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FREEMASONRY IN VICTORIA.

It is only ten years since that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was constituted, and yet in that brief space of time it appears to have prospered famously. Firstly, under the late Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., as M.W.G. Master, and since his lamented decease, under Lord BRASSEY, the Governor of the Colony, the Craft has increased in numbers, and, what is far better still, in the completeness of its organisation. That this progress has been continuous, and is likely to be so, may be gathered from the reports of meetings which are to be found in the *Australian Keystone*—the official organ of the Grand Lodge and also of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania—for the month of September, which publishes accounts of the proceedings at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Mark Lodge, the last of which has only been organised this year. Ordinarily, Grand Lodge meets in the Masonic Hall in Melbourne, the capital of Victoria, but on this occasion its Quarterly Communication took place in the City Hall, Ballarat, on Wednesday, the 20th September, under the presidency of Bro. Lord BRASSEY, M.W.G. Master, who was supported by the Pro G. Master, a strong muster of Present and Past G. Officers, and the representatives of numerous private lodges; indeed, as regards the attendance, though this was necessarily more restricted than it would have been in Melbourne, the experiment of holding a Grand Lodge outside the capital appears to have been fairly successful. The regular business included the consideration of the Reports of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence, the chief item in the former having reference to the issue of the revised Book of Constitutions. The Report of the Board of Benevolence showed an expenditure during the quarter of over £300, but from the Grand Treasurer's Statement of Account, which was subsequently presented, it seems there is a balance to the good in respect of this Fund of nearly £5750, while the balance in hand on the General Fund is nearly £250. An audited balance sheet of

the "Clarke Testimonial Fund" was likewise submitted, showing receipts amounting to over £604, and an expenditure of not quite £597, the small balance of seven guineas being ordered to be handed over to the Freemasons' Charitable Institution of Victoria. Then followed what will always be looked upon as an exceptionally pleasing episode, the presentation of a gavel to His Excellency Lord BRASSEY, as a memorial of the first meeting of Grand Lodge in the City of Ballarat. The duty of making the presentation devolved on the Pro Grand Master, who concluded his speech by handing the gift to his lordship, at the same time remarking that "it was made of historical wood, suitably inscribed, and was ornamented with Ballarat gold." The Grand Master made a kindly reply, in the course of which he observed that "Masonry was a powerful instrument for good in the community. It bound class and class together and inculcated noble sentiments, so that he was glad to do all he could to promote its success. They had the assurance of the Grand Secretary that the Order was in a most flourishing state in Victoria, and he was sure it would take a further sweep onwards under the Federal Government." Subsequently on Grand Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Alfred Hall, where the Ballarat Lodges had prepared a musical "At Home" in honour of the occasion, and here also he M.W. Grand Master experienced a most cordial reception.

On the day previous, but at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, was held the Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter. At this meeting the M.E. Grand Z. and Pro G.Z., with other Grand Officers, were unable to be present, but there appears to have been a fair attendance, more particularly of the representatives of the private chapters. The audited balance-sheet for the year ending the 30th June, 1899, showed an excess of income over expenditure of upwards of £105. The other business had reference, for the most part, to the revised edition of the General Regulations, and the Committee appointed in 1898 to revise them having been discharged from its duties, it was resolved that they should come into operation on the 1st December, and that they be printed and published under the supervision of the Committee of General Purposes.

We have already mentioned that the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was only established during the present year, yet the first Quarterly Communication since its inauguration, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 30th August, appears to have been fairly well attended, and some good work was done during the meeting, especially in connection with the preparation of the necessary forms, &c., and also with the drawing up of the Book of Constitutions, it being agreed, on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, that the laws of Craft Masonry should be adopted so far as they are applicable to Mark Masonry, and that "such special Laws and Regulations only as may be required" should be drawn. It was also agreed that provincial warrants should be issued to those lodges which have given in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge, and which already appear to be 14 in number, and that for the present, at all events, until the period fixed for lodges giving in their allegiance has expired, applications to other Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters for recognition be postponed.

Thus, on all sides, there is strong evidence forthcoming that Freemasonry is taking almost yearly a still firmer hold on our Victoria brethren, and we sincerely hope there may be no interruption to the progress which has been made during the past ten years.

MASONIC MEDALS.*

In one of our last week's Notes, we acknowledged the receipt of the second volume of the important work on "Masonic Medals," which is now being compiled and published under the auspices of the Hamburg Correspondence Circle with Bro. CARL WIEBE as the principal editor, and Bro. F. W. RADEMACHER, of Hamburg, as the printer. We further expressed our opinion that this further volume was in all respects worthy of the high character by which its predecessor had been distinguished, and a fuller acquaintance with its contents confirms us in this view. A brief preface, by Bro. CARL WIEBE, serves at once to introduce us to the contents, which extend to 18 full-page plates of illustrations of 115 medals (173-287), both obverse and reverse, and corresponding in size with the originals, together with the necessary descriptive letter-press and such historical and biographical particulars as have been considered necessary for purposes of explanation and elucidation. Plates XXIII. to XXVII. containing photographic copies of the medals, numbered from 173 to 202, both inclusive, relate to Sweden, into which Freemasonry was introduced within 20 years from the establishment of our own Grand Lodge in 1717, and which for fully a century has been Masonically on terms of the most cordial friendship with England. Plates XXVIII. to XXXIV., inclusive, containing illustrations of medals numbered from 203 to 243, concern Freemasonry in the Netherlands, with the exception of No. 203, which relates to St. Petersburg and bears date 1780, and No. 204, in illustration of a medal struck at Copenhagen in 1863, on the death of the late King Frederick VII. of Denmark. The other plates, XXXIV. to XXXIX., contain copies of medals numbered from 244 to 280, relating to Belgian Freemasonry, while Table XL. comprising copies of medals, 281-287, relates to German Freemasonry of recent date.

The earliest of the Swedish medals bears date the 13th January, 1746 (old style), and was struck in commemoration of the birth of the Prince who, in 1771, ascended the throne of Sweden as GUSTAVUS III., and who, according to FINDEL, "himself was a Mason, and actively sympathised in the propagation and consolidation of the confederacy." The next in order are Nos. 174 and 175, and were struck at Stockholm in 1753 in honour of the birth of the Princess SOPHIA ALBERTINA—sister of GUSTAVUS—and to commemorate the foundation of the Masonic Orphan Asylum. Other medals are No. 183, commemorative of CHARLES, Crown Prince of Sweden, Duke of SUDERMANIA, and afterwards King CHARLES XIII., who, in 1811, founded the Order of CHARLES XIII. No. 184, is in memory of the death of GUSTAVUS III., who was mortally wounded at a masked ball on the 16th March, 1792, and died the 29th day of the same month; No. 189, in honour of the death of CHARLES XIII.; and No. 190, in honour of the 25th year of the reign of CHARLES XIV. No. 192 was struck in commemoration of the death of CHARLES XV., in 1872, by whom and the present King (OSCAR II.) our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, was initiated into Freemasonry, while No. 194 marks the centenary of the St. Andrew's Lodge—the Three United Crowns—in 1877. No. 199 was struck at Stockholm to commemorate the silver wedding of the present King and Queen of SWEDEN; No. 201—Gothenburg, 1888—the centenary of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and No. 202—Stockholm, 1897—the 25th anniversary of the accession of his Majesty King OSCAR II., who, in the year 1888, had the rank conferred upon him of Past Grand Master of England, and took part in the celebration of the Girls' School Centenary.

The Netherlands collection of Medals, as shown in plates XXVIII.-XXXIV., commemorate for the most part similar events in the Masonic history of that country, the earliest (No. 205), however, of the year 1742, being illustrative of Friendship, and, hence, distinguished by the title of "Freundschafts Medaille." On the Obverse are two men clad as Roman

warriors, grasping each other's hand, on the shield of the one being inscribed "David," and on that of the other, "Jonathan." No. 206 commemorates the union of the Dutch lodges with those of the Strict Observance in 1781; No. 207, the 25th anniversary in 1783, of the Constitution of the Lodge of Virtue, at Leyden. No. 209 was struck in honour of the 50th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Holland. No. 211, of the year 1818, commemorates the establishment of a Grand Lodge for purposes of administration—a kind of Provincial Grand Lodge—for the Southern Provinces of the Netherlands, Belgium, at the time constituting a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. No. 215 was struck in 1825 in honour of the marriage of Prince WILLIAM FREDERICK CHARLES, of the House of Orange, who was at the time M.W.G. Master; Nos. 221 and 222, at the Hague, in 1841, as memorials of the 25th year of the Prince's G. Mastership; No. 226, of his Silver Wedding; No. 228, of the Centenary of the Netherlands Grand Lodge and the 40th anniversary of his G. Mastership; and Nos. 236 and 240, of the 50th and 60th anniversaries respectively of the same auspicious event. No. 219 was struck in 1835 in honour of the Tercentenary of the so-called Charter of Cologne; No. 229, of the Centenary of the Lodge of Virtue, Leyden, 1857; and No. 235, of that of the Lodge Perseverance, Dordrecht, in 1863. No. 239 commemorates the virtues of Bro. Merzdorf, the distinguished Masonic Numismatist; and No. 242 the death of Bro. LA CAPPELLE, and bears date, Arnheim, 1891.

