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## ELECTION AND ADMISSION TO OUR SCHOLASTIC INSTITUTIONS.

We do not think there can be two opinions as to the wisdom shown by the General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in accepting Bro. KEYSER'S amendment of Law No. 77, relating to the admission into the School of those candidates who have had the good fortune to be elected to its benefits. It appears that some members of the Board of Management were in doubt as to whether or not it was in the Board's power to make any grant to a boy who had been elected into the Institution until he was able to pass the examination prescribed by Law 77. Bro. KEYSER, in bringing forward his motion, mentioned that there had been several cases in which it had been impossible to admit boys who had been elected to the benefits of the Institution owing to their inability to satisfy the required educational tests as provided under the Law just specified. In securing the election of these boys many brethren had taken great trouble and spent much time, and we quite agree with him as to the great hardship experienced by all such elected candidates, and with his proposal of such an amendment of the Law as would place it in the power of the Board of Management to make them a grant of money for out-education until such time as they were found to be qualified for admission to the full benefits of the School. In the discussion that followed sundry brethren of distinction and influence expressed their dissent from the proposal, but, apparently, upon certain side-issues rather than directly, and in the end the proposed amendment of the Law was agreed to by an overwhelming majority.

So far, so good; but we confess we greatly sympathise with much that was said by Bros. WYLIE, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M., and W. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Secretary of West Lancashire, Bro. E. M. MONEY, P.A.G.D.C., and Bro. F. B. WESTLAKE, P.D.G.D.C. Bro. WYLIE went straight to the point when he said that "the Institution was established for the purpose of educating boys," and expressed his opinion that the prescribed

examination was too stiff. Bro. GOODACRE took the same view, though, at the same time, he looked with favour upon Bro. KEYSER'S proposed amendment. Bro. MONEY expressed his belief that "it was their duty to take into the School boys if elected and qualified for it, and if boys were backward, it was their duty to do the best they could for them," adding, it was his opinion that "the stipulated examination was too stiff;" while Bro. WESTLAKE pointed out that some years ago they had founded a preparatory school, into which the children were admitted without examination and inquired if now they were about to have a large establishment, they could not make similar provision for the backward children. We certainly agree with the opinion expressed by these brethren as to the character of the prescribed examination. We can well understand that the Head Master does not desire that the boys elected into the School should be stupid; all head masters must prefer that their recruits should be wranglers and first classes in the classical tripos in embryo than dunces; but, as Bro. WYLIE pointed out, the Institution has been established "for the purpose of educating boys" quite irrespective of their intelligence or stupidity individually; indeed, the more stupid the boy who has had the good fortune to be elected, the more he stands in need of the training, mental and moral, which the Institution provides. Moreover, the children that are elected are of different classes, some being the sons of professional men, some of men in trade, and some of men of other avocations, but in all cases alike their claims to become candidates for the benefits proposed to be conferred upon the sons of deceased or indigent brethren have been accepted, and in the event of their being elected their right to be admitted into the School is indubitable, with which the question of their mental capacity or incapacity and the very natural preference of the Head Master to have under his charge intelligent instead of stupid boys have nothing whatever. No one would venture to affirm that the children in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are not well trained and educated. Why, then, as Bro. MONEY suggested, cannot the simple tests applied to elected Girls—reading, writing, and one of the first four rules in arithmetic—be deemed sufficient in the case of elected boys? In both cases the absolute rights of the elected children to be educated have been established by the votes of the Governors and Subscribers.

## FREEMASONRY AND THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Now that war has broken out in South Africa and serious fighting has taken place in more than one locality, our attention and sympathy are naturally directed to the numerous lodges and brethren that are scattered about the different Colonies of Great Britain and in the territories of the two Republics with which she is engaged in mortal struggle for supremacy over the whole of the southern portion of the great African continent. Upon the political aspect of the question we, of course, as Freemasons, have necessarily nothing to say. As loyal subjects of the Queen, we pray for the success of her armies just as the Boers of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State are actuated by the same feelings in behalf of theirs. But there is a vast amount of suffering, not only among those engaged in fighting, but also among the peaceful inhabitants, and more especially the women and children, throughout the whole of the affected country, and it is greatly to be hoped that Freemasonry,

THE PIOUS MEMORY of the founder of Christ's Hospital, King Edward the Sixth, was honoured on Monday, when about 130 Old Blues dined together at the Hotel Cecil. The chairman was Mr. Arthur Shaw, M.A., and the toast list was commendably short, but in giving "Church and Queen," Mr. Shaw paid an eloquent tribute to the gallantry of the troops in South Africa, and referred, amid loud cheers, to the many Bluecoat boys now holding her Majesty's commission. The time-honoured toast of "The Religious, Royal, and Ancient Foundation of Christ's Hospital. May those prosper that love it, and may God increase their number!" was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

1st. From Comps. William Henry Cole, as Z.; James George Vigo, as H.; Arthur George Darby, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Mizpah; Lodge, No. 1671, to be called the Mizpah Chapter, and to meet at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London:

2nd. From Comps. Walker Dyson, as Z.; Charles Henry Crowther, as H.; Herbert Shaw, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Armitage Lodge, No. 2261, to be called the Armitage Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Market-street, Milnsbridge, Yorkshire.

3rd. From Comps. Harry Courtenay Luck, as Z.; John Whitehead Stack, as H.; George Nixon Burrowes, as J.; and eight others, for a chapter to be attached to the Toowong Lodge, No. 2306, to be called Toowong Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Toowong, Queensland, Australia.

4th. From Comps. James Stuart Brooke, as Z.; Walter Louis Allen, as H.; Edgar Thomas Scrivener, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Pioneer Lodge, No. 1490, to be called the Prudence Chapter, and to meet at Asansol, Bengal.

The foregoing petitions being regular the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 834, from Brook Green, Hammersmith, to the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, London.

The De Tabley Chapter, No. 605, from the Music Hall, to the Park Hotel, Birkenhead.

The Rye Chapter, No. 2272, from the Public Hall, Peckham, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The St. John at Hackney Chapter, No. 2511, from the Town Hall, Hackney, to the South Place Hotel, Finsbury, London.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Umzimkulu Chapter, No. 2113, Natal, for which a charter was granted, on the 2nd November, 1892, never having been consecrated, and the First Principal designate having returned the charter, the Committee recommend that this chapter be removed from the roll of chapters.

The following chapters having made no returns to Grand Chapter for many years, and no replies having been received to numerous communications addressed to them, the Committee recommend that they be removed from the roll of chapters:

The Albion Chapter, No. 196, Barbados.

The Cyrus Chapter, No. 233, Bermuda.

The Royal Philanthropic Chapter, No. 405, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The Orion in the West Chapter, No. 415, Poona.

The Sincerity Chapter, No. 428, Northwich.

The Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 443, New Providence, Bahamas.

The St. John's Chapter, No. 579, St. John's, Newfoundland.

The St. Augustine Chapter, No. 609, Christchurch, New Zealand.

The Loyal Arakan Chapter, No. 646, Akyab, Burmah.

The Friendship Chapter, No. 750, Cleckheaton.

The Dunheved Chapter, No. 789, Launceston.

The North Australian Chapter, No. 796, Brisbane, Australia.

The Otago Chapter, No. 844, Dunedin, New Zealand.

The Phoenix Chapter, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica.

The Remuera Chapter, No. 1710, Remuera, New Zealand.

A memorial, with particulars, has been received from Comps. George Wm. Speth as Z., William John Gardener as H., Alexander B. Brown as J., and the members of the Francis Burdett Chapter for a charter of confirmation, the original charter having been lost; and, further, that the name of the chapter shall be altered to that of the Sir Francis Burdett Chapter.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the petition be granted.

The Committee beg to recommend, and the President will move, that the sum of £2000 be contributed from the Funds of Grand Chapter towards the cost of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Sir John B. Monckton, P.G. Scribe N.:

"That the sum of One Hundred Guineas be contributed from the Funds of Grand Chapter to the Transvaal Refugees' Relief Fund."

(Signed)

GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

October 18th, 1899.

#### EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A general meeting of the Committee of the above Institution was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 20th inst., Bro. C. D. Cheetham, Chairman of the Institution, presiding.

The minutes of the General Committee meeting and the various sub-Committees were read and confirmed.

The petition for the education of a child was adopted.

An Annuity of £32 was granted to an aged brother. Annuities of £26 each were granted to two widows of Freemasons.

The meeting was then closed.

#### REV. CHARLES CHINIQUY'S LAST BOOK

#### "FORTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST."

Rev. Dr. Chiniquy for several years before his death had in contemplation the preparation of an account of his life and career after he left the Church of Rome. He devoted much time to collecting material for the work. The last years of his life had been largely devoted to this, so that at the time of his departure the book was substantially complete.

We have the confidence to say that it is the most remarkable book of its class that has appeared in this century. In most respects it is unique, and bears the stamp of a marked personality.

It may be safely affirmed that Dr. Chiniquy travelled more extensively in preaching the gospel than any one that ever lived, his labours of 40 years not being confined to a single continent, but embracing several; so that as a Protestant reformer he may well be considered the most important figure since Luther and Knox. The scenes he passed through seem more like fiction than reality, and illustrate the saying "Truth is stranger than

fiction." In "Forty Years in the Church of Christ," we have the history of his very eventful life after leaving Rome. It is a book of most fascinating and thrilling interest, and belongs to what De Quincey styles "the literature of power."

In an interview with a reporter of a leading Montreal paper, in the last year of his life, Dr. Chiniquy remarked: "With regard to my new book I have not much to say beyond this, that it will be a faithful record of what I have seen, heard, thought, and done since I left the Church of Rome, now very nearly 40 years ago. My new book will be published in about six months, and it will be copyrighted in England, Canada, and the United States."

"What are you going to call your book, Father Chiniquy?" asked the interviewer.

"I am going to call it 'Forty Years in the Church of Christ.'"

"The responsibility of issuing this book was committed to me by the author, my revered father-in-law, and I have spared no pains to have the work as near perfection in every respect as possible, and in this connection I am glad to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from Rev. Prof. John Moore, of Boston, and Rev. Dr. MacVicar, of Montreal."

Arrangements have been made with Fleming H. Revell Co., of Chicago, to publish this book for British America and the United States, and with Hodder and Stoughton, London, England, for Great Britain and all the British Colonies apart from those in America.

The high and established reputation of these publishers is a sufficient assurance of the mechanical execution of the work.

The book will be issued in a few weeks.

#### PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SOMERSET AND MONMOUTH.

The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on the 20th instant, under the banner of the Camp of Antiquity Preceptory. Sir Knight Colonel A. Thrale Perkins, P.G. Capt. Eng., K.C.T., occupied the chair, the large number of Sir Knights present testifying to the popularity of the V.E. Prior.

The following were invested for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight S. G. Mitchell	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" the Rev. E. A. Purvis	...	...	Prov. Prelate.
" B. H. Watts, P.G. Priors B.B. Eng.	...	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" G. Norman	...	...	Prov. 1st Cons.
" J. P. Capell	...	...	Prov. 2nd Cons.
" R. D. Cater	...	...	Prov. Treas.
" A. E. Fuller, P.E.P., P.P.G.	1st Cons.	...	Prov. Reg.
" Col. R. T. Gwyn	...	...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
" J. L. Dickinson	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
" W. Longworth Davies	...	...	Prov. Almoner.
" T. P. Garrett	...	...	Prov. W. of Reg.
" R. J. Dart	...	...	Prov. Herald.
" C. Curd	...	...	Prov. B.B. (Beau.).
" R. J. Roberts	...	...	Prov. B.B. (V.B.).
" S. Dean	...	...	Prov. Priors B.B.
" F. Everett	...	...	Prov. Priors S.B.
" R. A. Forsyth	...	...	Prov. A.D.C.
" H. Bevit	...	...	Prov. Chamberlain.
" J. G. Wilton	...	...	Prov. Capt. of G.
Frater S. Bigwood	...	...	Prov. Purst.
" A. J. Salter	...	...	Prov. Asst. Purst.

The Prov. Priory was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet hall, where the usual loyal and Knight Templar toasts were duly honoured.

#### BRO. ALDERMAN NEWTON, LORD MAYOR ELECT OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

Bro. Alfred Newton, J.P., D.L., Alderman for the Ward of Bassishaw, who, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, waited upon the Lord Chancellor (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury) at the House of Lords, and received her Majesty's approval of his election as Lord Mayor of London for the ensuing year, and who will enter upon the duties of that important office on Thursday, the 9th prox., was born in 1849 at Hull, where his father and grandfather before him had carried on an extensive business in the shipping and fishing industries. He commenced his career as a yeast merchant at Burton-on-Trent, and, according to the *City Press*—to which we are indebted for the following interesting particulars—the association then begun has continued more or less closely up to the present time. As indicating the numerous friends the Alderman still possesses in the borough it is of interest to note that, on the occasion of his election as Sheriff, his official badge and chain were presented to him as a mark of esteem by those who had known him there in his younger days. On leaving Burton-on-Trent the Alderman entered into partnership with his brother, the late Captain Newton, the business of ship-owner that had hitherto been confined to Hull being then extended to London, offices being taken for the purpose at 8, Leadenhall-street. Until a few years ago the Alderman actively controlled the business interests of this firm, but subsequently he retired from the shipping interest, and, as far as commercial life was concerned, confined his attention to the business with which he was associated in the borough. Latterly, however, owing to the demands made upon his time by public affairs, and also owing to his holding several directorships of well-known public companies, the Alderman has been compelled to leave to others the routine work of the firm, although he still retains, we believe, a financial interest in it. The Alderman's introduction to public life as one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex gave rise to an interesting contest. It was as the nominee, as a matter of fact, of Bro. Sir James Whitehead, who was then next in rotation for the civic chair, and who on the following Michaelmas Day was elected the Chief Magistrate, that the Alderman sought the suffrages of the livery in the Common Hall. He enjoyed the advantage of nomination by the Lord Mayor, and consequently was saved the ordeal of being proposed in Common Hall. A reference to the files of

our contemporary, however, shows that, though as an actual fact no nomination was needed, he was nominated *pro forma* by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who claimed that a wholesome example of unanimity would be shown to the outer world by the Corporation meeting the wishes of the Alderman next in rotation for the civic chair, and returning as one of the Sheriffs the friend whom he had recommended to the livery. The other candidates before the electors were Alderman Gray and Mr. A. T. Hawkins, and on the show of hands the present Lord Mayor elect and the Alderman were returned by a substantial majority. A poll, however, was demanded, and the two candidates who were successful at the Common Hall were returned triumphantly at the head of the poll. It is interesting to note in this connection that in his address of thanks to the livery, the Lord Mayor elect referred to the exception taken by several liverymen to his candidature on the ground that he was not versed in public matters, and had no knowledge of municipal affairs. There was, he declared, in his opinion, no absolute necessity for a Sheriff of London and Middlesex to be mixed up in the mysteries of vestrydom. With regard to the Alderman's year of office as Sheriff, it is needful to say but little. Events of interest and national importance followed one another in rapid succession, and at the close it was the unanimous consensus of opinion that the year had been useful to an extent probably without parallel in the history of the City of London. It will be sufficient at the present moment to refer to the fact that in the course of the twelvemonth Prince George of Wales, now the Duke of York, was admitted to the freedom, and that a similar compliment was paid to Lord Dufferin by the Corporation on his return to England at the close of his term of office as Viceroy of India. Another notable event was the visit of the Shah of Persia to the city, and further incidents of interest included the banquet given by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs to the Paris Exhibition, the grand banquet and ball given at the Guildhall to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Mayoralty, and the raising of a fund at the Mansion House for the relief of the great famine in China. For a short while after his retirement from the shrievalty Bro. Newton could claim no actual association with the Corporation. On, however, a vacancy occurring in the ward of Bassishaw by the death of Bro. Alderman Stone, he issued an address to the electors, and became a candidate for the vacancy. Several aspirants for the office announced their candidature, but one by one they retired from the field, and on the day of election only the present Lord Mayor elect, and Mr. W. H. Harris, J.P., then one of the Sheriffs, presented themselves to the electors. After a spirited contest the result was the election of Bro. Newton by a majority of 41, the votes being 176 against 135. Of the Alderman's career since his admission to the Court of City Fathers it is needful to say nothing save that he has in all respects justified the confidence reposed in him, and as a magistrate and a corporator has proved himself one of the most active and hard-working corporators of the "upper house." With regard to his association with the livery companies it may be mentioned that he is associated with the Fanmakers, the Shipwrights, the Framework Knitters, and the Loriners' Companies. For several years past he has been actively identified with limited liability enterprise, but more especially with Harrod's Stores and T. H. Evans and Company, to both of which he has rendered invaluable assistance in the capacity of Chairman. He is also a member of our Order, and has already won distinctions in our ranks. He is a Past Master of the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347; while in 1897, when it was proposed to form a lodge in connection with Harrod's Stores, Bro. Alderman Newton took a deep interest in the scheme, and having as one of the founders done all in his power to ensure the success of the venture, was chosen by his co-founders their W.M. designate; and early in 1898, when the lodge, which was named the "Alfred Newton" in his honour, and ranks as No. 2686, had been consecrated, was installed in office as the first W. Master. He is also a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and at the Centenary Festival of the former acted as Steward for the lodge which bears his name.

