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THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 31st Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 12th instant, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Earl of WARWICK, Past Prov. G. Mark Master of Warwickshire, who, only a few weeks ago, was installed Grand Master of the newly-constituted Mark Province of Essex. These gatherings have the reputation of being among the most pleasant of our annual reunions, and we have every reason to hope that, under his lordship's auspices, and with the able support he is certain to receive from the other dignitaries of the Order, next Wednesday's meeting will be at least as pleasant as any of its predecessors. We trust, too, that as the Mark Festival, in common with those of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, suffered somewhat last year by the superior attractions of the Boys' Centenary, compensation will be forthcoming on this occasion in a higher total of donations and subscriptions. In 1898, when the chair was occupied by R.W. the Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, the Returns somewhat exceeded £1800; but the previous year, when the late lamented Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, Prov. G. Master for Middlesex, presided, they amounted to upwards of £3100; and, though we may not venture to hope for a success so signal as was then achieved, we shall be surprised and disappointed if the figures do not approximate more closely to those of the late Col. Cook's record year.

The Fund is in every respect worthy of the generous support which has been accorded it during the last 10 or a dozen years. One branch of it administers temporary relief to properly qualified Mark brethren and their widows, who are in greater or less need of a timely helping hand. A second branch charges itself with the responsibility of educating the children of deceased and indigent Mark brethren at schools in the neighbourhood of their residence and making them a certain annual allowance towards their clothing. The remaining branch provides annuities for brethren and their widows, the former receiving £26 and the latter £21, while to both classes of annuitants

a Christmas present of £5 each is made additionally, so that the benefits conferred by the Mark Benevolent Fund are, undoubtedly, of a substantial character, especially when we bear in mind that it has only been in existence for somewhat over 30 years. As for the prospects which await us of the nearer approach to the figures of the 1897 Festival, we can only say that, as far as our information goes, they appear to be favourable, and for the sake of the noble Chairman who will preside, the Stewards who will second his efforts, and, above all, for the Fund in whose interests the Festival takes place, we sincerely hope those prospects will be fully realised.

RESULTS OF THE THREE GREAT ANNIVERSARY FESTIVALS OF 1899.

The Festival season of the current year ended last week, and we are now in a position to realise not only what the Craft has done for our central Institutions after its stupendous efforts in respect of the Boys' Centenary in 1898, but also to note the progress the Charities have made in the estimation of the brethren during the years that have elapsed since the Girls' Centenary was celebrated. As regards the current year we remark that, according to the Return of the Benevolent Festival in February, as revised to the end of last month, the total subscribed to that Institution, under the auspices of Lord LLANGATTOCK, Prov. G. Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, is £20,162 9s. 3d., as compared with the £18,207 8s. 6d. which Bro. TERRY, the Secretary, was privileged to announce on the day of celebration. In May Viscount DUNGARVAN, Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, presided at the 111th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. Secretary HEDGES had the pleasure of announcing a total of Returns amounting to £21,045 3s. 3d.; while on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, occupied the chair at the 101st Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the total announced by Bro. Secretary MCLEOD was £8599 17s. 6d., which, though there appear to be but few lists unaccounted for, will probably be increased by returns subsequently received to quite £9000. Thus the total obtained at these Anniversary gatherings is fully £50,000, which, having regard to the fact of last year's total having amounted to upwards of £160,000, is a total that is almost above praise.

As regards the progress which our Institutions have made since 1888 in the estimation of the brethren, this, we think, will be most apparent from a consideration of the following figures. In 1888, when the Girls' School held its Centenary Festival, the Benevolent Institution obtained a total of Donations and Subscriptions amounting to £15,200 7s. 6d.; the Girls' School, at its Centenary, under H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, M.W. Grand Master, and President of the Institution, £51,516 19s.; and the Boys' School, whose 90th Anniversary was held only about three weeks after the Girls' Centenary, £8673 12s., the total for the year being £75,390 18s. 6d. In 1889, when, of necessity, there was a falling off in the Returns, the Benevolent Institution received £13,508 4s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £5354 15s.; and the Boys' School, £13,603 15s. 6d., giving a total for the year of £32,466 15s. In 1892, when the Benevolent Institution held its Jubilee Festival, the following were the Returns obtained by the three Institutions, namely, the Benevolent Institution, £69,000 1s. 7d.; the Girls' School, £10,002 10s. 6d.; and the

Boys' School, £12,640 8s., making a total for the year of £91,643. In 1893, when again the Returns were below the average, the Benevolent Institution received £8855 18s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £14,011 3s. 6d.; and the Boys' School, £21,840 8s. 3d.; the total for the whole year reaching £44,707 10s. 3d.

Last year, when the Boys' School celebrated its Centenary, the Benevolent Institution received £9766 17s.; the Girls' School, £9512 8s. 6d.; and the Boys' School, at its Centenary, under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, and President of the Institution, £141,203 os. 11d., giving a total of £160,482 6s. 5d., while the present year, of comparative depression, has yielded, as we have shown in round figures, some £50,000. Thus, as regards the three extraordinary years, there has been an increase from £75,390, in 1888, to £91,643, in 1892, to £160,482, in 1898; and in the three years of comparative depression an increase likewise from £32,466, in 1889, to £44,707, in 1893, to £50,000 in 1899. These are remarkable figures, and well worth a careful study.

BOSCOMBE HOSPITAL.

LAYING THE FIRST STONE.

IMPOSING MASONIC CEREMONY.

"Sunny Boscombe" celebrated the anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation on Wednesday, the 28th ult., in right loyal fashion, the day being chosen as the occasion for laying with full Masonic honours, the first stone of the new Boscombe Hospital. Probably, no more fitting celebration of the long reign of our beloved sovereign the Queen could have been devised than the laying of the foundation stone of such a beneficent institution, and when it became publicly known that the brethren had given their patronage and support to the new building it was felt that the ceremony would be worthy of the occasion. The necessity for embarking on a scheme for the provision of a new hospital to replace the old cottage buildings has long since been demonstrated, and now, we are informed, there are more than three times the number of applications for beds than the capacity of the premises will enable the committee to deal with. In these circumstances the committee, with the sanction of the general body of subscribers, decided upon a scheme for placing the institution upon such a footing as to make it worthy of the locality in which it is placed.

Plans for the new buildings have been prepared by Bro. G. A. Bligh Livesay, of Boscombe, for a hospital to consist of an administration block and three pavilions, containing wards for men, women, and children, but at present funds will not warrant such an extensive building. The committee, have, therefore, arranged to begin the new hospital by the erection of two pavilions, each containing ten beds for men and women patients respectively. The site of the new hospital is at the rear of the existing one, on the, at present, waste piece of land at the foot of the water tower. The main approach will be from the Ashley-road, and the building will be within a very short distance from Boscombe railway station. The site at present belongs to the Bournemouth Gas and Water Company.

The two pavilions, the foundation stone of which was laid on the above day, are 50 feet long, 27 feet broad, and 13 feet high. The wards will have a cubic air space per bed of 1755 feet, and a floor area per bed of 135 square feet. The buildings will be connected with each other by a corridor, and with the present hospital by a temporary corridor. Each pavilion will contain ward kitchens, larders, stores, lavatories, &c. There will also be an isolation ward, entirely separated from the wards, with the exception of opening into the main corridor, which will be carried right through the building. If funds will permit, it is also proposed to proceed with the building. The whole of the premises will be built on arches, so that a free current of air may flow beneath the wards. The pavilions will be built of Bridgwater bricks, with Portland stone dressings. The floors and ceilings will be fireproof, and the walls will be strong enough to carry another storey if necessary. The whole of the floors will be of Terrazzo stone. The wards themselves will be entirely separated from the kitchens and stores, &c., by the main corridor. On the south side of each pavilion there will be a verandah overlooking a carriage drive. The buildings will be lighted by electricity, and the water mains and electric light cables will be carried in a subway under the main corridor.

The builders are Messrs. Miller and Sons, of Bournemouth. The cost of the two pavilions is estimated at about £8000, and towards this more than half has been raised.

Boscombe was quite *en fête* for the occasion, the Shelley and Ashley Roads being gaily decked with streamers, &c. Two or three commodious marquees had been erected on the site of the new hospital, and the arrangements made were of the most admirable description. Ladies and gentlemen who had been invited to witness the interesting proceedings began to arrive soon after noon, and among the crowded audience present, in addition to the Freemasons who arrived later, were Sir John and Lady Thursby, Sir Matthew and Lady Dodsworth, Mrs. Maberly, Alderman and Mrs. J. A. Hosker, Alderman G. M. Hiron, Alderman J. H. R. Smythe, Councillor H. C. Stockley, Rev. Dr. Moore White, Rev. F. Sloper, Rev. H. Ebben, Rev. C. H. Partridge, Dr. P. W. G. Nunn, Dr. A. Heygate Vernon, Dr. Weakes, Dr. J. S. Dickie, Dr. Saul, Mr. W. Tucker (Mayor of Christchurch), Mr. G. Marshall (ex-Mayor of Christchurch), Messrs. R. Moser, T. Lampard, H. S. Bellairs, A. G. Pratt (secretary of the hospital), J. J. Aston, A. J. Abbott, A. Maples, A. D. Angibay, Corbin Harris, S. Whitty Chandler, and E. J. Knibbs, and many others.

The brethren met at St. John's Lads' Institute, shortly after noon, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Bro. Edgar Goble, Dep. Prov. G.M., Past G.S.B. Eng. There was a large attendance from all over the county and district.

In addition to the Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., there were also present the following officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight:

Bros. Edgar Goble, Past G.S.B. Eng., D.P.G.M.; A. E. F. Francis, P.G.S.W.; E. G. Farr, P.J.G.W.; Rev. A. T. Richardson, P.G. Chap.; John W. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; Captain H. G. Giles, P.G. Sec.; A. T. Hicks, P.J.G.D.; C. S. Du Sautoy, P.G. Supt. of W.; F. H. Sheppard, P.G.D.D. of C.; S. Frampton, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. M. Godfrey, P.A.G.D. of C.; R. Young, P.G.A.D. of C.; H. Hussey, P.G.S.B.; H. Siebert, P.G. Org.; G. F. Lancaster, P. Asst. G. Sec.; and J. Chandler, F. W. E. Evans, and H. S. Duke, P.G. Stwds.

Altogether there were 170 brethren present, the officers of the local lodges including the following:

Bros. Wm. W. Mattocks, W.M., J. A. Crawshaw, S.W., J. A. Nethercoate, J.W., F. Mapp, P.M., Treas. and Org., W. Woodhouse, P.M., Sec., W. W. Miller, S.D., E. Jones, J.D., G. E. Barnes, I.G., R. Hodges, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C., C. H. Mate, Stwd., W. J. Holloway, Tyler, E. W. Rebbeck, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D. Sydenham, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Dorset, J. Drutt, jun., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., C. T. Miles, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Woodhouse, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W. H. Vye, P.M., W. Humphry, P.M., and F. T. Cutler, P.M., all of 195; H. W. G. Knight, W.M., D. Williams, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Bristol, Chap., J. Marsden, Treas., J. J. Brazier, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec., H. T. Pottle, S.D., Henry Youngman, P.M., 1571, D.C., C. W. Silence, Org., W. J. Holloway, Tyler, H. E. Hawker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and G. E. Bridge, P.M., all of 2208; F. H. Cottam, W.M., A. C. Grosutt, S.W., J. A. Hosker, J.W., Rev. R. Hosgood, Chap.; C. T. Miles, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. N. McRae, J.D., A. T. George, I.G., D. W. Preston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., C. W. S. Collins, Org., W. J. Holloway, Tyler, C. W. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, F. H. Cridland, P.M., A. E. F. Francis, P.M., P.S.G.W., and J. W. Sandell, P.M., all of 2158; H. A. Woolf, W.M., W. G. Abbott, J.W., A. T. Hicks, P.P.J.G.D., Treas., W. Farrance, P.P.G.S.B., Sec., D. Galbraith, I.G., F. Walden, P.M., S. B. Morse, P.M., J. Phillips, P.M., and F. Hibbs, P.M., all of 132; and T. Schaler, W.M., G. S. Love, S.D., J. Selley, Org., S. H. Humphrey, Stwd., J. W. Jolliffe, P.M., R. Catt, P.M., and A. Algar, P.M., all of 319.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at a quarter to one o'clock in the hall. The banner of the Boscombe Lodge, No. 2158, was placed to the right of the Prov. G. Master's chair, and the Prov. G. Master's banner on the left, the room being otherwise arranged in accordance with Masonic ceremony.

The roll of the lodges having been called, and the brethren of the Prov. Grand Lodge saluted, the Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren on the object of the special occasion. The brethren then formed in procession to the site of the new hospital.

The procession, which marched down the Shelley and Ashley-roads, on arrival at the site, entered a large marquee, and the brethren took up their seats on a raised dais, where the stone to be laid was suspended from a triangular frame, covered with bunting.