The Belgian section includes photographs of medals Nos. 244-280, the most prominent among them being No. 244, commemorative of the foundation of the Grand Orient, and No. 246, of the installation of Bro. VAN STASSART as G. Master; No. 250, of the consecration, in 1839, of a new Hall for the Lodge La Parfaite Unionat Mons by Bro. Baron VON STASSART, G.M. Nos. 257 and 258, commemorate the 25th year of the reign of LEOPOLD I. and the death of that monarch in 1865; and No. 275, the 50th anniversary of Belgian Independence. There are also memorials of the Centenaries of the United Lodge "Vrais Amis de l'Union et du Progrès" (No. 276) in 1882; and of the Lodge "Les Amis Philanthropes" (No. 279) in 1897. The remaining Plate XL. contains copies of seven medals relating to Germany, of which No. 281 commemorates the Silver Wedding in 1883 of the Crown Prince of Germany and Prussia, FREDERICK WILLIAM, and VICTORIA, Princess Royal of Great Britain. The addition of an Index of names referred to in the volume will be found of great assistance in studying its contents. In fine, whether we have regard to the excellence of the Illustrations, the fulness of the descriptive information concerning the different medals that are reproduced, or the admirable manner in which the book has been printed and published, there can be no two opinions as to the greatness of its merits. We may add that there is still a third volume forthcoming in order to complete the work, and to this we are looking forward with the well assured hope that when it is published it will be found the equal in all respects of Volumes I. and II.

STILL ANOTHER OLD MASONIC MANUSCRIPT.

Many of the readers of the *Freemason* will doubtless be interested in knowing that another MS. of the Old Charges of the operative fraternity has come to light, and has been secured for the Library of the Grand Lodge of England, making the sixth of these quaint historical documents now in the archives of the Grand Lodge. For the acquisition of this, I believe, hitherto unknown version, our thanks are due to Lord Amherst, of Hackney, Past Grand Warden of England, who, last week, was good enough to call my attention to the fact of its being for sale on Monday last in the valuable collection of books and manuscripts, known as the "Tixall Library," lately the property of Sir F. A. T. C. Constable, of Burton Constable and Aston Hall, Yorkshire.

The MS. in question is in the familiar form of a roll consisting of three strips of vellum or parchment joined together, the whole being six feet, eight inches in length, and eight inches in width, the writing occupying six feet, three inches, and seven inches respectively, leaving a margin of one inch all down the right side of the document. It is very neatly and carefully written in red and black ink, now somewhat faded, every word, however, being quite legible. The character of the writing is similar to that of what is known as the "Inigo Jones" MS., with the Roman capitals, only the lines are closer together, and the principal words are in red ink.

The roll is surmounted by a somewhat crude sketch of the Masons Arms—the three towers, etc., and the motto, "In the Lord is all our trust," in red and black ink, evidently the work of the writer of the document, whom I should imagine to have been a much better penman than heraldic artist. Unfortunately this portion of the manuscript has suffered from the ravages of vermin, the edges being partly eaten away,

* ABBILDUNGEN FREIMAUERERISCHER-DENKMUNZEN UND MEDAILLEN. Mit Beschreibung und erläuterndem Text historischen und biographischen inhalts. Band II. 18 Tafeln (xxiii.—X.). Schweden—Niederlande—Belgien—Deutschland—Petersburg—Kopenhagen. Herausgegeben unter Mitwirkung der Logen—Archimedes zu den drei Reissbrettern in Alenburg; Hammonia zur Treue und Friedrich Ludwig Schöder in Berlin; Carl zur gekrönten Säule in Braunschweig; Zur Einigkeit in Frankfurt a. M.; Absalom, St. Georg, Emanuel, Ferdinande Caroline, Ferdinand zum Felsen in Hamburg; Minerva zu den drei Palmen in Leipzig; Zu den drei Pfeilen in Nürnberg; Zu den drei Sternen in Rostock; und der Herren Wilh. Lintz in Braunschweig und Dr. Med. O. Heber in Königsberg i. Pr. Hamburg 1899. Druck von Br. F. W. Rademacher, Hamburg.

The beginning as well as the ending of this version differing slightly from others that have come under my notice, will doubtless be a sufficient excuse for my calling attention to these portions at once, although I hope shortly to be able to prepare a transcript of the whole of the document.

Immediately under the Arms, apparently intended to form a base for them is a space ruled off, and therein is written in red ink the words, "Fear God and Keep his Commandments; For this is the whole duty of man."

After another space of an inch and quarter, not ruled off, is the following—

"In the name of the great and holy God of heaven the wisdom of the Son and the goodness of the holy Ghost, three Persons and one God be with us now and ever, Amen."

Then follows the familiar story of the origin of Masonry, beginning with "Brethren and Fellows, here beginneth the noble and worthy Science of free Masons, or Geometry and in what manner it was first founded and begun," etc.

After the usual batch of charges to the Master Masons—ending with "That every Master shall truly make an end of his work, task or journey, whither soever it be" is the concluding paragraph, forming a tail-piece.

"These be all the Charges and Covenants that ought to be read at the making of a free Mason or Masons, the Almighty God of Jacob, who ever have You and me in his keeping blesse us now and ever Amen"

THOMAS FOXCROFT,
1699

HENRY SADLER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF LORD STANLEY, M.P.

Lord Stanley was, on the 3rd inst., installed in the right worshipful office of Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire. The ceremony was performed in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in the presence of a large gathering of Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and brethren representing every lodge in the province, together with many visitors of all ranks in the Fraternity. His lordship was appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to succeed the late Colonel Starkie, who died in April last, after ruling over the province for 29 years.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. C. R. N. Berwicke-Royds, acting as Prov. G.M., with Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.W., acting Dep. Prov. G.M. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. J. E. Platt and S. F. Simons, and there was a full attendance of Provincial Grand Officers now serving, including—

Bros. Rev. W. H. Healey and Rev. J. Aiker, Prov. G. Chaps.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Treas.; W. F. Farrington, Prov. G. Reg.; W. A. Boyer, Prov. Dep. G. Reg.; Josh Braddock, A. H. Smith, and F. R. Cooper, Prov. S.G.Ds.; Jeremiah Green, J. M. H. Blamey, and B. Derham, Prov. J.G.Ds.; Robert Peacock, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; A. C. Wilson, Prov. G.D.C.; R. Halstead, Prov. Dep. G.D.C.; Henry Hindle, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. W. Hulley, Prov. G.S.B.; J. M. Moss, Prov. Dep. G.S.B.; N. Dumville and James Shuttleworth, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; John H. Greenwood, Prov. G. Org.; E. H. Flower, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Thomas Threlfall, Prov. G. Purst.; and George W. Davies, Prov. A.G. Purst. Past Provincial Grand Officers in attendance included among many others Bros. W. Goldthorpe, P.P.G.R.; N. Earle, P.P.G.W.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; Capt. J. Barlow, P.P.G.W.; Dr. D. J. Leech, P.P.G.W.; and E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W.

Letters expressing the regret of the writers for their inability to be present were announced from Bros. Earl Amherst, Pro G.M. Eng.; the Earl of Warwick, R.W. Dep. G.M.; Earl Egerton of Tatton, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. of Cheshire; W. L. Jackson, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Fritz Reiss, P.P.G.W.; J. J. Meakin, P.P.G.W.; and Edmund Ashworth, P.G.D.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M. West Lancashire, as Installing Master, entered the hall, accompanied by Present and Past G. Officers and visitors of distinction, including the Earl of Radnor, P.G.W., P.G.M. Wilts; R. Wylie, D.P.G.M. West Lancashire; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M. Cheshire; Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.W.; Henry Smith, P.G.D.; Sir J. W. Maclure, Bart., M.P., P.G.D.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B.; J. Kenyon, G. Std. Br.; J. Newton, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. West Lancashire; Thomas Forrester, P.G. Std. Br.; and Richard Newhouse, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. Cheshire.

The INSTALLING MASTER announced the object of the gathering, and said it would ill-befit him on an occasion like that not to thank for a short time of their late lamented Bro. Col. Starkie. For many years the province had increased in prosperity, and had gone on increasing in strength, always doing well under Col. Starkie's beneficent rule, and now that it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call him to the G. Lodge above he (the Installing Master) trusted that the choice by their M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, of their Bro. Lord Stanley might be fully justified in the years to come. (Applause.) He (Lord Lathom) congratulated the brethren on the choice that had been made, and he should, when the time came, congratulate Lord Stanley most heartily on becoming the ruler of that great and magnificent province.

