those who have arranged everything for our comfort to-day, and have provided us with such excellent accommodation in every respect. Later on in the agenda paper, there is a notice of motion, the proposing of a vote of thanks, which will come in its due place. Dewsbury, in some senses, holds a prominent place with regard to Royal Arch Masonry, for I understand that the Grand Chapter was held here for the first time of its meeting about 40 years ago. Since then we have met in Dewsbury eight times; this is the ninth visit, the last having been in 1896. The question in which we take a considerable interest is that of the desirability, if I may put it on no higher ground, of strengthening the chapters in the province as much as we can. There has been, I won't say apathy, but, at all events, the chapters have not kept that relative position with the Craft, the Craft lodges, and the number of members of the Craft in the province, which we all should like to see. We should like to see a little extension of the Royal Arch. It is almost a necessary complement to the Craft, and certainly no one who omits to become a member of the Royal Arch has the complete satisfaction of feeling that he has fully qualified himself in his province. To my mind, it is rather surprising there should be any slackness in this respect. Both from the point of view of the interesting ceremonial, and the interesting work in connection with the chapter—certainly it is not the least interesting of the Degrees of the Order—it is to be regretted that it is not more taken advantage of than it is. I should be glad if we were able to strengthen our position in this respect, for, naturally, those in London and elsewhere, who keep an eye upon us, observe these facts, and deal with them as they stand, although they do not know the local circumstances. It would be highly satisfactory to those in London if they could see a better relative position of the Arch with the Craft. Companions, on the agenda paper you observe that a resolution of regret will be proposed with respect to the deaths of Lord Lathom and M.E. Comp. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie. I referred to these lamentable losses at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, and it is hardly necessary that I should repeat myself on this occasion. We all sincerely mourn the loss of these distinguished companions, and there is no doubt that the Order is poorer by the loss of such members. Those were not the only

losses we have sustained. We have lost some prominent companions who have taken an active part in everything in connection with the Order, and I am sure you will sincerely join in the expression of our great regret at the deaths of those distinguished members. One other item on the agenda paper is a vote of £25 for a fireproof safe. I need hardly say anything to commend it to you for its acceptance, and I am sure Comp. Watson will make out a very good case for its absolute necessity. It is not only an absolute necessity, but it is the absolute duty of the companions to protect the records and documents of great interest in connection with the Order. In order to do that securely, it is clearly our duty to provide the means of safety such as will be proposed presently. You will observe that Comp. Vaux has kindly consented to give us the mystic lecture a little later on, and, therefore, I am going to limit my remarks, for I should be extremely sorry if I curtailed the necessary time, for I am sure we shall listen with advantage to what he has to say to us. There is only one other point, and that is with respect to the returns, which it is my duty to mention from time to time. I do so not for the sake of the returns themselves, but for the credit of the business-like order of the proceedings, and as each of us should add our share towards keeping everything in order, those returns should be made with regularity. The Grand Superintendent then proceeded to move the following resolution: "That this Grand Chapter desires to place on record the sense of the very great loss Royal Arch Freemasonry has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.E. Pro Grand Z., Grand Superintendent of West Lancashire, and also of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire."

Comp. J. C. MALCOLM seconded the motion, which was carried.

Comp. J. C. MALCOLM, pursuant to notice, proposed: "That a sum of money not exceeding £25 be expended in the purchase of a safe, for the proper custody of minute books, registers, and other valuable documents of Prov. G. Chapter." He observed that after the remarks which the Grand Superintendent had made on the subject, no words were required from him to show the necessity of that unusual vote and to commend it to the favourable consideration of the companions. Hitherto there had been no provision whatever in the Scribe E.'s office for the protection of the books and documents of the Royal Arch Degree. It was desirable that they should be protected.

Comp. W. WATSON, P.G. Soj., in seconding the resolution, remarked that it was extremely necessary provision should be made for the protection and preservation of their books and documents. Anyone who had followed the course of events would know the many irreparable losses the province had sustained through the absence of such a provision as that suggested. Only comparatively recently a lamentable loss occurred at Goole, where the documents were destroyed by fire.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Comp. W. SMITH, P.G. Treas., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Richard Jackson, P.G. Treas., presented the accounts for the past year, which, on the motion of Comp. C. A. PHILLIPS, P.G. Reg., seconded by Comp. G. H. PARKE, were received and adopted.

Comp. W. SMITH proposed, and Comp. ALFRED ROBERTSHAW, P.G. Soj., seconded, Comp. Thomas Woods, P.Z. 448, as the Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year. No other name was proposed, and Comp. Woods was duly elected.

Comp. Woods briefly acknowledged the courtesy of the companions.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, before proceeding to appoint and invest Comp. R. Wilson as H., said that perhaps he ought to take the opportunity of saying a word or two. It seemed a little difficult to apportion throughout the province the positions which were at his disposal. He would not labour the question, because he was sure they would one and all believe that he endeavoured to do the best he could to do so in order to benefit as much as he could the chapters throughout the province. On that occasion a change was being made which was not an annual one, and on which he should like to say a few words. He was about to appoint to the position of H. Companion Richard Wilson. He was sure he might bespeak for him at their hands that full measure of confidence and assistance without which it would be impossible to discharge satisfactorily to himself or to the chapters of the province generally the duties which would fall to his lot. But before taking that step he desired to take that opportunity of expressing in Prov. Grand Chapter his appreciation, and he believed he might also express their unanimous appreciation of the manner in which the duties of H. had been discharged by E. Comp. Malcolm. It was only fair to himself and to Comp. Malcolm's successor that he should say publicly that the appointment of Comp. Wilson was made not only with Comp. Malcolm's fullest consent and approval, but also by his direct request, because Comp. Malcolm believed that the duties of G.H. in the chapter were more conveniently discharged if the office were held by the same person who filled the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the province. He was sure he spoke Comp. Malcolm's sentiments when he said that he hoped the duties would be found to be as congenial to Comp. Wilson as they had been to Comp. Malcolm. He would only say in conclusion that he felt greatly his obligation to Comp. Malcolm, not only in the chapter, but for the other work Comp. Malcolm had done on his behalf, for he had been of the greatest assistance, and it was only at his own request he had been relieved of the duties he had discharged so well.

The Grand Superintendent proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Richard Wilson, P.Z. 289, Past G. Soj.	...	Prov. G.H.
" John Barker, P.Z. 258	...	Prov. G.J.
" Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 1019	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" George Henry Parke, P.Z. 154	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Thomas Woods, P.Z. 448 (elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" William Henry Hewson, P.Z. 304	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John H. Simpson, P.Z. 208	...	Prov. Dep. G. Reg.
" Robert Sheard, P.Z. 1019	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Dr. Isaac Mossop, P.Z. 974	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Thomas Henry Vernon, P.Z. 139	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Ben Stocks, P.Z. 291	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Fredk. W. Holden, P.Z. 1462	...	Prov. Dep. G.S.B.
" J. Pelham Browne, P.Z. 600	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John Spencer, P.Z. 408	...	} Prov. A.G. Std. Brs.
" William Senior, P.Z. 1513	...	
" Dyson Walker, P.Z. 1645	...	} Prov. G.D. of C.
" Fred. G. Dimery, P.Z. 2069	...	
" C. Goldthorpe, P.Z. 242	...	} Prov. A.G.Ds. of C.
" Arthur Fretwell, P.Z. 242	...	
" Ed. Rowe Dickenson, P.Z. 308	...	Prov. G. Org.

