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A MASONIC HALL FOR LEEDS.

There appears to be a decided preference among our lodges in the north of England for having Halls of their own in which to hold their meetings, instead of hotels and taverns. Nearly all those that are located in the Provinces of Northumberland and Durham rent or have erected for themselves special premises of this kind, and the same remark applies to many of the lodges in the two Lancashires and the two Yorkshires. Indeed, we find every now and then, when the Grand Lodges of these northern Provinces hold their periodical or special communications, that the powers that be do all in their power to encourage the brethren to have places of their own, and whenever a new hall is dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry, the presiding officer almost invariably congratulates the lodge and its members on being in a position to fulfil their duties in their own home, so to speak. Quite recently a scheme was afoot in West Yorkshire for obtaining a suitable site on which to erect a central Masonic Hall that should serve as a kind of head-quarters for the Province; but for the present, at all events, the project is in abeyance. Since then, however, our Leeds brethren have taken the matter up, and resolved that sundry of the lodges in their city shall have suitable premises; and to this end the representatives of five of them—Nos. 304, 1042, 1211, 1311, and 2069—met together, and, after various inquiries, selected a central and very convenient site in Great George-street, having an area of 650 square yards. This they determined to purchase, and in May and subsequently, steps were taken for the formation of a Leeds Masonic Hall Company, Limited, with a capital of £10,000 in £1 shares, towards which, by the end of September, £6300 had been subscribed. A strong Board of Directors has been formed, with Bro. J. BARRACLOUGH, W.M. No. 304, as Chairman; Bro. W. W. CLAYTON, P.M. No. 1311, P.P.G.D., as Vice-Chairman; and Bro. CHARLES SCRIVEN, P.M. No. 1211, Prov. G. Supt. of Works—to whose courtesy we are indebted for copy of the Company's prospectus, with particulars of the proposed building and other important information—as Secretary; the bankers being Messrs. W. WMS. BROWN and Co., Leeds, and the solicitor Bro. W. POSTLETHWAITE, P.M. No. 1311.

As regards the proposed building, we need say no more than that it appears to meet the requirements laid down in the

prospectus, that it shall be worthy of the traditions of the Craft, and an ornament to the City of Leeds. The site, as we have said, has a superficial area of 650 square yards, having a frontage to Great George-street of 70 feet, the price paid for it at the rate of £5 10s. per square yard being £3575. Having secured the ground, the Directors invited architects to send in designs for the hall, offering premiums of £50, £20, and £10, to be awarded respectively to the three that were held to be the most meritorious. The accommodation afforded is spread over four floors and a basement, the latter containing strong rooms and ample cellarage, while on the ground floor and three floors above it are placed the offices, committee-rooms, lodge and dining rooms, kitchen, pantry, caretaker's rooms, with lavatories, and all the necessary offices on each floor; the dining-rooms being on the first, and the lodge and ante-rooms on the second floors, while the kitchen and caretaker's rooms are on the topmost floor of all. In fact, the particulars furnished place it beyond doubt that, when it is completed, the new Masonic Hall in Leeds will contain all the accommodation which the brethren can possibly need, with the exception of a library and reading-room, for which no provision appears to have been contemplated, though it is possible, of course, that the Committee rooms—which would not always be in use as such—might be utilised for these purposes. The estimated cost is set down at £11,500, of which the site has cost £3575, the building and furniture being estimated at £7400, and contingencies at £525. Towards this the Company's capital will furnish £10,000, and the remainder it is proposed to raise by mortgage on the property. The income and expenditure are calculated to yield £620 and £255 respectively, so that there will be an estimated surplus available for dividend to shareholders and interest on mortgage of £365. It should be added that the principal sources of income will be the rents received from the lodges and other Masonic bodies meeting in the Hall, profit on wines, &c., and rent of offices, but it is in contemplation to let the hall for social gatherings, and, no doubt in time, this will not be the least profitable part of the scheme.

It should be added that the premiated designs were those of Mr. J. M. BOTTOMLEY, of Leeds and Middlesborough; Mr. CLARENCE COGGIN, A.R.I.B.A., of the Adelphi, London; and Mr. A. MCKEWAN, A.R.I.B.A., of Birmingham, the order of merit corresponding with the order in which the names are given. No time will be lost in entering upon the work of erecting the new hall, and as we are given to understand that our Leeds brethren are most enthusiastic over the project, it will probably not be very long before we hear that the hall is ready for the purposes for which it was intended, and that nearly, if not quite all the Masonic bodies meeting in Leeds have resolved on giving it their support.

LODGE OFFICERS.

No. VI. (AND LAST).

[COMMUNICATED.]

In addition to those of whose duties we have treated in previous articles, the regular officers of a lodge include the Treasurer and Inner Guard. The Inner Guard is the junior officer of the lodge. He has his foot on the first rung of the ladder, which he hopes will ultimately lead him to the Master's chair. Being new to office he will naturally be zealous. His place is within the porch of the lodge and he acts under the

immediate direction of the Junior Warden, to whom he makes reports and from whom he receives instructions. On occasions he makes reports directly to the Worshipful Master, as for instance at the admission of candidates. His duties call for no lengthened comment beyond suggesting that one of his first cares should be to learn to distinguish between a "report" and an "alarm." Brother Inner Guard will not act unwisely in consulting the Tyler when he is in doubt on this or other matters. We might add that he should make himself acquainted with the exact styles and titles of visitors before announcing them, particularly of Provincial Officers. Nor do the duties of Brother Treasurer require much explanation. He has probably been selected by the lodge on account of his particular qualifications, and his duties such as they are—and if the Secretary be a skilled brother they are not very onerous—are generally performed at home.

We now come to what, for want of a better term, may be called the voluntary officers. Those we have been describing are called "regular" officers, and must of necessity be appointed. The voluntary officers, according to Article 129, comprise the Chaplain, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, and Stewards. An Almoner is sometimes appointed.

The Chaplain's duty is to offer up prayer in the appropriate places in the several ceremonies, and at the opening of lodge he should not fail to read a portion of scripture. Suitable selections for the use of lodge Chaplains have been appointed and we might recommend, as specially appropriate, Psalms xv., lxxxiv., or cxxii. The Chaplain appears to be the most suitable lodge officer to deliver the charge in the First Degree.

In Provincial Grand Lodge two Chaplains may be appointed, who are of equal rank. Why two, is not quite clear, unless to ensure that one shall always be present. The duties include the preparation and delivery of an oration on the occasion of the consecration of a new lodge, the installation of a Provincial Grand Master, or the laying of a foundation stone. The Chaplain's duties, in fact, are to keep ever to the front the most exalted aspect of the Craft and to maintain its position as a great religious Institution. He may very fitly be trusted to be the lodge Almoner, as, if a clergyman, he is in daily contact with those who need such ministrations of brotherly kindness. We say, if a clergyman, but it is by no means essential that he should be. There are many Masters who, if the services of a clergyman are not available, decline to appoint a Chaplain, but we venture to think they are wrong. The very fact of the appointment shows the importance the lodge attaches to the discharge of a Chaplain's duties. We might point out that the lodge Chaplain is quite as deserving of promotion as any other officer of the lodge. As we observed in our article on the Wardens (No. IV.) the brother who is invested with the Chaplain's collar is very often allowed to keep it in perpetuity. Experience has shown, however, that when a clergyman is enthusiastic about Freemasonry, his enthusiasm is generally very marked indeed, and to keep such a brother in the subordinate position is not only an injustice to him, but often to the lodge which is thus deprived of the services of an intelligent Master.

The Director of Ceremonies comes next. This brother makes his own duties. It is almost necessary that he should be a Past Master. He should be capable of filling any chair in the lodge, the incumbent of which has failed to put in an appearance, at a moment's notice, and especially, he should be ready to supplement the efforts of the Deacons, whose knowledge may not always be on a par with their zeal. In the ordinary routine of lodge work he will have little to do save to see that distinguished visitors receive suitable consideration and are accorded their proper precedence.

On the occasion of an installation or an official visitation, however, it is different. He should see that the brethren who form in procession to salute the new Wor. Master are arranged in their proper order, the junior brother first. We are quite aware that we are open to the objection that, at that particular moment, there is neither a Director of Ceremonies nor any other officer in existence, but we venture to suggest that the voluntary officers of a lodge retain the right to perform their functions until their successors are actually invested. The same objection would make it impracticable to have any music during the processions, whereas a spirited march on the organ always enlivens proceedings which otherwise are apt to grow monotonous.

In Provincial Grand Lodge the Director of Ceremonies is a very important functionary. In the lodge room it is desirable that he should follow close on the heels of the Provincial Grand Pursuivant, and thus make doubly sure of the fact that the brethren are ranged under their respective banners. In the anteroom the formation of the Provincial Grand Master's procession is a matter of anxiety. He has to be acquainted with

the antecedents of every brother so as to arrange brethren holding corresponding past rank, in the order of their Masonic seniority—and a capable Director of Ceremonies can do much towards making proceedings orderly and comfortable. In Grand Lodge his duties are really onerous, and demand the co-operation of a whole army of assistants, insomuch that special votes of thanks to these brethren are presented on occasion, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies frequently finds his way to a Warden's collar.

We now come to the Organist. Needless to say that this brother must possess the attainments involved in his designation. He should not only know how to play, but how to leave off. Whilst suitable music enhances the dignity of the ceremonial, especially in the Third Degree, it is better to be without it than to have to endure the spectacle of the proceedings coming to a full stop, to enable the organist to avoid an abrupt conclusion. However, we are not proposing in this article to give a music lesson, and as the brethren appointed to this office are generally qualified professionally, there is no reason to discourse at length on the way they should perform their duties. He should, of course, try to form a choir, and as to what is appropriate to be performed we cannot do better than refer him to the *Liber Musicus*, by the late Bro. Dr. Spark, P.P.G. Org. West Yorks, published by Bros. Geo. Kenning and Son.

We now come to the Stewards. These may be appointed in any number, and in lodge they are supposed to look after the comfort of visitors, which, as a rule, resolves itself into asking such to stay to dinner. Their most important duty, however, is that not laid down in the ritual—that is the catering. Where Masonic waiters are not available in the banqueting-hall, it is also expected that the Stewards will act as such, and it will thus be seen that the Stewards deserve well of the lodge. The senior Steward is usually in charge of the Stewards' Fund. This should always be kept distinct from the lodge funds. As a matter of convenience, in some lodges, where brethren reside at a distance and send their dues by post, the Secretary sometimes encloses a memo of the Stewards' account; but the funds are, and should be, kept perfectly distinct. The senior Steward may present a report of the state of the fund from time to time, and recover from the lodge Treasurer such sums as may be due on account of the entertainment of visitors, and, if in debt, he may ask the lodge to vote a specific sum to make the account solvent. But, on the whole, the most satisfactory system is that in which the brethren have direct relations with the Steward. It must not be forgotten that there are many members of the lodge who either do not care to dine or who cannot afford. Such brethren should be respected; and if the lodge is in the habit of making up any deficiency in the Stewards' account by the vote of any considerable sum, it means practically that the non-dining brethren are being called upon to pay for those who do. These remarks are necessary by reason of the fact that in many lodges there is no separate Stewards' Fund. All receipts and disbursements on account of refreshment go into the general lodge accounts—a fixed amount being recovered from the brethren, and the not inconsiderable balance being debited against lodge funds. Of course, it is a cardinal principle that a lodge can do what it likes with its own funds; but expediency and legality do not always go together, and the system just described does certainly not illustrate the best aspect of Freemasonry.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS, IRELAND.

I am indebted to my esteemed friend, Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, for a copy of the new Book of Constitutions, just published by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The present volume is considerably larger than its immediate predecessor of 1898, the latter containing 154 pages as compared with 220 in 1899. The Printer to the Grand Lodge (*T. Underwood*) has done his part well, and assuredly, both textually and typographically, the latest edition is in advance of its numerous "forbears." The Laws take effect from the 24th day of June last, so that "all other general Laws and Regulations hitherto in force are hereby repealed."

The Rules are numbered consecutively, as with those of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and are ably arranged, and, moreover, there is an excellent Index of the Contents, which adds considerably to the value of the work, especially as it includes the Old Charges as printed in the first edition of 1730, and those "appointed for use in Lodges (including *Prayers*) at the present time."

The 1898 issue had 160 Rules, but the new Book has 183. Many of the Regulations are of a very valuable character, and calculated to maintain the high position so long held by the Grand Lodge of Ireland as to the quality of its membership.

Election in the Grand Master's Lodge is subject to the approval of the G.M. or the D.G.M., after a favourable ballot. No Lodge on the Roll is permitted to meet for either labour or refreshment on Sunday. Election of Officers must occur prior to 30th November in each year, but none can be installed before St. John's Day in Winter; and the Grand Lodge recommends that no Brother shall be elected as W.M. who is incapable of properly conferring the Craft Degrees. Unless by dispensation, specially granted, every Lodge Secretary must be a P.M., who may also hold the office of Treasurer.