Bro. Alderman Newton married, just 25 years ago, Miss Watson, the eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Watson, of Mill House, Mitcham, and their family consists of a son (who has recently been called to the Bar) and a daughter. His residence is The Wood, Sydenham Hill.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lodge of Hope, No. 433.

The installation meeting was held at the Foresters' Hall, Brightlingsea, on the 16th inst., when Bro. William Herbert was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. In the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Claude E. Egerton, Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.M., Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. Hazel Griggs, S.W.; Walter Wenlock, J.W.; Rev. A. Pertwee, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; G. Riches, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; William Goddard, S.D.; C. Bates, J.D.; William Bultitude, I.G.; Wm. Martin, D.C.; Albert E. Griggs, H. S. Cooper, and I. Osborn, Stewards; and W. Wheeler, Tyler. After the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master. A letter was received from Bro. R. D. Poppleton, P.M., P.P.G.D., regretting that the state of his health rendered it necessary for him to relinquish the post of Charity Representative, which he had held for many years, whereupon it was proposed and carried that a letter of regret should be sent to Bro. Poppleton, and Bro. J. E. Wiseman, Sec., was unanimously elected to fill the position.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Wellington Inn, an excellent repast being well served by the host, Bro. R. Pitt.

During the evening telegrams were received at intervals of the progress of the race between the Shamrock and the Columbia for the America Cup, and much disappointment was felt that the former was unsuccessful, as many of the crew hail from Brightlingsea.

Among the visitors present were Bros. A. S. B. Sparling, W.M. 697; J. T. Bailey, P.M., Sec. 697; W. G. Lowe, W.M. 2863; Captain Frayling, Sec. 2063; T. W. Harlow, W.M. 2477; W. H. Ham, P.M. 2477, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dick Ham, I.P.M. 2477; A. R. Mann, J. Trayler, C. Ellis, J. W. Munson; and the following members of the lodge, in addition to the officers already mentioned: Bros. J. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Std.; Joseph Bowdell, P.M.; Wm. Bacon, P.M.; J. Chaplin, P.M.; Wm. Fieldgate, P.M.; J. Pooley, W. Thrower, A. E. Griggs, W. T. Dove, J. R. Harris, F. Pattison, A. Wenlock, Isaac Blyth, and others.

### St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024.

The annual festival of this lodge took place at Maldon, Essex, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, and passed off most successfully. Owing to the insecure condition of St. Mary's Church Tower (where for many years the lodge has held its meetings), a dispensation has been granted by the Prov. G. Master for the meetings to be held for the

present in the County Court House, the use of which has been sanctioned by H.M. Board of Works, and all present on Wednesday agreed that no better substitute could have been found. The W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. Donald Gotto, P.P.G. Chap., was installed in the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. P. Sayer, in a very able manner, and the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. T. P. Pechey, S.W.; Arthur L. Clarke, J.W.; the Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; W. E. Gowers, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; A. H. Brooks, W.M. 1977, S.D.; T. Herbert Solly, J.D.; J. W. Samms, I.G.; F. H. Bright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; Samms, Beaumont, and Eve, Stwds.; and G. Burnes, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. W. E. Facey, P.M., P.P.G.D., seconded by the S.W., the W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Votes of thanks were passed to the Installing Master, to Mr. A. C. Freeman for allowing the use of his offices at the County Court House, and to the Great Eastern Railway for granting the use of a late train. The visitors present on the occasion included Bros. the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G. Chap.; J. H. Salter, P.G.D.; and T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; whilst amongst the members of the lodge present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. F. Bird, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; A. Barritt, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; Col. Finch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and R. Orttewell, P.M., P.P.G. Std.

### De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. The following were present: Bros. J. Schofield, W.M.; W. Cockerham, S.W.; J. T. C. Blackie, J.W.; H. M. Massingham, I.P.M.; J. Irlam, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Richards, Sec.; J. Brownhill, S.D.; A. E. Bentley, J.D.; Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; E. C. Huntley, Org.; S. L. Lewis, P.M.; E. Loebell, P.M.; J. A. Ashworth, P.M.; C. F. Vlies, P.M.; O. M. Jones, P.M.; R. Dottie, P.M.; J. Burgess, P.M.; J. W. Wholley, George J. Critchley, C. G. Balls, F. O. Taylor, R. G. Thomas, and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. Heywood, P.M. 1387, 2457, P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanes; T. A. Numwick, J.D. 1588; Joshua McEvoy, S.D. 1588; and Jos. Stall, 193.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Schofield, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John W. Wholley was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. J. Irlam, P.M., in a most masterly style, who also explained the working tools of the Degree.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Bros. Dottie, Richards, Jones, Carr, Cockerham, and Vlies provided the harmony.

### Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Sutton Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Griffiths, in the chair; J. H. Asman, S.W.; H. W. Lofts, J.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap. and Treas.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; T. R. Porter, J.D.; E. D. Frost, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; G. W. Dixon, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Berks; Denny Nappir, I.G.; T. A. Hill, P.P.G. Org.; Richard R. Ward and M. A. Cotton, M.A., Stwds.; and N. B. Payne, Tyler; G. C. Burry, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Tom Cooke, P.M.; A. Stribling, P.M.; H. Taylor, P.M.; R. J. Ward, P.M.; J. F. Van Oppen, P.M., D.D.G.M., A.G.; A. S. Stubington, Robt. R. Banks, W. Van Oppen, A. Van Weede, A. Crook, W. C. Cooke, W. J. Whitfield, W. Dennett, C. E. Stribling, E. M. Gibson, jun., G. R. Forster, G. Bower, A. J. Parker, J. J. S. Forrester, F. E. Leigh, F. G. Whitfield, R. G. Goatcher, G. R. Saunders, C. Braby, J. A. Formoy, and A. M. Haines. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Cohn, P.P.S.G.W. Guernsey and Alderney; S. C. Stubington, H. Horstead, A. W. McCumley, E. Rusbridge, H. W. Ingleden, C. W. Paffel, H. B. Rowe, G. Phillips, H. Carman, C. Cromer, T. Powell, J. Watson, F. Neller, C. E. Monkley, A. T. Walmsley, R. H. Tayton, Gibson, J. S. White, P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Ker, J. H. Croker, C. H. Abrams, W. R. Pole, W. G. Poole, T. E. Roberts, A. W. Willis, T. G. Detmar, and A. Honnywill.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. H. Griffiths, the S.W., Bro. J. H. Asman being placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Bro. J. H. Asman appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. W. Lofts, S.W.; J. W. Inerny, J.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.M., Chap. and Treas.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., Sec.; T. R. Porter, S.D.; Denny Nappir, J.D.; E. D. Frost, P.M., D.C.; G. W. Dixon, P.M., A.D.C.; T. E. Leigh, I.G.; R. R. Ward, H. M. Cotton, and T. L. Rowse, Stwds.; and N. B. Payne, Tyler.

Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, two brethren were elected as joining members, and the prospect of a happy and prosperous year of office for the popular W.M. was guaranteed.

Letters of regret at their unavoidable absence were read from Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M.; F. West, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M.; and C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Secretary.

An excellent banquet was provided by the Masonic Hall Company, to which between 70 and 80 brethren sat down.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., who, in reply to the toast of his health, thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel which the W.M. had pinned on his breast, and stated that, although every P.M. of the lodge had received a similar jewel, he (the I.P.M.) should always wear his with pride, because, in addition to the usual Master's duties of the chair, he felt himself entitled to it on account of the miles of study that he had waded through in preparing the series of Masonic lectures he had delivered to the brethren during his year of office, and concluded by stating that the Master's jewel would be prized above all others, as it was the result of a happy year of office, and what appeared to be an instructive one to the brethren.

The musical programme was quite up to the high standard that the lodge is so deservedly celebrated for. Bros. R. J. Ward, T. G. Detmar, T. A. Hill, M. H. Cotton, H. Carman, T. Powell, J. J. S. Forrester, G. C. Burry, C. E. Monkley, and H. W. Lofts one and all contributed.

### Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

The first meeting of the season of this very prosperous suburban lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 3rd instant. Amongst those present were Bros. T. Davies, W.M.; Wolsey, S.W.; Hopkins, J.W.; R. La Feuillade, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Hearn, P.M., Sec.; Brading, Stwd.; Linwood, Org.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., Eng.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Kohler, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; A. Lundie, P.M.; Dr. Millson, P.M.; and Barry, P.M. Among the visitors was Bro. Harry Price, P.M. 177, P.G. Std. Br.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read confirmed, Bro. James Ford was raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. Stephen Tull initiated into Craft mysteries, both ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. An apology for non-attendance was received from Bro. Colin Chisholm, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, and was well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Brinkley, the jovial host of "The Horns."

Bro. Harry Price, P.G. Std. Br., acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers." After paying a high tribute of respect to the great Masonic qualities of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, he congratulated the Kennington Lodge upon possessing two old and respected members who wore the distinguished purple of Grand Lodge. He also complimented the W.M. upon his excellent working, which, he said, would have done credit to a Mason of a far older standing in the Craft. He had visited No. 1381 many times and he always admired the spirit of harmony that prevailed.

The toast of "The W.M." was given in happy terms by Bro. George Everett. He regretted that the I.P.M. was not present in order to submit the pledge. However, it afforded him ungratified satisfaction to propose the toast. His old friend and their visitor that evening, Bro. Harry Price, had spoken well and deservedly so of Bro. Davies's excellent working. He—the speaker—thoroughly endorsed every word that he had used. The Kennington Lodge was a good lodge, and it was worthy of its destinies, being presided over by a good Master. The W.M. was an initiate of the lodge, had been a good attendant at lodges of instruction, and a most zealous officer. In conclusion, he trusted that other aspirants to the chair would endeavour to emulate so excellent an example.



The W.M. having modestly responded, gave "The Initiate," to which toast Bro. Tull briefly replied.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," followed in quick succession.

Bro. G. Everett acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters" in a humorous vein.

Bros. Lingley and Dr. Millson also replied.

Bro. Hearn responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bros. Wolsey and Hopkins replied to the toast of "The Officers."

During the evening several members and their visitors gave some excellent vocal selections, ably accompanied on the piano by Bro. Hopkins.

### Weyside Lodge, No. 1395.

The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Bircham, W.M.; R. Mossop, I.P.M.; Rev. J. H. Robson, Prov. G. Chap., J.W.; G. H. White, P.M., Treas.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; A. F. Asher, P.M.; R. Nevill, P.M.; S. C. Knight, P.M.; F. C. Gayton, P.M.; A. W. R. Sowman, P.M.; W. E. Robinson, P.M.; G. B. Smallpiece, P.M.; S. Boorman, S.D.; C. J. Scott, J.D.; A. White, Org.; F. E. Pearce, H. Curling Hope, H. H. Phipps, Viscount Cranley, J. Smythe, W. Dickenson, and A. B. Burnell. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; S. Rideal, W.M. 777; W. A. Worlock, S.W. 777; H. Clarke, I.G. 777; A. McCormick, W.M. 2120; H. J. Bidwell, P.M. 2120; J. Tomlinson, I.P.M. 2317; G. J. Wooldridge, J.W. 2317; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M. and Sec. 2317; J. E. O'Connor, Stwd. 2317; H. Budd, W.M. 2321; J. Cleave, 256; and J. A. Shirer, 289.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. J. H. Robson, was presented for installation, which ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by the out-going Master. The new W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Bircham, I.P.M.; Viscount Cranley, S.W.; S. S. Boorman, J.W.; Rev. Herbert West, Chap.; Gilbert H. White, P.M., Treas.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Scott, J.D.; Patrick H. White, Org.; Dr. H. H. Phipps, I.G.; and J. Chapman, Tyler.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the toasts were given in succession, and heartily honoured, of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Grand Officers," "The Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow," "The Provincial Grand Officers," "The Worshipful Master," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

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

### The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

The 27th installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 14th inst. Bro. Guyton, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk, W.M., opened the lodge at four p.m., supported by his officers, and by Bros. G. W. Blackie, P.M.; Brookman, P.M.; Bailey, P.M.; Fraser, P.M.; Greening, P.M.; Keene, P.M.; Kibble, P.M.; Seex, P.M.; and a large number of the brethren. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. A. J. Newton, I.P.M. 2686 (Lord Mayor elect); W. M. Bywater, P.M. 19, P.G.S.B.; Sir Forrest Fulton, Dep. G. Reg.; W. H. White, J.W. 2416; A. Craddock, S.W. 2150; A. Davis, W.M. 1194; A. J. Cannon, W.M. 1044; A. G. Sandberg, P.M. 3; F. Inskip, I.P.M. 2661; R. J. Ball, P.M. 209 and 2536; J. Gurney Winter, S.W. 860; T. W. Allsopp, P.P.G.D. of C. Bucks; John Orner, D. of C. 1044; and others.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 11th and the emergency meeting of May 6th having been read and confirmed, the W.M., in feeling terms, alluded to the great loss the lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. W. F. G. Cook, P.M., a brother who was beloved and esteemed by all the brethren; and then submitted a vote of condolence and sympathy with Mrs. Cook and her family. This was seconded by Bro. G. W. Blackie, P.M., supported by several brethren, and was unanimously carried. The other business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, Bro. Cyril F. Carrick was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Boyton, J.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented for installation by Bro. G. W. Blackie, P.M., and took the obligation of Master elect. Bro. Boyton was most ably installed by Bro. Guyton into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board of 22 Installed Masters. The W.M., proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Guyton, I.P.M.; F. G. Joy, S.W.; Wm. Parton, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; T. Halliwell, S.D.; H. E. Maynard, J.D.; F. Parker, I.G.; R. Simpson, D.C.; F. R. Hopkins, Org.; C. C. Greenwood and W. Feathers, one, Stwds.; and W. B. R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Guyton, I.P.M., then completed the ceremony by delivering the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and at the close was warmly congratulated on all sides for the perfect manner in which he had conducted the ceremony. The names of two gentlemen were then proposed for initiation in November next, and lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Pillar Hall under the gavel of Bro. Boyton, W.M.