Comp. William Towers, P.Z. 306	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Charles Stokes, P.Z. 139	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Alfred Cocker, P.Z. 1283	...	...
" E. Wales Smith, P.Z. 289	...	...
" Joseph Barber, P.Z. 652	...	...	} Prov. G. Janitor.
" Thomas Chester, Janitor 904	...	...

Comp. J. R. VAUX, P.P.G.J., delivered the Mystical Lecture.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Vaux for the excellently delivered lecture, and to Comp Shaw, M.E.Z., and the members of Chapter 208 for the accommodation provided for the companions.

Comp. RICHARD WILSON, Prov. G.H., seconded the motion, which was carried.

Comp. SAML SHAW, M.E.Z. 208, in acknowledging the vote, said that the name of the chapter was "The Three Grand Principles," and those principles were "brotherly love, relief, and truth," and added, "We welcome you with brotherly love, will relieve your necessities to the best of our ability, and the words I now speak are the words of truth."

Comp. ROBERT SHEARD, P.Z. 1019, P.G.P. Soj., gave notice that at the next convocation he should move that the salary of the G. Scribe E. be raised from £21 to £50.

There being no applications for the November meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Prov. Grand Chapter closed in due form at 4.30 p.m.

About 75 companions sat down to tea in the Mayor's reception room at the Town Hall, Comp. Sam Shaw, M.E.Z. 208, presiding, supported by the Prov. G.H., Comp. Richard Wilson.

**CONSECRATION OF THE STRONG MAN CHAPTER,
No. 45.**

This interesting and impressive function was held in the Masonic Temple, Cafe Monico, on Thursday, the 25th ult. The ceremony was performed by Comp. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Scribe E., assisted by Comps. W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G. Sup. Bucks, as J.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D. of C.; and C. F. Matier, P. Dep. G.D.C., as A.

There were present the Principals designate :

Comps. William Briggs, M.E.Z.; J. Reynolds Green, H.; C. E. Ward-Broughton-Leigh, J.; other founders: Comps. R. H. Adie, J. Briggs, W. R. G. Emerson, W. G. Mills, G. G. Symons, T. J. Burgess, J. J. Berry, and S. W. Heaton. Visitors: Comps. Charles J. R. Tjou, A.G.D.C.; James W. Gibbs, P.Z. 1716; Robert J. Voisey, P.Z. 1329; Henry Sadler, G. Janitor; William Briant, M.E.Z. 1829; Harry Godwin, 1263; R. R. Mading, P.P.G.J., P.Z. 88; A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G. Treas., H. 88; William Purchas, P.P.G.O., P.J. 88; W. E. Jeanes, S.N. 88; R. Percy F. W. Simpson, P.Z. 859; E. M. Money, P.G. Std. Br.; Arthur Weston, 1573; and H. W. Schartau, Scribe N. 2191.

The proceedings were carried out in due and solemn form, and all felt the importance of their gathering, marking well the dignified work of the Consecrating Officers.

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions, alluded to the ancient lodge from which the chapter was to derive its name; it had flourished for over one hundred and fifty years, and certainly their action in founding the chapter could not be regarded as premature.

Comp. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, in his eloquent oration, pointed to the happy omen in their name, and trusted that strength would always characterise the chapter.

The chapter being duly constituted, the Principals were installed, and the following officers invested by the M.E.Z., Comp. William Briggs: Comps. W. G. Mills, Scribe E.; R. H. Adie, M.A., B.Sc., Scribe N.; G. G. Symons, Treas.; John Briggs, M.A., P. Soj.; W. R. G. Emerson, 1st A.S.; S. W. Heaton, Org.; T. J. Burgess and J. J. Berry, Stwds., and E. Mallett, Janitor.

The musical part of the proceedings was excellently rendered by Comps. H. W. Schartau, Arthur Weston, and J. J. Berry, with Comp. W. R. G. Emerson at the organ. Admiration of the furniture and appointments of the chapter, the bulk of which had been presented by the founders, was generally expressed by the visitors.

Seven candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

On the proposition of the M.E.Z., the Consecrating Officers were duly elected honorary members of the chapter, and presented with founders' jewels.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Scribe E., gracefully acknowledged the compliment of membership on behalf of the Consecrating Officers.

The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to banquet in the Parisian Salon.

The usual loyal toasts were duly given and observed.

The toast of "The Officers of Grand Chapter" was given by the M.E.Z.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., responded, wishing the chapter success.

In proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," the M.E.Z. dwelt upon the admirable way in which they had carried out their work, and trusted it would serve as a model to the companions.

Comp. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., replied: He was glad to see the chapter start its career with so strong an element, and entertained no doubt concerning its failure.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF. He alluded to the pleasure it afforded to see such a strong Cambridge University section among the founders, several of whom were members of the lodge of which he was a P.M.

In dealing with the toast of "The Other Principals," the M.E.Z. thanked the previous speakers for their kindly references to the work of the Principals at Cambridge. They were tried R.A. companions, and the union of such blood with that of the Strong Man Lodge would surely produce good results. For the rest of the officers he would say they had in nearly all cases done excellent Masonic work in the mother lodge and elsewhere; their Scribe E., Comp. W. G. Mills, and their Treasurer, Comp. G. G. Symons, were Past Masters of the mother lodge, and active workers.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Comp. C. J. R. TIOU, A.G.D.C.; R. PERCY F. W. SIMPSON, P.Z. 859; and R. J. VOISEY, P.Z. 1329.

Comps. H. W. Schartau and Arthur Weston, Bro. Murray Bemister, and Mr. Charles Capper, contributed to the entertainment; Comp. W. R. G. Emerson presiding at the piano.

The furniture and jewels were supplied by George Kenning and Son.

Craft Masonry.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. T. C. Taylor, W.M.; Wm. Briggs, M.A., LL.M., I.P.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M., acting S.W.; T. J. Burgess, J.W.; W. G. Mills, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Vidler, S.D.; W. R. G. Emerson, J.D.; J. Briggs, M.A., D.C.; S. W. Heaton, Org.; F. Bristow, I.G.; George Smith, Stwd.; J. L. Leslie, E. M. Hall, B. Hall, A. Hall, J. G. Powell, A. Bayman, Richard Lockyer, and J. J. Berry. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Hemings, 2409; A. R. Andrews, 2409; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when Bro. Lockyer was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. W. G. Mills, P.M., Sec.; and Bro. Dr. Leslie raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Wm. Briggs, I.P.M. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

At the banquet, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" and "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Health of the W.M." was briefly and felicitously given by the I.P.M.