On reaching the dais, the brethren opened left and right, and facing inwards, formed an avenue for the P.G.M. During this part of the proceedings, the choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. T. George, sung the well-known hymn, "O God our help in ages past."

The brethren having been seated, the vessels containing corn, wine, and oil were placed, together with the mallet and trowel, on a pedestal, and when silence had been proclaimed by the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies,

Sir JOHN THURSBY addressed the assembly. He said he had been asked to say a few words in offering to them a hearty welcome to the town of Boscombe. He did so with pleasure, because he did not think there was any town in England which had made so much progress as Boscombe had during the past few years. He well remembered the time when he had to journey from Christchurch to Boscombe with scarcely any houses in between. Now there were residences practically all the way from Christchurch to Bournemouth. There had been erected in Boscombe some very important buildings. They had a beautiful church, one of the finest hotels in England, one of the best theatres in the provinces, and a charming pier to walk upon. Some of them, however, thought that one thing was wanted, and that was a new hospital to meet one of the ever-increasing needs of the place. They had carried on a hospital on a small scale, accommodating some 12 patients, for a good number of years, but the time had arrived when they decided to erect a new hospital. The new building was to be erected in what was one of the poorest parts of the district. He then called upon the Prov. G.M. to lay the stone.

Psalm xxiii. was then sung, followed by the Te Deum.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said: Ladies, men, and brethren, be it known to you, we are loyal Masons, faithful to the laws of our country, and enjoined by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren and to reverence God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have secrets concealed amongst ourselves, which may not be revealed, and which no man hath discovered; but these secrets are true and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to the Masons of ancient times, and as they have been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to posterity. Had our Craft not been good and our calling honourable, we should not have existed for so many centuries, nor from our ranks so many illustrious brethren have arisen ready to promote our work and further the cause. We are now assembled this day in the presence of you all to lay the stone of this building, which we trust will be of service to this locality, and may God prosper as it seems good to Him. And as it is the first duty of all Masons in every undertaking to invoke a blessing from the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I will call upon you all to unite with the Provincial Grand Chaplain while he invokes the blessing from God.

The PROV. G. CHAPLAIN having offered prayer, and the choir sung the anthem, "O Lord, our Governor,"

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read aloud the inscription on the stone as follows: "This stone was laid with Masonic ceremony by W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, June 28, 1899. President, Sir John Thursby, Bart. Chairman of Committee, Mr. E. H. Bellairs. Secretary, Mr. A. G. Pratt. Architect, Mr. G. A. Bligh Livesay, F.R.I.B.A. Builders, Messrs. Miller and Sons."

Mr. E. H. BELLAIRS, on behalf of the Committee, then presented the Prov. G.M. with a silver trowel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants

and the Isle of Wight, by the Committee of the Boscombe Hospital upon the occasion of his laying the first stone of the new hospital. June 28, 1899."

A vessel containing coins of the realm, the last annual report of the hospital, and a copy of that day's *Times*, was then deposited in a cavity, and the ceremony of laying the stone was proceeded with. First the entered apprentice presented the cement, which was spread on the upper face of the lower stone. The Prov. G.M. then adjusted the same with a trowel, handed to him for the purpose, after which the upper stone was lowered with three distinct stops, the Prov. G.M. standing to the east of the stone, with the Dep. Prov. G.M., bearing the square, on his right hand, and the Prov. G. Wardens to the west, having with them the level and plumb rule. The Prov. G.M. next proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level and square, which were successively delivered to him by the Prov. J.G. Warden, the Prov. S.G. Warden, and the Dep. Prov. G.M. The cornucopia containing the corn, and the ewers with the wine and oil, were next handed to the Prov. G.M., who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies.



THE OLD HOSPITAL.

In laying the stone, the Prov. G.M. said: I find this stone to be plumb, and the craftsmen have worked true and trusty. I declare this stone to be level, and the craftsmen have executed their work skilfully. I declare this stone to be plumb, level, and true, and that the craftsmen have worked well. I scatter corn on this stone as a symbol of plenty. I pour wine, the symbol of strength and gladness. May everyone assembled in this building perform their allotted tasks with cheerfulness and singleness of heart. I sprinkle oil, the symbol of peace and unity.

At the close of these remarks the brethren replied, "So mote it be."

The Prov. G.M. then said he had been proud to work with them, and they had been proud to work with him in commencing a building which, by the beauty of its designs and the solidity of its structure, would be an ornament to the locality for future generations. The design for a hospital so well described was essentially necessary for the locality in which it was to be placed. As the locality was increasing so much in population, so necessarily must those who would avail themselves of the advantages which the hospital would afford them increase and multiply.

(Christchurch), E. Lane, E. H. Bone, A. E. Ball, F. Cutler, Corbin Harris, A. Maples, J. A. Nethercoate, R. Hodges, E. W. Rebbeck, C. W. Wyatt, T. Barton, F. G. Webb, C. H. Goater, Cox, Tozer, J. W. Sandell, A. G. Pratt, W. Walden, A. J. Abbott, Symmons, E. J. Jones, C. J. Whitting, Woodhouse, Palmer, J. Walden, S. Isaacs, W. Gibson, Park, and others.

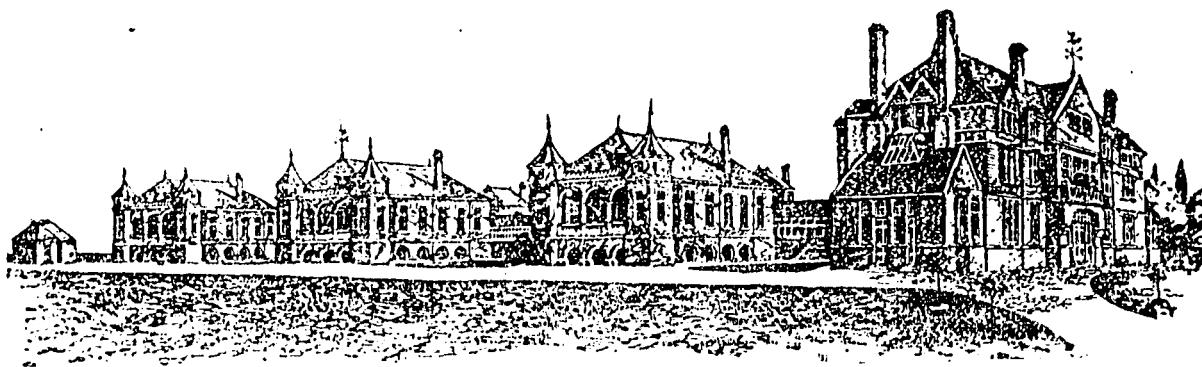
After grace, Sir JOHN THURSBY proposed the toast of "The Queen," which, he said, was always drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and never more so than by the good people of Hampshire that day. The toast of her Majesty was especially appropriate on an occasion like the present, because the Queen in the course of her long and glorious reign had always sympathised with the sorrows and troubles of her people, and always appreciated every effort to remove pain and suffering.

The toast was received with cheers.

Sir JOHN THURSBY then submitted the toast of "T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and, in the course of a few remarks, referred to the great interest which all members of the Royal Family took in Charitable work.

The toast was also loyally received.

Bro. Rev. S. A. SELWYN proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach). He was sure they all thanked him for coming amongst them that day. (Applause.) That was not the first time he had come amongst them, and they hoped it would not be the last. The last time they had the privilege of seeing him he laid the foundation stone of their beautiful church. That stone was well and truly laid. A good many others had been laid on the top, and they had got a church which was finished and paid for. He hoped the same good fortune would come to the committee of that hospital. They meant to have a hospital built and paid for. All Boscombe people knew well enough that the one great necessity in that place was a hospital, and they were going to build one right in the middle of the poorest part of Bournemouth. Having referred to the Victoria Hospital at the other end of the town, he said that the Boscombe Hospital was the older of the two, and he hoped that the Bournemouth people would now help them in the building of the new hospital, as they had a large number of the Bournemouth poor at Boscombe end of the town. They must all make up their



THE DESIGN FOR THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The plans of the building were then inspected by the Prov. G. Master, who, addressing Bro. G. A. Bligh Livesay, commended the place to his charge, not doubting his skill and ability as a craftsman, and enjoining him to proceed forthwith with the work in conformity with the plans.

A prayer was then offered by Bro. S. A. Selwyn for the benefactors and workmen, and the hymn, "Thou to Whom the sick and dying," was sung, during which a collection was made, amounting to £350.

THE LUNCHEON

The public luncheon took place in a large marquee adjoining, and was well attended. The catering was in the hands of the Salisbury Hotel, Limited, Boscombe, the floral decorations being kindly lent by Mr. W. E. Tidy, of the Royal Arcade.

The chair was occupied by Sir John Thursby, Bart., president of the hospital, and amongst those present were—

Lady and Miss Thursby; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and Mrs. Beach; Bro. Edgar Goble, Dep. P.G.M.; Bro. H. G. Giles, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. Rev. S. A. Selwyn, Mr. E. H. Bellairs, Chairman of Hospital Committee; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hunter; Mr. J. Druitt, jun., Town Clerk; Bro. Dr. Farr, Prov. J.G.W.; Dr. Nunn, Dr. Weeks, Dr. Vernon, Dr. Hosker, Hospital Staff; Capt. Balfour, Capt. Phillips, Mr. Johns, Dr. Green (Ringwood), Dr. Bottomley, Rev. C. P. Wickham, Rev. C. H. Parrette, Bro. Rev. Norman-Lee, Chaplain of the Queen's Forces Gosport, P.G. Chap. Eng., P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. F. W. R. Metcalfe, Messrs. S. B. Morse, F. Parsons, C. W. S. Collins, J. R. Smythe, J. Ballard, J. Lampard, W. Tucker, Mayor of Christchurch; G. Marshall, ex-Mayor of Christchurch; N. Rowe, C. Laney, C. H. Mate, E. A. Hope, T. Lampard, A. C. Grosutt, Bligh Livesay, Architect; G. K. Cottman, A. T. George, G. Parsons, A. Youngman, W. Mattocks, W. H. Vye, Hellyer, H. Cridland, W. Street, J. J. Aston, D. W. Preston, H. A. Wooff

minds to carry the hospital scheme through. He spoke of the necessity for increased hospital accommodation at Boscombe, and the Hospital Committee, now that the work of building had commenced, were determined to have it finished and paid for at the earliest possible moment. One strong reason why he asked them to drink the health of Bro. Beach was because he was so kind and good to come amongst them in order to further the scheme which lay so near to the hearts of them all, and to wish Boscombe well. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in responding, thanked the company very sincerely for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received by them. It gave him very great pleasure to attend that day and perform the ceremony he had in connection with the very useful hospital which it was proposed to build at Boscombe. It gave him great pleasure always to attend any part of the county where his official duties demanded his presence. (Applause.) He had had great pleasure in visiting Boscombe before, and he noticed the progress it was making year by year, and, therefore, he was very glad to promote by any means in his power these buildings, which might be useful for the prosperity of Boscombe. (Hear, hear.) He was connected, of course, with the whole of the county from a Masonic point of view, but he was also connected with Bournemouth by ancestral ties. An ancestor of his represented Christchurch and Bournemouth when Bournemouth was only a small place, and in those days he occupied no small position, he being the Chief Commissioner of Woods and Forests under the Government. It gave him the very greatest gratification to have assisted in such a very useful proceeding of promoting a new hospital in Boscombe. He was sure everyone in Boscombe would appreciate having a hospital in their midst. If an accident occurred to someone, and there was no hospital near, the sufferer might have the accident intensified; but if

there was an hospital near, he could be immediately carried to it, and have his ills speedily and skilfully attended to. They knew that in London great efforts were made in the direction of hospital accommodation, and in that county they were desirous of emulating those in London by having splendid hospitals in every part of their county. One time they considered the County Hospital nearly enough, but that was not so at the present time. When they considered how much the county had increased in population, how much Boscombe particularly had increased, and how particularly desirous Boscombe was of having a hospital to meet the wants of the poorer inhabitants, they hoped the work would speedily be done. He and all the other Masons wished the undertaking God-speed, and he trusted the amount required would be obtained. He doubted not that at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge some donation would be offered by the brethren, and that they would concur with him in helping to support the hospital which had been so happily inaugurated that day. (Applause.) In conclusion, he again wished great success to the enterprise being undertaken that day. (Applause.)

The next toast, "Success to the Boscombe Hospital," was in the care of Bro. E. GOBLE, Dep. Prov. G.M. He said he was perfectly sure it had given the Provincial Grand Master, who was esteemed and beloved by all Masons in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, very great pleasure to come down and lay the foundation-stone of the Boscombe Hospital. (Applause.) The toast he had to propose was one which he was sure would be received with the greatest amount of acclamation. He had the pleasure that morning of seeing the plans for the new hospital, and he congratulated the President and the Committee on the handsome building they were going to erect. He understood they would only be able to build the two principal wings, but he hoped, if occasion arose, and that it would be found necessary to enlarge the accommodation, that the third wing would be speedily prepared. In looking round and seeing how Boscombe was growing, he felt they had placed the hospital in the very part it should be placed—amongst the homes of the poor. (Applause.) He said he would second any resolution which might be made at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for giving a small donation or large donation towards the cost of the Institution. (Applause.) In conclusion, he wished all prosperity and God speed to the Boscombe Hospital.