One "black bean" excludes a candidate, but joining members are admitted according to the By-laws. In each case either the Proposer or Seconder must be present when the ballot is taken, and all members who are Master Masons, and in attendance, must vote. Six months must lapse before rejected Candidates for Initiation can be again proposed. A Brother removed from his Lodge Roll for non-payment of dues is not eligible for membership in any other Lodge, or even to visit during labour or refreshment, until such arrears are paid. A Register of such financial defaulters is kept in the Grand Secretary's office. A member who is objectionable to his fellow members may be excluded, provided "that three fourths of the subscribing members shall so decide at a Communication specially called to consider the matter." The voting to be by ballot. Each lodge shall have a *Seal* of the design provided. Candidates for Initiation in lodges within the Metropolitan District must be approved by the "Committee of Charity and Inspection," besides passing the Ballot in the regular way, save as to the "Grand Master's Lodge." There are stringent rules as to the balloting and initiation of non-resident Candidates, and advisedly so.

Membership of the Grand Lodge consists of the Present and Past Grand Officers, the *Provincial* Grand Officers, the W.Ms., Wardens, and P.Ms. (who have taken out their certificates), provided they are subscribing members to lodges on the Irish Register. In the list of precedence, however, I see that *Past* Provincial Grand Officers are included but they are not mentioned as such in Law 3.

The prefix "R.W." is used by Officers from the D.G.M. to the Grand Treasurer, Secretary, and Chaplain (in such order) and "W." denotes the remainder. The Dep. Prov. G.M. is also "R.W." and the "V.W." is to designate the Chaplain, and "W." for the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. Provincial Grand Inspectors may be appointed by the Prov. G.M., and rank after Prov. G. Inner Guard. There are several other Laws that may be noted that differ from ours, but these must suffice for the time.

The "Old Charges of the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland as originally issued for the use of Lodges in Great Britain and Ireland, 1730," duly follow. These resemble (but improve upon) those published A.D. 1723 in the premier "Book of Constitutions." They are, however, of more literary excellence than the senior production or compilation, and I am glad they have been so prominently brought once more to the notice of the Craft, as also "The Charge to new-admitted Brethren, as originally approved by the Grand Officers of Ireland, 1734."

The "External Forms and Ceremonies for use in the Lodges" which succeed were recommended by the Grand Lodge of Instruction 11th May, 1899, signed by *W. F. Chetwode Crawley* (as Grand Secretary of that most useful organisation), and duly approved by the Grand Lodge on the first of the following month; certified by *Lord Castletown*, Grand Secretary. The Introduction is so good and original that I should much like to give it in full, but that cannot be done just now, so a portion must suffice.

"The Old Charges refer to the Craft of Masonry under two denominations, Operative and Speculative. The skill of the Operative." . . . "was displayed in building material Edifices, conspicuous for Wisdom of Design, Strength of Construction, and Beauty of Figure. The corresponding task of speculative Craftsmen is to take their share in building up a moral edifice, which shall display to like advantage the social, intellectual, and spiritual faculties with which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to endow the Brethren." . . . "The Ceremonies, Methods, and Implements of the Operative Brethren continue to condense and convey instruction which, without such Emblems, Symbols, and Memories, would run the risk of being distorted or lost in the vicissitudes of oral tradition." . . .

What, I presume, might fairly be termed the *External Ritual*, is of a high order of excellence; the Prayers are recited and the Forms generally are most appropriate and truly Masonic.

The Modern "Charges" are reproduced, and apparently cannot well be improved. The illustrated descriptive account of the "Masonic Clothing and Insignia" peculiar to the Grand Lodge makes interesting reading, and completes this artistic volume, which undoubtedly is not only one of the best works of the kind ever published in connection with any Grand Lodge, but superior to most Books of Constitutions extant.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P., Grand J., occupied the chair of Grand M.E.Z.; Comp. R. Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent Cambridge, acted as Grand H.; and Comp. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, Grand Superintendent Sussex, as Grand J. Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; W. Lake, Asst. G.S.E.; Frank Richardson, Sir G. D. Harris, Lennox Browne, C. E. Keyser, Dr. Clement Godson, W. Russell, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T.; W. A. Scurrah, James Boulton, J. Strachan, Q.C.; E. Beaumont, Baron de Ferrieres, George Everett, P.G.T.; Henry Garrod, H. A. Tobias, J. W. Burgess, George Graveley, T. L. Wilkinson, and C. J. R. Tijou, were among the other companions who attended. There was but a sparse gathering.

On the motion of Sir G. D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, charters were granted for chapters to be attached to the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, to the Armitage Lodge, No. 2261, to the Toowong Lodge, No. 2306; and the Pioneer Lodge, No. 1490. The St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 834, was granted permission to remove from Brook Green to the Criterion, Piccadilly; 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; and the St. John at Hackney Chapter, No. 2511, from the Town Hall, Hackney, to the South Place Hotel, Finsbury.

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 chapter was 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 chapters were ordered to 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, Bombay.
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 Otago Chapter, No. 844, Dunedin, New Zealand.
The Phoenix Chapter, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica.
The Remuera Chapter, No. 1710, Remuera, New Zealand.

A charter of confirmation was granted to the Francis Burdett Chapter, the original charter having been lost, and the name of the chapter was altered to "Sir Francis Burdett."

Comp. Sir GEORGE D. HARRIS moved "That the sum of £2000 be contributed from the funds of Grand Chapter towards the cost of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall." He said the sum asked for represented the usual proportion which Grand Chapter bore of Grand Lodge expenses. The companions might like to know that the new work was being pushed forward with considerable vigour. The property would be greatly improved by the proposed large blocks of buildings to be erected, and that the London County Council had under consideration the application of part of the street as the site of their new County Hall, and when they had decided upon it, no doubt the work would be carried on with more than ordinary dexterity.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON said he had much pleasure in seconding the motion, because he thought it only right that Grand Chapter should bear a portion of the cost. The expense was very heavy, but by the new street going along from Holborn to near Freemasons' Hall, and coming round at the back, Freemasons' Hall he hoped, would be able to get an entrance to the new thoroughfare about to be made, and that would immensely improve the property of Grand Lodge, and on this ground, if on no other, it was only right that Grand Chapter should bear a portion of the expense.

Comp. W. BEACH, in putting the motion to Grand Chapter, said the companions had been informed that the sum proposed to be given was the usual proportion Grand Chapter bore, but if any companion had any remark upon the resolution, he would be pleased to hear him.

The motion was carried.

Comp. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.S.N., moved "That the sum of 100 guineas be contributed from the funds of Grand Chapter to the Transvaal Refugees' Relief Fund." He said this was a very modest proposal, and he would explain how it was. When he gave notice of this motion, so as to allow the constitutional interval of a fortnight, there was but one fund in course of collection for alleviating the evils arising out of the war in which this country was engaged. Other funds had since sprung up, which bade fair to go along with the Transvaal Refugees' Relief Fund. There was one fund for making provision for the future, and he hoped it would meet with every support. He thought Grand Chapter should contribute to the Relief Fund. His object in giving the notice was that many of the Masonic brethren might know that in the Transvaal there were the various branches of Freemasonry, and many brethren in South Africa, as well as in the country which was hostile to us, and that there were lodges in Pretoria, Natal, Griqualand, and Johannesburg.

Comp. Col. DIXON, G.S.B., seconded the motion.

Comp. BEACH thought it was a very fit object to which to devote Grand Chapter funds. It was not one of the cases where much of what was contributed very often went in expenses. He hoped that the fund would be well managed, and then the companions would have reason to congratulate themselves on contributing to the fund.

Comp. Sir JOHN MONCKTON said the Mansion House Funds were well managed. There was no fund in the kingdom which was better administered or in such a remarkable way.

The motion was carried, and Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

Art and the Drama.

GUILDHALL ART GALLERY, CITY, E.C.

In a recent issue, there is a very brief notice of the interesting function which took place on Wednesday, the 18th ult., on the occasion of the unveiling of the picture representing the visit of the Queen on the morning of her Diamond Jubilee, June, 1897. We think that many of our readers would be pleased to read fuller details. We, therefore, make this subject the first of our paragraphs in our new column of "Art and the Drama," and it appears to us singularly appropriate, for how could British art be better represented than in depicting such a memorable incident in the life of our beloved Queen, who has during her long useful career so endeared herself to her loyal subjects?

We received an invitation from the Lord Mayor to be present at a very interesting ceremony on the 18th ult. The Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Court of Common Council visited in semi-state the Free Art Gallery, at the Guildhall. There was a large gathering of ecclesiastical, civic, artistic, and other distinguished personages to assist the Lord Mayor in unveiling the picture of the Queen attending the service at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the occasion of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, 22nd June, 1897. This important picture is the work of the well-known artist, Mr. Gow, R.A., and represents the Queen in her semi-state carriage with H.I.H. the Dowager Empress of Germany, H.R.H. Princess Victoria, and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. The moment selected by the artist is that when her Majesty, in her carriage drawn up at the Cathedral steps, is listening to the service of thanksgiving read by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Her Majesty is surrounded by her court, all in the most brilliant festive attire. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, with his Royal brothers, and the leading men of the military, naval, and civil services are on horseback, surrounding the carriage. The Cathedral steps are crowded with bishops and other high dignitaries of our English Church, in such gorgeous vestments as are only worn on similar important state occasions, while joined with them are the chief civic functionaries. In the crowded assembly is the choir, the members of which were selected from the principal cathedrals of the kingdom. At the base of the steps is to be seen the Archbishop, supported by the Bishop of London, the Dean of Westminster, and many other distinguished ecclesiastics. In the right-hand foreground are the gaily-harnessed cream-coloured horses, so familiar to London sightseers. The portraits of the Queen and the other occupants of the carriage are most successfully depicted, whilst the details of the uniforms worn and the surrounding decorations are carried out with much artistic skill. The general effect of colour contrasts happily with the brilliantly-attired throng, as seen in the sober greys of the venerable fane. The value, however, of this work of art is to be estimated by the fact that it is now, and will be for future ages, a lasting record of the most interesting event in our modern English history.

When the procession reached the dais, and the members composing it were seated, the company assembled resumed their seats. Mr. Henry Clarke, the donor of the picture, trusted that the Corporation would accept his gift, and suggested that all funds that might afterwards be acquired should be expended in the purchase of works of art by British artists. The Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir John Voce Moore) accepted the handsome picture on behalf of the City of London, thanking most warmly the generous donor. His lordship, in alluding to the artistic talents of Mr. Gow, unfortunately made a curious *lapsus lingue*. He spoke of Mr. Gow as being a distinguished member of the Royal Artillery. A ripple of irrepressible laughter was heard on all sides. Sir Reginald Hanson rose and said that, though doubtless at the present time the air was strongly charged with war-like elements, he trusted he might be excused for reminding the Lord Mayor that Mr. Gow was a distinguished Royal Academician—not a member of the Royal Artillery. Risibility having ceased, Mr. Barber, on behalf of the Library Committee, said he would, with much pleasure, undertake the charge of this important work. In reply to thanks tendered to the artist, Mr. Gow said that he felt proud that the result of his labour, which to him had, indeed, been a pleasure, should have achieved such an honourable position. He added that the portraits of her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales owed their truthfulness to the special sittings which had been graciously accorded to him. This brought the proceedings to a close. Many of the company remained to examine the picture, and also the artistic productions of Sir John Gilbert, R.A., and other well-known painters of the British School.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE.

There is an interesting drama now being performed at the above theatre. The joint authors are Robert Buchanan and Harriet Jay, playwrights of repute. It is entitled "Alone in London." This is a fairly well-written piece, sensibly constructed, and free from those absurdities and gross exaggerations which are the prevailing characteristics of so many of this kind of dramatic work. The heroine of the piece is Annie Meadows, the keeper's daughter. This character is undertaken by Miss Lillah McCarthy, who, in addition to her good looks, has a charming unaffected manner, which enlists the sympathies of the audience. The villain of the piece, Richard Redcliffe, upon whom the greater part of the work falls, is undertaken by Mr. Wm. Clayton; his villainy is not repulsive, but tempered by moderation, the only wonder is, how he can behave so cruelly to his ill-fated young wife, who so lovingly confides in him, trusting implicitly in his honour, from which pleasing dream she has a rude awakening. This is the pivot upon which the story turns. Her former happy country life, her removal to London, where she is abandoned by her worthless husband; the trials and sufferings she undergoes on behalf of herself and her boy, are not without

the bounds of probability, and consequently make a stronger appeal to the spectators. The dark shade is relieved by the comic element which is introduced. Here there are several phases of character. Jenkinson, who is a strange compound of a thief and philosopher, and who later on assumes the disguise of a dissenting parson, by his drunken propensities reminds us of the Rev. Mr. Stiggins, as depicted by Charles Dickens. Then we have the swell dandy thief, who stands upon his dignity, and cannot "abear anything low." Charley Johnson, a humble professional, and Liz Jenkinson, the daughter of her worthless father, are most amusing. Tom Chickweed, the waif and stray, who has a rather important part in the development of the plot, and is the agent of the *denouement* is intelligently rendered by Miss Sydney Farebrother. We must not forget to notice John Biddlecomb, who may be considered the guardian and protector of the distressed heroine, admirably played by Mr. Frank Cooper, who is a good type of the rough honest farmer; it is a pity he is not more prominent. Other characters are Mr. Burnaby, a rich banker, and Ruth Clifton, an heiress, who is well represented by pretty Miss Minnie Sadler. It has been a pleasure to us to give the outlines of the prominent characters. We have purposely refrained from telling the story of "Alone in London," it would detract from the enjoyment those will experience who pay the theatre a visit. In bringing these remarks to a conclusion we have only further to say that it is a good wholesome piece, not overburdened with slang, and perfectly free from suggestions and veiled indelicacies, which so often disfigure the clever productions of our modern play writers.