The W.M. replied.

Then followed "The Visitors," Bros. Hemings and Andrews each of them responding.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given by the W.M.

The I.P.M. replied.

After the banquet, the lodge was re-opened by the W.M., when a discussion ensued as to the best means for securing the election into the Girls' School of a daughter of a deceased Past Master of the lodge. The petition for Grand Lodge was signed by all present. The lodge was then closed.

Honor and Generosity Lodge, No. 165.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. P. Crabb, W.M.; F. E. Roshier, I.P.M.; F. H. Roshier, S.W., Master elect; J. W. Howard Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Henry Times, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey Sykes, S.D.; W. de B. Herbert, J.D.; Richard Eve, P.M., P.G.T.; Henry W. Clarkson, Org.; C. J. Andrews, Hayward James Strudwick, E. H. P. Francis, Henry Bearman, William H. Burt, Joseph W. Ellis, and A. Spencer Ellam. Visitors: Bros. Fred West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; G. Pitt-Lewis, O.C., P.G.D.; E. Strange, Charles Carter, 137, P.P.G.D.C.; G. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; F. Callingham, S.D. 1769; A. Leighton, W.M. 263; Lionel Cooke, W.M. 2108; C. H. Roshier, J.W. 1777; H. W. Ellis, W.M. 142; Frank Atkinson, 1351; H. Wharton Wells, I.P.M. 946; C. J. Kiralfy, S.W. 2581; Harry Nicholls, P.M. 2127; H. P. Smith, P.G.D. Staffs; P. Braby, J.D. 2241; Reginald Groome, 1929; Lovett King, 2190; and F. Byrd Page, 1611.

After the lodge had been opened, the second ceremony was worked by the W.M. On a proposition by Bro. Thompson, seconded by Bro. Times, the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to be given from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same to be placed on the list of Bro. Godfrey Sykes, representing the lodge at the forthcoming festival. The W.M., Bro. A. P. Crabb, then installed his successor, Bro. F. Howard Roshier, who appointed and invested the following officers, whom he addressed according to Emulation working: Bros. Jno. Woodhouse, S.W.; Godfrey Sykes, J.W.; Herbert Roshier, Chap.; J. W. Howard Thompson, Treas.; Henry Times, Sec.; W. de B. Herbert, S.D.; W. Marcus Thompson, J.D.; A. Spencer Ellam, I.G.; H. W. Clarkson, Org.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The W.M. then rose and said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. A. P. Crabb, in recognition of the services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. A. P. Crabb, I.P.M., expressed his thanks to the W.M. and brethren in suitable terms. Bro. Times, P.M., Sec., read letters of regret for absence from illness and other unavoidable causes from Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; the Archdeacon of London, P.G. Chap.; Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Henry Neville, P.A.G.D.C.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; Lionel Brough, and Sir Joseph Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.

After other Masonic business had been concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the next room where a well-served banquet was prepared.

After the usual loyal toasts had been accorded due honours,

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and called on Bro. Pitt-Lewis, P.G.D., to respond.

Bro. G. Pitt-Lewis, O.C., P.G.D., responded in an interesting speech, in which he reminded the brethren that, although now not a member of it, he was an old P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. Alfred P. Crabb, I.P.M., then rose and said that he had the most important toast of the evening to propose, namely, that of "The newly-installed W.M.," and he was sure that from the very great interest he took in Masonry in general and the lodge in particular that he would discharge his important duties with satisfaction to himself and advantage to the lodge.

The W.M., Bro. F. Howard Roshier, who received quite an ovation, expressed his sincere thanks for the good feeling of the brethren towards him, and said that he would do all in his power to further the interests of the lodge. Before resuming his seat he gave the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and called on Bro. Eve, P.G.T., to respond.

Bro. R. Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas., responded at some length in an eloquent and impressive speech which interested all present. He regretted to see so few Past Masters present, but death had claimed many excellent Masons who had been attached to the lodge, amongst those who were gone were Bros. R. C. Driver, P.G.D., who had been their Secretary for 37 years, and G. W. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C., the former Treasurer. But it was a pleasure to see that they had young and energetic Masons like Bros. Thompson and Times, who had the interest of the lodge at heart, and were quite ready to give their time to its affairs.

Bro. Harry Nicholls, P.M., Sec. 2127, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge on the excellent working of the installation ceremony.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was responded to by Bro. Crabb, and that of "The Officers" by Bros. Sykes, S.W., and Ellam, I.G.

During the evening the brethren were entertained with an excellent musical programme, under the direction of Bro. Reginald Groome, assisted by Misses Percival, Allen, Noona Macquoid, Daisy Bailey, and Mr. W. A. Peterkin; musical sketches by Bros. Herbert Sparling and Lovell-King, while Mr. Byrd Page succeeded in mystifying all present with some experiments with cards and other tricks of sleight-of-hand.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The first meeting under the auspices of the new W.M., Bro. T. W. Turner, was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. T. W. Turner, W.M.; S. Duff, S.W.; H. C. White, Sec.; Reasbeck, S.D.; Hirst, I.G.; C. Porrett, Stwd.; J. Mason, Tyler; King, P.M.; Venus, P.M.; Goldthorpe, and others. Visitors: Bros. Langbridge, Bodger, and Constable, Fenton, Barber, Elland, Brew, and Simpson, all of 2259.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Ord, Pratt, and Marsdin, all E.As., were passed to the Degree of F.C., the work being excellently performed by the W.M. Several apologies were offered for unavoidable absence and the lodge was closed.

A very pleasant hour was afterwards spent in refreshment, toast, and song.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. G. Robeson, W.M.; T. Stokes, S.W.; A. Fergusson, J.W.; Thos. Cohe, P.M., Treas.; Hy. Legge, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Rippin, J.D.; Jas. Smith, P.M., D. of C.; R. F. Roche, I.G.; W. J. Lockett, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; Garton, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; William Baker, I.P.M.; Davies, Jones, Collins, Lloyd, Farr, Williams, Meers, Thomson, Blaxton, Cowderoy, Hipwell, Fishleigh, Bayley, Crawshaw, and Bamford. Visitors: Bros. Garrod, P.G.P.; Bamford, 2632; and Birdseye, 715.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Jones and Davies were then passed, and Mr. G. W. Bamford was initiated. A candidate for initiation at the next meeting was proposed, also a brother as joining member. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction towards purchase of new organ. The lodge was closed.

Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679.