Mr. BELLAIRS, in responding, said he did not intend to enter into an elaborate statement, or give them figures to prove the necessity which existed for inaugurating the building of a hospital at Boscombe, but he mentioned that for the last eight or ten years they had had many difficulties to contend with in their utterly too small hospital. As Englishmen they were all proud of their splendid hospitals. They all knew that Dr. Nunn was in a great measure responsible, and deserved credit for the satisfactory position which Bournemouth held from a sanitary point of view, and they also wished to see Bournemouth occupying a foremost position from a hospital point of view. (Applause.) He briefly referred to the support they had received, which had enabled them to lay the foundation-stone that day of the handsome hospital they meant to have at Boscombe. He hoped they would receive the same support all through, so that they might be able to pay their debts. They would have to borrow money for the first part of the building, and he pointed out that the large guarantee would have to be borne by the Committee. He hoped that the Boscombe people would not allow this to run on for a long time, but it depended on them to say how long. He felt certain if they all made one long pull that at the end of twelve months the debt would be reduced to such dimensions as would cease to be alarming at all. (Applause.) Before sitting down the speaker spoke of the brilliant success which the ceremony had been that day.

Dr. NUNN also responded, and said that was one of the proudest moments of his life. In 1876 some of the citizens of Boscombe held a meeting for the promotion of a hospital. That meeting was held in the old skating rink, and it was the first beginning of the Boscombe Hospital. They began in a small way. There was a great demand in those days for more accessible hospital accommodation and medical assistance for the poor of the district. If it was wanted then, surely it was needed more now. They first of all hired a room in the Christchurch-road, and had a dispensary there, and then they went a step further. The committee of the Bournemouth Dispensary made a very praiseworthy effort for establishing a hospital for fever cases. They collected a great deal of money, and they spent it in the Boscombe Hospital, which was started for a fever hospital. They then went to the governing body of the town—the Bournemouth Commissioners—and asked them to take it over as a public body. They refused because they were far-seeing men, and could see that it was not in any way a proper hospital for the reception of infectious cases. The hospital was then left for anyone to come along and buy. The Boscombe Dispensary made an offer for it of £1000, which was accepted. They mortgaged the building for the full amount, and in 20 years that debt was paid off. (Applause.) They had now laid the foundation stone of a hospital which, if he might judge from the designs, he believed would be, for its size, one of the most perfect hospitals—perhaps the most perfect—in Hampshire, and one of the best in the kingdom. (Applause.) He thanked all for the way in which the toast was received. They had had a great deal of uphill work to contend with, but it had done them all good, because it was only by striving and struggling that they could grow strong. (Hear, hear.) He commended the earnest work of the committee in respect to the hospital. They had a great amount of trials and difficulties, but fortunately they had succeeded in carrying the Boscombe Hospital on to the present. (Applause.) That day would be a red letter day in his life.

Dr. HOSKER said he had been asked to do what he was sure everyone would wish should be done on that occasion, namely, to accord to their president and chairman that day, Sir John Thursby, Bart., their very hearty thanks. (Applause.) He and the other members of the committee knew that their president had given up a very important appointment in order to be present that afternoon. This was but an evidence of what he had been doing ever since he accepted the post of President of the Boscombe Hospital. They were very grateful to him for the interest he took in this worthy institution. They had an institution that was very much needed in the neighbourhood, and those who knew the work it was doing as he did, for he had lived in the neighbourhood for 17 years, having come down as house surgeon to the hospital, must be aware that the work it was doing was absolutely indispensable. (Applause.) It was an institution which was well worthy of their support, and they were very grateful for the help they had received in the past. They were very grateful to the generosity of Sir Frederick Wills—(applause)—who had given £1000 down, and promised another £1000 when they had collected a certain sum. They were also very grateful to Mrs. Maberly for the very great support she had given to

the institution. (Applause.) He hoped in a very short time they would be again assembled in that neighbourhood to open their fine hospital. (Applause.)

Sir JOHN THURSBY, Bart., in responding, said that all were aware that the debt on the hospital was very great, but he mentioned that in addition to the splendid donations just mentioned they had received during the past week or two some very handsome sums indeed. They had sent out papers asking ladies and gentlemen if they would subscribe, and they had received in answer to those letters the sum of £440, and that day they had received the very handsome sum in the other marquee of £350. (Applause.) He thought all would feel with him that under the circumstances and receiving so much money, that they were perfectly right to have incurred the great responsibility they had. He felt so grateful that everything had gone off so well that day. They had had the greatest anxiety and worry in trying to make everything answer well, and he thought all would agree with him that everything had gone off as well as it possibly could. (Applause.) He thanked them most cordially for the kind way in which they had received him, and he would do in the future all he could to further the interests of the hospital, and try to make it one of the best hospitals in this part of the country. (Applause.)

CHESHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

A meeting of the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire was held at Crewe on the 28th ult., Bro. Colonel Dean presiding. Several petitions for relief were considered, and grants made in necessitous cases.

Bro. ARMSTRONG thought the time had come when the Committee might enlarge their work in this direction. Hitherto they had only made grants out of their interest on invested capital; but their income now was something like £300 or £400 a year, and he thought that to limit their grants to £120 a year was only stultifying the Charity Institution. In London the Masonic Institution yielded an income of, about £2000 a year, but the grants made in "needy" cases were five or six times that amount.

Bro. F. BROADSMITH emphasised this, remarking that as far as possible any uninvested capital should be applied to relief cases.

Bro. H. JACKSON (Vice-Chairman) expressed his sympathy with the opinions of Bros. Armstrong and Broadsmith, and said the question for them to consider was whether they had sufficient now invested in the funds of the Institution, and whether it would be wise to trench upon their income from the lodges.

Bro. BRYON asked whether anything had been done in the direction of appealing to the lodges in the province for an annual subscription of two guineas to supplement the fund for the relief of necessitous cases.

The CHAIRMAN said the Charity Council had had the subject under consideration, and were quite unanimous in their opinion that it was one of the best things that had ever been proposed in the province. An appeal had been made to the lodges, and several had already responded to it. The question of enlarging the number of relief cases by four was deferred to the next meeting for consideration.

The CHAIRMAN announced that Bro. the Earl of Egerton had exercised his power, as Prov. G. Master, to present F. W. Potter on the foundation of the Boys' Institute; and the meeting resolved to accept a boy and girl for election on the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 2747.

One of the most imposing ceremonies in the annals of Freemasonry in Newquay, and perhaps in the Province of Cornwall, was enjoyed on Saturday, the 1st instant, when Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., consecrated and constituted the above new lodge. The ceremony was held in the Oddfellows' Hall by a special dispensation, the lodge room not being sufficiently large to hold the numerous company present. The Grand Secretary was assisted by Bros. P. Colville Smith, S.G.D. Eng., as S.W.; E. M. Milford, P.P.S.G.W., as J.W.; B. F. Edyvean, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., as D.C.; and Rev. C. F. Mermagen, P.G. Chap., as Chap.

The visitors included—

Bros. J. Stocker, P.G. Sec. Devon; James R. W. Quinn, P.P.G.W. Devon; F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D.C. Eng.; Simon Kinsman, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. A. Courtney, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Venning, P.P.G. Treas.; Thomas Gately, P.P.A.G. D.C.; William Ellis, P.P.G.B.; J. Beswetherick, P.P.G.S. of W.; John W. Higman, P.P.J.G.W.; Gilbert B. Pearce, P.P.S.G.W.; William Lucy, P.A.G.S.; Robert Edyvean, P.P.G.R.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Pearce Couch, P.S.G.D.; W. J. Johns, P.P.J.G.W.; W. W. Crossman, W.M. 1529; John James, P.M. 1529; W. H. Knight, P.M. 131; C. J. Eary, P.M. 174. H. J. Rowse, P.M. 1529; and others.

The founders of the lodge present were—

Bros. H. F. Whitefield, P.M.; George G. Bullmer, P.P.G. Treas.; Col. George J. Parkyn, G.S.B. Eng.; Charles Webber, P.M.; Samuel Walter, P.M.; Samuel Lobb, P.M.; T. Trethewey, Arthur W. King, W. H. Henwood, W. F. James, Frederick J. Rickard, C. C. Vigurs, W. H. Strong, W. Huxtable, Arthur Hardwick, Silas Rickeard, John Willis, C. J. Lakey, W. S. Parkyn, and Alfred Butler.

It was the first time in the annals of Cornish Freemasonry that the Grand Secretary conducted the ceremony of consecrating a new lodge in this province. A telegram was read from the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, regretting his inability to attend, and wishing every prosperity and success to the Lodge St. Michael. Letters were also read regretting absence from Bros. Sir Graves-Sawle, D. Prov. G.M.; W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon England (P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall); Colonel Prideaux Brune, Forbes Whitley, Carus Wilson, and Dr. R. Adams. The ceremony, conducted so very ably by the Grand Secretary, must have left a lasting impression on the minds of those privileged to witness it, and the eloquent oration by Bro. Rev. C. F. Mermagen on "The Principles of Freemasonry" was attentively listened to and appreciated by the brethren, and was especially noticed by the Grand Secretary at a subsequent stage of the proceedings. The onerous position of D.C. was occupied by Bro. B. F. Edyvean, Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall, who carried out the duties in a most able and efficient manner.

Bro. Colonel George J. Parkyn presented the lodge with a handsome set of collars and jewels. The gold consecrating vessels were much admired by the brethren.

Bro. Silas Rikeard, the W.M. designate, was ably installed by the G. Sec., and the following officers appointed: Bros. Dr. Hardwick, S.W.; Dr. Vigurs, J.W.; Charles Webber, Treas.; G. G. Bullmore, P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; Charles J. Lakey, S.D.; W. S. Parkyn, J.D.; Frederick Rickard, I.G.; Butler, D.C.; and James and Strong, Stwds.

A number of candidates for initiation and joining members were proposed and seconded, amongst the latter being Bro. P. Colville Smith, S.G. Deacon England.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, which went through without a hitch, the brethren retired to the Victoria Hall (kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Huxtable), and tastefully decorated by Mesdames Edyvean, Rikeard, and Hardwick) for luncheon, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The GRAND SECRETARY expressed his great pleasure at the reception given him, and at the splendid and successful inauguration of the new lodge, which he hoped to visit again at no distant date.

Interesting speeches were made by Bros. STOCKER, P.G. Sec. Devon; Capt. EARY, of Dominica Lodge (who responded for the Grand Lodge of Ireland); R. PEARCE COUCH, Mayor of Penzance, and others.

The members expressed their great indebtedness to Bro. Colonel G. Parkyn for his generosity and energy in establishing Lodge St. Michael under such brilliant auspices, and also to Bro. B. F. Edyvean for the great interest he had taken in the matter, and for the admirable arrangements he had made for carrying out the ceremony, which must have entailed a good deal of hard work on his part. His great exertions made the success of the meeting.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE CLARENCE AND AVONDALE LODGE, No. 2411.

The members of the above lodge, accompanied by their wives and friends, spent a most enjoyable day out on Thursday, the 22nd ultimo. Although the weather was very threatening, it did not seriously interfere with the realisation of the programme, which was carried out in its entirety, to the complete satisfaction of everyone concerned.

A special first-class saloon train was provided by the Great Eastern Railway, in which the party were very comfortably—in fact, luxuriously—carried to Harwich. During the run down the rain was steadily falling, and the outlook was most unpromising. The travellers apparently took little notice of it until detraining at Harwich, when the question had to be faced—How are we to get to the hotel? The distance was nothing—only some five minutes' walk; but there were no cabs, unfortunately, and, as the ladies were attired in anticipation of fine weather, it was piteous to notice their troubled looks and pretty pouts, as they surveyed the unruly elements, gathered up their skirts, and heroically prepared to face the inevitable short walk through the rain.

This was soon accomplished, and the hospitable host of the Great Eastern Hotel—"Mr. Becker"—soon made all comfortable, and they were soon busy negotiating a nicely-prepared and appetising luncheon, which made a visible improvement to the happiness of everyone. On rising from luncheon the delighted remark, "Oh! it has ceased raining!" was heard on all sides. The photographer was in waiting, and he succeeded in taking a very nice full plate picture of the whole party, outside the hotel and facing the jetty.

The next item on the programme was a trip by special steamer up the river to Ipswich and back, which, together with a short drive round the interesting old town, was thoroughly appreciated. So, also, was the abundant supply of strawberries and cream, ices, &c., provided by the caterers.