The arrival of the Prov. G.M. elect was reported, and presently he was ushered into the hall, escorted by seven Past Masters and supported by two Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, and the prescribed ceremony was duly proceeded with in full detail and admirable order, until at length, as Edward George Villiers Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley, Member of Parliament for the West Houghton Division of Lancashire, a Lord of her Majesty's Treasury, Past Grand Warden of England, and Past Grand Warden of Lancashire, Eastern Division, he was fully installed P.G.M. of the province, and took the chair amid prolonged cheering. He was addressed by the Installing Master, who reminded him that he had been called upon to take the position of a well-beloved and distinguished Mason, under whose pro-

longed rule the province had increased in strength, in numbers, and in power, and he gave it to him in terms of strong recommendation to keep the province always in the same good way as in past years. It was a province, he said, composed of many lodges and many brethren, and he could assure the most worthy brother that he would find it an excellent and happy province to govern. (Applause.)

Lord STANLEY's first duty after installation was the appointment of his Deputy, Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds. He said Bro. Royds, he knew, felt the choice to be an honour, but he (Lord Stanley) and the brethren felt an equal honour was conferred upon them to know that they would have the advantage of a continuance of the experience and ripe judgment which Bro. Royds had given in the past in that position. (Applause.)

At the close of the installation ceremony, after he had been proclaimed and he and his Deputy had been saluted in ancient form, the PROV. G.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master for his assistance. He said one must always feel a debt of gratitude to the brother who installed him in a high office, but in the present case his gratitude was all the deeper, in that the Installing Officer was a dearly-beloved relation, bearing a name well-known in all ranks and societies, but above all in that Masonic society of which they were all members. (Applause.) In asking Lord Lathom to officiate on that occasion he sought to have one of the highest of honoured Masonic names associated with the event of that day, believing that his lordship would willingly undertake the ceremony, and that he would so help to connect, as they always wished to connect, the Masons of East and West Lancashire. (Applause.) His lordship would, therefore, take the vote of thanks, which would be put without any seconder being called upon, as meaning not only a token of gratitude to him for his trouble, but also as an evidence of the goodwill existing between the Masons of the two halves of the county. (Applause.)

The Earl of LATHOM, in expressing his thanks for the vote, which was unanimously adopted, said he had gladly embraced the opportunity of being present, and that he had in fact promised to set aside any other engagement with that object. He had already told their Provincial Grand Master that he was glad to think the two Provinces of East and West Lancashire lived in true brotherly love and Masonic friendship. Lord Stanley and he were cousins, and they were knit together in the closer tie of Masonry. They were all related in Lancashire, and East and West stood together. Might it long continue to do so! (Applause.)

The half-yearly business of Prov. Grand Lodge followed, including the election of Bros. Lord Stanley and C. D. Cheetham Trustees of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds in place of Bro. the late Colonel Starkie and Bro. J. T. Newbold, P.P.G.W.

The report of proceedings of the Charity Committee was read and submitted for confirmation. It stated that a candidate was in May last elected to the Masonic Benevolent Fund in London.

This report having been adopted, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. CHEETHAM, seconded by Bro. HOOPER, "That the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution."

Bro. CHEETHAM further moved, "That the sum of £20 be granted from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Education and Benevolent Institution." He said that the Prov. G. Master had consented to preside at a Festival which would be held on behalf of the Institution in May next year, and that consequently a much larger sum than he now asked for would be proposed as a gift from the lodge at its next meeting—as large a sum, in fact, as their funds would allow. As a memorial of Bro. the late Colonel Starkie, it was intended that 1500 guineas of the money raised at the Festival should be subscribed to the Benevolent Institutions in London to buy a perpetual presentation on the Old Men's Fund, which should be called the Colonel Starkie Presentation. It might be said that their own Institution had plenty of funds. They had £20,000 invested capital, but it must be remembered that they were doing a great work with the income from that in supporting annuitants and educating children, and that it was only right for them to increase their resources. (Applause.)

The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Prov. G. Lodge shortly afterwards closed, Lord Stanley having before that promised to consider, with other applications, one which Bro. the Rev. W. H. Healey submitted for the holding of the annual meeting in May next at Radcliffe.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Grand Hotel, the newly-installed Prov. G. Master presiding over a large company.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," Lord STANLEY said that at no time in the life of most of them had loyalty to the Queen on the part of the country, and of all those dependencies that went to make up our country, been called more into force than it was at the present moment. (Applause.) It was not for anybody to look into the Queen's heart, but if that were possible, and if they could imagine what they would find there, he thought it would be found that she recognised what her love to the country had done in securing that country's love for her. (Applause.) What she had done for our Empire ought only too gladly to be reciprocated by those over whom she had for so many years ruled.

In submitting "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," Lord STANLEY said that among the thousands of Freemasons under his sway there was not one who could propose that any one as good or half as good could ever take the place of their M.W.G.M. (Cheers.)

Bro. Colonel ROBINSON proposed "The Officers of Grand Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bros. the Earl of RADNOR and E. LEITHWORTH, G. Sec.

The G. SECRETARY said that Bro. Colonel Starkie expressed to him the hope that in the event of his death it might please the Grand Master to select as his successor their distinguished brother the noble lord whom they had seen that day installed. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," proposed by Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, was received with the utmost enthusiasm.

Responding to the toast, Lord STANLEY said that as compared with the late Bro. Colonel Starkie he could say of himself in his new office, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ("No.") For 29 years Bro. Colonel Starkie ruled over the destinies of the province, and he could only hope that if he were spared to be his successor for so long a period he might do something to maintain and extend its prosperity. He knew that he had started on the same ground as Bro. Colonel Starkie, in that he had the goodwill of the brethren. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Colonel Starkie was ably seconded. He knew that he (Lord Stanley) would be ably seconded, and when, in years to come, he appeared before them annually to ask for their

approbation he hoped they would be assured that at least he had to the best of his ability deserved it. (Cheers.)

Other toasts were honoured, the subjects of them including "The Installing Master" and "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. W. Goldthorpe, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Greenwood, Prov. G. Org.; and W. O. Rowlands, W.M. 2387.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the County Hall, Warwick, on the 30th ult., under the banner of the Unity Lodge, No. 567. The Right Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M., occupied the chair, and there were present—

Bros. G. Beech, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Gen. Arbuthnot, P.S.G.W.; S. W. Cooke, acting as P.J.G.W.; Rev. L. H. Pearson, P.G.C.; J. Harris, P.G. Treas.; A. H. Herbert, P.G. Reg.; F. G. Swinden, P.G. Sec.; A. H. Evans, P.S.G.D.; Major F. Glover, P.G.D.C.; A. E. Parkes, P.D.G.D.C.; W. G. Smith, P.A.G.D.C.; S. G. Wotton, P.G.S.B.; H. W. Sprenger and E. Mallard, P.G. Std. Brs.; W. Young, P.G. Org.; A. G. Stephens, P.A.G. Sec.; T. C. Waite, P.G.P.; A. C. Fridlander, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Gen. Hadow, P.D.G. Reg. Punjab; J. Attwood, P.P.G.D.C. Worcestershire; J. R. Welsman, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks; H. Stanley, J. B. Dugdale, Sir J. Sawyer, J. K. Bourne, Lord E. Seymour, F. H. Haynes, G. Lee, S. M. Levi, C. J. Blaker, Col. Wyley, R. Croydon, J. Bowen, and A. S. Tomson, P.P.G. Wardens; Revs. Dr. Dickens, Canon Rivington, T. Downing, and Cranston, P.P.G. Chaplains; H. Slingsby, W. H. Wood, T. J. Graham, and C. F. Arnold, P.P.G. Regs.; W. P. Hoskins, P. E. Shephard, T. E. Shaw, G. Shread, J. C. Grinsel, B. H. Joseph, J. Collins, and H. Wright, P.P.G.Ds.; C. F. Holder and J. W. Rodgers, P.P.G.S. of Works; V. F. Tolladay, M. Jones, P. Fryer, W. Jeyes, T. S. Harvey, W. E. Pengetley, W. Short, Wright Wilson, T. Robotham, A. J. Lawrence, A.D.C.; E. Hunt, J. C. Stackhouse, M. Berlyn, A. Cotton, F. C. Taylor, W. H. Wood, D. Lavenstein, G. Boyden, E. Deer, J. P. Beck, P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. Mears, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. Belcher, P.P.G. Org.; J. T. Harcourt, T. S. Blunt, J. C. Whately, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. F. Burke, P.P.A.G.P.; the W.Ms., P.Ms., Wardens and other brethren of lodges, in all upwards of 285 brethren. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Page, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; H. Richards, P.G.S.B. Worcestershire; and J. Tidmarsh, P.P.G.D.