The installation meeting of this well known and successful city lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. J. W. Gomm, W.M.; C. W. Sowton, I.P.M.; J. A. Worthington, S.W., and W.M. elect; T. F. Strutt, J.W.; W. Boyce, P.M., Sec.; R. M. Crompton, S.D.; C. W. Hiscocks, J.D.; T. P. Baragwanth, I.G.; J. Rawles, Tyler; A. J. Street, P.M.; G. Clark, P.M.; T. Sibly, P.M.; S. Stampfer, P.M.; A. Patman, J. N. Crawford, H. P. Wilson, S. Roberts, H. C. Stone, R. S. Cox, H. R. Edwards, R. Page, W. Tipton, J. R. Kirby, C. E. Blogg, and P. Gayer. The visitors were: Bros. G. S. Rossiter, I.P.M. 907; H. R. Bowers, S.D. 2278; F. Iship, W.M. 1278; A. Schlosshauer, 813; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, and S.W. 1641.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and also of the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. W. Gomm, W.M., vacated the chair and Bro. C. W. Sowton, I.P.M., assumed it, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Philip Page, which proved unanimous and he was initiated into the mysteries by the I.P.M. in a very impressive manner. Bro. Gomm, W.M., resumed the chair of W.M. Bro. A. J. Street, D.C., next presented Bro. J. A. Worthington, W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was carried out in a highly commendable manner. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Gomm, I.P.M.; T. F. Strutt, S.W.; R. M. Crompton, J.W.; Alf Sack, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Boyce, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Hiscocks, S.D.; T. P. Baragwanth, J.D.; A. E. Patman, I.G.; Sidney Roberts, Org.; S. Stampfer, P.M., Stwd.; A. J. Street, P.M., D.C.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The three addresses were most impressively rehearsed by the Installing Master, Bro. J. W. Gomm, for which he had special thanks. A vote of five guineas was granted to the Boys' Institution, as also relief to a distressed brother, which is certainly a chief characteristic of the lodge—Charity. The balance sheet was presented by the Auditors and showed the lodge to be in a thoroughly sound financial position.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet very ably presided over by the W.M., who, when it was ended, gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity on account of an excellent programme of music; these were most loyally responded to.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in terms of eulogium, which also received a hearty response.

Bro. J. W. Gomm, I.P.M., next proposed what, to his mind, was the toast of the evening—that of "The W.M."—who was a most worthy brother, and whose genial character and demeanour were so well known to all, as also his zeal and ability, which would, he was sure, reflect the highest credit upon the lodge. He was confident the duties would be most efficiently carried out, and the prestige of the lodge be fully maintained. He asked the brethren to drink most cordially to the toast.

In reply, Bro. Worthington said it was a very happy moment in his life to be in the proud position of W.M., after eight years since he was initiated into the lodge. He had endeavoured to perform his duties efficiently for three or four years as Organist, then as S.D. and as S.W., and, by their unanimous vote, he was W.M. He had always been most kindly treated in the lodge, which bears a name so honoured as that of the Henry Muggeridge, who was an excellent worker and a great exponent of Charity. Their late brother's name was revered by all with whom he came in contact, and his whole life was spent in doing good to those who could not help themselves, especially in the Masonic Charities. For electing him (Bro. Worthington) as W.M. he thanked the brethren, and his endeavour would be that they should not regret that step, and that he should maintain and uphold the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Initiate," and said it was, indeed, a proud moment to welcome so worthy a brother. Bro. Page had been most deeply impressed by the beautiful ceremony, and had had no idea of the propagation of such tenets.

In reply, Bro. Page said he thanked the brethren for the honour in electing him, and the W.M. for initiating him, into such an honourable Order. He had no idea of such a religion, and he felt the ceremony with awe, and he trusted his conduct both among the brethren and his outer life would be such as never to bring a blush upon the Henry Muggeridge Lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" received at the hands of the W.M. and brethren a most cordial reception, and was duly responded to.

The toast of "Bro. Gomm, Installing Master," was next proposed by the W.M. in terms of high eulogium and heartfelt thanks, for the ceremony had been most efficiently and perfectly rendered, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to present the P.M.'s jewel, which he so highly merited, with the earnest hope that he might be long spared to wear the same.

Bro. J. W. Gomm, P.M., most heartily and thankfully replied for such a testimony of their esteem, and what he had done for the benefit of the lodge he hoped he should be able to continue to do for years to come.

The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented by the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, 1679, to Bro. John Wm. Gomm, P.M., as a mark of esteem in recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during his year of office, A.L., 5898-9, 27th May, 1899." The jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

The remaining toasts of "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge," were most ably presented and cordially received by the lodge, and were duly responded to.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy and successful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. Sidney Roberts, Organist of the lodge, assisted by the following artistes: Miss Mary Lund, and Bros. Herbert Stockwell, Carl Brandt, Percy Gayer, clarinet soloist; Louis Breeze, H. R. Edwards, trombone; and Mr. Walter Broughton.

St Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 31st ult. There were present Bros. G. Eland, W.M.; H. A. Fenton, I.P.M.; E. Hirst, S.W.; E. Simpson, J.W.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. J. Smith, S.D.; R. Brew, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; T. Barber, D. of C.; T. R. R. Marsdin, I.G.; E. Donkin, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M.; J. H. Pawson, P.M.; and C. H. Woodhouse, P.M. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Turner, W.M.; W. W. Peacock, and F. H. Buckland, I.P.M.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. Woodhouse and W. W. Peacock as joining members, which proved unanimous. Bros. H. A. Fenton and J. Constable having been appointed Stewards at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.I.B., the lodge was closed.

Afterwards a supper was partaken of in the lodge room, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 31st ult. Bro. S. Jackson, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Gordon Hills as S.W.; W. Henry White, J.W.; W. West, I.P.M.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. A. Powell, P.M., P.P.G.W. Monmouth; G. Elkington, P.M.; and a goodly number of members.

The only business was the raising of Bro. Workington.

Royal Arch.

All Saints' Chapter, No. 422.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., when Comp. J. Constable, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., occupied the chair at the request of the M.E.Z., who took the post of P.S. There were present Comps. F. W. Farmer, acting H.; E. B. Adlard, J.; C. S. Liversedge, M.E.Z., acting P.S.; W. Pearson, 1st A.S.; W. Caldecott, S.E.; and others.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Cuckson, of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, was duly exalted to the Degree of R.A.M.

After the chapter was closed, a splendid repast was provided at the White Hart Hotel by the Host, Comp. Aldman.

Aire and Calder Chapter, No. 458.

The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Goole, on Monday, the 29th ult. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Constable, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., presided, there being present Comps. Harrison, H.; Boulton, J.; A. Gooderidge, P.S.; J. Robinson, S.N.; W. Timm, 1st A.S.; and others.

The chapter having been opened, Bros. Downing and Young were exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A.M., after which the chapter was closed, and the companions retired for refreshment.

Blagdon Chapter, No. 659.

The annual convocation of the members of the above chapter was held in the new Masonic Hall, Beaconsfield-street, Blyth, on Wednesday afternoon, the 31st ult. There was a good attendance, including several officers of the Prov. G. Chapter. Comp. Chas. H. Keay, M.E.Z., P.A.G.D.C., presided; whilst Comp. John Tweedy, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., occupied the chair of H., and Comp. W. Charlton, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.E., the chair of J.