On arriving again at Harwich the party sat down to a banquet, which was excellently served, and to which everyone did full justice. There was very little time for speechmaking, and the toast list was a very short one, as the train was to start for home again at eight o'clock, though every one was loth to leave so early.

A pleasant run back to town brought to a close one of the most enjoyable days ever remembered, and the success of which was due in no small measure to the able and complete way in which the excursion and catering were carried out by the Great Eastern Railway Company. The Clarence and Avondale Lodge, not forgetting the ladies, wish to repeat the trip at the earliest opportunity.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DORSET.

The Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard, J.P., held his annual Prov. Priory at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, under the banner of the All Souls' Preceptory, No. 31, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., the date being fixed to coincide with Coronation Day, when an unusual number of Sir Knights answered to the summon.

All Souls' Preceptory having been opened, and the Prov. Prior announced, he, accompanied by the Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Rev. F. Mondey, and attended by his Prov. Sword and Banner Bearers, entered the preceptory, and was received under an arch of steel, the business of Prov. Priory at once commenced, and some 26 Sir Knights answered to the roll call; the usual routine business was gone through, and the Treasurer, Sir Knight Rev. W. Mortimer-Heath, presented his statement of accounts, which had previously been audited, and which showed a substantial balance in hand. The accounts, as presented, were received and adopted, and the Treasurer was unanimously re-elected. A loyal and datiful telegram of congratulation was sent to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the anniversary of the coronation.

The Prov. Prior then proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Sir Knight Zillwood Milledge	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" H. J. Groves	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
" C. H. Watts-Parkinson	...	...	Prov. Chan.
" J. A. Sherrard	...	...	Prov. 1st Constable.
" B. Morris	...	...	Prov. 2nd Constable.
" H. A. Huxtable	...	...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
" Richard Cox	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
" E. L. W. Chave	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
" Rev. W. Mortimer Heath (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. Treasurer.
" Sidney S. Milledge (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. Reg.
" George Habgood	...	...	Prov. Std. Br. Beau.
" D. H. Williams	...	...	Prov. Std. Br. V.B.
" J. H. Bowen	...	...	Prov. Herald.
" A. Graham	...	...	Prov. Chamberlain.
" Rev. J. A. Miller, B.D.	...	...	Prov. Prior's Ban.B.
" J. H. Devenish	...	...	Prov. S.B.
" E. L. N. Pridmore, M.D.	...	...	Prov. Capt. of Gd.
Frater A. Harris	...	...	Prov. Guard.

Feeling reference was made at the loss Masonry in general, and Knight Templary in particular, had sustained in the Province of Dorset by the death of Sir Knight Dr. G. Staines Webb, of Beaminster, who was one of, if not the oldest, Knight Templar in the district, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to his family.

The V.E. Prov. Prior then addressed the sir knights on the state of Knight Templary in the province, and expressed his satisfaction at the progress the Degree was making.

The alms were collected and fees of honour paid, and the preceptory was closed.

Carriages were in attendance, and at the invitation of the Prov. Prior, the Sir Knights drove to his residence Greenhill House, where, in accordance with his annual custom, a sumptuous repast was provided and thoroughly appreciated, it being, on this occasion, served in a tent on the lawn opposite the house and facing the splendid panorama of land and sea views. As the sun set, the breakwater at Portland, the men of war, yachts, and the white cliffs were silhouetted by its rays, lights and shades, being a thing of great beauty.

In accordance with Sir Richard's custom, numerous toasts were not allowed, but "The Queen" was given and received with loyal applause.

The SUB PRIOR gave "Our Prov. Prior," and Sir RICHARD responded, and said he hoped to meet his friends on many future occasions.

The company separated after a most enjoyable day, and the meeting of 1899 will be a pleasant memory.

THE SACREDNESS OF THE BALLOT.

When a gentleman is proposed as a candidate for Masonic privileges his proposer and seconder are very often on tenter hooks until the ballot has been sent round and proved clear, and then what an emancipation it seems to these brethren, who have perhaps known their candidate personally for a number of years, and can defy anyone to truthfully say anything about him which should debar him from becoming a Freemason. But how often brethren feel their blood rise with shame at the stabbing of some upright man by a brother who has had an axe to grind for fancied injuries, and has taken this opportunity of paying off old scores. It is nothing but villainy which would lead a brother to commit such a dastardly trick, and so blast the character of a gentleman who very often is his superior in every respect. To the right thinking Mason duty to his lodge is the first consideration, and he would as soon put his head under a train as put in a blackball against a gentleman with whom he merely differed in politics, religion, or business. We have heard the remark: "I do not like the man, but I think he would make a good Mason all the same, and I would not think of trying to stop his admission." Such sentiments are honourable and unselfish, and make us proud of being Masons, but the other should be scorned, and we should refuse such an one the right hand of fellowship. But if the candidate for Freemasonry is unworthy, and one who would not add lustre to the fraternity, then it is to the credit of a brother who prevents his admission and protects, not only his own lodge, but the Craft in general, from association with him. Where a Committee has been appointed and has made the most drastic enquiries and reports favourably on the candidate, there can be very little room left for members of a lodge to resort to extreme measures, for it is their duty, knowing the committee to be formed for the express purpose of finding out all the candidate's shortcomings, not his good qualities (for the tongue of good report has already been heard in his favour), to be manly and Masonic and inform the committee of inquiry if there should be any objections to his admission, and to assist to the utmost of their power and ability in the investigations which are being made. If brethren will take these few suggestions to heart we are sure the harmony of the lodges will be much improved, and the characters of good men and true saved from being tainted through mere prejudice. Several cases have occurred recently in which a dispute in a lodge has resulted in the blackballing of candidates for the avowed intention of bursting the lodge up. Such a procedure is despicable in the extreme. If the minority in a lodge is dissatisfied, its members can leave the lodge and join another; otherwise they are morally bound to "cheerfully acquiesce in the votes and proceedings of a majority of the brethren," and if those proceedings are unjust or illegal, they have recourse to the higher tribunals of the Craft to set them right. Nothing can justify the blackballing of an upright and suitable candidate just as an act of obstructiveness and revenge upon other members of a lodge. The man who proceeds to such extremes is as bad in heart as the murderer and slanderer, for a man's reputation is as dear to him as life itself, and he who would injure the one would not refrain from taking the other also if he felt sure that his crime would not be discovered. A Worshipful Master possesses supreme power, and he would be fully justified in excluding from his lodge any member whom he was sure entered the lodge with any such set intention, for the peace and harmony of the lodge are under his safe keeping. If there be a dispute in a lodge it is much more Masonic to keep out of it, or leave the lodge altogether, than resent the actions of a majority, especially if that resentment has to be exemplified by a conspiracy to blackball men who, if peace and harmony prevailed, would be only too welcome.—*Masonry*, of Melbourne.

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To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.

To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.

To receive the Report of the Charity Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.

General Business.

Banquet at 6.30 p.m. punctually at the PUBLIC HALL,
WOKING.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have
taken tickets (price 7s. 6d. exclusive of wine), for which
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF SURREY.THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF ONSLOW, G.C.M.G.,
M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

July, 1899.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand
Chapter will be held at THE PUBLIC HALL, WOKING, in
the County of SURREY, on FRIDAY, the 21st day of JULY,
1899, at 3.15 p.m. precisely.

By command.

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BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Chapter.

To call over the Chapters in the Province.

To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Sub-
scribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great
Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY,
JULY 14th, 1899, for the transaction of the ordinary
business of the Institution, and to confirm the minutes of
14th April so far as relates to the alteration in Law 30.

To consider the following Notice of Motion by the V.W.
Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, Patron and Trustee,
Chairman of the Board of Management:

That Law 46 be altered as follows (the words in
italics being an addition to the existing Law)—

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cutive years' standing—not being *Minors*—
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To decide upon the number of Boys to be Elected at the
Quarterly Court on Friday, 13th October, 1899, and to
determine the List of Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon
precisely.

By order,

J. M. McLEOD,

Secretary.

Offices: 6, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.,
6th July, 1899.

The 102nd Anniversary Festival will be held in June,
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF MIDDLESEX.THE RT. HON. LORD GEORGE FRANCIS HAMILTON,
M.P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
Past Grand Warden of England,
R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand
Lodge will be held at the PARISH HALL, TEDDINGTON,
on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, when the Right
Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will be in the chair.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually
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By command.

JAMES M. SMALL,

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(G.N.) 7.15, Holloway 7.5, Finsbury Park 7.20, &c.

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SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1899

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to our two Schools will be held at Freemasons' Hall next week, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls being fixed for Thursday, the 13th instant, at 12 noon, and that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Friday, the 14th instant, at 4 p.m. At both Courts the lists of candidates for the October elections will be settled, and the vacancies to be filled declared.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be held, on the invitation of the Zetland Lodge, No. 561, in the Temperance Hall, Guisborough, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 2.30 p.m. The Prov. Board of Benevolence will meet at the Mechanics' Institute, Chaloner-street, half-

an-hour earlier, for the purpose of considering applications for relief, and for general business. The proceedings in Prov. G. Lodge will be of the usual character; and, when all is over, the brethren will adjourn to the Providence School at 4 p.m., and there dine together. Tickets, 5s. each, may be had of Bro. R. Clarkson, Bow-street, Guisborough, Secretary of Lodge No. 561, and should be applied for on or before to-morrow (Saturday), the 8th instant.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the consecration of the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, will take place at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, this (Friday) afternoon, at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by the Grand Secretary, assisted by other of the Grand Officers, and when the lodge has been constituted, the W.M. designate installed, and the officers invested, &c., the customary banquet will follow at 7.45 p.m.

Whether the City of London is more honoured by having prominent Freemasons elected to the office of Sheriff, or Freemasonry by having the Sheriffs of London among its members, is a point we must leave it to others to determine. Certain it is that of late years many brethren have served as such; and, when at Michaelmas next, Bros. Aldermen Alliston, P.M., and Col. Clifford Probyn, Past G. Treasurer, vacate the Shrievalty of London, they will be succeeded by Bro. Alderman Treloar, who is, we believe, a P.M., and Bro. A. H. Bevan, who fills the office of Grand Treasurer in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry. Moreover, the latter has chosen as his Under-Sheriff Bro. J. D. Langton, Past Dep. G.D.C.

We learn from sundry of our American exchanges that at a recent meeting of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Coloured Masons of Massachusetts, Grand Master Douglas recommended that a committee should be appointed with a view to considering the best mode of bringing about friendly relations with the United Grand Lodge of England, it being Bro. Douglas's opinion that "American recognition will come through England more promptly than in any other way. When England recognises, America will stand alone in its shameful policy of exclusion and non-recognition and for very shame will be compelled to change its attitude." The Grand Secretary was also instructed to address a communication to the Grand Lodge of Washington thanking it for the position it has latterly taken up towards the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

There is one matter of which the Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Coloured Masons appears to have taken no account. The Grand Lodge of England exchanges representatives with some 28 of the half century of Grand Lodges which have been from time to time established in the United States, and in the absence of anything to the contrary, we are justified in assuming that it "recognises" the other 22, that is to say, accepts each of them as the Supreme Masonic Authority in the State or Territory in which it is located. How, then, is it possible for our Grand Lodge to recognise the Coloured Grand Lodges existing in those of the United States, with which we are on terms of friendship, or whose Grand Lodges we accept as regular and Supreme. It is clear there cannot be two Supreme Masonic Authorities in the same State. And even if this were possible, our recognition of the Coloured Grand Lodges would, in our opinion, make matters worse by bringing about an estrangement between the White Grand Lodges, which we do recognise, but which, with the exception of that of Washington, will have nothing to do or say with the Coloured Grand Lodges.

It appears to us that it rests in the first place with the White Grand Lodges in the United States to determine amongst themselves the status of the Coloured Grand Lodges and the relations in which they stand, or are prepared to stand, towards the latter. When these things have been settled, then, we think, it will be the time for our Grand Lodge, if so invited, to decide whether or not it is prepared to accept the Coloured organisations as legitimate bodies or not. Already the Grand Lodge of Washington finds itself in hot water with several of its sister jurisdictions because it has decided to recognise the Coloured Grand Lodges; and we have no desire to see our Grand Lodge involved in a series of differences with well nigh all the United States Grand Lodges upon a question which concerns the latter but with which we have nothing to do.

English Freemasonry knows no distinction of race or colour. We do not think there are negro lodges, or lodges in which the negro element predominates, under our Grand Lodge, but we have Hindus, Parsees, Mohammedans, and it may be men of other creeds or races, as members of our lodges. This question of Coloured Masonry, as it affects the whole of the Grand Lodges of the United States, is one not only of legitimacy, but also of jurisdiction, and while it might be possible to prove that the coloured lodges, which are scattered about the United States, are regularly descended from a lodge that was duly warranted by a competent body, it is not unreasonable to assume that the Americans on the spot must know better than we, who are distant some thousands of miles can know, whether, and to what extent, the existence of these coloured lodges is an invasion of, or encroachment upon, the sovereign and supreme authority of their white Grand Lodges. Let the white and coloured organisations of the United States first of all determine the relations in which they stand to each other, and then, as we have said, if the Grand Lodge of England is invited to adopt any particular course, it will be in a position to resolve upon the question.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held under the auspices of the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, at the Parish Room, Bishop's Stortford, on Friday, the 28th instant. The proceedings, which are timed to commence at 3.45 p.m., will be of the usual character and will be followed by the customary banquet at 5.30 p.m.