THE ENGLISH AND MUSIC.

Not so many years ago it was a common thing amongst foreigners to aver that English people had no appreciation of, nor soul for, good music. Strangely enough, this dictum was accepted at once by ourselves, without question, or giving any thought as to whether the assertion had any foundation in truth. John Bull is very often a careless, foolish sort of fellow; let him be told something that does not redound to his credit, the accusation, if backed up by an amount of authority, will be acknowledged unhesitatingly, and its veracity will not be put to the test. We may remind our readers of the well-known story of the stump orator, who, telling a large crowd of ignorant country people of their imagined wrongs, and of which, till then, they were totally ignorant, after reproaching them for not asserting and demanding their rights, observed "but you wretched people are such confounded fools." Thereupon, a shout of unanimity rose from the assembled yokels, "We are, we are!" In like manner the mass of our people in past years used to accept and coincide in the reproach of our Continental neighbours, and lament their deficiencies in music. But a change, considerably for the better, has arrived, and is increasing at a rapid ratio. Music, if it has been neglected in the past, is no longer so in the present. It forms an important item in our ordinary education. No longer the amusement of the few who have time and inclination for it, it has become a serious study amongst the upper, middle, and the poorer classes. That it has taken a firm hold of the working population, let any sceptic pay a visit some Sunday afternoon to Albert Hall, Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, the Alhambra, and many other places, not confined only to the West-end, but to the poorer East-end, of our great metropolis. He will there notice, especially in the part where admission is free, how selections from the works of the chief classics in music are intelligently appreciated and applauded. Let us, therefore, no longer submit to the now, at least, unmerited reproach, but let the intelligent (?) foreigner visit the places we have named; and he will fain confess that the English nation no longer deserves the stigma which had been cast upon it.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held in the Queen's Hall, Worthing, on Monday, the 25th ult. About 50 brethren attended and transacted the business, under the presidency of Bro. Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. Every lodge in the province was represented, and the finances were reported to be in a flourishing condition. Bro. J. H. Wright was unanimously elected Treasurer and re-invested as such.

The other officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Bro. H. Langton...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. H. Pocock	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. Hillman	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. J. Abell	Prov. S.G.O.
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" J. Corringham	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" H. Pearce	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. C. Golding	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" C. A. Milnes	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" V. W. Binden	Prov. G.S.Bs.
" F. D. Carnell	
" W. Lintott	Prov. G.I.G.
" P. Beer	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. MacQueen	
" T. H. Langford-Sainsbury	
" G. D. Brown	

The investiture of these brethren being complete, the acting Provincial Grand Master said he was desired by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to express his regret at being unable to attend the lodge that day. He was pleased to find that a satisfactory state of things existed in the province, both as regards the number of members and the financial position of the lodge. He trusted the good feeling and excellent working which now obtained might long continue.

Some routine business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Steyne Hotel, where a banquet had been provided.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Guildhall, Deal, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., under the auspices of the Granville Lodge, No. 390, and under the rule of the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan, Dep. G. Master. Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting, held at Blackheath, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. J. G. Podevin, P.D.P.G.M., called over the roll of lodges in the province, when only two were not represented.

The sum of 30 guineas was voted to the Royal Mark Benevolent Fund.

At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren adjourned to the South Eastern Hotel, where a first-class banquet was provided by the able manager of that establishment, and partaken of by upwards of 60 brethren.

The Prov. G.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. F. Hughes-Hallett, D.P.G.M.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; Jas. S. Eastes, Wm. Russell, J. G. Podevin, Sibert Saunders, Rev. W. B. Drawbridge, Thos. Ayling, W.M. 390; J. W. Court, Thos. Bent, Sidney Newton, and others.

The following brethren were appointed and invested by the Prov. G. Master as officers for the next 12 months, viz.:

Bro. Frederick Hughes-Hallett, P.M. 129 and 378	D.P.G.M.
P.G.D. Eng.
" John Wyatt Court, P.M. 390 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Joseph Harrison, P.M. 294 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Alexander S. Greenway, M.D., W.M. 309 ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Samuel R. Wilson, P.M. 129 ...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Alfred W. Southwell, W.M. 262 ...	Prov. J.G.O.
" the Rev. William B. Drawbridge, P.M. 267 ...	Prov. G. Chap
" Herbert Black, P.M. 69 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Charles Loud, W.M. 378 ...	Prov. G.R. Mks.
" J. George Podevin, P.M. 152, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.D.P.G.M. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Henry S. Bagshaw, P.M. 237 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" John O. Cook, W.M. 44 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
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" John P. White, P.M. 364 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Jonathan D. Hull, P.M. 69 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Sidney Newton, P.M. 390 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Arnold H. Ulyett, W.M. 266 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John G. Cheyney, W.M. 380 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" George H. Porter, P.M. 266 ...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Enrico Caraco, P.M. 6 ...	Prov. G.I.G.
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" John T. Loader, W.M. 322 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Charles M. Challenger, W.M. 332
" Joseph Oram, Tyler 237 ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

KNIGHT TEMPLARY IN EAST ANGLIA.

The Knights Templar in the Provincial Priory of East Anglia are, somewhat late in the day, paying a well-deserved mark of respect to a former ruler of their Order, viz., the late Rev. R. N. Sanderson, rector of Wyverstone, Suffolk. The Priory's expression of esteem takes the form of a morument, and is in the shape of a coffin, constructed of Derbyshire fossil stone, and round the bevelled edge runs the inscription in lead letters—

"Robert Nicholas Sanderson, B.A., rector of this parish 1882—1896, Sub-Prior of the Province of East Anglia, Order of the Temple, 1867—1896. Died June 27th, 1896, aged 62 years."

The rev. brother was at one time the curate of St. Mary Elms and St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and also second master of Ipswich School, vacating the latter office on his preferment to Wyverstone.

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GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

SESSION 1899—1900.

The stated communications for the session will be held in the Grand Lodge Room, Dublin, on Thursday, November 9th; Thursday, December 14th; Thursday, January 11th; Thursday, February 8th; Thursday, March 8th; and Thursday, April 12th; at eight o'clock p.m. All Master Masons admissible. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, P.S.G.D., G. Sec. Inst.

Craft Masonry.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795.

The members of this lodge, accompanied by numerous visitors, journeyed to the George Hotel, Bray, on the 18th ult., for the installation meeting. Travelling by saloon carriages from Paddington, Maidenhead was quickly reached, and a delightful drive to Bray followed. The glorious weather greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren at this picturesque riverside spot. There was, however, a heavy agenda of lodge work to be gone through, and after lunch had been partaken of, the W.M. opened the lodge supported by Bros. Capt. Henry H. Tasker, S.W.; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897, acting J.W.; William Fenton, P.M. 755, P.Z. 1602, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Charles Dearing, P.M. 1602 and 795, P.Z. 1602, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. H. Smyth, J.W.; W. Physick, S.D.; George A. Dowse, J.D.; W. Thompson, I.G.; J. R. Musto, D.C.; T. Moon, J. Clarke, and H. Keppax, Stwds.; J. H. Custance, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Ernest Lloyd, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; George E. Tucker, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. D. Schwarz, P.M. 1348 and 1305; Charles Weeden, P.M. and P.Z. 813, Prov. G. Stwd.; E. Loibl, T. C. Grimes, F. Farrow, W. Curtis, L. W. Roberts, F. Page, C. Anglis, E. Golding, J. Leipnik, W. C. Seymour, and W. Lockwood. Visitors: Bros.

W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897; J. J. Kearns, 1219; J. J. Gomm, 1305; T. Durrans, 1305; R. M. H. Griffith, 1677; T. Humfrey, P.M. 1305; E. Lambert, W.M. 167; G. Ransford, 27; W. D. Farrow, 255; and E. Gratnick, 2432.

The minutes received confirmation, and a satisfactory audit report, showing a good balance in hand, was adopted. The W.M. passed Bro. Farrow to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. W. Curtis and L. W. Roberts were initiated by Bro. C. Dearing, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec., who gave a very impressive rendering of the ritual. Bro. C. Weeden, P.M., then assumed the chair, and in a manner that amply justified his position as Preceptor of an important London lodge of instruction, installed Bro. Capt. H. H. Tasker as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. D. Schwarz, I.P.M.; W. Fenton, P.M., Treas.; C. Dearing, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Smyth, J.W.; W. Physick, S.D.; G. A. Dowse, J.D.; W. Thompson, I.G.; J. R. Musto, D.C.; T. Moon, H. Keppax, and J. Clarke, Stewards; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Schwarz, I.P.M., for his efficient conduct in the chair, and was appropriately acknowledged. Bro. Fenton, P.M., was re-elected Charity Steward, and urged upon the brethren the necessity of sending their votes to support the Provincial Charity Association. Propositions were received, and lodge was closed.

After the banquet the usual toasts were given with brevity, owing to the lateness of the hour, but all were heartily received.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Schwarz, I.P.M., who said that fortunately the toast required no words from him to recommend it, as Bro. Tasker was well-known and respected as a popular member and an energetic and efficient Mason.

Bro. Capt. H. H. Tasker, W.M., sincerely thanked them for their kind reception, and assured them of his best endeavours to maintain the lodge in the position it had for many years held in the Province of Berks.

"The I.P.M." was next honoured, the W.M. informing the members that 18 members had been added to their ranks during the past year, and he hoped to be equally as successful.

Bro. W. D. Schwarz, I.P.M., acknowledged the toast, and said he appreciated the honour of the Past Master's jewel voted to him. He should always regard it as a memento of a pleasurable year of office and of the fraternal and Masonic feeling existing between himself and the members.

"The Initiates," "Installing Master," and other toasts were given, and the brethren returned to town.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

A meeting was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 11th ult. Among those present were Bros. Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.M. 84, P.P.G.O., W.M.; H. Bright, S.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap., as J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; Dobson, J.D.; A. Hemming, I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.T.; E. W. Davis, P.M.; G. Hertslet, J. Foes, and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. T. H. Kendrick, who had been previously balloted for, was impressively initiated by the W.M. It being election night, Bro. Humphrey Bright, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. G. Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to the W.M. The Secretary gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the R.M.I. for Girls, 1899." A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., and an honorary member of the lodge. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. A. B. Brown, I.P.M.; J. Tompsett, J.W.; F. F. Bonney, S.D.; G. Hertslet, Stwd.; Col. F. Hemming, and others.

Lodge was then closed. A banquet followed. Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G.C., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and paid a touching tribute of respect to the memory of the late D.P.G.M.

Bro. W. Fisher, P.M., submitted the toast of "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated Bro. Dr. Hinton upon the success that had attended his year of office. The accounts would show a very prosperous state of affairs. The W.M. was a Mason of some standing in the Craft, and it was to be expected that the work would be efficiently performed.

The W.M. having replied, gave the toast of "The Initiate" in very warm terms.

The initiate, in reply, expressed his thanks to the brethren for having admitted him to their lodge. Although a resident in far Birmingham, it was his intention, health permitting, to be a regular attendant of the lodge, which bore a name so universally respected.

The toast of "The Master Elect" followed, and Bro. Bright duly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. W. Fisher and E. W. Davis.

In submitting the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. expressed his thanks to both those officers for their valuable assistance to him. He was glad Bro. Briggs had kindly consented to accept the office of Treasurer for another year. The state of his health at one time was but indifferent, but it was now almost completely restored. No brother was held in higher esteem in Masonic circles.

Bro. Briggs made a very feeling speech in reply. Bros. Dobson and Hemming responded on behalf of "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The regular meetings of this prosperous lodge were resumed on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W. Present: Bros. R. S. Fairbank, W.M.; W. Turner, S.W.; H. T. Taylor, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.C.O., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, I.P.M., Sec.; A. D. Jones, S.D.; J. Davidson, J.D.; T. Bowler, Tyler; J. Pollard, P.M.; J. H. Laves, P.M.; R. Lake, P.M.; W. L. Barrett, F. M. S. Lewin, G. Budd, F. E. Bartlett, W. A. Bird; R. J. Probyn-Williams, M.D.; F. Walsh, N. B. Vakil, G. I. Schorstein, M.D., and J. F. W. Silk, M.D. The visitors present were Bros. B. L. Tandy, 2546, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; C. O. Hans, W.M. 1777; Sir W. H. Q. Jones, W.M. 1871; F. Spicer, I.P.M. 2183; A. T. Prentel, 2484; Upjohn, 2033; and G. H. Pain.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of a candidate for initiation at a subsequent meeting. Bro. J. F. W. Silk, M.D., was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bros. N. B. Vakil and G. B. Flux, M.D., were successively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, Bro. Bowser, I.P.M., giving the traditional history and explaining the working tools of a M.M. A proposition for initiation was handed in, and some routine business having been transacted, and apologies read from absent members, a collection was taken for the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

This being a non-banquet meeting of the lodge, the brethren dined together informally, under the genial presidency of the W.M., Bro. Fairbank, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Staines Lodge, No. 2536.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Town Hall, Staines, when Bro. Sydney Smith, I.P.M. 209, P.G.D.C., was installed in the chair according to ancient custom. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Fox Warner, P.M., P.J.G.D. Middx. There was a large attendance of visitors, who afterwards dined together at the Pack Horse Hotel under the presidency of the new W.M. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, the Prov. G.M., wrote regretting that his parliamentary duties prevented his attendance, and the Prov. G. Secretary who was expected was prevented from attending by illness. The singing of the popular song of "The Soldiers of the Queen" called forth a suggestion to subscribe something to the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund in connection with the present war, and about £20 was instantly promised by the members of the lodge. Bro. Morford again undertakes the office of Secretary; Bro. Rowbotham was appointed S.W.; and Bro. Ellis, P.M. 4, was appointed J.W. The other officers all mounted one step higher on the ladder of fame.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 1st instant, the chair of Grand First Principal being occupied by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, which included the recommendation of a vote of £2000 towards the cost of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall, was adopted, while the motion, of which Comp. Sir John B. Monckton, Past G. Scribe N., had given notice—that a grant of 100 guineas (£105) be made to the Transvaal Refugees' Relief Fund—was, it is needless to say, passed *nem. con.* A report of the proceedings appears in another page.