After the preliminary business of the convocation had been transacted, Comp. Robt. T. Guthrie, H., was installed into the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. C. H. Keay; Comp. L. Carr, J., into the chair of H. by Comp. Guthrie; and Comp. Arthur A. Askwith, S.E., into the chair of J. The impressive installation ceremonies in each case were most ably done by the respective companions. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then invested the following as officers of the chapter for the ensuing year: Comps. C. H. Keay, P.Z., as Treas.; John Tweedy, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G.S., as D. of C.; George Graham, S.E.; R. L. Manners, S.N.; W. P. Straker, P.S.; Niels F. Arverchoug, 1st A.S.; James Thompson, 2nd A.S.; Edward Forster, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Reg.; and Thomas Usher, Janitor. The chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the ante-rooms of the new hall, where the annual festival took place, Comp. Robt. T. Guthrie, M.E.Z., presiding at the after meeting.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

In giving the toast of "The Queen," Comp. Guthrie made special reference to her Majesty's 50th birthday, and alluded in suitable terms to her long and prosperous reign.

The toast was most enthusiastically responded to by the whole of the company, and the National Anthem sung.

Songs and recitations were given by several companions.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, the proceedings terminating with the Janitor's toast.

Mozart Chapter, No. 1929.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 15th ult. Among the Principals and officers present were Comps. Dr. Russell Beardmore, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; H. F. Cain, J.; and Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place as follows: Comps. Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; H. F. Cain, H.; Dow-White, J.; Major Walls, P.Z., S.E.; E. H. Selby, S.N.; R. A. Gowan, P.Z., Treas.; and W. Lane, Janitor. A gold bar, suitably inscribed, was unanimously voted to the M.E.Z. to mark his second year's tenure of the office of First Principal in the Mozart Chapter. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. R. A. Gowan, P.Z., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. T. Tully, P.Z.; R. P. Thomas, P.Z.; E. H. Selby, and others. The chapter was then closed.

Refreshment of a substantial and agreeable nature followed labour, and the new caterer to the chapter is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he furnished the repast.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was duly proposed after the Royal and official toasts had been duly honoured. The proposer of the toast was exceedingly complimentary in his remarks. He said that the M.E.Z. had frequently given up professional engagements in order to be present at the meetings of the Mozart, an example of zeal that might be copied with advantage by other members of No. 1929. He had also introduced several joining members, and it was through no fault of his that exaltees had not been forthcoming.

The First Principal, in reply, said that from the first moment that he had entered the chapter his sympathies had been with those old members who had loyally endeavoured to prevent the chapter from becoming extinct. It was a great pity that its officers were not so prosperous as they might be, but it was satisfactory to know that the chapter was slowly progressing. He then gave "The M.E.Z., H., and J. elect," coupled with the name of Comp. Cain, who duly acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and absent colleagues (Comps. Major Richardson and White).

The proceedings then terminated.

Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall on the 29th ult. In the absence on business in Belgium of Bro. A. Love the chair was taken by one of the P.Ms., Bro. John Smith, P.G. Stwd., who performed the whole of the ceremonies in his usual able manner, to the great delight of the brethren and visitors, assisted by the officers and Past Masters. The ballot was taken for Bros. H. J. Vinden, Gordon P. G. Hills, Walter Lawrence, and Cyrus Braby, and they were advanced to the Mark Degree. Bro. T. D. C. Leverett was elected a joining member. Bro. J. Robertson Reep, P.M. 234, was presented by the senior P.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, and duly installed by Bro. J. Smith, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Campbell Johnstone, S.W.; A. E. Mullins, J.W.; A. Love, I.P.M.; Page Nash, M.O.; H. C. Minnett, S.O.; Major Larner, J.O.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. Works, Treas.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G. Sec.; H. J. Vinden, R. of M.; Gordon Hills, S.D.; W. Lawrence, J.D.; J. Read, Org.; J. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Cyrus Braby, I.G.; T. Leverett, Stwd.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

An excellent banquet followed, with songs by Bro. G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G.O.

A Past Master's jewel was forwarded to Bro. Love, I.P.M.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181.

The installation meeting was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 17th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., Treas., P.G.S., as W.M. (in the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. Hill); R. S. Ubsdell, S.W., W.M. elect (by dispensation); H. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., as M.O.; C. W. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.O., as S.O.; G. Austin, as J.O.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. H. Kohler, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; George Everett, P.M., P.S.G.D.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.S.G.D. (visitor).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. A. O. Hemming and G. E. P. Hertslet, both of 1512, and, it being unanimous, they were duly advanced by the Secretary, who subsequently installed Bro. Ubsdell as W.M. (with the valuable assistance of Bro. H. J. Lardner, as D. of C.) Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Hemming, S.W.; Hertslet, J.W.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; Major Walls, P.M., Sec.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officers, and Bro. Lardner duly acknowledged the same. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. James Hill was postponed.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Hill, I.P.M.; W. R. Porter, P.M.; F. F. Bonney, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been closed, a banquet followed, and, upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the various toasts with commendable brevity.

Bro. George Everett, P.S.G.D., replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In the course of his speech, he feelingly alluded to the great loss that the Mark Degree had sustained by the premature decease of Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M., whose qualities of geniality and Masonic philanthropy were of no mean order. Personally, he felt his loss very much.

Bro. W. Thomas, P.P.G.M.O., replied on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." followed.

Bro. R. Ubsdell briefly replied.

The toast of "The Advancers" came next in order, and Bros. Hemming and Hertslet responded in appropriate terms.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed his personal acknowledgments to Bros. Lardner and Austin for the services that they had rendered to the lodge that evening.

In response, both brethren expressed the pleasure it had respectively afforded them to assist in the working of the Degrees.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Briggs, Higgins, Kohler, Davis, and Forge, who respectively replied.

Bros. W. Fisher, A. O. Hemming, and G. E. P. Hertslet acknowledged the toast of "The Officers."

The proceedings then came to an end.

The jewel was manufactured by George Kenning and Son.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Rosedale, W.M.; T. Richards, S.W.; F. N. Hardinge, J.W.; Wales, M.O.; Strutt, S.O.; Willshire, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Dowse, J.D.; R. Shaw, P.M., I.G.; P. Beard, D.C.; Burton, Bradley, and Johnstone, Stewards; E. Beard, I.P.M.; R. Skinner, P.M.; and G. W. Larter, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. H. J. Warrington, 1602; C. J. Burt, 2696; and E. J. Southern, 2695; were impressively advanced by the I.P.M.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. F. C. Frye, P.M.; J. Huish, P.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; Dr. H. Kiallmark, P.M., P.G.S.; Dr. F. Pocock, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed. An excellent banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts received full justice, Bro. R. Shaw responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was given in eloquent terms by the I.P.M.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Advancers." In the course of his remarks, he said that he felt confident that the candidates must have highly appreciated the manner in which they had been advanced that evening by the I.P.M. Two of them were personal friends of Bro. Beard, and consequently he (the W.M.) had given way in order that the work should be performed by the I.P.M.