The W.M. of Unity Lodge opened his lodge in the Three Degrees in the County Hall. The Prov. G. Lodge assembled in a private room, and, forming in procession, entered the lodge room, where the brethren of the province had assembled under the banners of their respective lodges, and the Prov. G. Master was saluted in due form. The W.M. of Unity Lodge and his officers vacated their seats, which were assumed by the Prov. G.M. and his officers. The Prov. Grand Lodge was formally constituted and duly opened with solemn prayer.

The Prov. G.D.C. called upon the brethren to salute the Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England who were present.

The Prov. G. Sec. read the circular convening the meeting.

The Prov. G. Sec. read apologies for absence from the Bros. the Rt. Hon. Earl of Warwick, Deputy G.M. Eng.; Rt. Hon. Earl of Dartmouth, P.G.M. Staff; Rt. Hon. Earl of Jersey, P.G.M. Oxon; the Most Noble the Marquis of Hertford, P.G.M. Antrim; T. J. Walsh, Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. Lloyd Evans, P.G. Chap.; J. Farndale, P.P.G.W.; F. Jones, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Reynolds, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. J. T. Owen, P.P.G.C.; A. W. Adams, J. C. Shaw, J. C. Aston, G. Smith, J. W. Martin, P.G.S. Berks; E. Holmes, P.G.S. Leicester; J. Freedman, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Collins, P.G.S. Worcester; A. Pearsall, P.P.G.P.; T. Evans, A. H. Alse, J. C. Nichol, E. Burn Callander, J. W. Ryland, C. F. Gaunt, Abraham, and others.

The P.G.D.C. called the roll of Provincial Grand Officers, and all responded except those that had sent aologies.

The P.G.D.C. called the roll of W.Ms. and Wardens of the lodges in the province, when upwards of 285 responded.

The P.G. Sec. read the minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge, held at the Lodge of Light, No. 468, at Birmingham, on May 1st, 1899, which were confirmed by the brethren and signed by the Prov. G. Master.

The P.G. Treas. read the report of the Audit Committee.

Bro. G. BEECH, D.P.G.M., proposed, Bro. DAVENPORT seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, "That the report of the Audit Committee be received, adopted and entered on the minutes, and that the balance of the Benevolent Fund, June 30th, 1899, amounting to £55 17s., be transferred to the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund."

Bro. CHARLES LEE, P.P.G.W., read a report from the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund recommending that a special effort be made next year in aid of the funds of this Institution.

Bro. Lord E. SEYMOUR, P.P.G.W., proposed, and Bro. G. BEECH seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge approves of the recommendation of the Board of Stewards, and pledges itself to do all in its power to carry out the project, and that a Committee consisting of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Officers shall be formed in every lodge in the Province, whose duty shall be to promote the object in view, and that each lodge be empowered to appoint a representative to be a member of the Central Committee to carry out the Festival. The Central Committee shall consist of the Provincial Grand Master, the D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Treas., Prov. G. Sec., the Charity Representative of the Province, and one brother from each lodge of the Province. This Committee be empowered to appoint its own Chairman, Treas., Sec., and any other officer they may deem necessary for successfully carrying out the undertaking."

The Prov. G. SECRETARY read a report of the state of Freemasonry in the province, showing 1053 members on June 30th, 1899, who had contributed £1734 13s. 5d. to Charity during the year, and held 8028 votes.

Bro. Major GLOVER, Prov. G.D.C., proposed, and Bro. FRIDLANDER, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Bro. G. Beech, D.P.G.M., be asked to edit the Calendar for 1900.

The P.G. MASTER expressed a desire that the photo of the Dep. P.G. Master should be placed in the Calendar next year.

The Prov. G. Lodge adjourned, and the brethren walked in procession to St. Mary's Church, where Divine service was held, and an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. L. H. Pearson, Prov. G. Chap., and a collection made in aid of the Warwickshire Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, which amounted to £22.

The brethren returned in procession to the County Hall, where Prov. G. Lodge was resumed.

Bro. Beech, D.P.G.M., presented the address to the Prov. G. Master, Lord Leigh, to commemorate his golden wedding.

The Prov. G. Master (Bro. Lord LEIGH) thanked all present, and referred to the time when he succeeded Lord Howe in office as Prov. G. Master in October, 1852, and said that he should ever remember the great kindness shown to him all through his tenure of office, and that as he was 75 years of age the brethren could not expect him to be as regular in attendance as formerly was the case. Lady Leigh, although not a Mason, values Masonry, and has experienced great kindness from the Masons, and hopes as long as she lives, to show her high appreciation of the Masons.

Bro. DAVENPORT proposed, and Bro. B. DUGDALE, P.P.G.W., seconded, a vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Chaplain for his sermon. Carried unanimously.

The P.G.M. proposed, and Bro. C. LEE, P.P.G.W., seconded, and it was resolved—"That the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge, and given to the vicar of St. Mary's in aid of the Restoration Fund of the church."

Bro. FRIDLANDER, P.G.S.B. England, proposed, and Bro. Sir JAMES SAWYER, P.P.G.W., seconded, and it was carried unanimously—"That W. Bro. John Harris be re-elected P.G. Treasurer."

Lord Leigh, P.G.M., appointed Bro. Burrows P.G. Tyler.

Lord Leigh appointed and invested his P.G. Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

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| Bro. G. Beech (re-appointed) | ... | D.P.G.M. |
| " W. H. Wood | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " Thos. Duke... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. Lloyd Evans | ... | Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. G. Emanuel | ... | |
| " John Harris (re-elected) | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " E. C. Newey | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " F. G. Swinden (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " J. M. Molesworth | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " G. H. C. Hughes | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " Dr. Peacock | ... | Prov. G.Ds. |
| " J. E. Chambers | ... | |
| " T. W. F. Newton | ... | Prov. G.S. of Wks. |
| " Major F. Glover (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " G. Nathan | ... | Prov. D.G.D.C. |
| " A. Smith | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " W. H. Davenport | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " J. G. C. Graham | ... | Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " F. E. Wattis | ... | |
| " W. Young (re-appointed) | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " R. A. Matthews | ... | Prov. Asst. G. Sec. |
| " Dr. Morton | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " J. J. Mitchell | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " G. Hodgkinson | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " W. S. Stevens | ... | |
| " T. Ballington | ... | |
| " W. H. Hewins | ... | |
| " T. Pryse | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " A. E. Curral | ... | |
| " N. Burrows | ... | |

The D.P.G.M., Bro. BEECH, proposed, and Bro. Sir JAMES SAWYER, P.P.G.W., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That a vote of thanks be accorded to Lord Leigh for the gift of game, venison, and fruit."

The Prov. G.M., Lord LEIGH, announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet in the spring at the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, Birmingham, and in the autumn at the St. Alphege Lodge, No. 1431, Solihull, for which the usual notices will be given prior to the meeting.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The Prov. Grand Officers formed in procession and retired from the lodge.

A deputation from the Committee then waited upon Lady Leigh and were introduced by the D.P.G.M., Bro. BEECH, who made the presentation in the following words: My lady, I have the pleasure to introduce you to a deputation representing the Freemasons of Warwickshire, consisting of the Prov. G. Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, and a representative of each lodge in the province. By your permission we are here to-day to perform a most pleasant and agreeable duty and to show our esteem and affection for your most noble husband, our Prov. Grand Master. It is now just over 47 years since an estimable nobleman and Mason, a former Lord Howe, resigned the office of Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Warwickshire and Lord Leigh was installed in his stead. Lord Howe in resigning the office expressed the great regret he felt in doing so, but said that that regret was greatly reduced from the fact that the nobleman who would succeed him would perform all the duties appertaining to the office with dignity and honour to the Craft. I need scarcely say that Lord Howe's prediction has been more than verified, and that our Prov. Grand Master has performed all duties appertaining to his high office to the fullest extent, he has carried out in his everyday life the three great principles on which our Order is founded, viz., Brotherly love, relief, and truth. We have had many opportunities of meeting Lord Leigh in lodge and out of lodge and we have invariably seen displayed that urbanity of manner, the same kindness of heart, the same nobleness of disposition, and the same courtesy to every Mason—he has ruled us with a brotherly love. With respect to relief I need only mention, amongst the many acts of charitable kindness that he has instituted, three, out of many cases, viz., the Festival of the Aged Institution in the year 1860, when he acted as Chairman, 48 Masons journeyed to London in the capacity of Stewards, and the large amount of £2096 was subscribed to the Charity; the second occasion, the Centenary of the Girls' School in the year 1888, when 90 Stewards attended in London to support his lordship as Hon. Treasurer, and a sum of £1440 was subscribed by the province; another occasion was in the year 1898, the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of the Boys' School, when his lordship acted as Hon. Treasurer, the province was represented by 237 Stewards, and subscribed the magnificent amount of £5079. Not content with showing in this substantial manner the high appreciation the brethren of the province have for their Prov. G. Master for the high position he has placed them in the history of Freemasonry, it no sooner became known in the province that the year 1899 was the occasion of your golden wedding than they determined to celebrate the event by making your ladyship a presentation, to show their high appreciation of the