It has more than once been announced that it was in contemplation to invite H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, to be present at the Masonic ceremonial which will take place at Mount Vernon on the 11th December, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in honour of the centenary of the death of General George Washington, who was a member of our Order, and whose memory as *pater patrie* is revered by all his countrymen. The invitation has been sent; but his Royal Highness, while fully reciprocating the kindly and fraternal sentiments expressed in the letter, regrets that his numerous public engagements prevent him from accepting it.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., has graciously consented to preside at the 102nd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, in July next.

The Province of Warwickshire has, not for the first time, done honour to its ruler and shown in what high estimation he is held by those over whom it has been his privilege to preside for so many years. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the County Hall, Warwick, on Monday, the 30th ult., and, as we anticipated, was attended by a numerous concourse of brethren from all parts of the Province. In the course of the proceedings an address of congratulation on the occasion of the recent celebration of his golden wedding was presented to his lordship, while when the Prov. Grand Lodge had been closed, a deputation of the brethren waited upon Lady Leigh and presented her with a portrait of her husband, being a replica of Mr. Oules's picture, which was painted for the County of Warwick, and exhibited this year at the Royal Academy. It is almost unnecessary to add that both presentations were as highly appreciated as they were gracefully acknowledged.

The Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772, which was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 28th ult., is the third that has been founded in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The senior is the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, which was founded in 1867, and at the outset of its career and until quite recently met at Wood Green, within a stone's throw of the School. Last year the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, was constituted, and now we have the Richard Eve Lodge, so named in honour of the Chairman of the Board of Management.

There would appear to be no doubt as to the answer that should be given to the question propounded in our last week's issue by "Ex-Secretary P.M." The case cited by our correspondent is that of a W. Master who remains in office without further election for a second term, because the brother who had been elected to succeed him had not, as it turned out, served the office of Warden for a full year, and was consequently disqualified. For this class of cases provision is made in that part of the ritual in which the Master elect binds himself to remain in office until the next regular period of election, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead. Thus this particular W. Master is in office, not because he has been elected for a second year—in which case he would be both a P.M. and W.M.—but in accordance with the tenor of his obligation, which binds him to remain at his post until a successor has been elected and installed in his stead.

In this case a successor was elected, but not installed, because on inquiry it turned out that he was not qualified for the chair. Hence the term of this Mastership, which, by Article 130 of the Book of Constitutions, is restricted to one year, has been protracted into two years, but without affecting its status as a single term. In fact, this W. Master has been, and is still, in office in accordance with this obligation as Master elect. He has never ceased to be W.M., and cannot, therefore, be a P.M. Had he been re-elected and re-installed at the regular time he would have been a P.M. in respect of his first year's service, and might have been honoured with a Past Master's jewel. To present him now with a jewel pertaining to a rank to which he has not yet attained would be absurd.

The Yorick Lodge, No. 2771, which was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 31st ult., enters upon its career under very favourable auspices. There is a wide field before it from which candidates for initiation are likely to present themselves, while during the first year it will be ruled by a Worshipful Master and Wardens, who are well-known in the Craft as brethren of experience, Bro. E. R. Bartley Denniss being the first W.M., and Bros. W. S. Penley and Alex. A. Watson the first Wardens. The inaugural meeting, too, was in every way a success, so that everything seems to promise well for the future. We sincerely hope that these promises may be realised.

We beg to remind those who are interested in the proceedings of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076—and their number is legion—that Wednesday, the 8th instant, is the day fixed for the installation of the W.M. elect for the ensuing 12 months, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B., who, when he has invested his officers, will deliver the customary address, and afterwards move a vote of thanks and present a Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M., Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., in recognition of his able services while in the chair.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has lost one of the most genial and active members of its Committee, Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Durrant having died on Friday, the 27th ult., after an illness of only three days. We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of our late respected brother.

We have received the second volume of the "Medaillenwerk," which is being published under the auspices of the Hamburg Correspondence Circle, and shall take an early opportunity of drawing attention to the valuable nature of its contents, and the excellence of the engravings with which it is so profusely embellished. In the meantime it may be as well to remark that in all respects it stands on the same level of excellence as the first volume. It has 18 full page plates of engravings, and there is the necessary descriptive letterpress, which appears to have been compiled with every care. The countries to which the volume chiefly relates are Sweden, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

We tender a most cordial welcome to our old friend *The American Tyler*, which we have lost sight of for a considerable time, but which we are glad has once more reappeared among our exchanges. Its number for the 14th October has for a Frontispiece a portrait of our late respected Bro. William Simpson, who was a P.M., and whom it rightly describes as having been "an Honored Member of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, London, England." It has a capital array of articles on subjects both of special and of general interest to the Fraternity, but speaking from memory, and therefore, of course, subject to correction, it appears to have curtailed its supply of news relating to Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, &c., &c., both Grand and private, in order to give greater prominence to its articles. For ourselves, we would rather have more news about the doings of the brethren in the United States, but in any form the *Tyler* is a well-edited paper, while its articles are generally of an exceptionally high character.

There is one contribution entitled "How many Masons are there in the World?" which will be read with considerable interest, the returns for the 57 Grand Lodges in the United States and British North America being derived—with proper acknowledgment—from a table compiled by Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, Past Grand Master of New York, who gives them as 833,849. The total number for the whole of North and South America is 865,799, the highest figures for countries outside the United States and British North America being 22,000 in Mexico; 5000 in Brazil; and 1200 each in Cuba and Venezuela. The total for the whole world is estimated at 1,130,057, of which there are 130,000 under the Grand Lodge of England; 20,000 under that of Ireland; and 30,000 under that of Scotland. New South Wales and New Zealand together furnish between 11,000 and 12,000, but there are no returns included from Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania. Seven of the Grand Lodges in Germany are credited with 41,666, which number must be increased by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the five independent German lodges, to upwards of 46,000. The Grand Lodges of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway together muster close on 12,000. Italy is credited with 5000, and the Netherlands musters nearly 4500. The returns appear to have been calculated upon a reasonable basis.

There was no very great amount of business transacted at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (N.Z.), which was held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, in July last, under the presidency of Bro. R. Dunn Thomas, Dist. G. Master. The Craft under the English Constitution appears, however, to be in a healthy condition, if we may judge from the fact that the Dist. G. Treasurer's balance was declared to be within a fraction of £120, together with £150 on fixed deposit. A recommendation was made by the Board of General Purposes in favour of amending the law relating to "Fees for Dispensations" from one guinea to half-a-guinea, a clause being added to the law placing the fee for a Dispensation to appear in Masonic clothing when the authority for holding the meeting has been issued by a sister Constitution at five shillings.

The Dist. G. Master, however, pointed out, with reference to this recommendation, that from a circular addressed by the Grand Secretary of United Grand Lodge to the W. Masters of lodges, as published in the *Freemason* of the 3rd June, "there appeared to be a desire on the part of the rulers of the Craft to restrain the growing tendency of brethren to wear their Masonic clothing and other insignia in the presence of non-Masons on public occasions such as church services, Masonic balls, and concerts." It was therefore resolved that the consideration of the question should be deferred till the next Quarterly Communication.

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.

WHEN A W.M. REMAINS A W.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your correspondent's enquiry in your issue of the 28th ultimo *re* the above, I beg to offer the following remarks:

There can hardly be two opinions as to whether a W. M. of a lodge who continues in the chair for a second year without re-election is entitled to the rank of I.P.M. or remains W.M.

No W.M. under any circumstances known to me can be an I.P.M. until he has been so invested by the new W.M., and I support this statement by a reference to the obligation in the installation ceremony, in which the M.E. promises to administer the duties of the office to the best of his ability, until the next regular period of election, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead, and as in the case in point there has been no succeeding W.M. installed to free the present W.M. from such obligation, he remains W.M. until he has been invested with the collar and jewel of I.P.M. by the brother who succeeds him, no matter how long that period may be. Were this not so, and the W.M. (because he was continuing in office) adopted the position of an I.P.M., it would leave the lodge without a duly installed W.M., and this, of course, could not be. It is laid down in the Book of Constitutions that no brother can hold the offices of W.M. and I.P.M. at one and the same time, and, therefore, after a Master is installed into the chair he must remain until a successor has been not only duly elected, but installed in his stead.

Your correspondent is clearly the W.M., but there is this difference that as he continues in the chair for a second year without re-election he becomes, strictly speaking, *Continuing W.M.*, and as such he should Masonically be designated.

And as a continuing W.M. is a Master continuing the office of the chair he is not I.P.M., and, therefore, is not entitled to wear the jewel of an office in which he has not been invested.

Your correspondent must accept this opinion for what it is worth, as being only a humble member of the Craft, my endeavour is merely to "assist" the enquiring ex-Secretary as far as my practical experience and theoretical knowledge of the ritual, and the written and unwritten rules of Masonry will enable me.—Yours fraternally,

HAROLD GRIFFITHS, I.P.M. Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.
Sutton, Surrey.

November 1st.

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

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Surely the only answer to the above question of "Ex-Secretary, P.M.," in your issue of this date is, Never, unless he has previously passed through and vacated the chair of a lodge. A brother is elected and installed "... and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead."

A brother who has occupied and vacated the Master's chair is a P.M., whether invested as I.P.M. or not, but no brother can be at the same time W.M. and I.P.M. He cannot be his own successor.—Yours fraternally,

W.M. FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION.
28th October.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am of opinion that a Master having served his full year could receive and wear the jewel of a P.M. In some lodges where a brother has served two years a bar has been presented at the end of the second year.—Yours fraternally,

H. LOVEGROVE.

THE OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Any person reading Bro. A. F. Calvert's history of the Old King's Arms Lodge, and more especially that portion which deals with the loss of the red apron, will agree with Bro. Vielleville that a very serious mistake was made when this old lodge, which played such an important part in the early days of Freemasonry, was robbed of the red apron, which they so well deserved and honestly earned, more especially when it is remembered, from the revival of the office of Grand Stewards, the very first signatory to the list of Stewards was Cæsar Collys, who was a member of the Old King's Arms Lodge, and who was also elected Chairman of that Board, and, further, Mr. John Revis, the second gentleman to sign the list, was also a member of the Old King's Arms Lodge, and that the members of this lodge having faithfully served the office of Steward for 124 years, it is impossible for anyone reading the correspondence to understand why it should have been treated in such a manner, and I, with very many members of the Craft who are not members of the lodge, take this opportunity of assuring them that they have our full sympathy, and express the earnest hope that at no distant date the matter will receive the attention of those in authority. I feel confident that (judging from the way in which the business is dealt with) the present time is an excellent one for this matter to be brought to their notice.—Yours fraternally,

A. WALLACE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I admire the "Wisdom-shall-die-with-us" sort of way in which Bro. Hughan refers to the 1899 St. John's card of the Lodge of Canongate.

I do not intend to enter into any controversy with him as to conclusions which are largely matters of opinion and inference from known facts. Such deductions necessarily give room for different conclusions by different minds, but I think that if he had known me, as Bro. Allan Mackenzie and Bro. Murray Lyon do, he would have hesitated before suggesting that I had, as the author of the booklet, concocted what was not true from purely imaginative and non-historical bases.

When Bro. Hughan does not even quote the name of Bro. Murray Lyon's interesting work correctly, I am not surprised that he does not appreciate the fact that the history of Freemasonry in Scotland is not merely the history of Mary's Chapel, and that he has entirely misunderstood the nature of the meeting at Kilwinning in 1677, and the connection of the Lodge of Canongate with Mother Kilwinning. The connection is one of which both lodges are proud. There is historical evidence that it existed before 1677—and before 1599, too.

When Bro. Mackenzie's work on the history of the Canongate Lodge comes to its second edition I have no doubt there will be room for some additional chapters of the greatest interest, for which material is at present being carefully prepared and collated.

In my very condensed notice of the history of the Burghs Lodge of Canongate it was impossible to say all that can even now be said of their history prior to 1677 and between 1677 and 1735. I have said enough, however, to dispose of the myth that Mary's Chapel was the lodge which sprang from Holyrood. Bro. Hughan can hardly be expected to have any special knowledge of the Canongate, as I take it he knows nothing of Scots law or burgh records. Hence his supercilious dismissal of what is not within his own knowledge as a piece of modern antiquity.—Yours fraternally,

ALFRED A. MURRAY.

20, Warriston-crescent, Edinburgh.
28th October.