The speeches were brief and to the point, and were interspersed with a high-class musical entertainment, conducted by Bro. John Orner, D.C. 1044, assisted by Miss Annie Griffiths, soprano; Miss Louise Weaver, contralto; Miss G. M. Gwyn, pianist; and Bros. W. R. Maxwell and Harold Montague.

The Tyler's toast ended an evening, which for the unanimity and good feeling that marked the proceedings throughout, will be long remembered by all who had the good fortune to be present.

### Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. T. Hobley, W.M.; W. King, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Cornford, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; T. Tucker, S.D.; W. T. Tempest, J.D.; A. Heskeli, I.G.; J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; P. Twitchin and R. Brown, Stewards; J. Whiteman, Tyler; A. Le Cren, P.M.; G. C. Pike, P.M.; T. R. Cass, P.M.; C. Taylor, C. J. Robinson, H. W. Parker, C. Martin, P. A. Smith, F. A. Ellis, H. Broadway, D. T. Birkbeck, H. Windsor, F. Houlton, and W. Wright. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Orchard, P.M. 164, P.P.G.D.C. Devon; G. Bell, P.P.G.S. Monmouth; Wm. West, J.W. 172; W. A. Hume, P.M. 1964; J. E. Armfield, 2395; F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326; Geo. Thompson, P.M. 1744; W. T. Snell, P.M. 1818; W. E. James, S.D. 548; A. Bradgate, 1622; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec. 1922; R. Pearson, 1922; A. C. Huddart, J.W. 15; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; R. D. Richards, J.D. 1056; Wm. Dawson, P.M. 1622; W. R. Barr, P.M. 2721; A. A. Logetto, 1658; T. C. Lintott, P.M. 1305; H. Cameron, 1707; A. S. Morgan, 683; W. S. Jeffery, I.P.M. 1622; G. W. Turner, 858; F. Everill, 2448; F. D. Lloyd, Stwd. 1658; W. Churcher, 2467; W. R. G. Emerson, J.D. 45; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, W.M. elect 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Hooper, D.C., next presented Bro. W. R. King, W.M. elect, to the W.M., Bro. T. Hobley, to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was very ably carried out in a large Board of Installed Masters by the W.M. and Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M. The new W.M., Bro. W. R. King, invested his officers in a masterly manner as follows: Bros. T. G. Hobley, I.P.M.; H. Cornford, S.W.; W. T. Tempest, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; T. Tucker, S.D.; A. Heskeli, J.D.; P. H. B. Twitchin, I.G.; J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; R. Brown and C. Martin, Stewards; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably rendered by Bro. T. Hobley, I.P.M. The balance-sheet was presented, which showed a large balance in favour of the lodge, which was a happy omen.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, supplied and personally superintended by the proprietor, Bro. Callingham, which was much appreciated.

The banquet over, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were ably presented by the W.M., who remarked of her Majesty, her excellent qualities as a woman, wife, and a mother; also that of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. saying it was unnecessary to extol his many virtues, but of him might be said he did the right thing at the right time and in the right place.

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was next duly honoured.

Bro. T. Hobley, I.P.M., in presenting the all-important toast—that of "The W.M."—said that he was a most genial and efficient brother, well able to perform the duties, and would, he was confident, add lustre to the chair of W.M.

Bro. W. R. King, W.M., who on rising to respond, was most cordially received, said it was the proudest moment in his life. Only six years ago last April was he initiated by Bro. Dr. Raw, P.M., and raised by the esteemed Bro. J. Hooper, P.M.; and ever since he had had a most happy and enjoyable time in the lodge. Now that he was in that honoured position he hoped that the same genial spirit would permeate the lodge, and so long as life lasted he should remain a member. He most heartily thanked them for their very cordial remarks.

The W.M. next presented the toast of the evening—that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Thomas Hobley"—who had conducted the ceremony in the most exemplary manner. He had given his very best attention to his duties, and his efforts had been crowned with success. He (the W.M.) would ask his kind acceptance of the beautiful Past Master's jewel voted him by the lodge in recognition of his services rendered during the year. It was one of the great pleasures in life to pin it to the Past Master's collar, feeling assured that no P.M. had earned it better.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Bro. T. Hobley, I.P.M., in reply, said that he was deeply grateful for such a testimony and the splendid jewel. He had worked hard, and thanked Bros. William Dawson, the able Preceptor, and Geo. Thompson, P.M., for their very kind assistance which had enabled him to carry out the duties of the installation in a manner that had pleased the brethren. He also thanked the members of the lodge for their great kindness in voting him such a handsome jewel, which he should most highly prize.

In presenting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said there was a very long array and many most distinguished, and the lodge accorded them a most hearty welcome.

Bro. J. A. Orchard, P.M., in reply, said he had never before received a more kindly welcome. He was delighted at being present to witness the installation of a dear friend and brother from his Devonshire home, which ceremony had been ably performed. He knew somewhat of that ceremony, having installed about 20 Masters. It was not always in the power of a W.M. to instal his successor, not having the fluency of speech, although one of the best in principle, hence the reason of that privilege devolving upon one or more of the Past Masters. He was a Mason of many years' standing, having had the privilege of witnessing the first investiture of the M.W.G.M. Also he had been honoured by the province with Grand Office for over 20 years. Therefore, he was able to judge somewhat of the quality of working, which in the Blackheath Lodge was of an exceptional character. He wished the W.M. excellent health and the lodge a most successful career.

Bros. Dunstan, Hume, Lintott, Stons, Loader, and Morgan also pertinently replied.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" in most commendable terms, congratulating them both upon their exceptional services.

Bro. Morson, P.M., Treas., in response, said their funds were never in a better condition, specially the Charity Fund, and he should be glad to know of a brother standing as Steward to a Masonic Institution, and a grant made from that fund upon his list, for that after all, to him, was the cream of Freemasonry. Now that the lodge had a King to reign over them, he wished him and the lodge every possible success.

Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec., also gratefully replied, and mentioned some of the vicissitudes the lodge had undergone, but now it was fairly stranded and was receiving benefits in every way, especially from Bro. Callingham for his hospitality. He hoped there would be introduced good men and true and so allow the W.M. to exhibit his excellent working. He had always taken a very lively interest in the lodge and he should always continue to do so to promote its prosperity.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was duly honoured and ably responded to by Bros. Hobley, Stunt, Hooper, Le Cren, and Pike.

The toast of "The Officers" received at the hands of the W.M. its meed of praise, congratulating both himself and the lodge upon their excellent capabilities.

The whole of the officers responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

A capital programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. William Emerson. The artists were Madame Rich, Miss Nora Harding, Bros. Tom Powley, Miles Mole, and Walter G. Churcher (humorist). Bro. Wm. Emerson very efficiently accompanied.

### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Bro. James B. Fearnley, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. John Morton, I.P.M.; T. P. Sykes, S.W.; Wm. Docksey, J.W.; F. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; John W. Bland, Treas.; John T. Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. S. Hedley, S.D.; W. H. Townend, as J.D.; R. A. Hinchliffe, as I.G.; R. B. Nicholls, as Org.; W. Durrance, Asst. Sec.; J. C. Cooper, Tyler; C. H. Ellis, P.M.; S. Robinson, P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; W. H. Barton and J. L. Turner, Stewards; and a number of other brethren.

The Treasurer, who had been elected Master for the ensuing year at the previous meeting of the lodge, not seeing his way to accept the position, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, with the exception of that portion relating to the election of W.M. Bro. Storey, a candidate for the Second Degree, being unable to attend, the ceremony was consequently deferred.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. C. H. Ellis, P.M., in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he stated, had had a very successful year of office, and enjoyed the esteem and support of the brethren. Bro. Ellis stated that he had been deputed by the junior brethren of the lodge to be their mouthpiece on that occasion, to express, on their behalf, the very high opinion they held of the W.M., the love and esteem they had for him, and their appreciation of the very pleasant year they had all experienced, and which they attributed in a marked degree to the zeal and ability displayed by the W.M. in ruling over the lodge. The junior brethren recognising the kindness they had received at the hands of the Master, now that his year of office had terminated, they had subscribed for the beautiful Past Master's jewel which, on their behalf, he now pinned on to the W.M.'s collar, he hoped Bro. Fearnley would long live to wear it in the lodge, and he asked them to drink heartily to "The Health of the W.M."

The toast was most heartily received.

Bro. J. B. Fearnley, W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner they had drunk to his health, and said he could scarcely find words with which to express his feelings with regard to the handsome jewel which they had presented to him. It would be a memento to him of the happy year he had spent as Master of the lodge, as well as a lasting token of the goodwill of the junior brethren who had so loyally supported him during his tenure of office, and it was most gratifying to him that he had been able to gain the esteem of the members of the lodge. He should always wear the jewel with pride and pleasure.

After other toasts had been honoured a Committee was appointed for arranging for the annual ball and other social evenings for the coming winter season, the details for which were arranged. The W.M. has invited the ladies to dine with the brethren at the November meeting.

### Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Saturday last at the Holborn Restaurant, when Bro. Charles Lamb, P.M. 1999 and 2579, was for the second time installed in the chair and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. C. Tyler, S.W.; H. Cole, J.W.; H. Visger, Treas.; Edmund Hall, Sec.; the Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Chap.; J. W. Drysdale, D.C.; W. T. Feldon, S.D.; A. Reichenheim, J.D.; W. Clark, I.G.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; H. B. Brooman and G. W. Perry, Stwds.; and J. Bailey, Tyler. The members mustered in strong force, and there were a goodly number of visitors. The installation ceremony was very kindly performed in his usual efficient manner by Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M. 33, 1973, &c., P.Z. 1973, &c.

At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The W.M." being accorded musical honours.

A lengthy and high-class musical programme had been provided under the direction of Bro. C. W. Wilkes, Org. Madame Carlotta Ide sang with great taste, and Bros. E. Hall, W. E. Dilley, and W. Phillips also rendered good service. Mr. E. Hall, jun., gave a capital rendering of the "Lost Chord" on the cornet. A mandoline and guitar band discoursed sweet music during the banquet and afterwards.

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## ART & THE DRAMA. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

In compliance with the wishes expressed by many of our readers, we beg to inform the brethren that, commencing next week, we propose, for the future, to devote one column for notices on

"ART AND THE DRAMA."

We trust that our readers will derive as much pleasure in reading, as we shall have in writing them.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1899.

### Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st prox., at the usual hour. It will be seen from the paper of Agenda, which appears in another column, that the business to be done is not of a very formidable character.

But if there is no heavy programme of business relating to the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry, the President of the Committee of General Purposes will, on the recommendation of the said Committee, present a motion for contributing from the funds of Grand Chapter the sum of £2000 towards the cost of erecting the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall, while Comp. Sir John B. Monckton, Past G. Scribe N., has given notice of motion for the grant of £105 to the Transvaal Refugees' Relief Fund.

The new chapters mentioned in the Committee's Report are four in number, and include one which will meet in London—the Mizpah Chapter, No. 1071;

one in West Yorkshire—the Armitage Chapter, No. 2261, Milnsbridge; and two abroad, namely, the Toowong Chapter, No. 2306, Toowong, in the District of Queensland, and the Prudence Chapter, No. 1490, Asansol, in that of Bengal. On the other hand, there is a list of 15 chapters, exclusive of the Umzimkulu Chapter, No. 2113, Natal, which has never been consecrated, and the charter of which has never been returned, which, as they have made no returns for many years, the Committee recommend should be struck off the roll of Grand Chapter. Of these three are Provincial, and the remaining 12 located in Districts Abroad.

Two new London lodges will be consecrated in the course of the next few days, the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772, to-morrow (Saturday), and the Yorick Lodge, No. 2771, on Tuesday, the 31st instant. The scene of the gathering will, on both occasions, be the Freemasons' Hall, and at both the ceremony will be performed by the Grand Secretary. The customary banquet will, in each case, be held at the adjoining Tavern. The Richard Eve Lodge is intended to be associated with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the brother after whom it is named, and who will be installed as first W. Master, being the Chairman of the Board of Management; while the Wardens designate are Bro. Harry Manfield, a member of the Board, and Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary of the Institution.

We understand the petition for the new Ashton District T.I. Mark Lodge has, as its first officers, Bro. Dr. Foreman, W.M.; Bro. Alderman Siddall, S.W.; and his Worship the Mayor of Ashton-under-Lyne, Bro. Walter Newton, J.W., with 32 additional signatures.

The annual installation meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 8th prox., when Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., will vacate the chair he has so ably filled during the past 12 months, and be succeeded by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B. England. The newly-installed W.M., having appointed and invested his officers, will then deliver the customary "Installation Address," after which he will move a vote of thanks to his predecessor in office, and present him with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge. When the meeting is over, the brethren will adjourn to the Holborn Restaurant, and there dine together in the Gordon Room.

Among the latest additions to our roll of lodges is the Marlow, No. 2752, a report of whose consecration was one of the leading features in our issue of last week. It is, perhaps, not a little surprising that Marlow, which is deservedly one of the most popular of our many riverside resorts, and during the boating season is frequented by hosts of pleasure-seekers and boating men and ladies, should have remained so long without a lodge. But the want has been at last remedied, and there appears to be every prospect of the new lodge proving a great success. The ceremony was performed, in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G. Master, by Bro. J. Evan Bowen, P.A.G.D.C. England, the respected Deputy P.G. Master, who was ably assisted by the G. Officers of the Province of Bucks. Bro. H. Hambling, P.M. of No. 2030 and the Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501, P. Prov. G.D., was subsequently installed as the first W.M., and under his experienced auspices, and with so numerous and loyal a body of founders as he has been chosen to preside over, there is little doubt that the most critical period of the "Marlow's" existence will be safely tidied over. The new lodge has our heartiest wishes for its future prosperity.

Monmouthshire is, numerically, one of the smallest of our Provinces; but it is very far from being one of the least faithful in the discharge of its duties, and more especially in that of promoting the welfare of our Masonic Institutions. According to the report of its Charity Committee, and as was recounted at the time in these columns, it returned no less than £477 at the Benevolent Festival in February, when, with its modest roll of 11 lodges, it stood fifth among the contributing Provinces on that occasion. It also possesses a Life Presentation to the Boys, the funds for which were subscribed as a memorial to the Masonic services rendered by the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. England. These circumstances were mentioned with a very natural pride at the recent annual meeting, at Pontypool, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, when the new officers for

the ensuing year were appointed, and when it was resolved to support the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at its Festival in May, a liberal donation being voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge as a nucleus for the subscriptions which it hoped to raise for that anniversary. This speaks well for our Monmouthshire brethren, who were so handsomely represented at the Boys' Centenary in 1898, as well as at the Benevolent Festival of the current year.

The celebrated *Massachusetts Lodge*, of Boston, U.S.A., at its stated meeting held in the Masonic Temple, on the 18th ult., on the proposition of W. Bro. Samuel W. Creech, jun., P.M. (the Historian of the lodge), elected W. Bro. William James Hughan, of Torquay, England, as an Honorary Member in appreciation of his "Masonic Studies and Learning" in respect to the History of the Free and Accepted Masons. The lodge was formed in 1770, and has had a most eventful career. The seal, which is still in use, was designed and engraved in the year 1772, and beyond question, the "Massachusetts" is one of the most distinguished lodges in America.

It appears from an article in the *New Zealand Craftsman* on the subject of "Honorary Members," that the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has taken upon itself to issue an edict relating to this class of members, which is, in the first place, *ultra vires* on its part, and, in the next, "in direct opposition to the practice of the past eight years, which has worked so admirably." It supports these contentions by pointing out that the reasons which actuated the Committee on Constitution and Laws in their decision against such a class of members being recognised by Grand Lodge in 1892, "have equal force and validity to-day," and that a proposal which allows a lodge "to include a class of membership over whom Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction is vicious and bad in principle."