time his lordship has devoted and the services he has rendered to the Craft. Your ladyship chose to have a portrait of your beloved husband as next to the original that which was most treasured in your heart. It may appear to have been somewhat delayed since the painting was first ordered, but as your ladyship is aware, this has been caused by circumstances beyond the control of the brethren and of this Committee. I have now the pleasure in the name of the Freemasons of Warwickshire to ask your ladyship's acceptance of this portrait. I know I need not assure you that the task which now devolves upon a D.P.G.M. is one I highly honour. It is the most pleasing and gratifying task in my long career in Freemasonry that in the name of such a body of Freemasons as those of the Province of Warwickshire I have to ask your ladyship's acceptance of this portrait. I need scarcely add that every Mason in this province is devotedly attached to their Prov. G. Master, and our prayer is that you may long live to possess the original of the portrait, and may have the opportunity of comparing the original with the portrait and the portrait with the original for many years to come.

Lady LEIGH, in accepting the portrait, used the following words: Mr. Beech and gentlemen,—I really feel quite at a loss to express to you, as representing the Freemasons of Warwickshire, my gratitude in return for the splendid present which you have made to me, and for the generous kindness that prompted the deed. You could not have agreed to give me anything more truly acceptable, and which will, while my life continues, bring to my mind the happy times which your gift is intended to commemorate. If you should be able to represent to the brethren assembled in another room some portion of what I feel, you will, indeed, gratify me, and their goodness in allowing my name to be connected with prizes to be given to meritorious young people in the admirable Schools with which it is your generous pleasure to connect yourselves, also deserves my warmest thanks and is a source of pride as well as of pleasure to me. Will you be so good as to return my hearty thanks for both favours this day done to me, to Lord Leigh's kind brethren, of whose generosity and kindness he may well be proud.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent dinner at the Court House.

PROVINCIAL G. MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Friday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past G.M.M., Prov. G.M.M.; Richard Eve, Past G.M.O., D.P.G.M.M.; G. F. Lancaster, P.G.J.O.; the Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee, Past G. Chaplain; Captain C. D. Wise, P.G.D., P.D. Dist. G.M. Bombay; Captain H. G. Giles, R.N., Prov. S.G.W.; H. Howell, as Prov. J.G.W.; W. E. Soltan, P. Prov. G.D.; H. S. Duke, P. Prov. G. In. of Works; R. H. Platten, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.; E. G. A. Nash, P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. Taylor, P. Prov. G.D.; W. A. Rowe, P. Prov. G.R. of M.; and W. Bake, P. Prov. G.M.O.; with other Provincial Officers, and the Masters, Past Masters, and representatives of the different private lodges.

Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last annual meeting at Southampton read and confirmed, the Prov. G. Treasurer's statement of accounts for the past year, showing grants of 10 guineas each to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Hants and I.W. Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and a balance of nearly £44 in hand, was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Robert Boughton-Smith, P.M., having been unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, the Prov. G. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, namely:

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| Bro. G. F. Lancaster | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " A. Mellage | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Major C. W. Napier Clavering | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " J. J. Coates | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.O. |
| " C. Brown | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.O. |
| " Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " R. Boughton Smith | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " J. W. Gieve | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " D. O. Hobbs | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " E. J. Morgan | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " W. C. Pierce | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " S. P. Fleet | ... | ... | Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " C. Cullen | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " J. Miles | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " E. A. Swaine | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " A. H. Mare | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " W. H. Barrel | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| " H. G. Pearman | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwd. |
| " J. Exell | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The other business having been disposed of, Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together and spent a pleasant evening.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE.

A Quarterley Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at three o'clock p.m., the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, M.W.G. Master Mason, on the throne, Bros. Major F. W. Allan, S.G.W., and the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay, J.G.W. There was a large assembly of brethren.

The M.W.G. MASTER moved the suspension of Standing Orders in order that a suggestion made by the G. Secretary might be acted upon, viz., that Grand Lodge devote the sum of 100 guineas to the fund being

raised on behalf of the widows and orphans of Scottish soldiers killed in the present campaign in South Africa, and he moved accordingly.

This was seconded by Bro. Colonel W. Ivison Macadam, on the understanding that should further assistance be required, Grand Lodge should again be appealed to.

The motion was carried with great enthusiasm.

The minutes of Grand Committee included recommendations of brethren for nomination for election to the various offices in Grand Lodge, and the following were, at this present meeting, elected:

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| Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P. | ... | M.W.G.M. |
| " the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay | ... | S.G.W. |
| " Alexander Archibald Speirs of Elderslie | ... | J.G.W. |
| " the Rev. P. M'Adam Muir, D.D. | ... | } G. Chaps. |
| " the Rev. Colin Campbell, D.D. | ... | |
| " William Munro Denholm | ... | S.G.D. |
| " John Carruthers | ... | J.G.D. |
| " John Whitehead | ... | G. Architect. |
| " Robert K. Inches | ... | G. Jeweller. |
| " William Phillips | ... | G. Bible-Bearer. |
| " George Crawford | ... | G.D. of C. |
| " James Gunn | ... | G. Bard. |
| " Capt. George B. Wishart | ... | G.S.B. |
| " Emile Berger | ... | G.D. of Music. |
| " Arthur J. Curle | ... | G. Organist. |
| " Robert N. Johnston | ... | G. Marshal. |
| " William Scott | ... | G.I.G. |
| " George Hay | ... | G. Tyler. |

The Right Hon. Lord Saltoun said he could not allow the present occasion to escape without briefly expressing his deep regret at having to vacate the throne of that Grand Lodge, and thanked the brethren at large, and the officials of Grand Lodge for their hearty co-operation and support during the three years he had had the honour of occupying his present position. He was quite certain his successor was in every way qualified to carry on the work in the most able manner, and that the traditions of Grand Lodge would be upheld with dignity. In selecting Bro. Hozier as M.W. Grand Master elect they had hit upon a brother who was, in every sense of the word, the right man in the right place. He was an important member of the House of Commons, and well versed in the routine work of Grand Lodge, and would be certain to rule Grand Lodge with great discretion.

Grand Committee further reported that "None of the lodges in the under-noted provinces now meet in licensed premises: Metropolitan, Glasgow City, Renfrewshire West, Kincardineshire, Aberdeen City, Caithness, Orkney and Zetland, Dumfriesshire, and Sutherlandshire. The lodges in the other home provinces are all making arrangements to remove their meeting places from licensed premises to halls—their own or other suitable public halls."

EDINBURGH FREEMASONS AND THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

An emergency meeting of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, was held in the lodge room, Hill-street, on the 31st ult., for the purpose of conferring honorary membership on Bro. Colonel Downman, commanding the 1st Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders. The R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. P. L. Henderson, presided, and there was a large attendance of the brethren in honour of the occasion, among those present during the evening being Bros. Lord Provost Mitchell Thomson, Sir Andrew M'Donald, Bailies Kinloch Anderson and Pollard, Treasurer Cranston, Convener Field, and Councillors Murray, Clark and Williams.

After the ceremony of electing Bro. Colonel Downman—his name following on the roll of honorary membership those of Bros. Lord Kitchener and the Duke of Abercrombie—the R.W.M. proposed the toast of "The Gordon Highlanders and Bro. Colonel Downman." In doing so, he said it was not difficult to understand the position which a Highland regiment held to-day in the eyes of the world. Scotsmen looked upon their tartan-clad warriors with peculiar pride, regarding them as approaching more nearly to their ideal of the invincible than any other gallant corps of her Majesty's army. (Applause.) From the time when the Gordon Highlanders were raised in 1794, when the gallant Duchess of Gordon distributed the recruiting colours with her own fair hand, and gave a kiss to every man who joined, the Gordons had shown that that emblem of the love and devotion of their country had not been misplaced. (Applause.) In the Peninsula, Waterloo, the Crimea, and India, and later in Afghanistan, Africa, Egypt, and the Soudan, the Gordons had played a prominent part, and in no instance had they tarnished the honour of their country or lost for a moment the *esprit de corps* which had its rise under such auspicious circumstances. (Hear, hear.) They must not forget in talking of the regiments themselves, the gallant officers who had always shown themselves, with true self-sacrifice and devotion to their country, not only directors of their nation, but leaders of the men themselves. (Applause.) Of late years we had had many striking examples of the power of such a united force of officers and men working like one—at Tel-el-Kebir, Dargai, and but yesterday—(loud applause)—in the Transvaal, where small forces had done almost miracles. (Applause.) The severe losses mentioned that day in the papers, which they could not too much deplore, would yet be dearly paid for at the hands of the gallant Gordons, and in sending them out to that duty, they wished to accord their high appreciation of their past prowess and the faith and trust they placed in them, that they would do their duty and leave the mark of their valour with no uncertain effect in that land where Britons had suffered so much at the hands of the uncivilised Boer. (Loud applause.)