"ART AND THE DRAMA."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many members of the Craft, myself included, have, no doubt, hailed with satisfaction the "Important Announcement" made in your last week's issue that you intend to devote in future a column dealing with the above interesting subjects. In the great realms of "Art and the Drama" there are many distinguished brethren, and it will be gratifying to the Craft at large to peruse in your valued columns, from time to time, notices relating to them and to others, whose skill and genius with the pencil, the pen, the brush, and the delineation of character, both grave and gay, on the mimic stage of life, are their country's pride. To the general reader a little light reading cannot but prove acceptable. Heavy literary matter, although dear to the zealous student, proves sometimes to others less enthusiastic an indigestible dish, and might engender a mental nightmare.

Dear Mr. Editor, by all means let us have a little spice with our pudding. I have heard that a well-known professional brother, with great literary and poetical gifts, will "give us a taste of his quality" in your new venture, which I trust will be successful.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. C. WALLS, P.M., P.Z., &c.

London, October 30th.

Craft Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 48.

There was a very interesting meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 23rd ult., at Gateshead, and a good muster of brethren. The W.M., Bro. John Armstrong, presided, and was supported by the following: Bros. W. C. A. Holzappel, I.P.M.; A. Dodds, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; J. T. Pragnell, S.W.; J. Lawson, as J.W.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; H. H. Pitt, Sec.; J. Clapperton, as S.D.; Robt. Laverick, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. H. Armstrong, I.G.; G. T. Bootes and Joe Moffat, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; W. Taylor, R. Dobson, R. Young, E. E. Elliott, J. Carr, G. Kindred, J. Cunningham, W. A. Woodeson, F. Hastie, S. Thompson, J. R. Lightbown, S. Brown, W. Witherington, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. R. Lee, P.M. 97; W. E. Moffett, P.M. 2418; J. E. Wheldon, W.M. 2418; J. Wharrier, W.M. 1712; Jas. Waters, S.W. 1643; T. W. Redhead, 1643; J. T. Hunter, 1643; G. Davies, 1643; G. Hannay, J.W. 1664; E. Scurfield, 2674; J. Pringle, 1643; W. T. Gordon, 1643; J. McGlashan, 1342; G. M. Donald, 1343; C. Campbell, 18 (S.C.); W. Campbell, 18 (S.C.); W. D. Sweeney, S.W. 1712; F. W. Holmes, S.W. 2568; R. Holloway, S.W. 2680; W. J. Heppell, P.M. 424; J. Howe, S.W. 424; and H. Bartlett, J.W. 406.

Messrs. R. Marson and A. M. Blenkinsop, duly elected at a previous meeting, were initiated by the W.M. in excellent style, and the acting J.W. explained the tools and delivered the charge with accuracy, after which the W.M., on behalf of the officers and members of the lodge, in a glowing and eulogistic speech, presented to Bro. Robert Whitfield, P.M., a handsome massive and elegantly-chased solid silver snuff-box, with suitable inscription, in commemoration of his connection with the lodge, and as a mark of their esteem, for 25 years. The recipient, who was quite unprepared for such a demonstration, acknowledged his surprise, and, in a felicitous speech, thanked the brethren for their kindly remembrance of his services. The annual lecture was afterwards delivered by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Wm. Bowker, whose well-chosen subject was "The Morals of Masonry."

The Rev. W. Bowker said: My address to-night will be confined to the contemplation of the duties which Freemasons owe to themselves, their families, their country, and the Craft. On his initiation every Freemason proposed to himself, or professed to propose to himself, a noble ideal—to live in Charity with, and to practice Charity in, the widest acceptance of the term, towards every human being. If so practised by all who range under our banners, the virulence of political and theological controversy would be mitigated, if not altogether annihilated; the bodily well-being and mental culture of all it reaches would be assured. Its commands to inculcate the principles of universal brotherhood would be characterised by its intense humanity; it would extend its arms from east to west, carrying with it the warmth of its own feelings to the denizens of the icy north; and in the torrid south it would dig wells and plant shady resting-places for man and beast. The corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, the oil of gladness, each in its turn the emblem of God's bounty to, and providence for, His creatures, would be shared with those whom He, in His wisdom, had rendered fit objects for our benevolence and care. An ideal so noble is half the battle of life; it wants but courage, virtue, and perseverance to render the victory complete; and although, owing to the inherent infirmity of human nature, it is given to few to realise in their own persons an ideal so perfect, it lies within the compass of all to strive to reach it; it lies within the power of every Mason so to live and so to adorn Masonic principles in his daily life and conversation, that his may be like a light shining in a dark place, illuminating all around it. The outer world would be more impressed by the Mason leading a moral, blameless, and useful life, because he is a Mason, than by all the disquisitions that ever were printed to show the antiquity, mystery, and moral teaching, and religious tendency of the Order.

"Examples teach where precepts fail,
And pious tongues may not prevail,
While actions tell a different tale."

I will ask you to follow me while I attempt to define the way in which every true Mason will carry out the principles of the Craft. As we find in the charge to every initiate, there is a foundation to be laid, and from the foundation there springs up the main building. Now, if builders never endeavoured to raise the building after the foundation had been laid, no one would be so foolish as to expect that the building would erect itself, that lime and stone, timber and iron, would creep somehow into their several places, and when some morning we awoke, the building would be there for us to gaze upon. Well, at the initiation of many, does not a similar process go on? The foundation is laid, the expectation of a superstructure, perfect in all its parts and honourable to the

builder, is looked for, but very often not realised. Why? Because the various necessities are left lying on the ground, as it were, the tools absolutely necessary in the erection of every building are left rusty (on the ground); we have the shell, but not the kernel. Let us examine the charge of an E.A.M. His working tools are the 24in. gauge, to measure his work; the common gavel, to knock off all superfluous knobs and excrescences; and the chisel, to further smooth and prepare the stone and render it fit for the hands of the more expert workman. But, in speculative Masonry, we apply these tools in a moral sense. Thus, the 24in. gauge represents the 24 hours of the day, partly to be spent in prayer to God, partly in labour and refreshment, and partly in serving a friend or brother in time of need, without detriment to ourselves or connections. The common gavel represents the force of conscience, which should keep down all vain and unbecoming thoughts, so that our words and actions may ascend pure and unpolluted to the throne of Grace. The chisel points out the advantages of education, by which alone we are rendered fit members for regularly organised society. Of all the beings here below, man is the only one that prays. Among all the moral instincts of man, there is no one more natural, more universal, more unconquerable, than prayer. In all peoples, renowned or obscure, civilised or savage, one meets with acts and set forms of invocation. With joy or with fear, openly or in the secrecy of his heart, it is to prayer that man betakes himself, in the last resort, to fill up the void of his soul, or to bear the burdens of his destiny. Prayer has always been recognised as one of the duties of National Religion. Among the golden verses of Pythagoras we find the following:

"In all thou dost, first let thy prayers ascend,
And to the Gods thy labours first commend;
From them implore success, and hope a prosperous end."

Ideas of right and wrong are natural to the human mind, in its nature and sound state. Ideas of right and wrong arise in the same way and from the same source as other simple ideas, i.e., from the intellect or reason. And as, on witnessing phenomena and changes, we ascend to the ideas of substance and power, so, when we contemplate human character and conduct, we rise to the ideas of right and wrong, and pronounce one action to be right and another to be wrong; one agent to be virtuous another to be vicious. Our moral judgments are not like those we form in speculative matters, dry and unaffecting, but, from their nature, are necessarily accompanied with feelings of approbation or of disapprobation. Neither the moral judgment by itself, nor the moral feeling by itself, but by the occurrence of both, constitutes the moral faculty. So conscience is placed within us by God, as a Judge who hears, determines, and passes sentence. Hence, conscience is placed as God's deputy and vicegerent in man. Now it is above reason in this respect. Reason says, you ought to do this, it is a comely thing, it is a thing acceptable with men among whom you live and converse, it becomes your condition as you are a man, to carry yourself thus, it agrees with the rules and principles of nature in you. Thus says reason, and they are good motives. But conscience goes higher, there is a God to whom I must answer, there is a judgment, therefore I do this and therefore I do not do that. A most important principle in our nature is this conscience, which places us in a sensible connection with the government of the world. The whole world is under a solemn economy of government and judgment. A mighty spirit of judgment is in sovereign exercise over all, discerning, estimating, approving, or condemning. Now it was requisite there should be something in the soul to recognise this; that it should not be as some unrecognised, unperceived element around us; and something more and deeper than the mere simple understanding that such is the fact; a faculty to be impressed, to feel obligation, and awe, and solemn apprehension; something by which the mind should be compelled to admit the indwelling of what represents a greater power. Conscience is to communicate with something mysteriously great, which is without the soul, and above it and everywhere. It is the sense, more explicit or obscure, of standing in judgment before the Almighty. And that which makes a man feel so, is a part of himself; so that the struggle against God becomes a struggle with man's own soul. Therefore, the conscience has been often denominated "the God in man." The chisel points out to us the advantages of education. Sydney Smith has said, "I solemnly declare that, but for the love of knowledge, I should consider the life of the meanest hedger and ditcher as preferable to that of the greatest and richest man here present; for the fire of our minds is like the fire which the Persians burn in the mountains, it flames night and day, and is immortal, and not to be quenched! Upon something it must act and feed—upon the pure spirit of knowledge, or upon the foul dregs of polluting passions. Therefore, when I say, in conducting your understanding, love knowledge with a great love, with a vehement love, with a love co-eval with life, what do I say, but love innocence, love virtue, love purity of conduct, love that, which if you are rich and great, will sanctify the blind fortune which has made you so, and make men call it justice; love that which, if you are poor, will render your poverty respectable, and make the proudest feel it unjust to laugh at the meanness of your fortunes; love that which will comfort you, adorn you, and never quit you; which will open to you the kingdom of thought and all the boundless regions of conception as an asylum against the cruelty, the injustice, and the pain that may be your lot in the outer world; that which will make your motives habitually great and honourable, and light up in an instant a thousand noble disdains at the very thought of meanness and of fraud!" Learning is like a river, whose head, being far in the land, is, at first rising, little, and easily viewed; but still as you go, it gapeth with a wider bank, not without pleasure and delightful winding, while it is on both sides set with trees and the beauties of various flowers. But still the further you follow it the deeper and the broader it is, till at last it invades itself in the unfathomed ocean; then you see more water, but no shore, no end of that liquid fluid vastness. Life is the test of learning. Character is the criterion of knowledge. Not what a man has, but what he is, is the question after all. The quality of soul is more than the quantity of information. Personal spiritual substance is the final resultant. Have that, and your intellectual furnishings and attainments will turn, with no violent contortion, but with a natural tendency and harmony, to the loftiest uses. To carry out the principles of the Craft we need the strong and earnest will. It grows by exercise. Our bodies are our gardens, to the which our wills are gardeners. In short, the whole duty of a Mason may be summed up in the serious contemplation of the Volume of the Sacred Law, wherein he will be taught the important duties he owes to God, his neighbour, and himself.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Bowker, who responded in a suitable manner.

A candidate for initiation was proposed, and, after the W.M. had received the best wishes of the visitors, the proceedings closed, and those present adjourned to the refreshment board.

St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 475.

The installation meeting in connection with this lodge, which is the senior in the Province of Bedfordshire, took place on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Town Hall, Luton. The officers present were Bros. G. J. Wardill, W.M.; H. Gates, I.P.M.; F. W. Faulkner, S.W.; S. W. Smith, J.W.; Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, P.M.; Chap.; E. A. Cumberland, P.M., Treas.; E. F. Green, P.M., Sec.; A. Grace, S.D.; A. Hayward, J.D.; W. Austin, P.M., D.C.; W. H. McNamara, I.G.; W. E. Dipple, Org.; Hugh Cumberland, P.M., and J. H. Staddon, Stwds.; H. V. Cavill, P.M.; C. F. Jones, P.M.; F. W. Beck, P.M.; J. W. Green, P.M.; W. L. Gates, P.M.; G. S. Duberly, P.M.; E. F. Walsh, W. Hoyle, A. J. L. Evans, C. Dellingham, G. W. Bindloss, W. H. Hyder, T. B. Ellery, T. E. Margerison, C. Amey, A. P. Tabraham, and F. J. Coleman. Visitors: Bros. A. E. Langridge, I.P.M. 1470; F. W. Wardill, 734; P.P.J.G.D. N. and E. Yorks; R. G. Brookes, 449; P.P.J.G.D. Herts; G. Gladwell, 1470; P.P.G.W.; J. C. H. Daniell, W.M. 803; Miles Taylor, J.W. 1470; W. House, 2182; G. R. Worboys, 1470; W. Deacon, 1470; P.P.G.S.; W. Collis Clark, W.M. 2550; Charles F. Danks, D.C. 201; C. N. White, 373; P.G.P.S.; Charles Guy, 803; G. B. Pearce, Chap. 2490; W. E. Garstin, S.D. 2488; Harold Garstin, 58; John Roe, 1479; J. Baldwin, J.W. 2343; and P. Neumann, 845.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was performed, Bro. Frank W. Faulkner being duly installed by Bro. Wardill. The W.M. appointed and invested the officers thus: Bros. S. W. Smith, S.W.; A. Grace, J.W.; A. Hayward, S.D.; W. H. McNamara, J.D.; G. W. Bindloss, I.G.; Rev. P. F. J. Pearce, P.M., Chap.; E. A. Cumberland, P.M., Treas.; E. F. Green, P.M., Sec.; W. Austin, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Dipple, Org.; H. Cumberland, P.M., and J. H. Staddon, Stwds.; and H. Dickens, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Wardill, and was duly acknowledged. Other lodge business was transacted and the Charity Box was sent round.