As we understand the position, the case stands thus. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand has not recognised honorary members of its lodges up to the present time. But recently its Board of General Purposes—apparently without any authority to justify its action—has issued a circular in which the existence of such a class of members is to be permitted, but, at the same time, pointing out that they are not eligible to participate in any relief funds and suggesting that care be taken in selecting them, and that all such ought to be subscribing members of other lodges.

We fully sympathise with our contemporary in this matter. We do not know what powers the Grand Lodge of New Zealand delegates to its Board of General Purposes, but it strikes us as being a monstrous proceeding upon the part of the latter that it should take upon itself to issue instructions to the private lodges which, if the *New Zealand Craftsman* is correct in its interpretation, is in direct opposition to what has hitherto been the law and practice of the Grand Lodge.

A newly-formed Masonic Institute was inaugurated in the city of Wellington (N.Z.) towards the close of July last, under the auspices of Bro. Herbert J. Williams, the Grand Superintendent of the district, the occasion being graced by the attendance of a considerable number of the brethren. Bro. Williams, in the course of his address, pointed out that "the Institute would provide a place where Freemasons might meet for social intercourse," thus tending to promote a closer fraternal feeling among the members of the Craft. In the Library they would be able to make acquaintance with the literature of the Order, while in the Institute proper they would have every facility for extending hospitality and assistance, if necessary, to sojourning Freemasons. They could also have lectures and entertainments, and so provide instruction and recreation for the members." The project is an excellent one, and has our best wishes for its success.

There is, indeed, good reason to look for a successful career for the Wellington Institute. The *New Zealand Craftsman* for September, to which we are indebted for our information, contains a full report of the annual meeting of the Auckland Masonic Institute and Club, and from the balance-sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1899, which is appended, it appears that on comparing the assets and liabilities, there remained a balance in favour of the club amounting to upwards of £500. It was also mentioned in the Report that the whole of the debentures issued had been paid off, and not far short of £50 expended on furniture and fittings. The number of subscribing, irrespective of life, members is set down as 307; and it is considered that this number might without difficulty be increased if greater publicity were given among the brethren of the District to the existence of the Club and Institute.



## Correspondence.

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

## THE ASHTON DISTRICT MARK LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It may interest some of your readers to know that the Ashton District Mark Lodge held a meeting lately at which it was arranged to wind up its working and give the balance of its funds to the Charities.

The members resolved to apply for a warrant of confirmation from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England under the title, Ashton District (T.I.).

A petition, numerously signed, was forwarded, through Bro. Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec., to the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, who has added his signature of approval and transmitted it to Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, who will present it to the Board of Grand Lodge for final approval, &c., at their meeting on the 2nd prox.

Thus, the over-magnified little "storm in a tea cup" is ended, and we trust peace and harmony henceforth may reign supreme.—Yours fraternally,

THOMAS D. FOREMAN,  
P.P.G.W. Lancs.

Denton, October 24th.

## THE OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with great interest the review of Bro. A. F. Calvert's "History of the Old King's Arms Lodge," by W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D., and also the remarks of Bro. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C., as well as the most interesting introduction by Bro. Henry Sadler, our Grand Lodge Librarian, and as these three gentlemen are amongst the most important Masonic writers we have at the present time, it is clearly unnecessary for me to express the favourable opinion I have formed of the work, and I only hope that Bro. Calvert will see his way to continue the good work he has commenced, and give us the further information, to which he refers, respecting this very old and distinguished lodge.

There is no doubt that the early history of the Old King's Arms Lodge is very closely associated with the Grand Lodge, and within a very few years of its formation no less than five of its members filled the chair of Grand Master and seven that of Deputy Grand Master, and for many years a number of Grand Officers were drawn from its ranks.

It is impossible for me to deal in this letter with the important position held by the lodge in the early days, but, on reading the work, I was particularly struck with the most interesting and complete chapter of the history of this lodge in connection with the Red Apron, and the important part played by it from the first, in 1728 up to 1852, when the honour was forfeited by the Grand Master on a technical and immaterial breach of one of the regulations. Everyone to whom I have spoken who has read the work is of opinion with myself that a serious mistake has been made, and it is to be hoped that even at the present time it is not impossible for those in authority to consider the matter once and for all and give a decision which would satisfy all parties.

I am informed, on the best authority, that every single member of the lodge still looks upon this matter as the one black spot in its history, and they are all confident when the matter is investigated (as surely it must be some day) that it will be admitted that a mistake has been made.

It is very curious to note that since the lodge met with this misfortune in 1852, and notwithstanding the numerous Grand Officers made from this old and distinguished lodge, not one single member has had this honour conferred on him since that time, which is now 47 years ago.—I am, yours fraternally,

HENRY VIELLEVILLE.

## WHEN IS A W.M. A P.M.?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will some of your readers who know inform me whether a W.M. of a lodge who continues in the chair for a second year without further election (owing to the brother who had been elected as Master for the ensuing year not being qualified, as he had not served the office of Warden for a full year), is entitled to the rank of a Past Master, having served the office of Master for upwards of a year, although still in the chair; and whether during his second year of office he is Masonically entitled to wear a Past Master's jewel (which the brethren of the lodge had subscribed for and presented to him since the expiration of his year of office), seeing that he has not yet been invested as I.P.M. of the lodge? Briefly, is it strictly in order for a W.M. of a lodge who is not a P.M. to wear such a jewel until he shall have been invested as I.P.M. on his retirement from the chair?—Yours fraternally,

EX-SECRETARY P.M.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg to inform you that, in consequence of an extraordinary vacancy having occurred in the School, the Board of Management has resolved to admit, with the 17 boys elected at the Quarterly Court of the 13th instant, the highest unsuccessful candidate on the poll, viz., John Bowen Jones, who polled 5107 votes.

This boy will be admitted in due course with the others, making 18 in all.—Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLEOD,  
Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
October 24th.

BRO. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, M.P., will preside at the dinner of the Royal Temple Yacht Club, which will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Monday, the 30th inst., at which it is expected Sir Thomas Lipton will be a guest.

THE NEWS of the important successes at Glencoe and Eland's Laagte have been received by the Queen with the greatest satisfaction. While admiring the gallant conduct of her troops, her Majesty is most deeply grieved to hear of the heavy losses that these victories have occasioned, and greatly deplores the loss of so many valuable lives.

## Craft Masonry.

## Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bro. Rupert Smyth, W.M.

The minutes of the meeting held March 20th, and the emergency meeting held July 27th, were read and confirmed. A brother was admitted as a joining member and a brother raised to the Third Degree. A gentleman was proposed for initiation. The W.M. presented to the lodge a handsome kneeling stool, as a memento of his year of office.

The brethren dined together.

## Beadon Lodge, No. 619.

This lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. The lodge was presided over by Bro. Dr. Charles Albert Adams, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Charles A. Hunton, S.W. and W.M. elect; L. A. Faull, J.W.; James C. Hayes, P.M., Treas.; Charles Norrington, P.M., Sec.; M. Beedle, S.D.; W. J. Greenaway, J.D.; James Swallow, I.G.; W. H. Lilly, Stwd.; H. Massey, P.M.; W. Seaman, P.M.; Carl T. Fleck, P.M.; Moss Chapman, P.M.; Charles Meierhoff, P.M.; Arthur R. Austin, P.M.; G. Hall, Samuel J. J. Wise, F. W. Philpotts, J. R. Kent, S. G. Murray, N. Fanner, W. M. F. Oster, A. E. Gisborne, George Perry, George W. Barnard, H. C. Phillips, W. J. Cowling, J. Jones R. Henchley, J. W. Harrison, G. Campbell, and A. E. Bodky. The visitors were Bros. A. A. Grille, I.G. 766; H. Heck, P.M. 766; James William Avery, P.M., late 619; T. Spotswood, 1471; M. Clapshaw, P.M. 1894, P.P.G. Org.; F. S. Bolt, P.M. 1388, P.P.A.G.D.C. Bristol; W. R. Dunn, P.M. 2278; E. Wells, I.G. 2622; J. L. Glasscock, J.W. 2136; J. H. Cureton, P.M. and Sec. 2182; W. S. Hunter, 452; W. Finch, P.M. 1365; Charles Bating, P.M. 1566 and 1501; J. Leather, 538; Charles E. Miles Hey, J.W. 1657; F. Sydney Smyth, P.M. 1982, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; J. E. Reaney, 139; T. J. Carpenter, S.D. 1982; G. W. Hawksley, P.P.G. Supt. of Works W. Yorks; John Shaw, P.M. 2491, P.P.G. Supt. of Works W. Yorks; John Paul, P.M. 1287; James Farmer, S.D. 1658; John Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; W. E. Knight, 65; J. J. Pratt, 87; G. E. Grimes, P.M. 134; Charles Daniel, 186; W. G. Booth, P.M. 139, S.D. 2268; and R. W. Haworth, 2601.

The W.M. initiated Messrs. Daniel Rose and Edwin Still, and afterwards proceeded to install as W.M. Bro. Charles Alfred Hunton (director of Moses Eadon and Sons, Limited, steel forgers, 5 and 6, Bishopsgate-street Without, and Sheffield, Birmingham, and Johannesburg), S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Adams was invested as I.P.M., and collars of office were placed by the W.M. on the following brethren: Bros. L. A. J. Faull, S.W.; M. Beedle, J.W.; J. C. Hayes, P.M., Treas.; C. Norrington, P.M., Sec.; C. Meierhoff, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Greenaway, S.D.; J. Swallow, J.D.; S. J. J. Wise, I.G.; and W. H. Lilly, Steward. Bro. Thomas Bowler, P.M., who was elected at the August meeting as Tyler, was not present to be invested. His duties, however, were most ably performed by Bro. Ball, P.M. Bro. Adams, I.P.M., who had come specially from Huddersfield to fulfil his functions of W.M. and Installing Master, carried out his work with great efficiency, and concluded his year of office with the same credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren as he has filled the chair for the past 12 months. He was congratulated by the brethren when he sat down. The labours of the evening ended with the adoption of the Auditors' report, which showed a balance in hand on September 1st of £170 7s. 8d. on the general account of the lodge, and £34 15s. to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. having announced his intention to be the lodge's Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, the brethren, on the motion of the I.P.M., seconded by the Treasurer, voted 15 guineas to his list, this sum completing a Vice-Patronship for the lodge to the Old People.

Lodge was then closed, and an adjournment made to a choice banquet. Sixty-five brethren sat down, the largest number ever accomplished by the Beadon Lodge, the brilliant success of which is mainly due to Bros. Hayes, Norrington, Fleck, Austin, and Meierhoff.

At the close of the dinner the toasts were proposed, and a grand programme of music was performed under the direction of Bro. George F. Grover, Organist of Eton College, by Miss Annie Swinfen, Miss Florence Venning, Bro. Ager Grover and Bro. W. H. Webb.

The benevolent box yielded £1 15s.

Bro. C. A. Adams, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he believed nearly every one present had watched Bro. Hunton from his initiation down to the present time, and no one of them could say he had not been attentive to the different offices to which he had been appointed. Now that he had reached the highest eminence in the lodge every one would congratulate him on his position. Bro. Hunton had been a most indefatigable worker, and the brethren would look forward to his having plenty of work for himself and his officers. He (the I.P.M.) would like to see a good many candidates, good both in quality and quantity, such as would be an ornament to the Beadon Lodge and to Freemasonry. He advised the brethren to see that none but such came forward. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. C. A. Hunton, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he considered it to be a very proud position to be the Master of his mother lodge. He was a very young Mason, for it was not six years since that he sat on the immediate right of the then W.M. He was at that time much surprised at what he saw and heard. The initiation ceremony to him seemed a very grand thing. He was afraid many men did not enter Masonry with any idea of what it really meant. If he had known as much of Masonry as he did now he thought he should have hesitated—for one reason, that a man engaged to do a great deal; he promised to be a true man. He hoped that becoming a Mason had made him a better man; it had taught him brotherly love. He hoped to be able during his year to do his work thoroughly well. The lodge had several P.M.s, all of whom knew their work, and were rather critical; but still he knew they were ready to help him and the other officers in doing their work. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. C. A. Hunton, W.M., next proposed "The Installing Master," and said Bro. Adams had had many difficulties in preparing his work; he had had sickness at home, and mental worry often threw a man away; yet he did his work very well. It afforded him (the W.M.) much pleasure to present him now with a Past Master's jewel, voted to him in August last for having done his work in a thoroughly efficient manner; he had fairly won his reward. He only hoped that at the end of his (the W.M.'s) year of office he would find he had done his work half as well as Bro. Adams. (Cheers.)

Bro. C. A. Adams, I.P.M., responded. He thanked the W.M. for the kindly way in which he had referred, not only to his services to the lodge, but also to the trouble he had had in the illness of his wife during his year. He was pleased to say that he thought matters had taken a turn for the better now. He had left London, and he hoped the change would improve his wife's health. He felt grateful to the brethren for their acknowledgment of what he had done for the Beadon Lodge. He had certainly worked hard to bring it up to its present standard. But he could not have done that by himself; he had been ably assisted by the Past Masters and the officers of the lodge. The brethren had been very, very kind to him; they had always been ready to assist him in making the harmony of the lodge inside and outside perfect. While he had health and strength he should always be there to help, although he was located many miles away. He thanked the Great Architect for giving him strength to install the W.M.; it gave him great pleasure to perform the ceremony. He thanked the brethren very much for the jewel they had voted him and the W.M. had presented to him, and he hoped to be present many times in lodge wearing it.

Bros. Still and Rose responded to the toast of "The Initiates," and as many as eight brethren replied for "The Visitors."

Bro. J. C. Hayes, P.M., Treas., responding for "The Past Masters," hoped the W.M. was satisfied with the Beadon Lodge. He had 11 of his predecessors present to support him. The Beadon Lodge was very fond of seeing visitors, and he was proud



to say visitors who had once been to see old mother Beadon wished to come again, as they said she was not a bad sort. The W.M. had started well; there was a good balance in hand. Some of the Past Masters of the Beadon Lodge present were venerable. One had been a P.M. of the lodge 33 years, and there was one other of more than 30 years' standing; while others were more than 20 years. He was sure they all came to that meeting out of compliment to the W.M.

Bro. C. Norrington, P.M., Sec., was glad they had all had such a pleasant evening; they had all enjoyed themselves very much. Bro. Hunton made a most estimable W.M. They had all watched his career, and he would say that Bro. Hunton had gained the respect and esteem of every member of the lodge. There was not a member who would not support him to the utmost of his ability. It was necessary sometimes to call on the Past Masters for assistance. That year would be a good one, and that evening was a record; the lodge had never had so many as 65 brethren at banquet on one evening.

Bro. James Avery, P.M., also replied, and said he was very pleased to have such a cordial reception. He hoped to be many years at the installation meeting of the Beadon Lodge.

Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

The S.W. and J.W. responded for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Ball, P.M., brought the proceedings to a close.

### Shirley Woolmer Lodge, No. 2530.

There was a large gathering of brethren at the installation meeting, on the 17th instant, of the above lodge, when Bro. Charles Sheath was raised to the office of W.M., in succession to Bro. Raymond Henry Hale, who has so ably filled the chair during the past year. The lodge was held at St. John's Hall, Sidcup, there being present some 40 brethren, amongst the visitors being Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., D.G.M. of the Province of Kent. The W.M. elect having been presented in the usual form, was installed by Bro. R. H. Hale, P.M., and subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Henry Hale, P.M., I.P.M.; J. R. Creasey, S.W.; Tyson Crawford, J.W.; the Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; E. Blanks, P.M., P.G. Reg. Kent, Treas.; A. E. Leonard, Sec.; F. Dewsbury, P.M., D. of C.; F. Shapley, S.D.; F. Baddeley, J.D.; J. Fryer, I.G.; M. Hewitt, A.D. of C.; W. Bullworthy and J. Herbert Baker, Stwds.; and E. Henley, Org. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, then presented Bro. Hale with the handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of the duties he had discharged during the past year.