We have received copy of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry in India, under Scotland, at its regular convocations on the 6th March and 29th April respectively. At the former, which was held at the old quarters—Freemasons' Hall, Clare-street, Byculla—the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as nominated by the Provincial Grand Committee, were elected, while at the latter they were obligated and invested, M.E. Comp. K. R. Cama, G. Superintendent, being present and presiding at both meetings. On the first occasion resolutions of regret at the deaths of Comps. H. J. Rustomjee, Past Prov. G.J., and Comp. J. Ewing, Pays J., were passed in silence, the Grand Superintendent in supporting them paying a tribute of respect to the merits of each of the deceased companions. On the second occasion, congratulations were expressed by all present at the meeting taking place in the new Freemasons' Hall, Home-street, Esplanade, Bombay, which had been consecrated only a short time before and to the Building Fund of which Provincial Grand Chapter voted donations of 300 rupees and 200 rupees respectively.

Appended to these minutes of Proceedings is a Tabular Statement showing the number of members of the 14 chapters working under the Prov. Grand Chapter from the 1st October, 1897, to the 30th September, 1898. From this Return it appears that the 308 subscribing members on the former date increased during the year to 362, so that Scottish Royal Arch Masonry in India has been making considerable progress. The strongest chapter on the 30th September last was that of Caledonia, No. 154, Bombay, and there were four other chapters having 30 members and upwards, namely, Kilwinning in the East, No. 64, Calcutta, 32; Perseverance, No. 71, Bombay, 31; Faith and Charity, No. 72, Karachi, 38; and Zoroaster, No. 138, Bombay, 36 members. The funds of Prov. Grand Chapter appear to be in a flourishing state likewise, so that the Grand Superintendent's remarks as to the state of the Royal Arch were amply justified. There appears to be one chapter, the Chudderghaut, No. 159, Hyderabad, which for the present is in abeyance.

It is clear from the several statements presented by the Grand Treasurer at the annual meeting in April last of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand that the Craft under its new organisation is progressing satisfactorily. There is a balance of Assets over Liabilities amounting to £1876, while the funds invested, on fixed deposit, and on current account slightly exceed £3297. In addition to the Fund for General Purposes, there are the Fund of Benevolence, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the Aged and Indigent Fund, so that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is evidently doing all in its power to provide for the wants of its necessitous members and those of the widows and orphans of members.

It is with deep regret we announce the deaths of Bro. Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., P.G.D.; and Bro. Neville Green, who not long ago retired on a pension from the Grand Secretary's office, after rendering good suit and service for many years. We will give particulars of their respective services next week.

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.

RECORD ATTENDANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would you consider the following a record in the Craft? I was initiated in the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 1168, on August 1st, 1870, and have only been absent from one lodge (12 a year) in 29 years. I have held office as Secretary 22 years, was W.M. in 1876, and have received three Provincial collars, namely, those of Prov. A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D.C., and Prov. J.G.W. of Dorset.—Yours fraternally,

G. F. STOKES.

Masonic Hall, Sherborne,
June 16th.

METROPOLITAN DRINKING FOUNTAIN AND CATTLE TROUGH ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

Would you, with your usual courtesy and consideration, allow us, through the means of your columns, to appeal to the benevolent public on behalf of the above society, which does so vast a work in relieving suffering animals and in promoting temperance among our itinerant population?

During the hot weather our expenses are materially increased by the greater consumption of water; to defray these and pay off the remaining debt of £3700, the generous public are earnestly invited to assist the Association by liberal subscriptions and donations.

WESTMINSTER, President.
HERBERT F. EATON, Col., Chairman.
HENRY GURNEY, Treasurer.

70, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.,
July 4th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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THE MARK DEGREE.

I cannot understand my friend, Bro. Ohren's communication in last week's *Freemason* as to the *Mark* being given in the *Second Degree* in America, and visitors were, or are, required to be "advanced" prior to being permitted to attend such a lodge. My acquaintance with American Masonic usages and customs has been very intimate for the last 30 years or more, and the practice alluded to by Bro. Ohren is quite unknown to me. In fact, it is quite contrary to all the rules and regulations of both the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in the United States and the Dominion of Canada. The Grand Lodges officially recognise but the first three Degrees, the *Mark* being worked generally under the Royal Arch Grand Chapters, its possession being a *sine qua non* for exaltation. The only exception that occurs to me is in Philadelphia, U.S.A., where there are three *Mark Lodges*, with separate warrants; but even this trio is authorised by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. As to the "*Mark*" being given to Fellow Crafts, that fancy, doubtless, had its origin in the old custom of conferring the "*Mark Man*" on Fellow Crafts, but the degree of "*Mark Master*," being the important ceremony, was only given to *Master Masons*. Illustrations of this fact may be seen in the old Records of the R.A. Chapter of Portsmouth, of A.D. 1769, those of No. 124, Granby Lodge, Durham, of 1777, and St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 142, London, of 1773. I am in full sympathy with the *Mark* Grand Lodge in its decision to claim Sovereignty in this Country as respects full control of that Degree, for we have already too many Governing Bodies, and for another Organisation, small even though old, to claim such a position is really too absurd. I still hope the brethren who have put themselves in such a wrong position will soon acknowledge their error and ask for admission into our fold.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Harmony, No. 275.

An interesting meeting took place on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Huddersfield. Bro. Sir Walter Peace, K.C.M.G., presented to the lodge a large three-quarter length portrait, in oils, of his father, the late Bro. James Peace, P.P.G. Warden of West Yorkshire. Previous to the presentation, there were two ceremonies—passing and raising. The W.M., Bro. Alderman R. H. Inman, was well supported not only by brethren of his lodge, but also by many distinguished visitors, among whom, besides Bro. Sir Walter Peace, were Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, and John Innocent, P.G.D. North China, and one of the founders of Union Lodge, No. 1951, Tientsin.

The ceremony of passing was worked by Bro. A. Armitage, J.P., and the raising was performed by the W.M. Bro. Wm. Storry, jun., explained the traditional history. One of the pleasing features of the raising was that Bro. Alderman Kendall, one of the oldest members of the lodge, acted as S.D., his son being the candidate. Bro. Sir Walter Peace, in rising to make the presentation, was received with rounds of applause. He mentioned that on the occasion of his visit to the lodge last year, he looked round the walls and saw the portraits of many whom he had known when a boy; but he missed the portrait of the one he loved best—his father. He considered for a long time how he should obtain a portrait of him, and at last, with the assistance of some of the brethren of the lodge, he was able to give a commission to a local artist (Mr. J. W. Mills), who had painted the picture he intended to present from a photograph. It was not for him to pronounce an eulogy upon his own father. There were others in the lodge who knew better than he did what his father had done for that lodge and for Freemasonry in West Yorkshire, but he hoped that the portrait (which at this point was unveiled) would be appreciated by the brethren of the lodge and by Freemasonry in general, and would serve as a perpetual memory of one who, for all in all, was a good Mason, a good citizen, and a good parent. The W.M. then suitably responded on behalf of the lodge, thanking Bro. Sir Walter for his most generous gift. He said the late Bro. Peace was initiated in this lodge in the year 1842, and died in 1875. During his somewhat lengthened Masonic career he was a most enthusiastic Mason, and it was on record that he did not think it too much trouble to travel between Huddersfield and London, which he did on several occasions, either by coach or water from Hull (this being before the time of railways) to gain that Masonic knowledge which was his great delight to impart to others. Especially did he attribute to him the credit for the uniformity of working now prevalent throughout the lodges in the district. He assured Sir Walter that the brethren of the lodge were all of them proud to receive a portrait of his father, which would occupy a foremost place upon the walls of the lodge. Bro. Edward

Armitage, J.P., P.P.G.W. West Yorks, a P.M. of 55 years' standing in the lodge, supported the thanks expressed by the W.M., and in a few feeling and humorous remarks said how well he remembered Bro. Peace, who was always looked up to by his brethren as an authority on matters Masonic; he was genial and kind, but at the same time somewhat exacting, so the brethren often thought, when he was engaged in that labour of love—the imparting of Masonic ritual.

In the subsequent proceedings Bros. Innocent and Sir Walter Peace responded to the toast of "The Visitors," the former also giving an admirable address on the formation of his lodge in China 40 years ago, and the progress of Freemasonry generally during that period in that country, and Sir Walter, in a truly Masonic speech, gave many reminiscences of his boyhood and the many kindnesses he had received, both at home and abroad, from brethren of the Craft, and concluded by saying that, considering the special object of his visit, and the fraternal greetings he had received from the brethren, he should not only carry away with him remembrances of pleasure, but feelings of delight.

Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531.

The installation meeting of this well-known Kentish lodge was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Kipps, acting W.M.; R. G. Robinson, S.W.; Geo. Proctor, J.W.; W. Hollis, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; C. F. Quicke, P.G. Supt. Wks., Sec.; J. T. Baron, S.D.; Herbert Quicke, J.D.; W. J. Clark, I.G.; A. Smith, Stwd.; H. Martin, Tyler; Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., P.M.; A. J. Perriam, P.M.; W. J. Kipps, P.M.; J. Stephens, A. Cocks, G. Rule, T. Hosegood, G. Tanner, E. Dettmer, Walter Scott, S. Suter, H. Hocking, E. Evensen, T. Woolf, J. Dawson, C. Phillips, W. Coney, Dr. T. Stansfield, W. Ashley, J. Storey, E. Petersen, and G. H. Dowsett. There was also a goodly array of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. A. A. Frigout, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Finch, P.M. 1365; E. Ginder, P.M. 1563; C. Gales, 1563; G. Brown, P.M. 933; Geo. Robinson, S.W. 55; W. Busby, J.W. 733; A. Higgins, S.D. 2271; H. Davenall, P.M. 1602; A. E. Kipps, S.W. 1275; J. Bullock, 1558; D. Smith, 463; D. Fowler, 511; H. Eungblut, 2202; A. Pratt, 55; R. Partridge, 2603; W. Jones, 1962; J. Maynard, 1692; W. Boyce, 1708; and Carl Steiner, 2168.

The senior Past Master, who has carried out the duties of the chair since the death of the late W.M., Bro. J. Muir Smith, opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. He then called upon the brethren to salute the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. Charles F. Quicke, P.M., Secretary, whom the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Earl Amherst, had been pleased to appoint to that important office. Bro. Quicke thanked the brethren for their greeting, after which Bro. Kipps vacated the chair of K.S. in favour of Bro. Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., P.M., who then proceeded to instal his son, Bro. Robt. G. Robinson, S.W., W.M. elect. This he carried out in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Proctor, S.W.; J. T. Baron, J.W.; W. Hollis, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Quicke, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Quicke, S.D.; W. Clark, J.D.; W. Kipps, P.M., D. of C.; Andrew Smith, I.G.; A. W. Petersen, Asst. D. of C.; and G. H. Dowsett, J. Stephens, and E. Dettmer, Stwds. Owing to the sudden and lamented death of Bro. E. Mallett, Tyler, that office could not be filled. Bro. Nathan Robinson then gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. Chas. Quicke the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The excellent manner in which the W.M. invested his officers, and the Past Masters rendered the three addresses, left nothing to be desired.

Before the lodge was closed, it was decided to hold a "ladies' day" in connection with the lodge, and a trip on the river Thames was agreed to as the most suitable way of carrying out the proposal.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Village Hall, the usual toasts being interspersed with music and singing of a high order, and special mention must be made of Bros. W. and A. Kipps and Carl Steiner in this direction.

Bro. William Kipps, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," made a touching allusion to Bro. Nathan Robinson installing so worthy and able a son into the chair that day, he could fully estimate the pleasure and pride Bro. Robinson felt, as he had just a similar experience with his son two years ago.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in returning thanks, said it was a proud day for him, and he heartily thanked Bro. W. Kipps for his kindness and assistance. He could promise the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part, so far as his ability would permit, to keep up the prestige of the lodge, and the dignity of the high office to which he had that day attained.

Bro. Nathan Robinson, in proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," spoke in a most eulogistic manner of Bro. Charles Quicke, who during the past week had been honoured, after years of devoted service to Freemasonry in general, and the Chislehurst Lodge in particular, by the M.W. Pro Grand Master. No one had ever been appointed to Provincial honours who more worthily deserved them than their most indefatigable Secretary.

The toast was received with acclamation.