Bros. Warrington, Burt, and Southern, in their respective replies, expressed themselves as being delighted with the Mark Degree, and regretted that they had not taken it earlier in their Masonic career.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was coupled with the names of Bros. E. W. Beard and Skinner. The W.M. again spoke in terms of high commendation of the services of the I.P.M. With regard to Bro. Skinner, the W.M. said that, as one of the oldest advances of the lodge, it was always a pleasure to see him among them. He possessed a happy, genial temperament, and had the interests of the lodge thoroughly at heart.

Bro. Beard, in reply, expressed his acknowledgments for the kind remarks made by the W.M. He said that the meetings of No. 211 were always red-letter days to him. It had been his good fortune to introduce some personal friends of his to the lodge, and he was in hopes of bringing others.

Bro. Skinner also said a few words in reply.

Bro. J. N. Frye responded on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Richards and Hardinge for "The Officers."

During the evening an excellent musical entertainment was provided by the Savoy Entertainers, under the management of Bro. Goddard, P.M. Bro. Strutt also contributed an effective baritone selection.

The proceedings then terminated.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult., and among those in attendance were Bros. T. B. Dodson, W.M.; R. Burleton, S.W., Master elect; E. Bond, J.W.; H. Hawkins, M.O.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S.; and H. J. Lardner, P.S.G.D. (hon. members).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. V. Sherrin and T. L. Pewtress, and it being unanimous, they were advanced as M.M.s. by the Secretary. Bro. Burleton having been presented was installed W.M. by the Secretary. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Bond, S.W.; Hawkins, J.W.; Bonney, M.O.; Sherrin, S.O.; Pewtress, J.O.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Treas.; Major Walls, P.M., Sec.; and Goddard, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. B. Dodson. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lardner for his valuable services in the ceremonies of advancement and installation. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, I.P.M. and Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M.; F. F. Bonney, M.O., and others. The lodge was then closed.

The members and their guests then partook of an excellent banquet, which gave unqualified satisfaction. The W.M. presided most genially, his several utterances being distinguished by exceptional originality.

Bro. Lardner responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The toast of "The W.M." was submitted by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks the speaker said that Bro. Burleton and he had been associated in Masonry for many years, particularly in the Dalhousie Lodge. To know the W.M. was to appreciate a good man and Mason. He had every reason to believe that the affairs of the Prince Leopold Lodge would prosper during the W.M.'s tenure of office.

The W.M., having briefly replied, gave the toast of "The Advancers."

Bros. Sherrin and Pewtress having responded, "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. T. B. Dodson, who made a humorous reply.

The toast of "The Officers" gave Bros. Bond and Hawkins an opportunity of saying some very complimentary things about the lodge and its members.

During the evening Bros. Dodson, Bond, Hawkins, Lardner, and Professor Driver contributed various selections in verse and prose.

THE QUEEN will visit Aldershot on Monday, the 26th inst., and review the troops on Laffan's Plain Parade Ground. The spectacle will be a brilliant one. In consequence of this arrangement the 1st Infantry Brigade will do their training before the 26th, so as to be in Aldershot on the day of the visit, and the 1st Cavalry Brigade, who were to go to Salisbury Plain on the 19th, will not go until after her Majesty's visit. The 1st Royal Dragoons, the 10th Hussars, and some of the Household troops will, on the way to Salisbury, be brought to Aldershot to march past. About 14,000 soldiers will be on parade under Sir Redvers Buller, V.C.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council, No. 1.

The installation meeting of this old Council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 18th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas., as T.I.M., in the absence of Comp. George Gregory, T.I.M.; H. P. Hay, D.M., T.I.M. elect; J. J. Thomas, P.C. of W.; Major T. C. Walls, P.R.P.D.G.M., Rec.; Basil Stewart, C. of C.; G. Briggs, H. Higgins, A.W.; W. A. Scurrell, P.T.I.M.; E. Brown, and Rev. C. E. Roberts, M.A. Comp. Capt. E. Money, P.T.I.M., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Hay having been presented was installed as T.I.M. by the Recorder. Among the officers appointed and invested were Comps. J. J. Thomas, D.M.; B. Stewart, P.C.W.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Major Walls, P.T.I.M., Recorder; Rev. C. E. Wright, M.A., P.G.C., Chap.; Rev. C. E. Roberts, M.A., Asst. Chap.; G. Briggs, C. of C.; J. N. Frye, C. of G.; H. Rogers, J. Smith, and J. T. Rowe, Marshals; C. Slater and W. H. Toye, Stwds.; H. Higgins, Warder; Dr. Ezard, Asst. Warder; R. A. Gowan, Sentinel; and E. Mills, Outer Sentinel. The report of the Audit Committee, a most satisfactory one, was received and adopted. The resignation of Comp. Col. Sewell was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Baron de Ferrieres, P.T.I.M.; R. L. Loveland, O.C., P.T.I.M.; R. B. Bryant, P.T.I.M., P.G.L.; H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M.; G. Powell, P.T.I.M.; G. Gregory, P.T.I.M.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, M.A., P.G.C.; Rev. C. E. Wright, M.A., P.G.C.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.G.C.; Major P. Dunbar, W. Mason Stiles, L. Steele, C. Slater, and others. The council was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant under the presidency of the T.I.M.

The customary preliminary toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the T.I.M." was duly proposed and drunk with acclamation.

The T.I.M., in response, stated that although he could not hope to equal the working of many who had filled the chair before him, yet he intended to do his best. He had for many years looked forward to occupy the chair in the Grand Master's Council, and now that his ambition had been satisfied he hoped during his year to be enabled to admit eligible candidates for the Degrees.

Comp. Capt. E. Money responded on behalf of "The Visitors" in a neat and pertinent speech.

In giving "The Past T.I. Masters," the T.I.M. congratulated Comp. George Graveley on submitting so satisfactory a balance sheet. He also spoke of other P.T.I.M.s, notably, Baron de Ferrieres, R. L. Loveland, R. B. Bryant, and H. J. Lardner, whose services to the Cryptic Rite in general, and to the Grand Master's Council in particular, could not be too highly praised.

Comp. G. Graveley having replied in a few well-chosen sentences,

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Comp. Basil Stewart, brought the proceedings to a close.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT GOUGH, P.M., P.Z.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Robert Gough, which occurred at his residence, 10, Dowry-parade, Hotwells, Bristol, on Sunday evening last. The deceased brother, who was about 53 years of age, was taken suddenly ill on Saturday night. Dr. Eustace was then called in, and on the following day the patient was also attended by Dr. Steele and Dr. Carter. Their services, however, proved of no avail, and Bro. Gough passed away in the evening about 8.30. Bro. Gough was one of the churchwardens of Holy Trinity, Hotwells, and for some years he served on the Barton Regis Board of Guardians. He was a Past Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, and P.Z. of the Royal Clarence Chapter, No. 68. Bro. Gough joined the Royal Clarence Lodge about 23 years ago.