The banquet was held at Charing Cross Hotel, the brethren who had taken part in the installation ceremony at Sidcup proceeding by a train which was specially stopped at Sidcup at 6.15. Supporting the W.M., who presided, were Bros. J. S. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G. Master of Kent; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; G. Spurgeon, P.P.J.G.W.; John Morgan, P.M.; G. Waller; C. Inman, P.M.; H. S. Wainwright; S. Penfold, P.M.; W. Thomson, P.M.; W. H. Tomsett; H. Hawkins; G. H. Leavey; M. Burton; G. H. Fellowes Prynne, P.M.; Charles E. Smith; W. Dunk; A. J. Shottle; L. Laud Havard; J. Hedley; W. Griffin; W. F. Thompson; W. Webster; F. W. Hutchinson; H. S. Syer, W.M.; O. O. Dale, W.M.; W. S. Miller; C. Hayley Mason; J. Lewis Morgan, W.M.; J. Clarke; E. Blanks, Prov. G. Reg. Kent; Tyson Crawford; W. W. Bullworthy; E. Whomes; F. W. Baddeley; J. Fryer; C. Wallington, P.M.; A. Sharp, P.M.; E. Layton, P.M.; F. Dewsbury, P.M.; T. B. Sandercock, P.M.; T. Knight, P.M.; M. Hewitt, A. E. Leonard, E. Henley, W. Leet, R. G. Bassett, sen., J. H. Baker, E. L. Harris, C. T. Knight, Shirley Woolmer, R. G. Bassett, jun., F. T. W. Goldsmith, and W. Bauer.

The toast list was introduced by the honouring of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by

"The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," proposed from the chair, and Masonically honoured.

The W.M. then proposed, in felicitous terms, "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The response was made by Bro. Sir John Monckton, who, in the course of a genial speech, said he should always remember that whatever little distinction may have come to him in that London of theirs, the metropolis of the world, as well as of Masonry, he was still a Kentish Mason.

Bro. Long also responded, and alluded to a long friendship with their Worshipful Master, whom he was glad to see presiding over so prosperous a lodge.

Next to this came "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent, the Earl Amherst."

There was a special interest attaching to the next toast, "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the Prov. Grand Officers," by reason of the presence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who attended for the first time since the consecration of the lodge six years ago.

Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., responding, thanked the W.M. for the words he had used towards himself personally. It was gratifying to him to find in the lodge the same kind feelings which existed when he first visited it at its consecration. He had been much impressed by the able manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered, and congratulated the lodge on their continued prosperity.

"The W.M." was submitted by Bro. Hale, I.P.M., and was honoured with considerable enthusiasm.

Bro. Sheath, in response, promised to do his utmost during his year of office, and to do all in his power to uphold the excellent position the Shirley Woolmer Lodge held in the Province of Kent.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Layton.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who presented Bro. Hale with a second jewel from the brethren of the lodge of instruction.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Thomson, Webster, Hutchins, Griffin, Syer, Dale, Prynne, Eccles, and Wainwright.

The toast of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Shirley Woolmer Lodge" was coupled with the names of Bros. Blanks, Dewsbury, and Leonard.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical programme was an excellent one, and included contributions from Bros. Walter Leet, Ernest Harris, Montague Borwell, and Miss Winifred Marwood, and a feature of the entertainment was also Mr. Sidney Gandy's ventriloquial exposition and display of thought transmission.

### Furnival Lodge, No. 2558.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. WALTER FEARNEHOUGH.

The Furnival Lodge, so-named from the 14th century feudal barons of the manor of Sheffield, was founded in June, 1895, and until this year has always held its anniversary meeting during "the leafy month." Fine summer evenings, however, do not lend themselves well to crowded Masonic meetings, and the members of this flourishing lodge, after much consideration, decided in future to keep their installation festival in October; a *juste milieu* between the outdoor attractions of the summer months and the inside Masonic and other festive gatherings which are so numerous in the winter. As a consequence, the retiring Master, Bro. Claude Barker, has ruled the lodge for 16 months. On Friday, the 17th instant, he retired in favour of his Senior Warden, Bro. Walter Fearnough, to witness whose installation no less than 90 brethren assembled in the Surrey-street Masonic Hall. Furnival Lodge has so far had a most prosperous career. It started with nine founders, and its first Worshipful Master was its present most active and useful Treasurer and Charity Member, Bro. Charles Stokes. Progressing steadily, but surely, it has year by year increased in numbers and efficiency, and now Bro. Walter Fearnough finds himself the proud ruler of a lodge of 35 members, banded together in a genuine Masonic brotherhood. Financially and Masonically the lodge is sound and true; harmony prevails and arrears are unknown.

The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock. The brethren present then or later were very numerous, and included visitors from many quarters. The Worshipful Masters of all the eight Sheffield lodges, without exception, put in appearance, as well those from the neighbouring lodges—Phoenix, No. 904, and Chantry, No. 2353. The

Furnival brethren comprised Bros. Claude Barker, W.M.; the Rev. Geo. Ford, M.A., I.P.M.; Walter Fearnough, S.W.; Walter Sissons, Sec.; A. Davison, Horace Cawood, C. Robinson, A. Senior, Ernest Beck, F. Dalloway, A. Hastings, C. Dolman, W. C. Croft, J. W. Vesey, E. A. Sampson, H. C. Robinson, H. Coward, W. J. Garnett, H. H. Bridgens, S. S. Suckley, J. Appleyard, Geo. H. Hunt, Charles Callum, E. A. Barkby, and Chas. Stokes, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas. and Charity Steward. The Grand Lodge of England was represented by two old and most highly esteemed Sheffield Masons, Bros. Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.G.D., and W. H. Brittain, J.P., P.M. 139, P.G. Std. Br. The Provincial Officers included Bros. H. J. Garnett, P.M. 139, P.P.G.D.; Herbert Nixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. T. E. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; W. H. Edmunds, P.M., P.G.D.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; and J. E. Darling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The following other brethren were also present: Bros. W. C. Fenton, A.D. of C. 2263; John Sutton, I.P.M. 2263; John W. Shipman, J.D. 139; W. F. Cole, W.M. 1239; C. A. Mays, W.M. 2263; Tom Nixon, I.G. 1239; F. G. Cornu, W.M. 296; A. W. Roberts, I.G. 2491; W. C. Newton, 2263; A. B. Gunstone, S.D. 2491; J. Atkinson, 2491; Henry Johnson, 1239; J. Wortley, W.M. 1779; G. T. Y. Dickenson, S.D. 2353; E. G. Whiteley, S.D. 1239; Geo. H. Garnett, 904; H. Brameld, A.D. of C. 1239; George Miner, 904; William Watts, 1239; M. Hartley, 296; A. J. Jordan, 296; J. Nodder, P.M. 1309; A. E. Mayger, P.M. 1386, S.W. 2355; F. Rankin, 2 (S.C.); T. E. Barker, P.M. 1239; E. Dickenson, P.M. 139; F. Foxon, 2491; R. R. Neill, 296; S. Smith, 2263; F. Harrison, 2263; C. F. Shepherd, W.M. 2355; H. W. Brown, J.D. 296; W. M. Toplis, 139; David Flather, W.M. 2268; James Mellor, W.M. 904; A. J. Forsdike, S.W. 1239; W. Slater, 1239; John Stokes, W.M. 2491; A. R. Fox, W.M. 139; H. C. Ashmore, 296; G. Wragg, J.W. 1239; R. C. Honey, 2263; R. E. A. Wright, Sec. 2263; Wm. Foxon, Stwd. 2491; W. H. Dixon, 1239; A. Howe, J.W. 2263; E. J. E. Marples, 1779; W. Middleton, 139; and H. Wilkins, 1541.

After opening and reading and confirming the minutes, the ceremony of installation was at once proceeded with. The outgoing W.M., following the now very general rule in West Yorkshire, himself acted as Installing Master. Bro. Claude Barker, who retires from the chair after an occupancy of 16 months, has had a very successful reign. During that time, besides having had six initiates, there have also been two joining brethren, so that Furnival has added eight to its roll in that period. But increasing its membership is not by any means the greatest benefit Bro. Barker has conferred upon his lodge; he has promoted harmony and infused his own genial spirit of toleration and *bonhomie* amongst his brethren, and leaves the chair with the lodge in a distinctly improved condition. Bro. Barker is a man of some presence, and his deliberate rendering of the ceremony of installation was highly impressive. Bro. C. Stokes, P.M., presented his fourth successor for installation, and Bro. H. T. E. Holmes, P.M., acted as D.C. Bro. W. C. Newton sang "Be thou faithful" in a very pleasant manner. Bro. the Rev. G. Ford, P.M., took the position of Chaplain. The Board of Past Masters numbered 30. On the re-admission of the brethren who had increased considerably, the usual proclamations were made, and the working tools were presented in the several Degrees by Bros. Chas. Stokes, T. E. Barker, and H. T. E. Holmes. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Walter Fearnough, next appointed and invested his officers. To each he addressed suitable remarks, pointing out their several duties and enjoining obedience and application. The brethren upon whom collars were bestowed were Bros. Claude Barker, I.P.M.; W. Sissons, S.W.; Albert Davidson, J.W.; Rev. Geo. Ford, M.A., P.M., Chap.; C. Stokes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Horace Cawood, Sec.; and Ernest Beck, Asst. Sec. (Founders); A. Senior, S.D.; Chas. Robinson, J.D.; Wilfred C. Croft, D.C.; Chas. Dolman, A.D.C.; Allan Hastings, Org.; F. Dalloway, I.G.; J. W. Vesey and E. A. Sampson, Stewards; and Thos. Leighton, Tyler. With the usual addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren, also given by Bro. Barker, the installation ceremony concluded. The regular business followed, the first item of which was the election of a Charity Steward. The W.M. said Bro. C. Stokes had held that position from the commencement, had worked heartily in the cause of Charity, and had been, moreover, extremely successful in his advocacy, and it would be a mistake to make any change. He therefore proposed Bro. Chas. Stokes as Charity Steward. Bro. Rev. G. Ford seconded, and it was carried, *nem. con.*, with applause. Bro. Stokes briefly returned thanks. The W.M. then rose and said he had a very gratifying duty to perform, that of presenting Past Masters' jewels to Bros. Rev. G. Ford, P.M., and Claude Barker, I.P.M. Having read the engraved inscriptions and pinned the ornaments upon the breast of each, Bro. Fearnough pointed out that the jewels were given in consideration of past valuable service; he hoped, however, that such service would continue to be at the command of the lodge, and wished the brethren long life in which to enjoy the honour they so undoubtedly deserved. Bros. Ford and Barker, in reply gave full assurance that they would at all times be only too glad to do anything which would be of any service to the lodge, and warmly thanked the brethren for the marks of distinction they had so generously conferred. The Secretary announced letters from the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, whose Parliamentary duties prevented his being present, from Bro. Richard Wilson, Deputy Prov. G. Master, whose first visit to Sheffield in his new capacity is anxiously anticipated, and from others. After apologies from Furnival brethren, and "Hearty good wishes" from all, the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed covers were laid for 90. The tables were, as usual, beautifully decorated and flower-laden, and the rapid and willing ministrations of neatly-clad waitresses added much to the comfort of the numerous assembly.

Dinner over, a list of 10 toasts was entered upon. And here, if such digression may be permitted, it might be asked why, after all Masonic dinners and suppers, so much speech-making should be tolerated. Brethren meet on such occasions for social intercourse and interchange of greeting. In the midst of a pleasant chat with a friend, one, perhaps, seen again after a long interval, and with whom it is delightful to commune, silence is suddenly proclaimed, because for no intelligible reason it is customary that a certain toast should be proposed or an opportunity given to some, doubtless, in all respects worthy brother to make a speech. So the evening passes away, and opportunities of renewing old ties or cementing new ones are prevented. Talk prevails too strongly in the Masonic community, and he who seeks to check it, and, at least, keep it within reasonable bounds, is a benefactor. The Worshipful Master of the Furnival Lodge set a good example to all; he was brief and terse in his remarks, and yet managed to say all that his exceptional position required.

The toast of "The Queen," of course, was drunk heartily, nay, enthusiastically; then followed

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, Earl Amherst, the Pro G. Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which came also from the chair. Bro. Fearnough pointed out the long and distinguished services of our Grand Master, dwelt upon the interest which he took in the Order, and emphasised the loyal and efficient help which was tendered to him by the Grand Officers.

The toast was warmly received, and Bros. Ensor Drury and W. H. Brittain responded.

In proposing "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P.; the W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Richard Wilson, and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge," the W.M. regretted the absence of the head of the province, but, considering the urgent circumstances of his position, agreed that the House of Commons was the place to which our loyal and distinguished chief considered his duty called him; as to the new Deputy, they hoped soon to see him in Sheffield, and they would welcome him warmly. He (the W.M.) was pleased to see the other Provincial Grand Officers who had honoured him by attending, and hoped the brethren would receive the toast as cordially as he was sure it deserved. He should couple with it the names of Bros. Matthewman and Garnett.

These brethren replied, the latter giving personal reminiscences of the Provincial Grand Masters of West Yorkshire from the Earl of Mexborough down to the present time.

After the Tyler's toast, Bro. Claude Barker rose to propose the toast of the evening, that of "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Furnival Lodge, Bro. Walter Fearnough." Bro. Barker said that well known as Bro. Fearnough was in Sheffield, it would be presumptuous in him to make eulogistic remarks: the qualifications of their W.M. as a business man, as a friend, and as a Mason were admirable. Initiated in the Wentworth Lodge, in 1890, Bro. Fearnough had taken the greatest possible interest in Freemasonry, and he would venture to say that no previous W.M. of the Furnival Lodge had entered the chair more fully equipped or better qualified to discharge all the duties than Bro. Fearnough. He (Bro. Barker) believed there was not a ceremony he could not perform even to that of installing his successor. To prove the estimation in which their W.M. was held, he need only point to the large gathering of

Masonic friends from Sheffield and elsewhere, who had assembled to do him honour. It was a gathering of which any W.M. might be proud. They, in Furnival Lodge, he confidently predicted, might look forward to a happy and successful year, and to the health, happiness, and success of their W.M. he bade them drink right heartily.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, increased as it was by Bro. Foxon's rendering of "Here's to his health in a song."

The Worshipful Master, who, on rising, had quite an ovation, replied with characteristic brevity. He declared his inability to make a speech, thanked them with all his heart, and assured them that the interests of the Furnival Lodge should not suffer at his hands, but that he would devote whatever energy or ability he possessed to advancing its progress and insuring the comfort and happiness of its brethren.

"The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Rev. G. Ford, and was drunk most heartily.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," proposed by the S.W., Bro. W. Sissons; "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers of the Furnival Lodge."

The Charity Steward, Bro. Chas. Stokes, replied for "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Stokes has for some time been an earnest and eloquent advocate of the cause, and made a strong appeal to the brethren for their support.

The whole of the after-dinner proceedings, which we have only briefly summarised, were enlivened with music, both vocal and instrumental. Furnival, it should be explained, is a musical lodge, and contains both amateur and professional ability of a high order. Amongst its talented brethren we need only mention one name, that of Bro. Henry Coward, Mus. Doc., whose reputation, high before, has been lately increased by his bringing the chorus of the recent Sheffield Musical Festival to such a pitch of excellence by his training, that it was acknowledged to be the finest that has been heard anywhere. Bro. Wm. Foxon and Bro. Frank Foxon both sang charmingly, as also did Bros. J. Atkinson, S. Smith, E. Barkby, and C. Callum, whilst the cornet solos of Bro. R. C. Honey gave delight to all.