Col. DOWNMAN, in reply, said that during the whole time the Gordons had been at home they had met with nothing but unending kindly feeling and unending hospitality, which they had appreciated most deeply. The Gordons, he mentioned, embarked on the 9th at Liverpool for active service, after being 11 months at home, and he was proud to say that every man of their reserve who had been called out had put in an appearance. (Applause.) One man was at sea when the mobilisation was ordered, but he promptly rejoined when he arrived in port. Altogether he had 1150 men in his command in the Castle, and 950 of them were to sail for South Africa, where they would try to do their best. (Applause.) Col. Downman referred also

to the recent news from the Transvaal, and said the British troops must expect to receive hard knocks, but they would try to give two in return. (Applause.) The foe they were to meet was a gallant one, and well armed, and against them he could promise that the Gordons would try to do their duty and their best, as they had done in the past. (Loud applause.)

Capt. DINGWALL also replied.

A collection was taken in aid of the Lord Provost's fund for the wives and children of reservists, realising 10 guineas.—*Scotsman*.

CONSECRATION OF THE YORICK LODGE, No. 2771.

The consecration of this, at present the youngest, lodge in the Craft, took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 31st ult. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg., as S.W.; James Fernandez, Past A.G.D.C., as J.W.; the Rev. Canon Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., as I.G.

The principal officers of the new lodge are: Bros. E. R. Bartley Denniss, P.P.G.W. Middx, W.M. designate; W. S. Penley, P.M. 1319, S.W. designate; Alex. W. Watson, 591, P.G. Std. Br. Bucks, J.W. designate; Clarence Sounes, Treas.; and F. Trehawke Davies, Sec., *pro tem*.

The following is the list of the founders of the lodge: Bros. Richard Eve, P.G.T. and P.S.G.W. Hampshire; Henry Neville, P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. A. Bullock, P.G. Std. Br.; E. R. Bartley Denniss, P.P.G.W. Middx.; H. T. Brickwell, P.M.; W. S. Penley, P.M. 1319; Alex. W. Watson, Prov. G. Std. Br. Bucks; Clarence Sounes, F. Trehawke Davies, Walter Gay, H. Lawrence Swinburne, E. Lockwood, Frank T. Addyman, Walter Passmore, J. Bannister Howard, Louis Harfield, G. W. Beaman, J. T. Murray, M. R. Morand, Harold Montague, Arthur Shirley, and Commander C. Napier Robinson.

Among the large number of distinguished visitors present were: Bros. R. Loveland-Loveland, Q.C., President Board General Purposes; Sir J. B. Monckton; Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G. Chap.; Gordon Miller, P.G.D.; H. Courtenay Luck, P.P.G.W. Queensland; Chas. Belton, P.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.A.G.D.C.; Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; Jas. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C. Bucks; T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; Guy Repton, P.P.G.W. Middx; Jas. W. Burgess, P.G.T. Bucks; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Percy Fitzgerald; E. T. Odell; Thos. Powell; W. Bonny, P.P.G.W. Berks; the representatives of *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Era*, and *The Referee*; Harry Nicholls; Walter Dennis; W. S. Hooper; W. Sergeant Lee; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; representatives of *The Freemasons' Chronicle* and *The Stage*; Meredith Ball; J. H. Barnes; and many others.

The Consecrating Officer performed the ceremony in his usual impressive manner, so well known to the brethren, and constituted the new lodge under the name of the Yorick Lodge, No. 2771. The installation of the W.M. designate then took place, the Installing Officer being the Grand Secretary, who installed Bro. E. R. Bartley Denniss as the first W.M. of the lodge, who invested Bro. H. T. Brickwell, P.M., as I.P.M. The Treasurer was then elected by ballot, Bro. Clarence Sounes being unanimously chosen. The appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows: Bros. W. S. Penley, P.M., S.W.; A. W. Watson, P.M., J.W.; Clarence Sounes, Treas.; F. Trehawke Davies, Sec.; Walter Gay, S.D.; H. Lawrence Swinburne, J.D.; E. Lockwood, I.G.; Frank T. Addyman, D.C.; Walter Passmore, Org.; J. Bannister Howarth, Louis Harfield, G. W. Beaman, and J. T. Murray, Stewards. The election of Tyler took place by show of hands, Bro. R. W. Goddard, P.M., being chosen, and appointed and invested by the W.M.

The G. SECRETARY then delivered the three addresses; which never before appeared to us so beautiful and appropriate.

The W.M. brought the first item of business before the lodge. He stated that on the agenda was the election of Committee to frame the by-laws. He said there was no occasion for that; that the by-laws had been already framed, and submitted to the Grand Secretary, who had sanctioned and approved them; that they would in due course be brought before the next regular meeting of the lodge.

There was a large number of propositions for initiation and joining members.

The lodge was closed by the W.M.

The brethren then adjourned to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was provided.

At its conclusion, the following toasts were proposed and received suitable recognition.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. alluded to the present war and the personal interest her Majesty took in its incidents; remarking that the reverse we had so lately experienced had increased the sympathy the Queen has for her army and her suffering subjects in South Africa; that advantage may be derived from defeat if it causes us to be better prepared and more wary with a foe we are to prone to underrate; that the Irish soldiers taking part in the present campaign have been loyal to the British flag, and contrast favourably with the discontented rebellious spirit just now so rife in Ireland.

"God Save the Queen," was sung with hearty enthusiasm.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next given, followed by "The M.W. the Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bros. Sir John Monckton, the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, Loveland Loveland, and Richard Eve were associated with this toast, which was warmly received by the brethren.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON replied on behalf of the Grand Officers in a humorous speech. He alluded to the skull, the device of the lodge, saying he had seen many Hamlets, good, bad, and indifferent. He observed that Yorick was represented as a man of infinite wit, who "set the table in a roar." Let the brethren remember that, and take care that mirth and unanimity of good feeling should, like salt, season and preserve their lodge.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officers" having been drunk,

The GRAND REGISTRAR replied. He also alluded pleasantly to the emblematic skull. It must not be forgotten that there are different phases

of art, as shown in the painter, the musician, and the actor, and that all should be united in the bond of brotherhood. It was the duty of all artists to support the Craft. He could fancy Yorick in a Masonic lodge; what a useful and entertaining member he would have proved. He also alluded to Yorick's love for children; what a noble supporter he would have been of our Masonic schools.

Bro. FERNANDEZ also spoke. He entertained a justifiable pride in being a Grand Officer, although he was the youngest member of that august body. He used many well expressed phrases as to the present and future prospects of the lodge, and in conclusion he trusted that continuous prosperity might not justify the brethren in saying, "Alas! poor Yorick."

The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President of the Board of General Purposes. He spoke of his personal knowledge of the W.M., his great worth as a man and a Mason. He spoke of him also as a great actor; said he opened and carried on a case in court for two whole days, which was settled in chambers afterwards in about five minutes.

The W.M., replying, said he would rather be kicked than altogether unnoticed. With regard to the case of which Bro. Loveland had spoken, it was a great satisfaction to him, the W.M., it being decided in his favour. For upwards of two years the idea was entertained of founding the present lodge, but circumstances had arisen which prevented the early fulfilment of the idea. He thanked the lodge and the visiting brethren for the hearty welcome they had accorded him.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors." He said the lodge had not, as yet, a Chaplain; he trusted, ere long, that want would be supplied. He alluded to Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, the high estimation in which he was held for his learning, the admirable way he discharged his clerical and Masonic duties, and his affability to all.

The visitors replied.

Bro. Archdeacon SINCLAIR alluded, in feeling terms, to the late reverse the British had experienced in South Africa, reminding them that the Lord of Hosts, in his wise and beneficent Providence, overruled all the affairs of men, so that in the end they worked together for good. In an amusing manner he alluded to one of the musical brethren, Bro. Frank Boor. He said he felt sure that he was only Boer in name, not so in his nature. He spoke of the beneficent influence of Freemasonry; how it knit all men together, of different creeds, nationalities, and phases of thought, into the holy bond of Brotherhood. He spoke of the late Bro. Walter Lacy, and the valuable lessons in elocution he had received from him. Again an allusion was made to the skull—this time in its serious aspect. Masonry embodied loyalty, order, and upright conduct towards others.