Bro. C. Quicke, in responding, said he desired to thank his old friend for the highly-flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. He certainly felt proud the lodge had been honoured in his person. So long as he had the confidence of the brethren and the support of the Past Masters he would endeavour to render good suit and service to happy Chislehurst Lodge.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Finch, P.M.; Davenall, P.M.; Jones, and Carl Steiner.

The benevolent Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Hollis, responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

The remaining toasts having been duly honoured, a highly successful and red letter day in the history of this lodge was brought to a close.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 12th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. R. Flack, W.M.; H. C. Crozier, P.M. P.G.S.W. Egypt, W.M. elect; D. A. Ross, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; A. S. Jehu, S.D.; J. H. Gaunt, J.D.; F. Figg, Org.; H. J. Bond, P.M., Stwd.; R. W. Simpson, I.P.M.; W. T. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and R. W. Rice, P.M. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; T. Murrell, W.M. 51, G.S. Egypt; H. J. Cousins, W.M. 172; R. Brooking, W.M. 2032; D. R. Duncan, W.M. 2319; F. H. Cheesewright, P.M. 997; A. R. Finch, P.M. 1238; T. L. Keys, P.M. 2032; F. Lockett, P.M. 2144; J. A. Braik, P.M. 2310; W. P. Halton, P.M. 2246; W. R. Hatton, P.M. 2246; and J. Mayo, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Baldock was raised to the Third Degree, Bros. Tapper, McCombie, Hurst, and Carman passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. John Jacob and Benjamin Thurlow, and it being unanimous, they were duly initiated by Bro. W. T. Peat. Bro. H. C. Crozier, S.W., having been presented, was duly installed W.M. by the W.M. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. D. A. Ross, S.W.; A. S. Jehu, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., Treas.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Gaunt, S.D.; T. Jones, J.D.; W. Wainwright, I.G.; T. Grant, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; F. Figg, Org.; H. J. Bond, P.M., and J. Pain, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The sum of five guineas was voted to the widow of a late Past Master of the lodge, and the sum of 10 guineas voted to the R.M.I.B., per Bro. T. Grant, as Steward.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, P.G.W.; R. H. Thrupp, Dep. P.G.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Small, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Grant, P.M.; E. Dare, P.M.; and many others. The lodge was afterwards closed.

An excellent banquet was then served, under the able superintendence of Bro. E. Beltramo, the courteous proprietor of the hotel.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. submitted the various toasts briefly, but pertinently.

Bro. W. T. Peat responded upon behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers" in a fluent speech of some merit.

The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he said that Bro. Crozier, although but a young Mason, had achieved considerable distinction in Freemasonry abroad. He had evidently entered into the cause ardently, and his zeal and application had been recognised and rewarded by the Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The W.M., in reply, said that notwithstanding he had passed the chair elsewhere, his great ambition and desire had been to reach the chair of his mother lodge, the Wolsey. Thanks to the kindness of the brethren that honour had been conferred upon him that day. Although residing abroad it was his intention to visit England, and attend as many meetings of the lodge as possible. He then submitted the toast of "The Initiates," and in the course of his remarks he said that he felt confident that both must have been impressed by the able manner in which they had been initiated by Bro. Peat.

The initiates having briefly replied, "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Officer" followed.

The W.M., in giving this toast, said that Bro. Flack's merits as a Mason was so well known to all present that no words of his were necessary to enhance the toast. The I.P.M. had had a very heavy year of office and he had discharged all the duties in a very efficient manner. Personally, he had been greatly impressed with the manner in which Bro. Flack had inducted him into the chair that evening.

The I.P.M. having modestly expressed his acknowledgments,

The toasts of "The Past Masters," and "Treasurer and Secretary," came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bros. H. J. Bond, R. W. Rice, R. W. Simpson, and J. Featherstone.

Bros. Ross and Jehu having replied on behalf of "The Officers," the highly successful proceedings terminated.

During the intervals an excellent programme of music was presented under the direction of Bro. Frank Figg.

The W.M. is to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which the banquet and subsequent proceedings passed off.

Merchants' Lodge, No. 241.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the annual installation ceremony in connection with this old lodge took place in the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. A vast number of Prov. Grand Officers and Past Masters assembled to do honour to a rising young citizen in the person of Bro. Richard Brown, one of the most popular of entertainers, and who is the well-known photographer of Bold-street. Amongst those present were Bros. J. McCarthy, P.P.D.G.R.; J. S. Swift, P.P.G.P.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; J. E. Williams, P.G.D.; C. F. Rea, P.S.G.W.; S. H. Jones, P.P.G.P.; E. C. Jones, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Tarbuck, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Thorp, P.M. 2042; J. Lane, P.M. 2042; H. J. Nicholls, P.M. 2042; G. Broadbent, P.M. 1380; J. Dicken, P.M. 1289; R. Kendall, I.P.M.; J. Laughton, P.M.; W. Jennings, P.M.; W. Amos, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; T. Whitehead, P.M.; S. Jude, P.M.; J. Cornish, P.M.; and T. Salter, P.M.

The Installing Master was Bro. Jno. Laughton assisted by Bro. R. Robinson, who did their work to perfection. Bro. R. Brown being duly installed, at once proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. John Laughton, I.P.M.; R. W. Richards, S.W.; E. R. Jones, J.W.; Arthur E. Povey, Treas.; William Burgess, Sec.; W. R. Miller, S.D.; Tom Gill, J.D.; George Doodson, I.G.; Roger White, D.C.; C. B. Parkes, Thomas W. Johnson, Thomas R. Gorst, Richard Sturgeiss, Stwds.; and A. B. Ewart, Organist.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Messrs. Galt and Capper put on one of their best dinners.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured, but that of "The Worshipful Master" was received with an enthusiasm almost unprecedented.

Bro. Brown was quite overcome, and in brief but pretty and appreciative terms responded. He then presented Bro. Laughton, I.P.M., with a beautiful clock and side ornaments as a tribute to himself and a magnificent diamond marquise ring for his wife.

A Past Master's jewel was also given to Bro. Laughton, who acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms.

Among the brilliant musical talent who provided the programme were the following artistes: Bros. H. J. Nicholls, Greenless, H. E. Hollis, J. Lane, George Platt, George Green, Nelson Jackson, Fairfield Haddock, M. Cheshire, and A. B. Ewart, P.P.G.O.

Lodge St. Aubyn, No. 954.

On the 27th ult., in the lodge rooms, Morice Town, Devonport, in the presence of a very large gathering of local Masonic talent, Bro. James R. Wilson was installed as W.M. of the above lodge. The lodge room was crowded to its utmost capacity, and no less than 30 W.Ms. and P.Ms. assembled to do honour to Bro. Wilson, and to assist in the ceremony. There were present, with others, the following: Bros. J. R. W. Quinn, R.N., P.M. 954, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Dugdale, P.M. 954; J. Osborne, P.M. 954, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Jolliffe, P.M. 954; H. Haynes, P.M. 954; A. A. Donovan, P.M. 954; H. Worth, P.M. 954; the Rev. A. J. Hamlyn, P.M. 954, P.P.G. Chap.; F. B. Westlake, P.M. 954, P.D.G.D.C. Eng.; P.P.J.G.W.; John Allen, P.M. 954; and R. Pitcher, P.M. 954, P.P.G.D.C. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Lord, P.M., P.G.D.C., P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; G. Dunsterville, P.M., P.S.G.D.; C. F. Dunsterville, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. K. Bond, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Pike, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Gidley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Ward, P.M.; P. B. Clemens, P.M., P.P.G.O.; S. J. Page, P.M.; J. Bassett, P.M.; E. Fage, P.M.; J. F. Burns, P.M.; L. James, P.M.; D. M. Brebner, P.M.; and others.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. M. G. Kirton, W.M., the proceedings were commenced by Bro. F. B. Westlake, by whom, with the assistance of Bro. Captain Quinn, R.N., who had journeyed from London for the purpose, the impressive ceremony of installation was ably performed, the addresses being delivered by Bros. R. Pitcher, H. J. S. Worth, and J. R. Dugdale. The W.M. invested as his officers: Bros. A. B. Pilling, S.W.; H. W. Hedge, J.W.; Rev. W. E. Waddington, Chap.; J. Smale, Treas.; F. J. Moore, Sec.; C. Farthing, S.D.; E. A. Alford, J.D.; P. R. Wright, Org.; G. T. Turpin, A. Org.; H. E. Sargerrett, I.G.; F. A. Screech, D.C.; W. J. Williams, J. J. Turpin, A. E. Bowden, A. Ceusens, A. E. Riggs, and W. H. Prowse, Stwds.; and W. H. Henderson, Tyler. The business following the installation was to consider a proposal that 25 guineas be subscribed by the lodge to the fund that is being raised in the province of Devon to make Bro. F. B. Westlake, the representative of the province in London, a patron of the three great Masonic Charities, on the occasion of his having recently received at the hands of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. the rank of P.D.G.D. of C. of Eng. In the absence of Bro. T. W. Payne, who had given notice of the proposal, the subject was introduced by Bro. Capt. Quinn, R.N., who rendered a glowing tribute to the Masonic zeal and eminent services to Masonic Charity of Bro. Westlake. Loud and prolonged cheering greeted the announcement that it was intended to supplement the vote by another 25 guineas, which the members of St. Aubyn Lodge intended to raise by private subscription, so that 50 guineas will be the response of the lodge to the appeal for funds to render to Bro. Westlake a tribute of honour and esteem in the only form and manner in which he can be prevailed upon to accept any recognition of his immense services to the province. The proposition being seconded by the Secretary of the lodge, was unanimously carried; and Bro. Westlake, who had absented himself during the discussion, was received with long and loud cheers on his re-entry.

The meeting closed with many congratulations to the newly-installed W.M., both from visitors present and friends absent. A huge pile of letters and telegrams from all parts of the country bore eloquent testimony to the widespread respect and friendship with which Bro. Wilson is regarded by all who have the pleasure of knowing him.

The annual banquet was elegantly served in Plymouth Masonic Club to a company numbering 160 members of the lodge and guests, under the chairmanship of Bro. Wilson.

In addition to the names already given, Bros. F. C. Huxham, P.M. 954; Major J. Rendle, V.D., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Dillon, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. White, P.G. Std. Br. Cornwall; and others, attended the banquet.

Responding to the toast of "The Grand Lodge of England," Bro. F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D.C., paid a well-deserved tribute to the Masonic attainments and personal qualities of his old and valued friend, the newly-installed W.M. of the St. Aubyn Lodge.

"The P.G.M. and P.G. Lodge of Devon" was proposed by Bro. A. B. Pilling, S.W.

Bros. G. Dunsterville and J. R. Lord acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Hedge, J.W., proposed "The P.G.M. and P.G. Lodge of Cornwall," which was, as is ever the case in Devonshire Masonic circles, most warmly received.

Bro. J. White, P.G. Std. Br. Cornwall, responded.

"The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Capt. J. O. W. Quinn, R.N., who paid a glowing tribute to the worth of Bro. J. R. Wilson as a man and a Mason; and referred in eloquent words to the great work he has recently done and is still doing "unknown to most of us, but none the less at considerable toil and trouble to himself," in working up a revived interest in the great London charities.

The toast was received with loud cheering, and again and again repeated.

Bro. Wilson, W.M., in a feeling speech, thanked one and all for the great consideration, friendship, and kindness so fully expressed towards him, and assured his hearers of his great desire and determination to follow the great example of his predecessors in the chair of 954, and do all in his power to enhance the honour, good repute, and usefulness of the lodge during his year of office.

Bro. Major Rendle, in a loudly-applauded speech, responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. J. B. Gover for "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Rev. A. J. Hamlyn, P.P.G.C.

With the singing of the National Anthem an evening of most pleasurable good fellowship and enjoyment ended.

A choice selection of vocal and instrumental music rendered by Bros. Williams, Ball, P. Wright, Carlton, Smale, and others greatly increased the pleasures of a meeting which will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to participate in it.

Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328.

A rather interesting meeting of this lodge took place at York, on the 27th ultimo, when Bro. T. B. Whytehead initiated his third son (Hugh Whytehead) into Freemasonry at the age of 18, by dispensation from the M.W.G.M. The W.M. (Bro. Capt. Lindberg) was unable to be present, being out with his regiment on military training, so the chair was taken by Bro. Whytehead, who was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Melrose, P.J.G.W.; Bro. Canon Watson, of York; and the W.Ms. of the York Lodge, 236; the Eboracum Lodge, 1611; and the Agricola Lodge, 1991, who all took part in the ceremony. Bro. Whytehead has shown practically the value he sets on Masonry. He initiated his eldest son on his 21st birthday, his second son soon after his attaining his majority, and now his third son (who expects shortly to leave for South Africa) in his 19th year.

The members and their visitors dined after the meeting at the White Swan Hotel (a very old Masonic house, by the way), when the usual toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was passed, all clearing out at 10.30. The Albert Victor is an early closing lodge.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.M.)