Bro. Walter Fearnough has opened his year of office in a highly successful manner, and both he and his supporters in Furnival Lodge are to be congratulated. The lodge is evidently a popular one, and visitors would, indeed, be hard to please who failed to enjoy so hearty and hospitable an evening.

### Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410.

The installation meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 11th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. H. W. Kiallmark, P.G.D., the W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Captain Percy Probyn, R.A.M.C., was admitted to the Second Degree, and Messrs. J. H. Bryant, M.D., M.R.C.P. Lond., T. G. Stevens, M.D., M.R.C.P. Lond., G. B. Smith, F.R.C.S. Eng., and F. J. Steward, M.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., were admitted into Freemasonry. Bro. Herbert G. Blackmore, L.D.S.R.C.S. Eng., was installed Master for the ensuing year, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Montague Cheale, M.R.C.S. Eng., S.W.; Ernest Clarke, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., J.W.; Rev. W. Harrison, M.A. Cantab, Chap.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D. Brux., Coroner for Central London. Treas.; and Thomas Dutton, M.D. Durh., M.R.C.P. Edin., Sec. After the report of the Audit Committee had been received, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Kiallmark, and the lodge was then closed. About 50 members and visitors afterwards dined together.

The important event, after the usual Royal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, was the enthusiastic "send off" which Bro. Captain Probyn received on his becoming generally known that he had on that afternoon received orders to join a regiment for South Africa.

### Weald Lodge, No. 2707.

The installation meeting of this new lodge, in the Province of Essex, was held at the Drill Hall, Brentwood (by dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master), on Thursday, the 19th inst. Bros. J. W. Armour, P.M. 1437, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; and Arthur S. Gardiner, W.M. elect, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W., were present, with some officers of the lodge, Bros. John Hill, G. Brown, T. Mersham, H. W. Benton, J. B. Bell, C. Prangle, and W. Warren. Visitors: Bros. G. Davey, P.M. 1437; W. Salmon, P.M. 97; D. A. Cramphorn, 276; J. S. Creswell, S.D. 276; F. H. Mansell, I.P.M. 2518; Geo. Paul; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; J. Bilton, P.M. 1536; E. J. Glynn, W.M. 2561, P.G. Reg. Essex; Arthur Roach, 86; F. A. Stratford, W.M. 1437; H. J. Hagan, 2862; W. Humphreys, 2342; W. J. Russell, 715; and H. E. Gardiner, 2374.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. The Secretary read the dispensation from the P.G.M. to hold the meeting in the Drill Hall, Brentwood. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. A. S. Gardiner, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Bilton to the W.M. for installation. The W.M. elect was obligated and entrusted. A Board of Installed Masters (eight) was opened. The W.M. installed the W.M. elect as W.M. The W.M. invested Bro. J. W. Armour as I.P.M. and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. T. G. Woods, P.P.G. Std., S.W.; S. Frazer, J.W.; Rev. Canon W. Quennell, P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain (*in absentia*); F. Landon, P.M. 214, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; E. Grove Johnson, Sec.; J. Edwards, S.D.; T. Piper, J.D.; E. J. Holland, D.C.; R. Blunden, I.G.; H. A. Harris, Stwd.; and A. G. Watkinson, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the three addresses in an impressive manner. The Secretary read letters apologising for the absence of many brethren. A Charity Box was presented to the lodge by Bro. Thos. Humphreys. A vote of thanks for his present to the lodge was proposed and carried unanimously. It was proposed and carried that five guineas be added to the five guineas of Weald Lodge of Instruction, and be given to the Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Armour was elected to serve on the Essex Masonic Charity Committee. The lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Lion and Lamb Hotel.

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," which received a hearty response from the brethren.

Then followed "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The W.M. then gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; the V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Col. Lockwood; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with it the name of Bro. Armour, P.P.G.S.B.

The I.P.M. replied on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex. He referred to the illness of the Countess of Warwick, and her present recovery; he spoke of her welcome extended to the meeting of upwards of 800 members of the Province of Essex.

The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M." He said that Bro. Gardiner was the right man in the right place, that he had worked up to his present high position through the different grades of office; how he had endeared himself to all the brethren. In a word, the W.M. was a man without fear, and, best of all, without reproach.

The W.M. replied. He tendered his thanks to the brethren for their kind wishes. He saw a great future for the Weald Lodge. He assured the brethren that he would maintain the honour and dignity of the lodge whilst it was under his direction.

"The Army, the Navy, and the Reserve Forces" was given as a toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Capt. Stoye.

Several brethren representing the different services replied.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was given in felicitous terms by the W.M., who stated that Bro. Armour was undoubtedly the instigator of the foundation of the lodge, as he had been of the lodge of instruction, from which the lodge was born. A handsome Past Master's jewel (Primus) was then presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M.

The brethren thoroughly appreciated and endorsed by their applause the remarks of the W.M.

The I.P.M. most eloquently replied.

"The Visitors" followed.

Bro. Stratford, W.M. 1437, and others replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, and the Secretary was complimented on the work he had so efficiently performed during the past year.

The Secretary, in a few well-chosen words, tendered his grateful thanks to the brethren for their high appreciation of his services.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

The brethren before separating, as is their usual loyal custom, joined in song and chorus "God Save the Queen."

## Royal Arch.

### Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., when there were present Comps. F. Hughes, M.E.Z.; W. Haynes Dunn, P.Z., as H.; William Baker, J.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; David Ringrose, S.N.; J. G. Robeson, P.S.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z., D.C.; W. A. Dingle, P.Z.; S. M. Banker, P.Z.; J. Collins, Frank Hamlett, Walter T. Fisher, A. Fergusson, J. J. Bassett, C. G. Diamond, J. Miller, J. M. Barclay, George K. Durrant, John Kent, and G. Couchman, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. Brough, 174; John Songhurst, P.Z. 7; and Wilkinson, P.Z. 819.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The only business down on the agenda paper being the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was at once proceeded with and resulted as follows: Comps. T. Cohu, P.Z., M.E.Z.; William Baker, H.; John G. Robeson, J.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; W. T. Fisher, P.S.; C. G. Diamond, 1st A.S.; F. Hamlett, 2nd A.S.; George Wetton, D.C.; J. J. Bassett, Stwd.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. It was proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the funds of the chapter towards the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of the Transvaal Refugees, but it being found that by the by-laws a notice of motion was required for this purpose, a whip round was made amongst the companions resulting in the above named sum being raised.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to dinner under the able presidency of the M.E.Z.

The following carefully prepared paper by Comp. Cohu was read by him during the evening and was greatly appreciated by the companions, who tendered him a hearty vote of thanks for the great trouble he had taken in writing it out:

As our chapter has been on such close and friendly terms for many years with the Gresham Lodge; in fact, at one time it was mainly dependent upon that lodge for members, I thought the following particulars would be acceptable to the companions. Comp. Copestick very kindly presented me, a short time since, with a copy of the "History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire," by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, and upon perusal I found an interesting account of the Gresham Lodge. This lodge was founded in 1861, having the number 1171, which was changed to 869, its present number, in 1863, the year of the last closing-up and re-numbering of lodges; thus in two years they had the tiresome business of altering the number on their furniture, stationery, &c. Their first home was the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross; but in 1875 they removed, through the kindness of the late Bro. the Rev. C. E. Mayo, to Cheshunt Great House—a former palace of Cardinal Wolsey—where the lodge still meets, and enjoys good English fare in the old banqueting hall, which contains many relics of the olden times—suits of armour, cross bows, and banners—while the walls are hung with portraits of Cardinal Wolsey, Sir Hugh Middleton, and many other noted personages, also many of our Kings and Queens—Mary, Elizabeth, Charles I., Charles II., James II., William III., Queen Anne, &c.—in all some 50 paintings, some by Vandyke, Sir Peter Lely, and other artists of note. These particulars are from a "History of Cheshunt Great House," written by Comp. Copestick about 15 years ago. Handsomely bound copies were presented to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the P.G.M. of Herts. The founders, of whom there were seven, came from various London lodges, one each from the Victoria Rifles, Jordan, Unity, United Strength, and Old Concord, while the good old Lion and Lamb contributed two, viz., Bros. Joseph Angell Hatch and Henry J. Thompson. I do not remember to have heard of either of these brethren before, but find from our lodge history that Bro. Thompson was W.M. of our lodge in 1862. This Bro. Thompson was evidently not related to the Bro. Peter Thomson, as there is a difference in the spelling of the names. Bro. Hatch was the first S.W. of the Gresham Lodge, and in due time was installed as W.M. by Bro. Henry Muggeridge in 1862. Bro. Thompson was, in 1865, while acting as Secretary, elected to the chair of the Gresham Lodge, and installed accordingly. He was so very successful in steering the lodge out of difficulties, in which it had unfortunately fallen, that he was presented with a silver loving cup by the members of his lodge, and in August, 1865, he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. of Herts. In 1868 troubles arose again, all the original founders and most of the initiates had left, when our esteemed Bro. Copestick, with his brother Joseph, Bro. Gompertz, and a few more took matters in hand, held meetings at their own houses, invited the officers, turned their drawing-rooms into lodges of instruction, and succeeded in putting the lodge into the happy state it has continued in to the present time. Bro. Copestick filled the important position of W.M. in 1873, and was Treasurer from 1874 until about three years ago. This chapter was consecrated in January, 1872. The only founder left is Comp. George Kenning, but, I am pleased to say, we have two exaltes of that year, viz., Comps. Copestick and John Kent. I have one other circumstance to relate. At the first regular meeting of the Gresham Lodge, on the 10th of August, 1861, Bro. O. F. Vallentin, W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, and one other were elected joining members. Bro. Vallentin was at once elected Treasurer, an office which he filled until the election of Bro. Copestick in 1874. These short notes are quite sufficient, I think, to show that our friendly connection with the Gresham Lodge is of many years' standing, and our members will, I am sure, join me in the hope that this friendship will last long into the future.

### Nicholson Chapter, No. 371.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday night, the 18th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport. Present: Comps. James Gardiner, M.E.Z.; James Dickinson, H.; Thos. Atkinson, J.; Jos. Abbott, P.S.; Richard Monkhouse, S.E.; John Messenger, Janitor; and others. Visitors: Comps. John Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H.; Chas. Gowan, P.Z. 119; John Brown, 119; and John Bouch, 11. 962.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Thomas Milburn, W.M. 371, and proved unanimous in his favour. The ballot was also taken for Bro. George Johnson, P.M. 371, and proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. T. Milburn was unavoidably absent. The M.E.Z. vacated the chair in favour of Comp. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H., who, in his usual able manner, exalted Bro. George Johnson, P.M., as a companion of the Order. The duties of Principal Sojourner were undertaken by Comp. C. Gowan, who did the work with effect and finish.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the refreshment room, and spent a very enjoyable evening under the presidency of the M.E.Z. The happy impression left on the minds of all privileged to be present at this meeting augurs well for the future working and success of the chapter.

### Era Chapter, No. 1423.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Comps. R. Poore, M.E.Z.; B. Grant, M.E.Z. elect, H.; F. Foulger, H. elect, J.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D. G.D.C., S.E.; J. Masters, J. elect, S.N.; E. H. Thielley, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; S. Holt, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Fisher, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P. G.D.C.; and C. H. Kichler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. T. Pitcairn, 2021, and W. Hay Fielding, 1949, and it being unanimous, they were both impressively exalted by the M.E.Z. The S.E. then installed Comp. B. Grant as First Principal, Comp. Grant installed Comp. Foulger as Second Principal, and Comp. Fisher installed Comp. J. Masters as Third Principal. Among the officers invested were Comps. Major Walls, S.E.; C. H. Thielley, P.Z., Treas.; S. Holt, P. Soj.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. The I.P.Z. was the recipient, on behalf of his wife, of a handsome gold bracelet inscribed, "From the Era Chapter to Mrs. R. Poore, 1899." Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. H. Matthews, P.Z.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z.; F. W. Robinson, P.Z.; A. Collins, S.N.; A. Macchi, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and others. The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

Comp. W. Fisher, A.G.D.C., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and subsequently for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was fluently proposed by the I.P.Z.

The M.E.Z., in reply, expressed himself as being delighted with the honour conferred upon him. The Era Chapter was one of the most harmonious and pleasant

bodies he belonged to. He hoped during his year to introduce several good candidates to swell their already goodly number of members.

"The Health of the H. and J." followed, and was acknowledged by Comps. Foulger and Masters.

The toast of "The Exaltees" was submitted in happy words by the M.E.Z., and having been warmly drunk, Comps. Pitcairn and Fielding replied.

"The Past Principals" was coupled with the names of Comps. Poore, Higgins, and Kohler, who responded.

"The S.E. and Treasurer" was given in very eulogistic terms by the M.E.Z.

Comp. Thiellay, in response, said that his duties as Treasurer were light, and a source of personal gratification to him. He was the father of the chapter, and he was proud of his offspring. The success of the chapter in recent years was due to the interest that Comp. Poore had taken in it. He had introduced many good members, and it was a graceful act to present his good wife with a souvenir of her husband's second year's tenure of the chair.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Comp. Holt, terminated the proceedings.

#### Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

The usual convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, when the following were present: Comps. E. Miles, M.E.Z.; A. Gibbs, H.; J. P. Whately, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait, P.S.; W. Macklin, A.S.; E. H. Gale Crowdy, P.Z., Treas.; F. Dowse, I.P.Z.; R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, and C. T. Tyler, Prov. G.S.E. (hon. members). Visitors: Comps. A. Reed, A.S. 2120; and S. G. Noakes, P.Z. 1331.

The first business was the installation of the Third Principal, who was unavoidably prevented from attending at the previous convocation, and the ceremony was performed by the Prov. G. Scribe E., with his customary skill and exactitude. Bros. G. H. Robinson and W. H. Jacques, candidates for the Supreme Degree, being in attendance, were then admitted and exalted, Comps. C. T. Tyler and R. F. Gould, acting as M.E.Z. and H. respectively.

A banquet followed, after which there was a cordial recognition of the usual toasts.

#### Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.

A stated convocation of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet, on Friday, the 20th instant, when there were present, among others, Comps. G. Blizard Abbott, M.E.Z.; R. Cranston, P.Z., as H.; Crouch, P.Z., as J.; Woodrow, P.Z., as I.P.Z.; J. Brittain, P.Z., Prov. G.J., Treas., as Scribe E.; Boyce, Scribe N.; Graddage, Pr. Soj.; Batho, 1st Asst. Soj.; F. G. Mason, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Dr. Haskins, P. Prov. G. Org., Org.; and Plowright.

The summons convening the meeting having been read, and the minutes of the convocation in June read and confirmed, the chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the result that the following companions were unanimously chosen to fill the offices appended to their respective names: Comps. W. Baddeley, M.E.Z.; Overed, H.; Graddage, J.; W. Lewis, P.Z. (re-elected), Scribe E.; Boyce, Scribe N.; J. Brittain, P.Z., Prov. G.J. (re-elected), Treas.; W. J. Batho, Pr. Soj.; F. G. Mason, 1st Asst. Soj.; Plowright, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and R. W. Goddard (re-elected), Tyler. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Abbott as a mark of esteem from the chapter on his retirement from the chair of First Principal. A vote of sympathy with Comp. Baddeley, H., in his illness, was proposed from the chair, and passed unanimously, Acting Scribe E. being requested to convey the same to Comp. Baddeley, with the expression of a hope that he might speedily be restored to health. It was also proposed, and unanimously agreed, that the sum of five guineas should be voted from the chapter funds to be placed on the list of Comp. Cranston, who has given his services as Steward for the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, at next year's Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Chapter having been closed, the companions dined under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and spent a pleasant evening together.