Bro. LUCK, a Colonial Mason, also spoke.

Bro. GUY REPTON, W.M. 2127, alluded to the fact that three of the Stewards of the Yorick Lodge were his initiates.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., in giving "The Masonic Charities," said how nobly they were supported by the brethren; that the boys would grow up and support the girls, many of whom, he doubted not, would prove true and loving wives; that brotherly love should not be confined to class, creed, or colour. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.

Bro. McLEOD said he was in a difficulty, since Bros. Terry and Hedges were absent. He alluded to the eloquence of Bro. Eve in the sacred cause of Charity. He was sure that at the three great Masonic Festivals the claims of the Institutions on the support of the brethren would not be forgotten.

The W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge." He reminded the brethren of the munificent generosity of Bro. W. S. Penley, S.W.; the large sums of money he and his family had given to the Charities. He spoke of the Treasurer and Secretary, the latter (that day was his birthday) of whom especially had devoted much time to the interest of the lodge. He spoke of the Deacons, and how St. Paul alluded to the Deacons in the early Christian Church—and the duties incumbent upon them continued in some measure up to the present date—not to be given to wine (a genial ripple of laughter arose at this remark).

The J.W., Bro. A. W. WATSON, thanked the brethren.

Bro. TREHAWKE DAVIES, Sec., said he had never spent a birthday from home. It was a fact, his wife was writing for him now at home. He said that Hamlet was his favourite play; it rested with the lodge to determine that the expression "Alas! poor Yorick!" could no longer be consistently used.

The TREASURER and junior officers also replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded a brilliant success.

During the evening several songs, glees, &c., were ably rendered by Bros. Frank Boor and Richard Green and Mr. Charles Capper.

JUBILEE GUILDHALL FOR CHESHIRE.

GIFT BY SIR JOHN BRUNNER.

Saturday was an important day in the history of the Cheshire salt town of Winsford, for with due ceremonial, and amid great rejoicing, Sir J. T. Brunner, M.P., presented to the town a guildhall for the use of the trades, friendly, musical, and all other societies, whose rules are approved by a popularly-elected management committee. The hall has cost over £3000. The proceedings commenced with a procession of friendly and trade societies and public bodies. The streets were bright with decorations, and the day was observed as a general holiday. Sir John Brunner opened the hall with a silver key, which was presented to him by the architect.

Subsequently, at a public meeting, presided over by Mr. E. Hamlett (Chairman of the Urban Council), Sir John was the recipient of an illuminated address by all the trade and friendly societies, and an emblem of the order from the Boilermakers' and Iron and Steel Ship Builders' Society as an expression of their high esteem for the splendid example he had set to all employers in the direction of an eight hours' day, the granting of a week's holiday, and the provision for his workmen's recreation.

In reply, Sir JOHN BRUNNER expressed the hope that every man who had a pride in his society would join in the Institution and claim that which was intended for his use. He referred to the remarkable success of a similar experiment at Runcorn, and showed that the income had increased from a

nominal sum to £96 per annum. (Applause.) Commenting on some misapprehensions which had arisen respecting the ownership, he asserted that the building was the absolute property of every society of an honourable character. He referred to a clause in the deeds which had caused quite a rumpus. It prohibited the sale or use of intoxicants on the premises. The building had been put up in competition with public houses, and if they wanted to take intoxicants they must go to the public house. Let them, however, keep it away from their business, and the business would be the better for it. (Applause.)

Mr. T. BURT, M.P., delivered a stirring address on Trades Unionism.

During the evening Sir John Brunner entertained every member of the district trades and friendly societies at tea.

The proceedings throughout were most enthusiastic.

Mark Masonry.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High-bury-street, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 16th ult., when Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.G.O. Eng., P.S.G.W., installed Bro. W. E. Soltan, P.P.S.G.D., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony was ably and impressively performed. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Coates, P.S.G.O., S.W.; J. Day, J.W.; A. H. Mace, P.G. Std. Br., S.O.; G. Collis, J.O.; H. S. Duke, P.P.G.I.W., Treas.; R. H. Platten, P.M. 6, P.P.G. Std. Br., and of Kent, Sec.; E. Pratt, R. of M.; E. Drury, S.D.; G. Wild, J.D.; Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee, P.G. Chap. Eng., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; Lieut.-Col. O. G. Wood, P.M. 219, P.D.S.G.O. Punjab, D.C.; L. J. Gunnell, Stwd.; and J. Exell, Tyler. The following visitors were present: Bros. Capt. C. D. Wise, P.D.D.G.M., and W. D. L. Hack, P.M. 71, Bombay; W. Gillman, P.S.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.; G. Edmonds, W.M. 2; A. E. Fiddy, P.M., and W. R. Green of 295, Bermuda. A hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master concluded the ceremony.

At the invitation of the W.M., the brethren retired to the banquet room for refreshment.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Alleyn Chapter, No. 139.

The fifth meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present: Ill. Bros. John Read, 30°, M.W.S., in the chair; W. J. Songhurst, 30°, I.P.M.W. and Treas.; W. Portlock-Dadson, 33°, Recorder; R. C. Leversedge, 31°, 1st Gen.; E. and P. Bros. J. W. Stevens, 18°, 2nd Gen.; A. H. Thornton, 18°, Marshal; A. E. Churchward, 18°, M.D., Raphael; J. P. Norrington, 18°, D.C.; H. E. Herman, 18°, Herald; W. H. Kidson, 18°, Captain of the Guard; J. F. Henley, 18°, Steward; W. Llewellyn, 18°; J. M. Rogan, 18°; Walter Lawrance, and Gordon Hills, 18°. Visitors: Ill. Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., 33°; Thomas Fenn, 33°; J. C. F. Tower, 31°; Francis W. Pixley, 31°; Harold Burke, 30°; C. M. Biden, 18°; A. J. Thomas, 18°; and C. C. Powell, 18°.

The chapter having been opened, the usual initial business was transacted. Consequent upon a favourable ballot, Bro. William Walker was perfected by the M.W.S.; also on a favourable ballot E. and P. Bro. W. C. Grigg, M.D., 18°, was received as a joining member of the chapter. This being the annual period of installation of the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. F. A. Powell was presented to the M.W.S., and was by him installed as M.W.S. of the Alleyn Chapter. E. and P. Bro. Powell appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Ill. Bros. R. C. Leversedge, 31°, Prelate; W. J. Songhurst, 30°, Treas. (invested); Capt. W. Portlock-Dadson, 33°, Recorder; John Read, 30°, I.P.M.W.S., Org.; E. and P. Bros. J. W. S. Stevens, 1st Gen.; A. H. Thornton, 2nd Gen.; A. E. Churchward, M.D., Marshal; J. P. Norrington, Raphael; H. E. Herman, D.C.; W. H. Kidson, Herald; John F. Henley, Captain of the Guard; W. Llewellyn, 1st Steward; J. M. Rogan, 2nd Steward; and George Austin, Outer Guard. The Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was a most satisfactory one. The chapter having unanimously voted a P.M.W. Sovereign's jewel to Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, for his able services in the chair, advantage was taken of the fact that he already possessed three P.M.W.S. jewels, therefore, to add to the vote of the chapter, the amount was supplemented by many of the members, enabling the M.W.S. to present Bro. Read with a handsome gold watch, as a souvenir of his year of office, with hearty good wishes that he may long be spared to render his ready and valuable assistance to the Craft in general and to the Ancient and Accepted Rite in particular.

Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°; Ill. Bros. Sir A. F. Godson, 33°; Sir Wm. Pearce, Bart., 18°; and E. and P. Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair. Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Café Royal, under the presidency of the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. F. A. Powell, and a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Art and the Drama.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF BRITISH ARTISTS.

ENGLISH GOETHE SOCIETY.