This old council met for the dispatch of business at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 16th ultimo. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. J. Pakes, W.M.; Basil Stewart, S.W., W.M. elect; Geo. Graveley, P.M., as J.W.; George Powell, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Sec.; W. H. Toye, Conductor; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., S.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M., &c.; John Smith (Hon. Member); and E. Mills, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. Vaughan Sherrin and T. Leason-Pewtress, and it being unanimous, they were duly admitted members of St. Laurence the Martyr, Knights of Constantinople and the Red Cross of Babylon. Bro. B. Stewart having been presented, was installed W.M. by W. Bro. Pakes. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. A. H. Humphreys, S.W.; W. H. Toye, J.W.; G. Powell, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Conductor; J. V. Sherrin, S.D.; T. L. Pewtress, J.D.; and E. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Humphreys, S.W.; R. L. Loveland, Q.C., J.P., P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; Major J. E. Anderson; and others.

The council was then closed in due and ancient form. The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the W.M. gave "The Grand Council," coupled with the name of Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, who duly responded.

The toast of "The W.M." was given in singularly happy terms by the I.P.M. In the course of his speech he mentioned the great attention always displayed by the W.M. in those Degrees of Freemasonry of which he was a member. In the Cryptic Degrees, as well as those of the Allied, Bro. Basil Stewart had performed the minor offices well, and he—the speaker—augured that in the higher positions he would exhibit equal aptitude.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Initiates," and to this toast Bros. Sherrin and Pewtress made effective replies.

"The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Pakes and Graveley, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Toye, Walls, and Fillingham, terminated the proceedings.

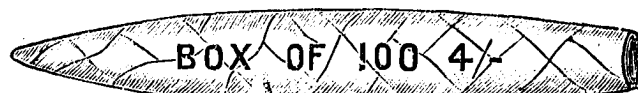
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the Council was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, Patron and Trustee, in the chair. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. Everett, Le Feuvre, A. J. Thomas, Campbell Johnstone, W. H. Kempster, M.D., Thos. Taylor (Staffs), H. A. Tobias, J. W. Burgess, R. D. Cummings, R. Manuel, G. M. E. Hamilton, E. Hobbs, W. Rule, H. L. Davis, George Chapman, and J. M. McLeod, Secretary.

On the Report of the Petitions Committee 24 new cases were accepted, and the list for the October election was closed at 36 cases for 15 vacancies. The SECRETARY mentioned that it was probable two of the cases would be withdrawn to fill vacant presentations, leaving 34 cases to proceed to election.

The report of the result of the 101st Anniversary Festival was received, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Treasurer of the Institution, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, for his able and generous presidency.

An interesting autograph letter of the late Duke of Sussex, P.M. W.G.M., President of the Institution, was presented by Bro. Trehawke Davies, of the Drury Lane Lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for same. The letter is as follows:

"Gentlemen,

"In acknowledging the receipt of certain resolutions passed at your late meeting, and which have been forwarded to me by your direction, and concurring with you in the regret expressed on that occasion as to the retirement of Bro. Moore from the office of Treasurer, which he has filled for so many years with equal credit to himself and advantage to the Charity, I have to observe that the post of Treasurer is elective, and therefore it becomes the duty of the supporters of the Institution, in virtue of such right, to exercise that power, while it behoves me only to suggest the name of an individual whom I conceive may be a fit and proper person to discharge the duties of that office; under this impression I venture to propose the name of the W. Brother the Rev. Mr. Rodber as one fully qualified for the purpose.

"I am, gentlemen,
(Signed)

"AUGUSTUS F.,
"G.M., Pt.

"Kensington Palace,

"8th February, 1841.

"To the Committee of the Royal Masonic
Institution for Boys."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Following what has become an agreeable and acceptable annual custom, those distinguished brethren, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, on Monday afternoon paid a visit in full state to this noble Institution. The weather, fortunately, proved fine, and the scene as the gay cavalcade, preceded by police outriders, swept through the great gates and round the drive, to be there received with admiring acclamation by the little blue and white clad lasses assembled on the lawn, was one to be remembered. Splendidly rendered performances of callisthenics, music, and singing delighted the visitors, who were then conducted over the School and the charming grounds by Bro. Robert Grey, the acting Chairman, and Miss Buck and Miss Redgrave, the Matron and Head Governess, several members of the House Committee and Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, being also in attendance.

Before leaving the hall, the LORD MAYOR expressed in glowing terms the great pleasure he and his daughter, the Lady Mayoress, had derived from their visit, sentiments in which the Sheriffs and their ladies heartily concurred. His lordship spoke most highly of the system of education that had produced such excellent results as they had heard and witnessed, and gave the children kindly and good advice both as to their present work and their future lives. In conclusion, he invited the elder portion of the School to pay a visit to the Mansion House, where he and the Lady Mayoress would be delighted to receive them after the holidays.

The National Anthem concluded the interesting proceedings.

The School holidays commence on the 6th instant.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. Willcox, W.M.; Dinnis, P.M.; S.W.; Dowling, J.W.; W. B. Larkman, Treas.; Hy. Johnson, Sec.; Botley, S.D.; Bridger, J.D.; St. Aubyn, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; Worth, and Langdon. Bro. Turner was a visitor.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Turner offering himself as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in an excellent manner. Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. announcing sufficient funds in hand to justify a ballot for one of the Masonic Charities, it was proposed by the S.W. that Bros. Worth and Bridger act as scrutineers. The W.M. rose for the first time, when dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Dinnis, P.M., was elected W.M. for next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time. Bro. Williams, P.M., called attention to Rule 137, Book of Constitutions. "Hearty good wishes" having been given and received, the lodge was closed.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A meeting was held on the 30th ult. at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. J. B. Schrader, W.M.; W. G. Read, S.W.; Jas. Barnett, J.W.; R. H. Nicholls, P.M., Treas.; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; H. Ramsbottom, S.D.; Fredk. S. Thomas, J.D.; H. G. Holland, P.M., P.G.S.B. Herts, Preceptor; W. Spencer, I.G.; H. C. Wootton, J. W. Hunt, W.M. 2353; R. Nicholls, B. Ware, T. J. Phillips, Albert Taylor, and C. G. Ridgway.

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

SUMMER OUTING OF THE REGENT'S PARK LODGE, No. 2202.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the brethren, their wives and friends, left Paddington by the 9 a.m. train to Reading, saloon carriages having been previously engaged to add to the comfort and sociability of travelling. The full muster was between 70 and 80. On arrival at Reading, a steam launch was in readiness to take the party to Great Marlow. An excellent lunch was provided on board during the trip, and some very good music was given, and by the ladies in particular.

On arrival at Great Marlow about two o'clock, they made their way to the Crown Hotel, where a splendid dinner was provided, after which

Bro. WILSON, W.M., proposed "The Health of the Queen and Royal Family," which was duly responded to.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed the toast of "The Ladies and Visitors."

Mrs. JOSEPH BANGS responded on behalf of the ladies in a very able speech.

Returning to the launch about 5 o'clock, the boat ran down the river as far as Windsor, where saloon carriages again awaited the party and took them back to Paddington.

Much praise is due to the Stewards, Bros. J. Bangs, T. Bowles, C. H. Farrin, H. Fear, F. E. Osborne, J. Taylor, J. Wilkins, and the Secretary, W. J. Reynolds, for the admirable manner in which the arrangements were carried out.

The weather being splendid, completed a very happy day.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

A congratulatory dinner to Bro. Justice Bucknill, P.P.G.W. Surrey, and P.G.W. Eng., was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 29th ult. The dinner was given by the brethren of the Province of Surrey, and had as its President, the Grand Master of that province, Bro. the Earl of Onslow. His lordship was supported by the Dep. Grand Master, Bro. Frederick West, and amongst the others present were the following: Bros. Joseph T. Firbank, M.P., P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. D. Langton, P. Dep. G.D.C.; T. H. Gardner, P. Asst. G.D.C.; Gordon Smith, P.G. Std. Br.; Hugh C. S. Dumas, P.P.J.G.W.; A. F. White, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. James Beeby, Prov. G. Chap.; A. Lambert, P.P.G.W.; J. Pollard, P.P.G.W.; J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D.; C. O. Burgess, P.P.S.G.D.; J. O'Connell, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Hawkins, Prov. G.D.C.; Thomas White, P.P.G. Std. Br.; George Moorman, P.P.G.P.; C. P. King, Prov. G. Stwd.; Hugh Taylor, W. Slark, George S. Horsnail, Walter Dennis, George Alderton, C. E. Barnett, E. G. Wilson, W. G. Langland, W. G. Green, H. M. Grellier, W. J. Holmes, John Mayo, A. F. Asher, and others.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been given, the toast of the evening, namely "Bro. Justice Bucknill" was proposed by the CHAIRMAN.

Bro. Justice BUCKNILL having responded, proposed "The Health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Frederick West."

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Camden Chapter, No. 132.

The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Ill. Bro. N. Goodchild, 30°, Recorder; Ex. and P. Bros. Alfred Molony, M.W.S.; Edwin Styles, P.M.W.S.; John Brittain, M.W.S. elect; C. H. Fry, W. H. Holroyd, H. Humphries, J. H. Smyth, Jas. Duffy, and others.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Edward Mark Jones, he was admitted to the intermediate Degrees, and perfected as a Prince Rose Croix. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. John Brittain, 18°, was then presented and installed in the chair by the outgoing Sovereign, Bro. Alfred Molony, 18°. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. Baddeley, Prelate; Barnes, 1st Gen.; Holroyd, 2nd Gen.; Smyth, Marshal; Humphries, Raphael; Duffy, Captain of the Guard; and Ill. Bro. N. Goodchild, 30°, Recorder. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a resolution be entered in the minutes thanking Ex. and Perf. Bro. A. Molony, I.P.M.W.S., for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Sovereign during his year of office and for the able way in which he installed his successor in the chair. Bro. Molony thanked the members for their kind resolution and for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him. He hoped that at the future meetings they would not have to work under such great disadvantages as on the present occasion, and complimented the M.W.S. on having selected such zealous Masons as Bros. Smyth, Humphries, and Duffy to fill the junior but very important offices of Marshal, Raphael, and Captain of the Guard respectively. Some other business having being disposed of, the chapter was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS BARNES, P.M., P.Z., 33°.

The death of Bro. Thomas Barnes occurred somewhat suddenly at his residence, Heathercliffe, Walton Park, Clevedon, on Saturday afternoon last, at the age of 80. Bro. Barnes was appointed manager of Messrs. Stuckey's Banking Company, Clevedon Branch, when it was opened in 1874 (having been in the company's service since 1842), which appointment he held until March, 1884, when, through advancing years, he retired, much regret being felt at this decision. He was a prominent member of our Order, which he joined in 1838, having taken the 33°, and being a member of the Grand Lodge of England, a P.P.G.W. of the Province of Somerset, P.M. of the Clevedon Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, of which he was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and which he was largely instrumental in founding, a P.Z. of the Adair Chapter, Clevedon, a member of the Knights Templar, &c. He was a director for many years of the Clevedon Gas Company, a churchwarden of St. Mary's Walton Park for 17 years, and took a great interest in the maintenance of that church, at which touching references were made on Sunday to his death.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, July 15, 1899

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

MONDAY, JULY 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

1366, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2426, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.
2611, London School Board, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

720, Panmure, Horns Tavern.
2191, Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

411, Ubique, Frascati Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 11.

Supreme Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGE.

167, St. John's, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead Heath.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelior, Pungall's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.I.I., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY JULY 12.

FESTIVAL OF MARK BENEVOLENT FUND AT FREEMASONS' TAVERN.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Supreme Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGES.

13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
1029, United, Freemasons' Hall.
1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.
1980, Honor Oak, White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.
2528, Lancastrian, Frascati Restaurant.
2581, Empress, Cafe Royal.
2662, Ealing, Victoria Hall.

MARK LODGE.

Old Kent, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.

Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby, Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, The Whittington, 5 & 7 Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance, "In-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30
United Strength, Home Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
Wanderers, Pungall's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.45.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 13.

General Court Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

CRAFT LODGE.

1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

619, Beadon, Anderton's Hotel.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
2272, Rye, Public Hall, Peckham.

MARK LODGES.

7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal.
331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSICRUCIAN.

Metropolitan College, Frascati Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Contts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Caxton, Carr's, 205, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8
Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.
Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montehore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8
Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 14.

General Court Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

CRAFT LODGE.

1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

33, Britannic, Holborn Restaurant.
509, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.

ROSE CROSS.

3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.

Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington, at 8.

SATURDAY, JULY 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

1185, Lewis, Holborn Restaurant.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2041, West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart., M.P., opened a new public library at Penge on Saturday last.

BRO. SIR HENRY HARDEN, J.P., has subscribed £500 towards the erection of a new church at Folkestone.

BRO. R. D. M. LITTLER, Q.C., C.B., has been for the 12th time elected the Chairman of the Middlesex Sessions.