## Mark Masonry.

#### Chelmer Lodge, No. 342.

The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Crane Court, Chelmsford, when Bro. John Wright was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.P. J.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., additional interest being given to the occasion from the fact that it was Bro. Lewin's 70th birthday. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. Robert Cook, S.W.; J. P. Sayer, J.W.; E. Piper, M.O.; Rev. D. Gotte, S.O.; F. H. Bright, J.O.; G. W. Pascall, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; F. P. Sutthery, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; A. Livermore, S.D.; C. Livermore, J.D.; J. P. Tomlinson, I.G.; J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; and W. Hollingsworth, Tyler.

Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., announced that the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had within the last few days sanctioned the issue of a warrant for a new Mark Lodge to meet at Dunmow, and he hoped before long the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M., would be able to fix a date to consecrate the same.

The brethren after the close of the lodge dined together at the White Hart Hotel, and one of the principal toasts of the evening was "Many happy returns and continued good health to the Installing Master," which was feelingly responded to by Bro. Lewin.

#### Gosport Lodge, No. 305.

The installation meeting of the above lodge, held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on the 23rd inst. Bro. Thomas Taylor, P.J.G.D., was installed in the chair in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. H. S. Duke, P.P.G.I.W., the retiring W.M. Bro. Taylor appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. S. Duke, I.P.M.; E. Braham, P.P.A.G.D.C., S.W.; H. G. Peannan, J.W.; W. Pellatt, M.O.; J. Walden, S.O.; J. Pardon, J.O.; J. Miles, Treas.; R. H. Plattin, P.M. 6, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent, Hants, and I. of Wight, Sec.; T. J. A. Percy, P.P.J.G.D., R. of M.; C. F. Gale, P.P.G.R.M., D.C.; W. J. Bone, S.D.; J. Faber, J.D.; E. G. A. Nash, I.G.; and G. Slimm, Tyler. The W.M. presented the Installing Master, Bro. H. S. Duke, with a handsome Past Master's jewel (supplied by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London) on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, in recognition of the great zeal and ability he had shown during his year of office in the working of the lodge. The W.M. was supported by the fol-

lowing brethren of the lodge and visitors: Bros. Capt. C. D. Wise, P.M., Sandhurst Lodge, No. 514, P.D.D.G. Master, Bombay; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.J.G.W., P.G.O. Eng.; W. A. Rowe, P.P.G.R.M.; N. T. Hack, P.M., Zaradatha Lodge, No. 71 (S.C.), Bombay; W. E. Soltau, W.M. 17, P.G.S.D.; A. E. Fiddy, P.M., Loyalty Lodge, No. 235, Bermuda; E. G. A. Nash, P.P.G.D.C.; C. F. Gale, P.P.G.R.M.; E. Pratt, R. of M.; and L. J. Gunnell, I.G. 17, Portsmouth.

At the invitation of the W.M., at the close of the lodge the brethren and visitors retired to the banquet room for refreshments.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

#### Gosport Lodge, No. 305.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd inst. at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms, Gosport. Bro. T. Taylor was installed in the chair as W.C.N. in a most able manner by the retiring W.C.N., Bro. H. S. Dukes. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Braham, J.; H. G. Peannan, S.; C. F. Gale, D.C.; J. Miles, Treas.; R. H. Plattin, Scribe; W. Pellatt, S.D.; W. J. Bone, J.D.; J. Faber, Stwd.; and G. Slimm, Warder. The W.C.N. was supported by the following brethren of the lodge and visitors: Bros. Capt. C. D. Wise, P.C. 71 (S.C.); N. S. Hack, 71, Bombay; W. E. Soltau, W.C.N., and L. J. Gunnell, 17; A. E. Fiddy, P.C. 297, Bermuda; and G. F. Lancaster, P.C., W. A. Rowe, P.C., E. G. A. Nash, and C. F. Gale, P.C., all of 305.

## Instruction.

#### WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

A meeting was held on the 18th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Fredk. Hewson, W.M.; Alex. Clarkson, S.W.; J. Scarlett, J.W.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Treas.; Preceptor; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; Alfred Collins, S.D.; W. H. Lathom, J.D.; W. Lavington, I.G.; and J. W. Berry.

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

A meeting was also held on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Present: Bros. A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Preceptor, Treas., W.M.; Alex. Clarkson, S.W.; W. H. Latham, J.W.; Henry W. Kobelt, Sec.; Alfred Collins, S.D.; T. H. Pate, P.M., J.D.; S. M. Lavington, I.G.; J. Scarlett, F. Hewson, and Robert Bell.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Robt. Bell acting as the candidate, the W.M. reciting the traditional history. Bro. Kobelt worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

#### HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

The above chapter held its usual weekly meeting at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishops'-road, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 20th inst. There were present Comps. H. Foksett, J. 185, M.E.Z.; A. L. Butters, P.S. 890, H.; G. C. Thomson, M.D., M.E.Z. 2410, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E. and Preceptor; H. Armfield, P.S. 1642, P.S.; and Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z. and S.E. 742.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Driver being the candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for first and second times. The election for the ensuing fortnight then took place, and Comp. Dr. Thomson was chosen as M.E.Z. A communication was read from the widow of the late Comp. Cruttenden, thanking the chapter for the letter of condolence sent her by Scribe E. The Scribe E. stated that he had received a letter from Scribe E. of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, to the effect that a vote of condolence had been proposed and carried unanimously to Mrs. Cruttenden, and to assure the widow of the sympathy of the members of the chapter at the untimely removal of so worthy and highly esteemed a companion. The M.E.Z. rose for the third and fourth times. Comp. Driver thanked the companions for their great kindness in permitting him to be a permanent visitor, and after "Heartly good wishes," the chapter was closed.

#### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th instant, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; W. Dawson, H.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., J.; Grummant, P.P.G.S. Essex, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; H. Cornford, Scribe N.; P. H. Garner, P.S.; Macdonald, and Morris.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Macdonald personating the candidate. Comp. W. Dawson, M.E.Z. 1622, H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-night (Friday). A donation of one guinea was voted to "Our Brother's Bed"—a most worthy institution. A vote of sympathy was passed and a letter to be sent to Comp. T. Cass, H. 1622, on the serious illness of his son, with earnest wishes for his speedy recovery. The business of the convocation ended, the chapter was closed.

#### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. Isler, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; J. E. Thomas, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; R. E. Maskall, S.D.; D. Taylor, J.D.; T. A. Spencer, I.G.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; J. Berks, P.M.; A. Oliver, P.M.; A. F. Hardymont, W. T. Roberts, S. Cload, C. Nicole, G. Mortlock, W. J. Townsend, W. B. Griffiths, and J. R. White.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Townsend being the candidate. The ceremony of

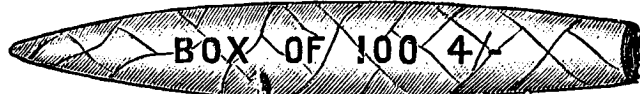
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passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. Bro. W. B. Griffiths was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Lucas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Hancock proposed, and Bro. Coxon seconded, that Bro. A. F. Hardymont, W.M., be elected Assistant Preceptor of the lodge. The proposition was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed.

#### HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst. at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. Albert Taylor, W.M.; H. Ramsbottom, S.W.; Benj. Ware, J.W.; H. G. Holland, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, Preceptor; R. H. Nicholls, P.M., Treas.; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; R. Nicholls, S.D.; R. Allingham, J.D.; Jas. Barnett, I.G.; J. B. Schrader, Org.; A. J. Simpson, W. H. L. Brook, C. G. Ridgway, and J. W. Whipp.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Whipp acting as the candidate. Bro. Nicholls rehearsed the charge to the candidate. Bro. Nicholls rehearsed the Second Degree, Bro. Simpson acting as the candidate. The lodge was then closed.

#### BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 269S.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th instant, at the Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. A. R. Greaves, W.M.; T. Bore, S.W.; H. Coxen, J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, W.M. 269S, Preceptor; R. J. Campbell, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; Harry Willsmer, Sec.; H. Dunnaway, S.D.; T. Palmer, J.D.; H. de L. Woods, I.G.; A. E. Horstead, Org.; G. Coxen, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; J. H. Clemens, P.M.; W. J. Smith, P.M.; Buck, Golby, Wheeler, Stanger, Curtis, Wilson, and W. G. Coxen.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Golby being a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, the lodge was opened in that Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M., Bro. Greaves, delivered the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. T. Bore was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. E. Stanger, 1365, was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

## The Craft Abroad.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

The half-yearly meeting of this District Grand Lodge took place at Ladysmith on Wednesday, the 20th ult., owing, however, no doubt to the distance and to the peculiarly troubled times, the attendance was not large. Bro. Wesley Francis presided, and the other District Grand Officers present were Bros. Colonel Noel, R.E., P.D.S.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; A. W. Cooper, P.D.J.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; Douglas-de-Fenzi, D.G. Reg.; W. F. Drummond, D.S.G.D.; C. Holliday, D.J.G.D.; Capt. George Hearn, P.G.S.B. Eng., as D.G.D.C.; J. McLaren, as D.G.S.B.; Knox, D.G. Std. Br.; F. C. Longy, D.A.G. Sec.; Petley, D.G. Purst.; Crowder, D.G. Stwd.; and the W.Ms. and Wardens of many lodges in the district. Visitors: Bros. Major Savile, R.A., St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, Malta; and several brethren from lodges under the Scottish Constitution.

District Grand Lodge having been opened, the usual routine business was carried through, the only point of interest being the extremely satisfactory state of the Benevolent Fund, and the very low amount to the credit of the District Grand Lodge of the General Fund. After some discussion, it was determined to refer the matter back to the Board of General Purposes with a view to unnecessary expenditure in future being curtailed.

The Dist. G.M. said he would not detain the brethren by a long address as they had a very interesting and important ceremony to perform, viz., the laying of the foundation stone of a new Masonic Temple for the brethren in Ladysmith. He would content himself by saying that perfect harmony existed throughout the district, and that Masonry was progressing to his entire satisfaction, and that only within the last few days he had received an application for a warrant for a lodge in Basutoland. He would, therefore, proceed to lay the foundation stone.

The acting Dist. G.D.C. then marshalled the brethren, and they marched in procession to the site of the Temple, arriving there, the beautiful ceremony was most impressively carried out by the District Grand Master.

The ceremony being brought to a close with the singing of "God save the Queen," which the goodly number of spectators, who had assembled to see this interesting ceremony performed, loyally joined in. At this critical time, it was most noteworthy the hearty way it was sung by all, especially the words "Send her victorious."

The brethren having formed up in reverse order, returned to the lodge room, where District Grand Lodge was duly closed.

A cordial vote of thanks was carried to the Klip River Lodge, No. 2401, for the manner in which everything had been prepared for their comfort.

The scroll deposited in cavity bore the following:

"Klip River County Lodge, No. 2401.—This stone was laid on the 20th day of September, 1899, in the 63rd year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India. Sir Walter Hely

Hutchinson, G.C.M.G., Governor of the Colony of Natal, by R.W. Bro. Wesley Francis, Dist. Grand Master (Dist. Grand Officers as above), W. Bro. A. G. N. Harwood, W.M.; Bros. A. Fraser, S.W.; A. C. McLachlan, J.W.; W. H. Miller, Treas.; Capt. Hearn, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; J. Campbell, S.D.; W. Jay Browne, J.D.; H. A. Turner, I.G.; Dr. A. A. Rouillard and J. B. Surgeson, Stewards; and C. J. Jones, Tyler; and several P.Ms., W.Ms., Wardens, and members of private Lodges.—Contractor, Bro. Angus Fraser, S.W. Klip River County Lodge; Bro. Walker, architect."

The ground on which this temple is built was presented to the Freemasons of Ladysmith by Bro. Randles, of Maritzburg, and formerly of this town.

There were also deposited all the local papers of the day, the *Freemason* of August 28th, and all the various coins of the realm.

The District G.M., the District G. Officers, and visitors were entertained at lunch previous to the meeting at the Royal Hotel, where a most excellent lunch had been prepared by Bro. Chas. J. Jones. Bro. Harwood presided, supported by his two Wardens and the officers of the lodge.

In the evening an emergency meeting of the Klip River County Lodge was held, attended by the District G.M. and his officers. The lodge having been raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Douglas de-Fenzi took the chair, and most impressively raised three candidates.

## Obituary.

### BRO. HENRY NASH.

It is with deep regret and profound sympathy for the family that we have to record the death of Bro. Henry Nash, which took place at his residence, 21, Pembroke-road, Kensington, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The deceased brother's health had been of a most precarious kind for some months past, and recently his medical advisers entertained but very little hope of his recovery. Consequently the end did not come suddenly or unexpectedly, although a few months ago it was hoped that a short rally would be of a permanent nature. The greatest sympathy has been felt in Chesham and the neighbourhood—where Bro. Nash was very highly esteemed—for the family of our bereaved brother, since whose death many messages of condolence have been received, and it was amply testified to by the presence of a very large number at the funeral of our deceased brother at the Chesham Cemetery on Tuesday last. Bro. Nash who died of phthisis, was the second son of the late Mr. William Nash, of Bowden, Cheshire, and nephew of the late Mr. Thomas Nash, of The Brewery, Chesham, who was so highly respected in the neighbourhood. Born in 1846, Bro. Henry Nash went to Madras, at the age of 22, returning home in 1877, settling at his native home in Cheshire, he having married during his sojourn in India. Bro. Nash, however, soon went to London to live, and on the death of his uncle took an active share with his brother, Bro. W. J. Nash, in what has now become one of the largest brewing interests in the county. Some four years ago the business, having grown to such a large extent, was converted into a company, and our deceased brother was elected chairman of the board of directors; in fact, Bro. Nash attended in that capacity at the annual meeting of shareholders in August last at Chesham, and during the time he held that office the company have absorbed no less than two other breweries in the neighbourhood, viz., Swan Brewery at Berkhamsted and How's Brewery at Chesham. Bro. Henry Nash was a very prominent Freemason, the work of that Society ever being dear to his heart, and with his surviving brother, Bro. W. J. Nash, held many Masonic offices. Our deceased brother was a P.M. of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, and the Unity Lodge, No. 321, Crewe, a P.Z. of the Hermes Chapter, No. 77, J. of the Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, Past Prov. G. Registrar of Cheshire, and Prov. 1st A.G.S. of Cheshire. His spare moments, however, were given over to literature, and, indeed, one of his books for boys, entitled "Bare Rock," was very widely read and favourably commented on by both the London and Provincial Press, it being afterwards reproduced in one of the weekly boys' papers. He was also a leading contributor to the *Manchester City Lantern*, and his brother, Bro. W. J. Nash, also wrote weekly for the same journal under the *nom de plume* of "Carfax." Although a non-resident of Chesham yet our deceased brother always manifested a kindly interest in the town. He always held himself ready to spend or be spent in the cause of the associations of the town; indeed, he will be greatly missed by many. A strong Conservative, it was rarely that a gathering under the auspices of the association that he allowed himself to be absent from some years ago, but the time came when failing health induced him to relinquish more than one public office. A more true specimen of an English gentleman it would be difficult to encounter, and the family in the bereavement will be consoled with the knowledge that at all events he left the world better for his appearance on the human stage. On the occasion of the interment of Bro. Henry Nash, on the 17th inst., many tokens of regret and sympathy were visible throughout the town. Blinds were drawn at a number of the private residences, while shutters were placed in the windows of several of the business establishments. A large number of the residents assembled in the vicinity of the residence of deceased's brother, Bro. W. J. Nash (from which the funeral took place), to witness the departure of the solemn cortege, which proceeded *via* Townsend-road to the cemetery.