At the customary banquet, held at the George Hotel, Bro. Faulkner, W.M.,

occupied the chair, and was supported by a large array of visitors and members, the gathering being the largest for several years past.

The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of "The Newly-installed W.M." being especially well received.

During the evening an excellent programme was carried out by Miss Susetta Fenn, Harold Montague and Harold Garstin, and Mr. Harry Hudson, all the performers being highly successful. The evening was a very pleasant one and formed a splendid send off for the new W.M.

St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566.

An emergency lodge was held in the Freemasons' Rooms, the Crescent, Selby, on the 20th ult., for the purpose of hearing a capital paper on the history of the lodge by the W.M., Bro. Mark Scott, P.P.J.G.W., who holds the unique position of being also the W.M. of the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 2494, at Hull, and of having served St. Germain's in the same capacity on five previous occasions. The St. Germain's Lodge obtained its dispensation on 15th October, 1849, and consequently attained its jubilee on the previous Sunday. In honour of the occasion the present officers of the



W. BRO. MARK SCOTT, W.M. St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566, Humber Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 2494, and P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks.

lodge were selected from the roll of Past Masters, a great number of whom have been photographed, with the view of the same being hung in the room adjoining the lodge room, and many of these had already found place at Friday evening's gathering. There was a good muster of brethren, and the W.M. gave an exceedingly interesting sketch of the first 25 years of the lodge, before closing which he expressed his intention of completing the whole period of its history on some future evening. Of the original members of the lodge only one—Bro. Captain Parker, P.M.—remains.

The W.M. subsequently entertained the brethren and visitors to a substantial and enjoyable repast, at which the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 589.

The installation meeting of this important lodge was held at the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, City-road, on Friday, the 27th ult. The lodge room, though small, contains many interesting souvenirs and relics of this corps from its foundation up to the present time. The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, is the Captain-General and Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company. There were present Bros. Capt. H. J. Bertram, W.M.; Quartermaster-Sergeant W. H. Hillman, S.W., W.M. elect; Colour Sergeant H. Humphries, J.W.; H. J. Adams, Treas.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, Sec.; J. McMunn, S.D.; Quartermaster T. L. Green, J.D.; H. Jarrett, I.G.; Capt. F. Farrington, D. of C.; H. F. Adlard and F. Hall, Stewards; A. G. Young, Tyler; Capt. J. L. Blackie, P.M.; C. M. P. Dyke, P.M.; P. G. Webster, P.M.; Major J. H. Hawkins, P.M.; Capt. E. Blanks, P.M.; Major John Pash, P.M.; H. Styles, Chas. Draycott, L. W. Bradley, B. J. Mills, H. W. Barnsdale, W. J. Modder, E. H. Gosling, T. L. Venton, H. Wood, J. Davies, C. H. Mitchell, W. T. Gofen, F. R. Matthews, Arthur W. Wells, F. G. Newton, P.M., Capt. G. T. Carpenter, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Dickson, 256; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; G. C. H. Jennings, 1231; J. H. Coomber, 2024; F. W. Bowles, 771; Edwd. Swain, 1293; Arthur Turner, P.M. 1894; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; G. T. S. Gill, 21; H. Glenbitt, P.M. 2020; B. G. Elliott, 2020; F. B. Cameron, 1260; J. R. Pakenham, W.M. 1728; W. G. Bott, P.M. 1839; G. Chillingworth, P.M. 1228; J. H. Frost, S.W. 1673; Dr. Harlow, P.M. 65; Thos. Ringrose, 2184; A. Slade, 1604; G. N. Mayhew, W.M. 2195; Thos. Pond, 704; W. Woodward, P.M. 1920; J. Thompson, S.D. 1446; F. G. Howard, 11; Frank Swinford, 2272; Geo. Winter, 2191; J. G. Shearman, 1997; H. Howard, 140; Jas. Kift, 1791; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; Robert Dyas, 1589; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of regular lodge and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Hillman, S.W., was presented by Bro. J. H. Hawkins to the W.M., the Installing Master. The W.M. elect was obligated as W.M. of the Fitzroy Lodge, and placed in the chair, and was saluted by a large number of Installed Masters. The W.M. invested Bro. H. J. Bertram as I.P.M. The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. Humphries, S.W.; J. McMunn, J.W.; H. J. Adams, Treas.; F. J. Stohwasser, Sec.; T. L. Green, S.D.; H. Jarrett, J.D.; F. Farrington, I.G.; H. F. Adlard, D.C.; F. Hall, C. Hall, and C. Draycott, Stewards; W. Bradley, Org.; and A. G. Young, P.M., Tyler. The audit report was read, received, and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Candidates were proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting. The I.P.M., Bro. Bertram, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a tribute of esteem from the members of the lodge for his services. The I.P.M. briefly returned thanks.

Letters from many Grand Officers were read expressing their regret that they were unable to attend, and the lodge was then closed.

The banquet-room was decorated with flags, &c., and above the Master's chair there were the two standards of the Honourable Artillery Company. A buffet of handsome valuable plate, presented by members of the corps on different occasions, was erected overlooking the Master's chair.

The usual loyal toasts were briefly proposed by the W.M., and received due acknowledgment from the hands of the brethren.

"God save the Queen" and "God bless the Prince of Wales" were sung as solos by the professionals, aided in chorus by the Masonic company.

The za, za, za, the peculiar rapid fire of the Honourable Artillery Company, was given with hearty good will.

"The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was the next toast, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, F.G. Org.

Bro. Ganz replied.

The I.P.M. then gave the toast of "The W.M." He spoke of the popularity of the W.M. among his comrades and the brethren of the lodge.

The W.M. heartily thanked the brethren for the honour they had bestowed upon him. It was indeed most gratifying to him that he had thus commenced his reign under such happy auspices. He felt sure that, aided by his officers and the brethren generally, he might reasonably hope for a happy and successful year of office. On his own part, he could assure them that it would be his earnest endeavour to uphold the dignity and reputation of the Fitz Roy Lodge.

"The Installing Master, W. Bro. J. Bertram, I.P.M.," was given by the W.M. He reminded the brethren of the efficient manner in which the late occupant of the chair had discharged its onerous duties, what a brilliant example he had set to himself and his successors. The W.M. spoke of the kindness and sympathy which had been shown to the brethren by Mrs. Bertram, of the pleasant evening the brethren had passed when she entertained the lodge, and how it had been her earnest endeavour to make the reunion a success. To mark their appreciation he begged that he might be permitted, on behalf of the lodge, to offer to their esteemed I.P.M., for Mrs. Bertram's kind acceptance, the small token which he handed to him. It was a little brooch of elegant form and workmanship, on it, in proper colours, the arms of the Hon. Artillery Company, with the Masonic emblems of the lodge.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he had held an unique position, he was the only W.M. who had occupied the chair for two successive years. He thanked them for the kindness they had ever evinced for him, and most especially on the part of his dear wife, who would ever treasure the pretty little brooch which they had bestowed upon her.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Visitors," said it was one of their most ancient customs to receive visitors; on the present occasion he extended a hearty welcome to all, who had honoured the lodge by their presence.

Bros. Bateman and Woodward replied.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was heartily received and acknowledged.

The evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

The Fitz-Roy Lodge may be congratulated on an undoubted success.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. James Kift.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The installation gathering of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday last, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. G. Eland, W.M.; H. A. Fenton, I.P.M.; E. Hirst, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Simpson, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. J. Smith, S.D.; R. Brew, J.D.; A. P. Robotham, Org.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; Theo. Barber, D. of C.; J. Dugdale, S.B.; T. R. R. Marsdin, I.G.; E. Donkin and J. Acaster, Stwds.; F. Pine, Tyler; J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M.; J. H. Pawson, P.M.; G. E. Hardcastle, W. W. Peacock, E. Shellie, C. F. Budds, and W. Pickering. Visitors: Bros. H. Wilson, 458, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Lindley, J.W. 458; J. Cawthorn, 458, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Hanby, S.D. 2078; W. Woodley, 2078; R. J. Swaby, W.M. 2078; M. R. J. Behrendt, 2078, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Long, 2078; B. Richardsou, 2078; J. Trippett, 2078; T. W. Turner, W.M. 242; W. Hainsworth, J.W. 242; T. Sanderson, 242; J. F. Hanson, 2491; W. Farrar, 2491; S. Jury, 149; J. Franks, I.P.M. 1482; A. W. Cundall, S.W. 1482; M. Dowson, J.W. 1482; J. Baratt, I.G. 1482; T. Stanforth, Treas. 1482, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Constable, Chap. 1482, P.P.G. Org.; and J. H. Hurdy, 204.

The minutes having been read, an extraordinary election of Treasurer took place, which resulted in the election of Bro. E. Donkin. Bro. Barber presented to the lodge the clothing of the late Bro. A. L. Peace, framed in oak, as a memento of that deceased lamented brother. Bro. E. Hirst, W.M. elect, having been presented to Bro. Pawson, P.P.G. Reg., that brother installed him into the chair of K.S. in a truly ritualistic manner, the working tools being given by Bros. Barber, Constable, and Fenton, after which Bro. Hirst appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Eland, I.P.M.; E. Simpson, S.W.; T. J. Smith, J.W.; E. Donkin, Treas.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; J. Constable, Sec. and Dep. Chap.; B. Maskill, S.D.; W. W. Peacock, J.D.; Theo. Barber, D.C.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; J. Dugdale, S.B.; J. Acaster, I.G. and Asst. Sec.; G. E. Hardcastle, Stwd.; and F. Pine, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. were given by Bro. Pawson, to the Wardens by Bro. Fenton, and to the brethren by Bro. Ashlin. Bro. Constable was re-elected Charity Representative. "Hearty good wishes" were given by all the brethren present. The W.M. hoped the brethren would give liberally of their alms at the collection, specially at this time, when Charity would doubtless be heavily and appropriately called upon as a result of the terrible war into which this country was now unfortunately plunged—a sentiment which was evidently reciprocated by all present. The lodge was then closed.

A sumptuous banquet followed the lodge, held in the club-room, which had been specially decorated.

After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual toast list was gone through.

The W.M. gave "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Lodge."

The National Anthem was sung with great enthusiasm, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" in appropriate verses written for the occasion.

"The Provincial Grand Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Pawson, who gave a very interesting account of Masonry and Masonic lodges of 40 years ago.

Bro. Ashlin proposed "The W.M.," and said he had known him for many years, and was sure St. Nicholas Lodge must prosper with such an excellent brother at their head.

Bro. Hirst feelingly responded, and said he would do his duty to the best of his power, and, with his officers supporting him, he had no doubt of another successful year.

Bro. Fenton proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Eland," and spoke of the work he had done in prospering and decorating the lodge.

Bro. Eland suitably responded.

Bro. Hainsworth gave "The Principal Installing Master."

Bro. Pawson thanked the brethren for their kind acknowledgment of his work; he was always ready and willing to do all he could for the lodge, of which he had the honour of being a founder.

"The Officers of St. Nicholas Lodge" came next, to which Bro. Simpson, Stwd., responded.

Bro. Constable gave "The Visitors," and said he was proud to see such a distinguished number had come round to honour their newly-installed Master; he spoke as a very experienced visitor himself, and gave useful and practical hints in visiting lodges. In response, he called on Bros. Lindley and Turner to respond for themselves and their brother visitors from Crowle, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Rotherham, Scunthorpe, Hull, &c., which those brethren did in neat and appropriate speeches.

"The Masonic Charities" and Tyler's toast concluded the oratorical part of the evening.

During the happy time thus spent several songs were given. Bro. Hardcastle was a host in himself, his original comic ditties being quite a treat; his original "Masonic Signs" was loudly applauded. Bros. Hainsworth, Peacock, Pawson, Hardy, and Maskill sang good and appropriate melodies, and the W.M. himself gave his popular recitation, the "Fireman's Wedding."

Toast and song followed in rapid succession, so that altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, long to be remembered in the annals of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2671.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Saturday, the 21st ult., when there were 41 brethren in attendance—23 members and 18 visitors. The members present included Bros. E. Prince, P.M. 209, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M. and Sec.; E. C. Broquet, P.M. 209, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; W. A. Cocks, P.M. 2163, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 382, Treas.; E. Marshall, P.M. 771, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.D.; T. W. Turner, D.C.; A. A. Hardy, W.M. 382 and 2163, A.D.C.; W. T. Harvey, P.M. 382, I.G.; A. W. Hall, jun., Org.; W. A. Hardy, S.W. 87, and A. W. Hall, sen., P.G. Org., Stwds.; C. A. Starkey, J. M. Payne, W. L. James, E. A. Stickland, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. B. Kempton, W. H. Barney, A. Moss, A. Foyer, P.M. 382; J. H. Harding, E. G. Catter, E. B. Reed, and S. E. Young. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Martin, P.M. 414, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; R. J. Ball, P.M. 209 and 2536, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Taplin, P.M. 382, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. J. Wilson, P.M. 382, P.P.G. Purst. Middx.; W. Andrews, W.M. 209; W. Kearton, J.W. 209; W. E. Kington, W.M. 771; G. Gray, S.W. 771; Rev. F. F. Penruddock, J.W. 771, Prov. G. Chap.; S. W. Bowles, 771; W. H. Bale, P.M. and Treas. 87; F. W. Baker, 2466; P. E. Culverhouse, 973; J. F. Fielder, W.M. 2096; T. Elven, 1677; A. Mossman, 382; E. R. Young, 1563; and Sam Masters.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. John Baynes, Prov. A.G. Purst., his chair was occupied by Bro. E. Prince, who also acted as Installing Master.