BRO. HORACE B. MARSHALL, M.A., J.P., has forwarded a donation of 170 guineas to the Orphan Working School.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK visited Feltham on Saturday afternoon last, in order to inspect the London County Council Industrial School, and to present the prizes to the boys.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE will entertain a large party at Compton-place, Eastbourne, to-morrow (Saturday) to Monday, when it is expected that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be amongst the guests.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—The contributions already paid in amount to upwards of £40,000, a total which, exclusive of the gift of £10,000 with which the list was started, compares very favourably with last year's returns. The officials, therefore, are hopeful that the £50,000 asked for will be secured.

£96 FOR BURNS'S POEMS.—At Sotheby's, on Tuesday, a copy of the rare original Kilmarnock edition of Robert Burns's poems, chiefly in the Scottish dialect, 1786, sold for £96 to Mr. Sabin. The copy is in the original boards, uncut, measures 8½ by 5½ inches, and is very defective, many of the leaves being supplied by facsimiles.

NEXT SUNDAY the Duke of Cambridge will attend the anniversary Festival at the Foundling Hospital Chapel, at 11 o'clock, when the annual sermon in aid of the funds of the Institution will be preached by the Bishop of London. After the service his Royal Highness will distribute rewards to those former inmates of the Institution who have recently come of age.

THE WILL, made on May 3rd, 1866, of Bro. Edward William Allen, of 4, Ave Maria-lane, publisher, was proved on the 26th ult. by Mrs. Sarah Ann Allen, of 18, Marmora-road, Honor Oak, the widow and sole executrix, the value of the estate being £12,252 4s. 7d., and the net personalty £10,281 18s. 3d. The testator gives to his wife everything he dies possessed of.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND visited Field-Marshal Bro. Lord Roberts and Lady Roberts at the Curragh on Monday, in order to greet their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught upon their arrival in Ireland. His Excellency returned to Dublin in the evening, and left by the mail packet for England to attend a meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday afternoon.

THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, M.P., presided over the annual meeting, in the Marchioness of Zetland's house in Arlington-street, of the Children's Happy Evening Association on Tuesday, among those present being the Marchioness of Zetland, the Marchioness of Dufferin, the Countess of Gosford, the Countess of Galloway, Countess Cadogan, Viscountess Knutsford, the Countess of Jersey, Lady Beatrice Villiers, Lady Howard de Walden, Lady Belper, Lady Amherst of Hackney, and others.

A CABINET COUNCIL was held on Tuesday, among the Ministers present being Bros. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Earl of Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, Sir M. White Ridley, and the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie.

THE TRIENNIAL REUNION of old Masonians took place at the Orphanage, Erdington, on the 28th ult., and nearly 300 "Old Boys" attended from all parts of the country. The trustees were represented at the gathering by Mr. J. E. Wilson and Councillor R. Toller. The building had been decorated for the occasion. Various outdoor sports and games claimed attention, and after tea a short service was held. Mr. Toller extended a hearty welcome to all present.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK visited Exeter on Tuesday, when his Royal Highness opened the technical and university wing of the Albert Memorial Museum, after which Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote entertained the Royal party and a distinguished company at luncheon at the Rougemont Hotel. Subsequently a short service was held at the Cathedral, and then their Royal Highnesses visited the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and a garden party followed at which the Duchess of York received purses in aid of the institution.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, who are on a short visit to the Curragh Camp as the guests of Field-Marshal Bro. Lord Roberts, V.C., and Lady Roberts, attended on Tuesday a review in which all the troops in the Irish camp took part. It lasted over three hours, and concluded with a march past. Amongst the troops engaged were the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, of which his Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief. The Duchess of Connaught took up a position at the saluting base, and as the troops marched past she received a Royal salute. The Duke of Connaught led the Inniskillings in person. Afterwards their Royal Highnesses visited the military hospital.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided on Monday at the annual general meeting of the Corporation of the Royal College of Music, at Marlborough House, and afterwards at the annual general meeting of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music for Local Examinations. The Hon. Sidney Greville has succeeded Bro. Captain Holford as Equerry in Waiting to his Royal Highness.

ON MONDAY EVENING the Duke of Cambridge honoured Bro. the Earl and Countess Carrington with his presence at dinner at their residence, Grosvenor-street. There were present to meet his Royal Highness the Marchioness of Lansdowne, Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, the Earl and Countess of Buchan, Lord Cecil Manners, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, Lady Leconfield, Lady Edith Villiers, Mr. and Lady Peckore Bertie, Mr. Harbord, Mr. Henry White and Miss White, Mr. Dawney, Mr. Marshall Roberts, and Col. FitzGeorge, in attendance on his Royal Highness.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Duchess of Fife) and the Duke of Fife visited T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House on Saturday last, and remained to luncheon. The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Knollys and Bro. Captain Holford, drove to the studio of Mr. W. Q. Orchardson, R.A., in the morning, to inspect the picture which he is painting of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and Prince Edward of York, for the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

AT THE ANNUAL DINNER of the East London Association for Promoting Life Governorships to Hospitals, held on the 5th instant, in the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, Sir W. H. Porter presided, and was supported by Mr. Wm. Moore, Q.C., M.P.; Mr. Davis, the founder of the association; Mr. S. F. Feldman, Vice-President; Mr. S. Lazarus; and Mr. Harrold, Secretary for the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. It was stated that nearly £8000 had been given to the hospitals in London through the agency of the association, and 191 life governors had been appointed. By the guests at Wednesday's dinner and their friends a sum of £70 was collected towards the fund of the association.

THE MOST competent critics readily acknowledge that the Crystal Palace Orchestral Band, under the conductorship of Mr. August Manns, has, by familiarising its audiences with the true masterpieces, been a most important factor in advancing musical art in England. Hitherto it has only been possible to hear this fine band in the afternoon; the Directors have, however, arranged that in future grand orchestral concerts shall be given in the evening during the autumn and winter months. The world-famous Saturday Afternoon Subscription Concerts will be resumed in October next. The Crystal Palace Military Band (Bandmaster, Mr. Herbert Goffrey) will play during dinner in the new bandstand or terrace, erected and illuminated by Messrs. Duffies and Son. The Military Band will also play in the North Tower Garden during the afternoon and evening. There are daily organ recitals by Mr. Walter W. Hedgecock.

HER MAJESTY will present the new State colours to the Scots Guards Regiment on Saturday, the 15th instant.

BRO. LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT have arrived in Grosvenor-place from Pirbright for the remainder of the season.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE dined with Bro. Earl Carrington, L.C.C., and Countess Carrington on Monday evening.

BRO. SIR J. B. MONCKTON, the Town Clerk, was 67 years old on Thursday, having been born on July 6th, 1832, at Maidstone.

THE SIRDAR (Bro. Lord Kitchener) has accepted an invitation to a banquet of the Fishmongers' Company on the 18th inst.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF RADNOR have been entertaining a large party at Longford Castle this week for the Bibury and Salisbury race meetings.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY intends to confer upon Col. H. A. Macdonald, the hero of Omdurman, the dignity of LL.D. The ceremony will take place about the 20th inst., Bro. Sir Henry Irving will also be there.

PRIZE DAY at the Royal Hospital Schools of Greenwich was celebrated on Monday when Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.) distributed the prizes to the boys.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK left London on Monday morning on a visit to Lord and Lady Clifford of Chudleigh at Ugbrooke Park, Chudleigh; Lady Katharine Coke, Major-Gen. Sir F. de Winton, and the Hon. Derek Keppel were in attendance.

IN AID of a fund for providing country holidays, a playing field and a cottage country home for St. Saviour's, Poplar, a dramatic performance will be given in the Victoria Hall, Archer-street, Bayswater, on the afternoon of the 11th inst.

ON SUNDAY MORNING the Queen and the Royal family went to Frogmore and attended Divine service in the Royal Mausoleum. Several members of the Royal household were present. The Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor officiated and preached the sermon.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, the Duke of York, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and suite witnessed the performance of "La Boheme" at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on Saturday evening last.

THE CANCER SOCIETY has commissioned Arthur C. Duffey, Esq., M.B., B. Ch., to proceed to the United States to report generally on matters affecting the object of the Society, and especially as to the operations of the State Laboratory for the study of cancer at Buffalo, N.Y.

MIDDLE TEMPLE was *en fete* on the 5th inst., when the Treasurer (Mr. William Ambrose, Q.C.) and Masters of the Bench of that honourable society entertained between three and four hundred barristers and their friends at a ball in their picturesque and old Elizabethan Hall, of which they are all justly proud.

IT HAS BEEN arranged to give four concerts in aid of the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund at the Crystal Palace on Sundays, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th inst. For the concert at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon next, Miss Clara Butt, Miss Florence Lancaster, and Mr. Andrew Black have been engaged. The string band of the Royal Engineers under the direction of Lieut. J. Sommer will also play.

IN ACCORDANCE with ancient custom, the Tynwald Court was held on the 5th inst., on Tynwald-hill, at St. John's-hill, Isle of Man. Many thousands of islanders and visitors attended. The Governor, Lord Henniker, accompanied by his two daughters, drove from Douglas, and after service in the church, the procession walked to the hill. Owing to the Acts passed not having received her Majesty's assent no promulgation could be made.

AFTER PROVIDING for the amortization of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of Debentures, the payment of Debenture Interest, &c., the report of Spiers and Pond Limited recommends the payment of a dividend of 8 per cent., less income tax, for the year ending the 31st March, 1899, leaving £3630 9s. 11d. to be carried forward to next year. The warrants will be posted on the 15th inst. The share transfer books are closed from the 27th ult. to the 10th inst., both inclusive.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ROBERT MILNE.—In the Waverly Hotel, Aberdeen, on the 30th ult., Bro. Robert Milne, Inspector of Works, was presented with a Masonic jewel by a number of brethren and friends prior to his departure for Egypt to act as Inspector of Works in connection with irrigation works on the Nile. Bro. George L. Grassick presided, and in tendering the gift to Bro. Milne congratulated him upon obtaining so important an appointment. The evening was enjoyably spent with song and sentiment.

IN TAKING THE CHAIR for the first time as President at the annual meeting of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park, the Earl of Hardwicke mentioned that the institution must leave the present premises in April next, as the lease would then expire. Canon Barker dwelt on the length of time, averaging 70 days, for which patients were retained, and on the increasing attendance of out-patients. Lord Farquhar considered that to have in hand, or in view, £8000 out of the £16,000 which at least would be required was most hopeful.

AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Hospital Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, held at 20, Hanover-square, on Saturday last, an important proposition was made by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to the effect that an International Council of Nurses be formed. The resolution was seconded by Miss Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and carried unanimously by a very representative gathering of matrons and nurses. A provisional committee was agreed upon, and will meet in London before the International Nursing delegates leave England at the close of the present Congress of Women.

IF COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP, drawing and dining rooms for ladies, and bedrooms for members are to be regarded as features of progress, the Junior Army and Navy Club is to be congratulated on having carried out all these changes in its management. The immediate use of the club by candidates, pending the result of their election, will also be esteemed a boon by officers on foreign service who return on short leave of absence to this country; while the payment of the entrance fee, if desired, by two instalments of five guineas each, will be equally appreciated by the younger, and, probably, less wealthy members of the two services.—*Globe*, June 17th.

FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS have been completed for the garden fête and fancy fair which the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are to give in Bagshot Park on Tuesday, the 18th, and Wednesday, the 19th instant, in aid of the fund for the restoration of the parish church of St. Anne's, Bagshot, and to provide a new organ. The fête is under the patronage of the Queen, T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and will have many attractions. Special trains have been arranged from Waterloo (No. 1 platform) after two p.m. on both days, returning from Bagshot about half-past six in the evening.

ON SATURDAY LAST the Queen inspected the Hon. Artillery Company of London, of which corps H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Captain-General and Colonel. Her Majesty, accompanied by T.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duchess of Connaught, and the Princesses Margaret and Patricia, their Highnesses Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Victoria Eugène, and the Princes Maurice and Leopold of Battenberg, drove to the review ground in Windsor Park, escorted by a captain's escort of the 1st Life Guards. The Queen was met at the double gates by T.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, who accompanied her Majesty to the ground on which the Hon. Artillery Company had been formed in line, under the command of the Earl of Denbigh, Lieut.-Colonel commanding. T.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein were attended by Bro. Captain Holford, Bro. Colonel Egerton, and Colonel the Hon. Charles Eliot. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales took command of the line, which received her Majesty with a Royal salute. The Batteries marched past in line at close intervals, and also trotted past in column. The battalion marched passed in column and quarter-column. The line having reformed, advanced in review order, and gave a Royal salute, after which the Queen left the review ground. A guard of honour of the 4th (Eton College) Volunteer Battalion the Oxfordshire Light Infantry was mounted at the saluting point. The ground was kept by the 1st Life Guards and 2nd Battalion Scots Guards.