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For the week ending Saturday, November 4, 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, OCTOBER 30.

**RAFT LODGES.**  
79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.  
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
820, Lily of Richmond, Holborn Restaurant.  
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
1745, Farringdon Without, Anderton's Hotel.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

**RAFT LODGE.**  
141, Falth, Anderton's Hotel.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION OF SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER at 6.

**RAFT LODGES.**  
511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.  
1306, St. John's, Guildhall Tavern.  
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.  
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.  
1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.  
2484, Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall.  
2562, Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel.  
2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

**RAFT LODGES.**  
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.  
45, Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant.  
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
227, Ionic, Criterion.  
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
1288, Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.  
1351, St. Clement Danes, Holborn Restaurant.  
1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.  
1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.  
1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.

1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.  
1799, Old England, Elmwood Hall, West Croydon.  
1863, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.  
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.  
2550, Piccadilly, Cafe Monaco.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.  
**MARK LODGE.**  
504, Oxford and Cambridge, Palace Hotel, Kensington.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction.  
**RAFT LODGES.**  
60, St. John's, The Albion Tavern.  
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.  
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
2467, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.  
2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.  
2511, St. John at Hackney, The Old Town Hall.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
1489, Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
**ROSE CROIX.**  
126, Victory, Mark Masons' Hall.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

**RAFT LODGES.**  
1572, Carnarvon, The Albion Tavern.  
1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.  
2183, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.  
**MARK LODGES.**  
22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
205, Beaconsfield, Lord Brooke Hotel, Walthamstow.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Com. the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, left Marlborough House on Tuesday for Newmarket.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, with her son and daughter, has left Vienna for Stuttgart in response to an invitation from the King and Queen of Wurtemberg.

UNDER THE presidency of Sir William H. White, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers will open its new session this (Friday) evening with the first of a series of monthly meetings.

EARL CADOGAN has postponed his departure for Dublin until next week. His Excellency will attend the forthcoming Cabinet Council, and, with Countess Cadogan, has arranged to leave for Ireland as soon as their son has left for South Africa with the 10th Hussars.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN AND THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.—Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Treloar intends, as usual, to devote his two establishments on Ludgate Hill to crippled children on the 9th prox., in order that they may have an opportunity of seeing the Lord Mayor's Show.

CRICHTON LODGE, No. 1641.—At the election meeting held at Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., on Saturday, the 21st instant, Bro. Chas. H. Stone, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M., Treas., and Bro. Harrison, Tyler. The installation takes place in December.

ON BEHALF of the burgesses of the borough of Chepping Wycombe, Bucks, Bro. Earl Carrington presided at a complimentary dinner, and then performed the interesting function of presenting to the outgoing Mayor (Mr. C. W. Diacon) a gold watch and a chain and an illuminated address, towards which subscriptions had been given by all classes of the population.

THE SHERIFFS OF LONDON (Bros. Alderman Treloar and A. Bevan) proceeded on the morning of Wednesday to the Law Courts in their carriages, for the purpose of escorting Mr. Justice Channell to the Old Bailey. This is a new departure, and it is understood that the practice will be carried out each session on the first day the Judge attends the Central Criminal Court.

ON TUESDAY the Lord Mayor Elect (Bro. Alderman Newton), attended by the City officials, waited on the Lord Chancellor (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury) at the House of Lords to receive the Queen's approval of his election. Among those present were Bro. Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P., Sir C. Hall, M.P., Sir W. R. Cotton, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, and Bros. Sheriffs Treloar and Bevan.

PRINCESS ADOLPHUS OF TECK, who is staying at Grosvenor House, gave birth on Monday last to a daughter. Telegrams announcing the happy event were forwarded to the Queen, T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke and Duchess of Westminster. Late the same night mother and daughter were reported to be doing well.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES received at Marlborough House, on Monday, ex-President Harrison, of the United States, who was presented to his Royal Highness by his Excellency the United States Ambassador. In the evening his Royal Highness, accompanied by Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark and suite, witnessed the performance of "My Daughter-in-Law," at the Criterion Theatre.

THE ELCHO CHALLENGE SHIELD, won again by an English Eight, was reinstated in the Guildhall on Saturday evening, in the presence of Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, and a large number of Volunteers and others. Bro. the Lord Mayor subsequently entertained a numerous company at dinner at the Mansion House, to meet the English Eight and the Commanding Officers of Metropolitan Volunteers.

NEW GRAND MASTER MASON OF SCOTLAND.—At a meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held in Edinburgh on the 19th instant, the Substitute Grand Master, Bro. Captain Hope, in the chair, Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., was, with unanimity and enthusiasm, nominated for election by Grand Lodge as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, in the room of Lord Saltoun, whose three years' period of office expires on St. Andrew's Day.

THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR gave a dinner party on Tuesday at the Embassy, 1, Carlton House-terrace, in honour of Mr. B. Harrison, ex-President of the United States, at which there were present, among others, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury), the Marquess of Lansdowne, Bro. Viscount Wolseley, the Bishop of London, Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Mount Stephen, Lord Pauncefoot, Mr. Balfour, M.P., Mr. Bryce, M.P., Mr. Lecky, M.P., Lord Justice Collins, Sir E. Wood, V.C., the Attorney-General, and Sir R. T. Reid, M.P.

ALTHOUGH the Commander-in-Chief was absent—a fact which Viscount Wolseley said, in a telegram which he forwarded, was to him a great disappointment, there was, at the annual Colchester oyster feast on Wednesday last a large and representative company present to support the Mayor, Mr. Edwin E. Saunders, among them being the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London (Bros. Alderman Sir J. V. Moore, Aldermen Treloar and Bevan); Cardinal Vaughan, Bro. the Dean of Rochester, Sir Courtenay Boyle, the Mayors of Ipswich, Cambridge, and Chelmsford, Sir W. D. Pearson, M.P., Sir W. Birt, Major-General Abadie, C.B., Lieut.-General Quayle-Jones, Lieut.-Col. Challoner, and a number of the officers of the regiment stationed in the district.

RELICS OF LORD NELSON.—On Saturday last, the 21st instant, the third celebration of the anniversary of the hero of Trafalgar took place, under the auspices of the Navy League, at Trafalgar-square, around the base of the Nelson Column. As on previous occasions, it was garlanded. There were many votive offerings of laurel wreaths and flower decorations placed around the steps, at the base, deposited by branches of the Navy League and private individuals. The dense fog, however, which prevailed during the day proved a sad drawback to the general effect, causing even the electric lights, which encircled the column, to pale their brilliant splendour. In spite of the horrible weather, the crowd of patriotic spectators was so tremendous that those who wished, as far as the fog permitted, to see the decorations were compelled to form a queue, as though at the pit door of a theatre. To while away the dreary waiting, as the people with slow steps walked around the base, somebody started singing, and, for a considerable time, a roar of patriotic voices rose above the fog and filthy air. "God save the Queen," "Rule Britannia," "The Death of Nelson," and "Soldiers of the Queen," were sung over and over again. It is gratifying to state that in spite of the tremendous pressure, the crowd was orderly and well-behaved. This festive scene, under weather difficulties, was continued until midnight, when the electric lights were extinguished. This brief description leads up to our subject, "Relics of Lord Nelson." On Saturday last there was exhibited in one of the front windows of Pears Soap, Ltd., New Oxford-street, the silver plate presented at Lloyd's Coffee House, in the city of London, by the shipping world to the heroic and immortal Nelson in recognition of his great achievement at the battle of Copenhagen, fought 2nd April, 1801. This plate consists of tea and coffee services, salt cellars and spoons, pepper castors, and wine coolers (21); each article has Lord Nelson's armorial bearings engraved thereon. The engraved inscription on the wine coolers reads thus: "Presented by the Committee appointed to manage the subscription raised for the benefit of the wounded and the relatives of those who were killed in the glorious victory obtained off Copenhagen, on 2nd April, 1801, to Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson, K.B., Duke of Brontë, &c., &c., &c., in testimony of the high sense entertained of his meritorious and unprecedented exertions in defence of his country, which, at the peril and danger of his life, he so nobly sustained previous to the engagement, and as a token of his brilliant and gallant conduct during the whole of that ever memorable action.—Lloyd's Coffee House. (Signed) John Julius Angerstein, Chairman." Around these wine coolers it was Nelson's custom to invite the officers of his fleet to dine with him on the Victory, 100-gun ship, on which vessel he met his death, off Cape Trafalgar, 21st October, 1805. These articles of plate were purchased of Lord Viscount Bridport, a lineal descendant, and the Rev. Earl Nelson, the brother of our illustrious hero. There are other Nelson relics at the United Service Museum—Nelson's cocked hat, worn at Trafalgar; his diamond plume aigrette, given him by the Sultan; his diamond-hilted sword (a presentation gift), &c. The fame of Nelson will never be allowed to die by the grateful people of England—his illustrious name is perennially revived.

SIR FRANK LASCELLES, the British Ambassador in Berlin, has arrived in town on leave of absence.

THE DUCHESS OF ABERCORN returned to town on Tuesday from Baron's Court, Newtown Stewart, Ireland.

THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AND MRS. CHOATE have left town on a visit to the Duke of Sutherland at Trentham Hall.

LORD PAUNCEFOOT, her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, took his seat in the House of Lords, on his elevation to the Peerage.

THE BENEFIT ACCORDED to Tom Richardson this year is expected to result in something like £1000 being presented to the popular Surrey professional.

THE CITY COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL decided on Thursday to present the Lady Mayoress, on her retirement, with a handsome and costly diamond pendant.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS FRANCIS JOSEPH OF BATTENBERG left Victoria on Tuesday night for Darmstadt, travelling via Queenborough and Flushing.

LORD ROSEBERY, who is at present visiting Bath, was entertained at dinner on Thursday night in the Assembly Rooms by a number of West of England Etonians.

PRINCESS CLEMENTINE OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA, accompanied by Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, arrived in town on Thursday evening from Vienna.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING and his company have arrived safely in New York. "What England now wants most," he is reported to have said, "is America's moral support in this crisis."

THE QUEEN has forwarded, through Colonel Sir Fleetwood Edwards, K.C.B., her annual subscription of £50 to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, of which her Majesty is patron.

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND, attended by Mr. Algernon Peel, Private Secretary, and the Hon. Gerald Cadogan, A.D.C. in Waiting, left London on Thursday night on his return to the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin.

LORD AND LADY WIMBORNE give a farewell dinner this evening (Friday) at Wimborne House to the officers of the Royals, who have been ordered for service in South Africa. Their second son, the Hon. Christian Guest, is among them.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER is returning with Sir R. Wingate to Cairo, as it is improbable that a further expedition against the Khalifa, who has retreated from his camp at Jabel Kadir into the fastnesses of Darfur, will be organised for some time.

THE MEMBERS of the Royal Navy Club, 1765-85, dined at the Hotel Metropole on Tuesday evening to commemorate Trafalgar Day, 1805, and the Battle of Camperdown, 1797. Vice-Admiral Sir W. R. Kennedy presided, and the guest of the evening was Gen. Sir H. Brackenbury. Covers were laid for 100.

MADAME ALBANI, after the concert at Balmoral on Friday last, was presented by the Queen with a portrait of her Majesty, mounted in green enamel, in a silver case. Miss Ada Crossley received a pearl bracelet, Mr. Ben Davies a large silver cigar-box, Mons. Johannes Wolff a silver inkstand, and Mr. F. A. Sewell a silver ash-tray.

MR. LEOPOLD DE ROTHSCHILD has consented to preside on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 8th prox. Funds are urgently needed for this meritorious society.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS (Bro. the Rt. Hon. W. C. Gully, Q.C.) unveiled a stained-glass window in Kingston Town Hall, on Thursday, in memory of the 700th anniversary of the granting of the local charter. Bro. Gully afterwards dined with the Mayor.

A MEETING of the Old Boys' Lodge, No. 2500, held at the Criterion on the 17th inst., was made the occasion of presenting to the W.M., Bro. W. S. Bunting, the clothing of a Prov. Junior Grand Warden of Essex, to which office he was lately appointed and invested by Bro. the Earl of Warwick, Provincial Grand Master of the county.

THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL COMPANY have decided to promote in Parliament a bill enabling them to acquire the Manchester Racecourse for the extension of the docks, storage, and railway accommodation. The canal runs along one side of the racecourse. On Thursday, the Consultative Committee of the Manchester Corporation passed a resolution approving of the bill. The resolution will have to come before the City Council.

THE QUEEN went out at Balmoral on Wednesday with her Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales and Princess Henry of Battenberg. Her Majesty drove in the afternoon, accompanied by the Princess of Wales. General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., has arrived at the Castle, and with Miss Knollys, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. H. C. Legge, and Major Victor Farquharson, had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal Family.

IT is hardly possible to have too much of "Uncle Remus." A new volume from his pen will be published immediately by Messrs. Constable with the title "Plantation Pageants." It reintroduces a number of old friends who have appeared in the "Thimblefinger" stories. Aunt Minervy Ann is there, and Buster John, Sweetest Susan, Drusilla, Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, and several others of Mr. Joel Chandler Harris's delightful creations will engage in fresh adventures.

ON THE 17th inst., the first meeting for the season of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, was held at the Marine Hotel, Walton-on-Naze, Bro. S. T. T. James, W.M., presiding. Clacton was well represented by Bros. Wright, Franks, Lowe, King, Sutton, Sparling, and others, whilst the local brethren mustered well. At the close of the business, a capital banquet was served by Miss Thorpe, manageress, and most thoroughly enjoyed by about 20 members who sat down to it.

REFUGEES' AID FUND.—There was a lull on Thursday in the receipts for the Transvaal Refugees' Fund, only about £1500 having been paid into the Mansion House during the day. The Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir J. V. Moore) sent a further remittance of £16,000 to Sir Alfred Milner, making £142,000 so far forwarded. The donors on Thursday included the Village Main Reef Gold Company, which sent £250; the London and Provincial Bank, £105; Sir Robert Tempest, £50; the South African Breweries, Limited, £105; the British Thomson-Houston Company, £52 10s.; Messrs. George Elliot and Co., £100; and Mr. E. Stephani, £52 10s.

LORD MAYOR'S NEW FUND.—About £30,000 had been subscribed down to Thursday night towards the Lord Mayor's Fund at the Mansion House for the widows and orphans of the soldiers and sailors killed in the war (including officers), for the sick and wounded under treatment, for soldiers disabled from service, and for the wives and families of men serving with the Colours. The Court of Directors of the Bank of England, at their meeting on Thursday, had under consideration the question of a contribution to the Fund, and granted a donation of £5000. The Bank desired to make no specific indication in regard to its application.

A COMMENCEMENT has been made with the work which will carry into practical effect the idea originated by Mr. G. F. Watts, R.A., of constructing a memorial cloister in the "Postmen's Park," Aldersgate, for the names and deeds of everyday heroes and heroines. Mr. Watts, who will defray the cost, has conceived a very simple design, consisting of a red-tiled roof, sloping from the wall to a height of 7 ft. from the ground. The floor, which will be about 7 ft. wide, will also be red tiled, and the covered way will extend a distance of 50 ft. Above the seats are to be placed a number of memorial tablets, which will contain a record of the names and heroic achievements of all those who deserve the Victoria Cross of Peace.

## Marriage.

CARDEW—EVERETT.—On the 18th instant, at St. Saviour's Church, Brixton, by the Rev. Walter Horne, M.A., Alfred Edward Ernest Cardew, of Kensington, to Biondella Bertha (Della), second daughter of Bro. George Everett, of "Claremont," Clapham.