BRO. ROBERT BURLETON.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Bro. Robert Burleton, of No. 46, Lillyville-road, Fulham, and late of the White House Hotel, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico. He was only ill for a few days, and he passed away, at the age of 52, on the 29th ult., at his residence, to the intense grief of his wife and family, and the sincere regret of his many friends. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, by the late Bro. Wallington, P.M., on the 11th November, 1875, and, after serving the several offices leading to the chair, he was installed W.M. in 1882. On the death of Bro. Wallington, in 1894, he was unanimously elected Treasurer, which honour he retained to the great satisfaction of all the members of that lodge up to the time of his death. Bro. Burleton was a founder and second M.E.Z. of the Dalhousie Chapter, No. 860, and was elected Treasurer in 1887, when he vacated the chair. He was also a founder of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, and quickly became W.M. On the retirement of Bro. Barfield, P.M., he was elected Treasurer, which office he retained until his death. He was for several years a Mark Mason, and only as recently as the 15th ultimo was installed Worshipful Master of the Leopold Lodge, and he was a Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions. Our brother was one of the best of fellows, a true friend, a splendid Mason, and most genial. Poor Bro. Rob Burleton was known to us personally for many years, and we tender our respectful sympathy to his bereaved widow and family and to the members of his several lodges, who have sustained a great loss, but his memory cannot but be ever green to them. The funeral took place on the 1st instant at Brompton Cemetery. The mourners were the widow and children of our deceased brother, Miss Weston, Bros. T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860, Thos. S. Dickie, 1772—executors of the deceased—Mr. Hughie Murray, Mrs. J. Fisher, Mr. C. G. Spackman, Mrs. Barrett, and other relatives and friends. When the gates of the cemetery were reached, there was a good muster of members of the Craft and many friends, among whom were Bro. George Read, P.G. Std. Br., Sec. 1681; Bro. Newell, W.M. 860; Bro. John Wade, P.M., M.E.Z. 860; Bro. Bond, P.M. 860; Bro. D. Wetherill, P.M. 1681; Bro. G. Dickinson, P.M. 1681; Bro. J. Freer, S.W. 1681; Bro. Jno. Bishop, 1744, and Mrs. Bishop; Bro. Charles Agar, 1293; Bro. Frank Pinn, 860; Bro. Charles Fisher, J.D. 507; Bro. White, Bro. A. Boccock, 1631; Bro. W. Pullin, 1681; Bro. N. Bennett, 860; Bro. S. Brooks, 1681; Bro. Hawkins, 860; Bro. T. Jeston White, 860; Bro. Landrigan, 860; Bro. N. East, 860; Bro. S. Price, Bro. Alabaster, Bro. Thos. Blanch, Bro. J. Sanders, Bro. Hedden, Bro. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. P. Noble, Mr. Wales, Mr. Alga, Bro. G. S. Tomalin, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Collins, Mr. J. Kent, Mr. F. Weston, and Bro. R. T. West, 1744, and Mrs. West. Many handsome wreaths were sent by the following: Widow and children of the deceased, Mr. R. E. Burleton, Bob and Jessie ("Joe"), Hughie and Minnie Murray, Mrs. and Miss Weston, May and Fred, Will and Edie, Phil and Anne, Mrs. Murray, members of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, companions of the Dalhousie Chapter, No. 860, members of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M., Bro. and Mrs. John Bishop, Bro. and Mrs. Charles Agar, Bro. G. S. Tomalin, Bro. Jack and E. Hare, Bro. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, Bro. and Mrs. Alabaster, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Spackman, Mrs. Clements, Bro. and Mrs. Landrigan, Mrs. Wallis, C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Fisher and May, Mr. T. B. Gross and family, A. and T. F. Pinn, Mr. Fred Weston, Fred. C. C. Crokford, D. O'Connell, and D.

Grover, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maxted, Bro. Thos. S. Dickie, Bro. and Mrs. R. T. West and others. The arrangements for the funeral were carried out by Messrs. Ashton and Co., of Fulham-road, South Kensington, in a manner which gave every satisfaction.

DEATH OF DR. DIEPERINK.

A LOSS TO MASONRY.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Hendrik Willem Dieperink, which took place at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. A. J. Stigling, of Hopefield, yesterday morning. The deceased will be affectionately and gratefully remembered at Somerset West as the able and devoted physician and the cultured gentleman who took an active and leading part in everything connected with the intellectual and social advancement of that place. About nine or ten months ago, owing to failing health, Dr. Dieperink relinquished his practice at Somerset West, and his friends hoped that when once freed from the round of duties which his advancing age rendered an increasing burden he might have been spared for many years to come. Dr. Dieperink succeeded the late R.W. Bro. J. H. Hofmeyr as Deputy Grand Master in South Africa of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Netherlands in 1893. He had also for some time before held with distinction the office of Orator to the Lodge de Goede Hoop, and his discourses will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to hear them. His intimate acquaintance with the various Constitutions, rituals, customs, the history, antiquities, and jurisprudence of Freemasonry was probably unrivalled in this part of the globe. He was the first local Secretary to the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, in the Western Division of the Cape Colony, and his contributions which appeared from time to time in the Transactions thereof bear ample testimony to his ability and powers of research. His reputation as a student of the Craft was worldwide, as is abundantly evinced by the numerous volumes presented to him by their authors for some years past, his collection of books forming the most valuable private Masonic library south of the Equator. The deceased was a widower. For his children and other relatives the sincerest sympathy will be felt. The funeral will take place at Hopefield, division of Malmesbury, this afternoon.—*Cape Times, Monday, May 8th, 1899.*

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. GEORGE POWELL, 142.