After the opening of the lodge and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Bros. E. G. Carter, late of 382; A. C. Layton, I.P.M. 771, Prov. G. Std. Br.; E. B. Read, 382; and S. E. Young, 1563, were balloted for, and unanimously elected joining members of the lodge, the first, third, and fourth of whom, being in attendance, were admitted and returned thanks. The acting W.M. announced that on the occasion of Bros. A. A. Hardy and J. J. Simcox representing the lodge as Stewards at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in June last their lists amounted to £46 and £13 13s. respectively, and it was ordered that these results be recorded on the minutes. Bro. E. C. Broquet, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Harvey, A.D.C., to Bro. Prince, who duly installed him as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he was saluted by the Installed Masters present. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed the brethren were re-admitted to the lodge, and the W.M. was duly proclaimed and greeted in the three Degrees, and the working tools were presented to him, as well as the warrant of the lodge. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, Brethren, to dwell together in Unity," was rendered in a most effective manner by Bros. Ball, Kempton, Sam Masters, C. A. Starkey, T. W. Turner, A. W. Hall, sen., and A. W. Hall, jun. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Cocks, S.W.; W. H. Reed, J.W.; E. Marshall, Treas.; E. Prince, Sec.; A. A. Hardy, S.D.; T. W. Turner, J.D.; W. T. Harvey, D. of C.; W. A. Hardy, I.G.; A. W. Hall, jun., Org.; and A. W. Hall, sen., and C. A. Starkey, Stwds. Bro. J. J. Simcox was appointed Steward also, but was not present for investiture, and the investiture of the Tyler, Bro. G. H. Powell, had to be deferred on account of his absence through serious illness. The Installing Master gave the three customary addresses most impressively. Some correspondence of a routine character was read, including letters of regret at their inability to be present (owing to fog and other unforeseen circumstances) from several Masters of lodges in the Province of Berkshire and other brethren who were invited as visitors, and the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to the White Hart Hotel, where a most recherche banquet awaited them, during which a very excellent string band, provided by Bro. C. F. Dyson, of Windsor, performed a well selected programme of music, and after grace "Laudi Spirituali" was sung.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, interspersed with some highly-talented singing by Mesdames Marion Perrott and Ada Kempton, Bros. Sam Masters, W. Bell Kempton, and C. A. Starkey, and Mr. C. L. Acton, accompanied by Bro. A. W. Hall, jun., Org., the musical arrangements being under the able direction of Bro. Bell Kempton.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and also that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst, the R.W. Deputy G. Master, the Earl of Warwick, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were proposed by the W.M.

The J.W., Bro. Reed, proposed the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G. Master of Berkshire, Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B.; the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. T. Morland; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," coupling with it the names of Bros. R. J. Ball, P. Prov. G. Reg., and A. W. Hall, sen., Prov. G. Org. (in the absence of the Prov. G. Secretary, who was obliged to leave early), who responded in an able and pleasing manner.

Bro. Ball commenting on the large number of members of the lodge who rejoiced in purple collars previous to the existence of the lodge, and Bro. Hall expressing great gratification at the honour which had recently been conferred on him by the Prov. G. Master in investing him with the Organist's collar.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. E. Prince, P.M., who spoke of the very able and satisfactory manner in which, during his whole Masonic career, Bro. Broquet had performed his duties in the various offices held by him since his initiation in 1887, particularly when he held the position of W.M. in the Etonian Lodge in 1895, and expressed the great pleasure he had felt through being closely associated with him all those years and his confidence that the same happy results would follow his efforts during the ensuing year.

After an enthusiastic reception the W.M. responded in a most happy manner, thanking the brethren, and connecting with his reply the proposal of "The Health of Bro. Prince, the Installing Master," and endorsing all that had been said as to the happy and fraternal relations which existed between them.

This toast was cordially received, and suitably responded to by Bro. Prince.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Visitors," a list of whom was read out, saying what pleasure was derived by the brethren of the lodge from having a goodly muster of visitors on all occasions.

Bros. Taplin, Wilson, Bale, and Bowles replied in most felicitous terms.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Joining Brethren," referring to each one of them as a brother whom the lodge was proud to welcome.

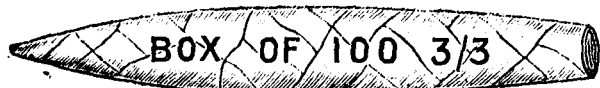
The three joining brethren, who had been present, had, however, just left to catch a train, and, therefore, there was no response.

The toast of "The W.M. and Brethren of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, and the

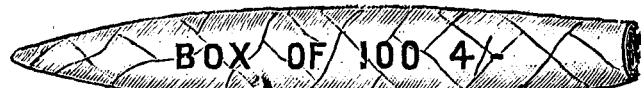
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SALES AND PRICE LIST SENT ON APPLICATION.

W.M. and Brethren of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771"—(the other two Windsor lodges)—was proposed by Bro. E. Prince.

The toast was ably responded to by Bros. Andrews and Kington, the respective Masters.

The meeting was then brought to a close, after a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

It may be mentioned that a very handsome Past Master's jewel (from the standard design adopted by the lodge), which had been unanimously voted by the members to Bro. Baynes, was ordered to be forwarded to him, as he was unable to be present to receive it.

The jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, of Little Britain, E.C.

Royal Arch.

Hornsey Chapter, No. 890.

The regular weekly convocation of the above chapter took place at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, on the 27th ult., when the following companions were present: Comps. G. Crawford Thompson, M.E.Z. 2410, M.E.Z.; T. Dutton, M.D., P.Z. 2410, H.; E. Lloyd, J. 890, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; H. Foskett, J. 185, S.N.; W. J. Lewis, P.S. 173, 1st Asst. Soj. 890, P. Soj.; H. Armfield, P.S. 1642, 1st Asst. Soj.; S. A. Mugford, 276; J. N. Whitlock, M.D., M.E.Z. elect 1642; F. Marchant, 890; and E. Stevens, 733.

The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Mugford being the candidate. A letter was written to Comp. Tilt sympathising with him on the cause of his inability to be present. Comp. Mugford was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Thompson for his able rendering of the ceremony, which compliment was duly acknowledged. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was then closed.

Star Chapter, No. 1275.

The election meeting of this well-known City chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, the 24th ultimo, when there were present Comps. Thomas Grumman, Prov. G.S. Essex, M.E.Z.; J. S. Targett, H.; Charles Meierhoff, P.Z., J.; Woolmer Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. H. Witty, S.N.; P. H. Garner, P.S.; Jas. Ellis, P.Z., Janitor; W. R. Barr, I.P.Z.; G. G. Benedetti, P.Z.; Hy. Leber, J. H. Edwards, A. Cogliati, W. H. Smith, E. F. Nash, Robert Reid, Geo. Wyatt, and W. E. Ingram. The visitors were Comps. R. W. Huntley, M.E.Z. elect 1489; J. Lightfoot, P.Z. 1901; S. G. Bonner, M.E.Z. 2345; J. H. Cureton, P.Z. and S.E. 2182; and W. H. Growse, M.E.Z. 1297.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Ernest Frederick Nash, P.M. 1275; Robert Reid, P.M. 1275; H. B. Bell, 27; Wm. B. Bromwich, 1559; and Wm. Elliott Ingram, 1559, which proved unanimous. Bros. Nash, Reid, and Ingram were afterwards exalted in a very admirable manner, the respective Principals giving the lectures in a most impressive and perfect manner. The ballot was next taken for the officers for the ensuing year, which was as follows: Comps. J. S. Targett, M.E.Z. elect; P. H. Garner, H. elect; J. H. Edwards, J. elect; Woolmer Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Thos. Grumman, P.Z., S.E.; J. H. Witty, S.N.; Jas. Vagg, P.S.; Otto Wartman, 1st A.S.; H. J. Cutbush, 2nd A.S.; Chas. Meierhoff, P.Z., D.C.; A. Cogliati, Stwd.; and Chas. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor. After some very feeling remarks from the M.E.Z. deeply lamenting the loss to the chapter of Comp. Chas. McIntyre North, P.Z., who was a most indefatigable worker, it was resolved that the deep sympathy of the chapter be expressed towards his widow and family in their distress. It was resolved that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to Comp. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., who was standing as Steward at the next Girls' Festival. A notice of motion was given "that the usual sum be taken from the chapter funds to present Comp. T. Grumman, M.E.Z., with a testimonial on his retirement from the chair."

The business of the chapter ended, it was closed.

After an excellent banquet,

The M.E.Z. gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," which he said was always well received. The Queen had not only had a record reign, but had almost reached the record age, too, living in the hearts of all her subjects—in their joys and sorrows—as had been exemplified during the past week. Of her it could be truly said—"Better to reign in the hearts and affections of her people than to reign over their lives and fortunes."

The toast of "The M.E.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was proposed by the M.E.Z., who said as in the Craft so in the Royal Arch he received the approbation of them all, being most genial and kind-hearted, and also reigning in the hearts of his happy subjects.

"The Grand Officers" toast was next duly honoured.

Comp. W. R. Barr, I.P.Z., then presented the toast of "Comp. Thos. Grumman, M.E.Z.," and remarked that it fell to his lot to propose it, but he was not competent adequately to express the acclamation all felt towards him. All who had the pleasure of meeting him knew he was a most excellent companion, specially in his splendid rendering of the ritual in the Star Chapter of Instruction as its Preceptor. Through his occupying the position of M.E.Z. during the past year for the second time, the companions had reaped a very great benefit, and when the time came for his retiring from the chair it would be the universal opinion that he had filled it with grace and dignity.

In reply, the M.E.Z., who was received most cordially, thanked Comp. Barr for his very complimentary remarks, and for such a cordial reception by the companions. He was indeed very happy in occupying the proud position again, which he had done 13 years ago. It was also a great pleasure and privilege in exalting that night two old Past Masters of the Star Lodge, and also one introduced by his dear old friend, Comp. Wyatt. Twelve months previously he had not the slightest idea of filling the First Principal's chair, but the companions had willed it otherwise. It did him good, for he had certainly got out of practice, but it had improved him, and his filling the chair brought back many happy reminiscences and old associations connected with the chapter. There was one sad episode—the removal of several Past Principals by death and otherwise, which left but a small number present. However, he had been most happy, and it had given him great pleasure indeed to again preside over the chapter; and whatever he could do to render service to Royal Arch Masonry in general, and the Star Chapter in particular, he should do to his very utmost.

The toast of "The H. and J." was given in highly appreciative terms, by the M.E.Z., who remarked that Comp. Targett, H., had done splendid service in the New Cross Lodge, and filled the chair with great credit, as also Comp. Meierhoff, J., who was a Past Principal of the chapter, and had stepped into the breach for the year, and had performed the duties in an excellent manner.

The H. and J. most ably responded.

The M.E.Z. requested that the toast of "The Exaltees" should be drunk in bumpers, as they were three excellent companions, although they had not passed the chair. Comps. Nash and Reid, both Past Masters of the Star Lodge, who had carried out the duties of the chair with great credit, and also Comp. Ingram, a most worthy brother of the New Cross Lodge. The whole of the exaltees were worthy to fill the First Principal's chair, which he hoped all the companions might have the pleasure in seeing, for it was very apparent that the exaltees were deeply impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony. To evidence that the chair is within reach of all the companions, the M.E.Z. quoted from a French author, which translated was, "the baton of a Field Marshal is in the knapsack of every private."

Comps. Nash, Reid, and Ingram replied in very forcible terms.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially presented by the M.E.Z., who remarked they were most capable and worthy companions. Comps. Bonner and Growse were two First Principals, Comp. Huntly, M.E.Z. elect, and Comps. Cureton and Lightfoot, two esteemed Past Principals.

They all responded in most appreciative terms of the excellent working and hostelry, Comp. Bonner specially commending the chapter for its beneficence to the Girls' Institution in voting 10 guineas, which was a most worthy object, and the very acme of perfection.

The toast of "The Treasurer and S.E., with the Past Principals," was most ably presented by the M.E.Z., giving all their just due.

This was responded to by Comps. W. Williams, Treas., and Chas. H. Stone, S.E., in appropriate terms, as also Comps. W. R. Barr and Chas. Meierhoff for the Past Principals.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers" its just measure of appreciation, which was rightly merited, and was replied to by Comps. Witty, S.N., and P. H. Garner, P.S.

The Janitor's toast closed a most successful and happy meeting.

Some excellent songs were sung by Miss Kathleen Williams, Medallist G.S.M., daughter of the worthy father of the chapter, Comp. Woolmer Williams, Mr. Jack Lightfoot, and Mr. Bramley (mandoline). The accompanists were Miss Rosa Batchelor and Mr. Jack Lightfoot.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Miss K. Williams and Mr. Jack Lightfoot for their very great kindness in providing such delightful harmony.

Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329.

The election meeting of this well-known South London chapter was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Comp. Edwin Gauntlett, P.Z., H., was elected M.E.Z., for the ensuing year, Comp. Robert A. Tidmas, H., and Comp. Henry Cornford, J. The installation takes place in January.

Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 12th ult., when there were present among others Comps. Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C. Eng., as M.E.Z., in the absence, through indisposition, of Comp. W. Smith; H. Whitney, H.; R. H. Hole, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; George Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas. Eng.; W. H. Wolsey, P.S.; Clay, 1st A.S.; S. C. H. Kohler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; and A. Lundie, P.Z. Comp. F. J. Eedle, P.Z. 2184, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. G. L. Whitehead, 1178, and it being unanimous he was duly exalted by the acting M.E.Z. Comp. W. W. Westley acted most efficiently as P.S. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. Smith, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Salter, P.Z.; W. Lingley, P.Z.; and others. Previous to the chapter being closed, Comp. Henry Higgins, P.Z., presented the chapter with a bound book containing the proceedings of the chapter as per summonses during the last 21 years.

The chapter having been closed, the companions partook of refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. George Everett, P.G. Treas., replied as is his wont in happy and pertinent terms to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was next given, and the acting First Principal acknowledged the same on behalf of Comp. Smith.

The pledge of "The H. and J." followed, and to this toast Comps. Whitney and Hole responded.

"The Health of the Exaltees" came next in order, and Comp. Whitehead replied. In the course of his brief speech, he expressed himself as being greatly impressed with the ceremony of exaltation. From first to last it struck him as being a great effort of memory on the part of those performing the various offices.

Comp. Eedle responded for "The Visitors."

The toast of "The Past Principals" was replied to by Comps. A. Lundie, C. H. Kohler, and W. W. Westley.

"The S.E. and Treasurer" came next in order, and Comp. Higgins, who had completed 21 years' service in the chapter, was the recipient of an ovation when he rose to reply.

Comp. Everett also said a few words, and particularly testified to the merits and zeal of Comp. Higgins in the cause of the Kennington Chapter, which body, although small in numbers, yet was in a highly prosperous condition.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Wolsey and Clay terminated a very successful meeting.

Truth Chapter, No. 1458.

The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester. The following were present: Comps. Geo. T. Lenard, M.E.Z.; Herbert G. Ward, H.; Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.G.J.; W. Richardson; Robert Caldwell, P.Z.; Hall, P.Z., Treas.; H. Hellewell, S.E.; Thos. Threlfall, S.N.; Nelson Stokes, P. Soj.; J. J. Dean, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Jagger; G. J. Cribbley; and E. Roberts, P.G. Janitor, Janitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.G.J., installed the First, Second, and Third Principals in their respective chairs in a most beautiful and impressive manner, and also invested the officers as follows: Comps. H. G. Ward, M.E.Z.; Thos. Threlfall, H.; W. Richardson, J.; J. Hall, Treas.; W. Hellewell, S.E.; Nelson Stokes, S.N.; J. J. Dean, Prin. Soj.; Geo. J. Cribbley, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Mosley, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and E. Roberts, P.G. Janitor, Janitor. During the evening a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Geo. T. Lenard for his valuable services rendered as M.E.Z. of the chapter for the past year.

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Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

The first meeting of the season of the above lodge was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, on Monday, the 23rd ult. Bro. J. R. Reep, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Campbell Johnstone, H. Lovegrove, P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. Smith, P.M., A.G.I.G., &c.; Chas. Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; P. Gordon Hills, W. Lawrence, J. Read, P.G.O.; and T. C. D. Leverett.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Rose and Lily Council, No. 15.

A meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Alfred Molony, W.M.; N. Goodchild, P.M., Sec.; Charles Sheppard, S.W.; Edwin Styles, J.W.; E. J. Mills, and others.

The council was opened in the Degree of St. Lawrence, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Molony installed the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Sheppard, in the chair of the council. The ballot was taken for Comp. J. Dean, and proved unanimous in his favour. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Molony took the chair, and initiated Bro. Dean into the Degree of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, and Red Cross of Babylon. The council having been resumed to the Degree of St. Lawrence, the W.M., Bro. C. Sheppard, again occupied the chair, and the officers were appointed for the ensuing year. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. Molony, I.P.M. The Secretary read several letters and telegrams apologising for non-attendance.

The balance-sheet and some other business were discussed, after which the council was closed.

The brethren dined together at Freemasons' Tavern.

Instruction.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE, No. 975.

There was a good attendance at the weekly meeting, held at Brunswick House, Vauxhall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. Bro. B. Donald occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, also giving the ancient charge. This being the first occasion on which Bro. Donald had occupied the chair, too much praise cannot be bestowed upon his first attempt, which would have reflected credit upon a veteran Past Master for its dignified and impressive rendering. This was acknowledged by the members in a cordial vote of thanks. The by-laws were read, and the annual elections being proceeded with, Bro. Tipper was re-elected Secretary, and Bro. Lingley, P.M., consented to consider a request from the brethren that he should continue his efficient services as Preceptor. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ultimo, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; J. E. Thomas, S.W.; S. Cload, J.W.; A. F. Hardyment, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; D. Taylor, J.D.; W. B. Griffiths, I.G.; C. T. Barlow, P.M.; C. Isler, H. J. Kembell, sen., C. Nicole, F. Henderson, A. C. Smith, and W. Fowler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fowler being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Smith, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Henderson being the candidate. Bro. Smith was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 27th ult. at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. H. Ramsbottom, W.M.; R. Allingham, S.W.; Jas. Barnett, J.W.; R. H. Nicholls, P.M., Treas., acting Preceptor; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; J. B. Schrader, S.D.; C. G. Ridgway, J.D.; Albert Taylor, I.G.; Henry Tull, W. Spencer, H. C. Wootton, J. Scarlett, and C. T. W. Drake.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. Spencer acting as the candidate. The lodge was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Shadwell Clerke Chapter, No. 107.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on the 25th ult. Bro. G. W. Capel presided, and after the transaction of some routine business he requested Bro. J. Read to take the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. J. William Stevens. The following were invested as officers: Bros. J. Pierrott, Prelate; T. Packer, 1st Gen.; J. H. Baxter, 2nd Gen.; E. N. Glaesar, Marshal; W. Metcalfe, R.; L. M. Biden, D.C.; Golden, P.G.; Hills, Herald; H. Lovegrove, 31st, Treas.; and J. Read, 30th, Recorder.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Criterion.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY LEGGE, P.M.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of the genial and greatly esteemed Secretary of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, Bro. Henry Legge, P.M. Our brother was initiated in the above lodge in 1864, but being of a reserved disposition did not take active part in the working for several years, eventually he was induced to make a start and, in due course, viz., in 1878, installed as W.M. On the resignation of Bro. George Kenning, P.M., of the Treasurership, in 1881, Bro. Legge was unanimously elected in his place and re-elected annually until 1893, when his resignation was received with great regret. He then accepted the office of Secretary, which office he retained up till the day of his death, in fact, he had just made final arrangements for the issue of the summonses for the meeting of November 2nd, when he caught a chill, which developed into pneumonia, from which he died on the 26th ult., to the great grief of his family and a large circle of friends, but by none will his loss be felt more than the brethren of his mother lodge, No. 192. He was interred on Monday last at Chingford Mount Cemetery, when a numerous company of relatives and friends attended; the Lion and Lamb Lodge (which sent a beautiful wreath in the shape of an anchor) was represented by Bros. John G. Robeson, W.M., and William Baker, I.P.M.

BRO. LIEUT.-COLONEL PHINEAS COWAN.

The death of this brother has been announced. In 1888 Bro. Cowan, who was then a member of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, joined with Bros. Frank Tayler (since deceased), W. T. Buck, H. J. Adams, H. Lovegrove, F. West, and others in forming what is now a very successful lodge—the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241—and in the following year he was installed W.M. His son, Bro. David Cowan, M.A., barrister, was initiated in the lodge. Bro. Cowan was formerly an Alderman of the City of London, and died on the 22nd ult. at Buxton, where he had been staying for the last two months for the benefit of his health. He was the youngest son of Mr. Lewis Cowan, of Elgin Lodge, Kennington Park, and Barnes, Surrey, and had been engaged in business as a member of the firm of Messrs. L. Cowan and Sons, soap makers and sugar refiners, of Hammersmith and Mincing-lane, and from 1875 till 1880 was Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 3rd City of London Rifles. In 1883-4, in the first Mayoralty of the late Sir Robert Fowler, he served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and in April, 1885, was elected Alderman of Cordwainer Ward, in succession to Lord Mayor Nottage, who died suddenly during his year of Mayoralty. The deceased, who was one of her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, resigned his Alderman's gown in 1892. He married, in 1859, Rosetta, daughter of Mr. Samuel Moses, of Stockwell Park, Surrey. In politics Bro. Cowan was a Conservative, and at the General Election of 1885 contested the Whitechapel Division of the Tower Hamlets against Mr. (now Sir Samuel) Montagu, M.P. Our deceased brother was a Past Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 8th instant, at the hour of four p.m.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—Bro. the Archdeacon of London will be Canon in Residence during November, and will preach on Sunday afternoons at the 3.15 service.

THE COST OF REPAIRING the damage done by the recent collapse of columns in the great hall of the temple at Karnak and strengthening the edifice is estimated at £50,000.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON has received a cheque for 100 guineas as a donation from the Directors of the Crystal Palace Company.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has gone to Knowsley Hall, Prescott, Lancs, on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Derby. Bro. Lord and Lady Stanley also travelled to the same destination.

PROPOSAL TO PAY THE MAYOR OF BOURNEMOUTH.—At a meeting of the Bournemouth Town Council on Tuesday, only two voted in favour of, and 11 against, a proposal to pay the Mayor £500 remuneration. The Mayor and Mayor elect disapproved of the proposition.

TUESDAY was the 38th anniversary of the election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as a Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, that event having taken place on October 31st, 1861. The Prince on that occasion formally opened the new library of the Middle Temple.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.—The Lord Mayor's Show this year will pass through a portion of Southwark, and the Borough hop factors and merchants have decided to erect a huge triumphal arch, which beyond the wooden framework will be composed solely of real Kent and Surrey hops.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON has been elected Chairman of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society for the ensuing year. The society will hold their annual show next year at Spalding, in which part of Lincolnshire his lordship is an extensive landowner. Earl Carrington is giving a number of special prizes at the show.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES concluded his visit to Stowlangtoft Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, on Tuesday, and left for London, attended by Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue. His Royal Highness drove from Liverpool-street Station to Marlborough House to rejoin H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark.

FREEMASONS connected with the Prov. Grand Lodge of Warwickshire have presented Lady Leigh with a portrait of her husband, who is Grand Master of the province, and Lord-Lieutenant of the county. It is a replica of Mr. Oules's picture of Lord Leigh, exhibited in the Royal academy of this year, and painted for the county of Warwick. The presentation ceremonial was attended by many leading brethren.

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON LAST, the Guildhall was crowded with scholars of the Guildhall School of Music and their relatives and friends, who had gathered to witness the distribution of prizes by the Lady Mayoress. Mrs. King Farlow was accompanied by the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir John Voce Moore, Bros. Sheriffs Treloar and Bevan, and many of the Aldermen and Common Councillors and City officials. A students' concert preceded the distribution, and its excellence bore testimony to the good work done by the institution.

RESPONDING to the invitation of the Grand Master of the Freemasons of Virginia to attend the centennial of the death of George Washington, which is observed in the Masonic ceremonies of December 14th at Mount Vernon, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales says that he reciprocates fully the fraternal sentiments so eloquently expressed in the invitation, and much regrets that public engagements do not permit him to have the pleasure of accepting.

THE LIGHTING OF THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.—At a meeting of the Hall Committee of the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, held on the 27th ult., in the large lodge-room of the building, under the chairmanship of Bro. George Becken, P.M., it was unanimously resolved to instal the electric light throughout the hall at a cost of £500, and the completion of the contract was entrusted to Messrs. Cottrell and Bessant, the work to be carried out under the supervision of Messrs. C. Sloan and Lloyd Harris, electrical engineers.

AT A MEETING of the directors of the Leeds Masonic Hall Company, Limited, on the 27th ult., the assessor, Mr. J. Lane Fox, of Dewsbury, presented his report and award on the designs for the new buildings to be erected in Great George-street. The directors unanimously adopted the assessor's award, which placed Nos. 4, 5, and 10 in order of merit. On the sealed envelopes being opened, the successful candidates were: 1, Mr. J. M. Bottomley, Leeds and Middlesbrough; 2, Mr. Clarence Coggin, Adelphi, London; 3, Mr. Arthur E. McKewan, Birmingham.

IT IS WITH REGRET that we hear of the serious and prolonged illness of Bro. Wm. Baldwin, the editor and proprietor of the *Clapham Observer*. For over 30 years Bro. Baldwin has conducted that paper to the great advantage of the locality, and with honour to himself. He has always been found in the foremost rank in any movement for the amelioration of the condition of the more unfortunate classes. During his long and useful career as a journalist he has received many tokens of public respect, and since he has been laid on a bed of sickness the greatest sympathy has been evidenced by all classes and conditions of men. He is at present an inmate of Bolingbroke Hospital, where he has undergone a very dangerous operation—the removal of a cancerous growth from his throat—and it is hoped that under the skilful treatment of Mr. Symonds, the eminent specialist, and of Drs. O. Field, C. Lyster, and Brown, a lasting and perfect cure will be effected.

ANNEXING THE TRANSVAAL.—What will be the fate of the Transvaal after the war it is difficult to foresee, but one thing may be considered certain, and that is that every one who can will take care to annex a case of that delicious liqueur, Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy, which is so great a favourite at home and abroad. Sold everywhere; also Grant's Cherry Whisky.