At the age of 27, Bro. George Powell was initiated in St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 142 (then No. 166), February 1st, 1862, and after serving several offices was W.M. in 1865, and was placed on the Board of General Purposes by the then Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. He represented the lodge at the laying of the foundation stone of the new hall on 27th April, 1864, was one of the three appointed to investigate the Centenary Jewel question with Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn. Resigning in 1870 he was solicited to and in 1875 did rejoin the lodge and was W.M. for the second time in 1880. On the death of the late lamented Bro. H. C. Levander in 1884, he was appointed at the ensuing installation in February, 1885, to succeed him as Secretary, and has become the father of the lodge. The state of his health has now compelled him to resign this honourable office and the lodge has just generously presented him with a handsome silver salver bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 142, to W. Bro. George Powell, P.M., the senior member, twice W.M., and for many years Secretary of the lodge, as a token of their fraternal regard and in testimony of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge. 5 May, 1899." Bro. Powell, being too unwell to personally attend on this day, the Secretary, Bro. Hiscox, kindly forwarded the gift, and by a happy coincidence it arrived on his 64th birthday anniversary. He was exalted in the Rose of Denmark Chapter in June, 1865, was M.E.Z. in March, 1871, and is now the senior member of the chapter. He was one of the 12 founders of St. Thomas Chapter, No. 142, in September, 1878, and, with Comps. F. W. Levander and G. Motion, is one of the three remaining original members (founders). He was installed in October, 1865, in the Plantagenet Conclave, and in May, 1866, joined the Original or Premier Conclave. He was enthroned M.P.S. in 1867, and is now father of the conclave. He was G.S.B. to Lord Kenlis, and promoted to the office of G. Senior General in 1888, and is a member of the Executive Committee. He became a Knight of St. John the Evangelist in 1867, in the Mount Carmel Sanctuary and Commandery attached to Premier Conclave, No. 1. He was perfected in the Invicta Chapter, No. 10, Ancient and Accepted Rite, at Woolwich, in April, 1866; served some offices and was appointed Recorder 1872. In December, 1873, he was installed as Most Wise Sovereign of the chapter. In December, 1875, after being Prelate in succession to being M.W.S., he was re-appointed Recorder and still occupies the distinguished position. He was advanced to the 30°, in October, 1896. He was installed in the Order of the Temple in the Stuart Encampment, Watford, in July, 1881, and installed Preceptor in July, 1883; admitted to the Order of Malta in 1881, and is a Past Prior of the Stuart Priory. Advanced to the Mark Degree in the St. Mark Lodge, No. 1, in May, 1872, and installed W.M. in 1886. Appointed Grand Steward in 1882, was a founder of the Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1884, its W.M. in December, 1887, and is now senior member and Treasurer of the same. Was appointed, in 1891, an A.G.D.C. On the death of Bro. H. C. Levander, he was elected Treasurer to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, and is still in that office. Is a Past W.C.N. of the mother lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. He was a founder and first Treasurer of the West Sussex Lodge, No. 453, in 1893, but owing to his bad state of health has just resigned that office. The Allied Degrees were taken in Metropolitan Council, T.I., in December, 1880; was W.M. in June, 1896. On the death of Bro. Donald Dewar he succeeded him as Treasurer, and still holds the office. He was appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1895; was acknowledged as Most Ex. Master in Royal and Select Masters in March, 1881, in Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, and was T.I.M. 1894-5; and was appointed Grand Marshal in 1883; and lastly, took the degree

of Grand Tyler in November, 1897, in Four Kings' Council, No. 7. He is a Life Governor and served as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution once, the Girls' once, and the Boys' twice, and is, almost as a matter of course, a member of the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 730.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, the 1st instant, when there were present Bros. Ridgway, W.M.; Ridley, S.W.; Heath, J.W.; R. H. Williams, Preceptor; Larkman, Treas.; Johnson, Asst. Sec.; Worth, S.D.; Humble, J.D.; and Wilcox, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Cousins offered himself as candidate, and answered the questions leading to that Degree. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, was resumed to the First Degree. The lodge having been called off and on, was afterwards resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Second Degree, Bro. Reid acting as candidate, and he having answered the usual questions, the lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The dues having been collected, a vote of thanks to Bro. Ridgway on occupying the chair for the first time was proposed by Bro. Williams, seconded by Bro. Heath, supported by Bro. Larkman, and carried unanimously. "Hearty good wishes" having been given and received, the lodge was afterwards closed.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Alexr. Clarkson, W.M.; F. H. Pate, P.M., S.W.; H. E. Francis, P.M., J.W.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Preceptor and Treas.; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; Fred W. Berry, S.D.; Percy Day, J.D.; and Alfred Collins, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, after which the lodge was closed.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I., W.M.; J. W. Hunt, S.W.; W. B. Neville, P.M., J.W.; R. H. Nicholls, P.M., Treas.; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; J. B. Schrader, Org.; Jas. Barnett, I.G.; H. C. Wootton, Robt. Allingham, Fred. S. Thomas, W. G. Read, H. T. Willis, A. Burden, Thos. H. Hobbs, Robt. Brown, H. Spencer, J. Thorn, H. Spencer, W. H. Cave, W. H. G. Brook, W. G. Bevan, J. W. Whipp, J. Mayhew, H. Ramsbottom, Robt. Ridgway, Albert Taylor, H. E. Williams, C. G. Ridgway, Jas. Hodgson, Jas. Scarlett, C. T. W. Drake, Henry Tull, John Inglejew, Otto Scherf, J. H. Crispe, H. R. Harding, R. P. Webster, R. Sandland, Alexr. Clarkson, Wm. Pearson, J. W. Tremlett, Chas. Spreag, W. Cartron, C. Pugh, F. D. Running, J. C. Webb, T. Edwards, R. Brown, P. Folland, Walter Bean, W. H. De Mard, F. J. Patrick, W. H. Vincent, J. W. Wetter, Jas. A. Milliken, F. A. Pratten, Henry Fitzgerald, and Thomas John Phillips.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed, Bro. Hunt acting as Installed Master. The lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on the 2nd instant, when there were present Bros. Jas. Barnett, W.M.; H. Ramsbottom, S.W.; F. J. Thomas, J.W.; H. G. Holland, P.M., P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor; Henry T. Kobelt, Sec.; C. G. Ridgway, S.D.; J. B. Schrader, J.D.; H. Spencer, I.G.; C. T. D. Drake, P.M.; and R. P. Webster, P.M.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Drake acting as the candidate. The lodge was then closed.

Craft Masonry.

Neptune Lodge, No. 1264.

With a 30 years' record of good Masonic and Charitable work, the above lodge holds a prominent position in the Province of West Lancashire, and the proceedings, interesting and successful, in connection with the annual installation meeting, on the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, gave satisfactory evidence of vitality and the prevalence of a true brotherly spirit. The attendance in the course of the afternoon and evening numbered about 70 brethren of varied ranks, the chair at the commencement of the business being occupied by Bro. Henry D. Jay, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Pemberton, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; S. L. Fraser, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. H. Linaker, P.M.; T. S. Tickle; W. Cattle, P.M.; J. Greenhough, P.M.; and G. Barclay, P.G.D. Bro. Daniel Roxburgh, presented by Bros. Pemberton and Linaker, was installed W.M. in an impressive manner by Bro. H. D. Jay.

The officers invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Henry D. Jay, I.P.M.; W. Blake, S.W.; S. B. Corkill, J.W.; W. Cattle, P.M., Treas.; C. Leighton, P.M., Sec.; H. Pemberton, Asst. Sec.; T. V. Gardner, S.D.; S. Buist, J.D.; J. Greenhough, P.M., D.C.; W. Hudson, Org.; R. C. Monk, I.G.; W. G. Paterson, E. J. Wallace, W. Livesly, A. E. Bishop, A. W. G. Forrester, and H. T. Lewis, Stewards; and George Barclay, P.M., Charity Representative. Bro. Jay, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, was the recipient of a valuable Past Master's jewel, in token of the respect in which he is held by the whole of the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

After banquet—supplied by Bro. Casey, P.M.—an excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Linaker, Batty, Hudson, Barclay, and Corkill.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE leave Devonshire House tomorrow (Saturday) on a visit to Lord Stanley, M.P., and Lady Alice Stanley at Cowarth Park, Sunningdale, where they will stay until the 19th.

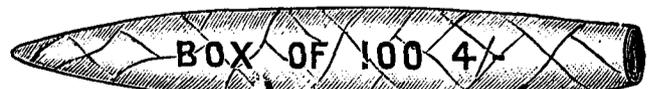
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