We availed ourselves of an invitation to attend a memorial meeting of the above Society, at the Picture Galleries of the Society of British Artists, on Saturday evening, the 4th instant. In spite of the unpleasant weather, a large number of members and visitors were present. At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Dr. Thorne, announced that the object of their meeting was to hear a paper from their Secretary, Dr. Eugène Oswald, entitled "A time to continue in remembrance many centuries" (Carlyle). Our space being so very limited, we can only summarise this remarkably comprehensive paper. It was a rapid review from the birth of Goethe, 28th August, 1749, up to 28th August, 1899—the 150th anniversary. In a masterly manner, the Dr., who is an ardent admirer of his great ideal, sketched, rapidly, the leading incidents of Goethe's literary career, showing how the influence, feeble at first, of this master mind was felt in his own time by his countrymen, how that influence had increased year by year, until now Goethe was acknowledged in Germany, England, America, and, in fact, by all civilised nations, as the giant intellect of his age. At the present time, Goethe, to a considerable extent, holds the position so justly due to him, by the way in which his works have been considered and discussed at the monthly meetings of the English Goethe Society, which was founded 1886, and has continued its laudable work up to the present year of grace. The *raison d'être* of this Society, is to promote the study of Goethe's work and thought. By the way, he was a Freemason, and a warm advocate of the Craft. In 1891, the scope of the Society was extended so that while always keeping Goethe as the central figure, the attention of the members might also be directed to other fields of German literature, art, and science. Goethe, like Shakespeare, with whom he has most justly been compared, wrote not for his own time alone, but for future students

and admirers. Prof. Fielder submitted his report, as the representative of the English Goethe Society, of the Goethe Commemoration at Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, during August of the present year. It proved most interesting and valuable as a true and graphic record of one of the most important events of 1899. We trust that the papers contributed by Dr. Oswald and Prof. Fielder will appear in the Transactions of the Society, as a lasting souvenir of this most auspicious occasion. A discussion afterwards took place on some points of difference of opinion; an important one was the real meaning of Goethe's dying words "Mehr licht, mehr licht." Various ideas were ventilated, some very materialistic. Our own opinion is that the spirit, on the point of shaking off its earthly trammels, was already entering into immortality, and was vouchsafed a faint vision of that Divine light, which no mortal eyes can approach unto, and cried out in ecstasy, "Light, more light." The Secretary of the English Goethe Society, Dr. Eugene Oswald, 49, Blomfield-road, W., will be happy to give information to those who may contemplate becoming members.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

We spent a pleasant evening at the above theatre last week. They have a strong programme now. The pieces are "Hook and Eye" and "The Elixir of Youth." With regard to the "Hook and Eye," by Eille Norwood, though only a curtain-raiser, it possesses considerable merit. Our general experience with regard to "curtain-raisers" is that, as a rule, they should be religiously avoided. In the majority of cases they are either lamentable cases of inanity, or else of idiotic buffoonery, trying to the patience of the audience and an insult to their understanding. In the present case we have a praiseworthy exception. The leading idea is good, well conceived, and fairly interpreted by those who take part in it. We would especially notice the rôle of the old sergeant, taken by Mr. Walter Howe, his brusque military manner, attributable to the irritation of gout, is natural and not overdrawn. The game of cross purposes between him and the young artist is most amusing. We should imagine the author has not had much experience in dramatic writing; still it is very creditable, and shows promise of future excellence; but we would caution him against a too frequent repetition of a joke—we allude to the cross purposes, amusing at first, but tedious when repeated. One last word—we strongly advise visitors to come in time to see this clever little comedieta. The *pièce de résistance* is "The Elixir of Youth," by the well-known and experienced dramatist, Geo. R. Sims, who, with his collaborateur, Leonard Merrick, has produced a farcical comedy, founded on the "Bocksprünge" of Hirschberger and Krantz. The meaning of this German word is "goat's leaps." We have not seen the German text, and, therefore, are unable to say how far the leading motive of the English comedy is consistent with the original. In criticising this comedy we should, in a general way, call it a piece of "lost or unused opportunities." As an example, we may instance the lion, changed into a lamb, who only appears in that capacity just before the fall of the curtain. If properly worked up, there might have been an amusing scene, in which the fire-eater might appear perfectly subdued. The burden of the piece falls on Mr. G. Giddens, who well sustains this rôle. Miss Florence Wood does full justice to the character of Mrs. Jeffrey, which some perhaps might think "un peu risquée," but there is really nothing to shock Mrs. Grundy, or even the proprieties of the boarding-school miss. Suzette, Cora's French maid, is made the most of by Miss Juliette Nesville. The dancer, Cora, is undertaken by Miss Ellis Jeffreys. She brings out effectively the salient points of the character. The mock tragedy scene, however, is too prolonged; it should be shortened. The other characters are of too shadowy a nature to call for much comment. The piece, taken as a whole, is good, and affords occasion for hearty laughter. We strongly recommend Londoners and country cousins to pay a visit to the theatre and see the whole performance.

ALBERT HALL.

SUNDAY CONCERTS.

To all lovers of really good music we would suggest a visit to Albert Hall some Sunday afternoon. There are choice *morceaux* from classic authors, such as Handel, Hadyn, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Wagner, &c., interpreted by the fine string and brass band of the Royal Artillery, under the baton of Cavaliere L. Zaverthal, who ranks as one of the ablest conductors in Europe; then there are performances on the great organ, and songs by lady and gentleman vocalists. Every part of Albert Hall is crowded by appreciative audiences. The prices of admission are moderate, ranging from 3d. to 2s., according to the situation. The gallery is free. These concerts were given four or five years ago as an experiment, and they were so well attended by the general public that they are now *en permanence*. When first started there used to be two rows of chairs round the gallery front (the free part). After a time, as some of the cheap paying parts did not fill so well as could be wished, the Directors determined to compel those who had free admission to go to the paying parts by depriving them of the seats they had previously used, removing the two lines of seats, and issuing stringent regulations to the effect that camp stools are forbidden, and people are not even permitted to sit on the floor. Notwithstanding, the free part is still crowded every Sunday afternoon by the humbler lovers of music, who will patiently endure the fatigue of standing during the concert. Perfect order and good conduct prevail. In the selection last Sunday we had the "War March of the Priests," from the "Athalie" of Mendelssohn; Adagio movement from one of Mozart's symphonies; Spanish dance music, by Rubinstein, while among the vocal pieces were "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," "The Deathless Army." Two fine performances on the organ. These concerts last from 3.30 to 5 p.m. A pure musical education can thus be obtained at a very trifling cost.

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THE MARRIAGE of the popular prima donna, Miss Pauline Joran, to Bro. Baron De Bush will take place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Wednesday, December 6, at 2.30. The bridal couple will afterwards hold a reception at the Whitehall Rooms.

THE ARTISTS' GUILD.—Her Majesty the Queen will send the following loans from the Royal Collection at Windsor to the 11th exhibition of the Artists' Guild: (1) Contemporary drawing of Queen Elizabeth. (2) Work-box given by King Charles I. to the ladies of Little Gidding. (3) Coloured prints in satin of George III. and Queen Charlotte. (4) Five portraits on silver by C. de Passe. The exhibition will be opened on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 3 o'clock, at the Royal Albert Hall, by Princess Christian, and will remain open three following days.

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Masonic Notes.

The following is an extract from one of several letters received relating to the various funds for relieving the distress caused by the war in the Transvaal:

"Many Lodges and Lodges of Instruction are anxious to contribute towards the Mansion House funds for the widows and orphans of the Transvaal soldier, but they all think the *Freemason* as the official organ, ought to follow the example of the *Daily Telegraph*."

If it be the general wish of the Brethren, we should be glad to fall in with their views and open a fund on behalf of the widows and orphans of our soldiers, acknowledging receipt of remittances in our columns, and to forward the amount to the *Daily Telegraph*. A full list of the lodges, chapters, &c., already contributed appears on page 567.

It is very good news we were able to publish last week to the effect that the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past G.M., Prov. G.M. Sussex, Dist. G.M. Bombay, has graciously consented to preside as Chairman at the 102nd Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. His Royal Highness

had already arranged to lay the first stone of the new School buildings at Bushey in May next, on a day to be fixed in the interim, so that the Institution will be doubly indebted to the Duke for the assistance he has undertaken to render it on these important occasions. We have no doubt the Craft generally will appreciate his Royal Highness's kind consideration, and in particular that, as the Festival will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on a day, not yet arranged, in July, the Province of Sussex, which has almost invariably taken a prominent place among the contributing Provinces, will put forth unprecedented efforts to support the chairmanship of its Provincial Grand Master.

His Royal Highness has already fulfilled the duties of Festival Chairman for each of our Central Institutions—for the Boys' School in 1878, for the Girls' School in 1892, and for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1897. On the first and second occasions the amounts subscribed just exceeded £10,000, the totals to which we have become accustomed during the last seven or eight years not being known in 1878, while in 1892 the Benevolent Jubilee naturally carried all before it, and the School Festivals were accordingly below their averages. In 1897, however, his Royal Highness had the pleasure of presiding at an anniversary which ultimately produced upwards of £19,000.

There is, yet, another reason why our news of last week will have been received with a sense of satisfaction. It is always a subject for regret when any one of our Institutions experiences any difficulty in enlisting the services of some distinguished brother to preside at its next Festival. Not a few cases will recur to our readers in which Festivals have been, comparatively speaking, unproductive, owing to the delays which have occurred in announcing the name of the intending Chairman. Nor has this happened as regards any one of our Institutions in particular for all have had the same unfortunate experience. The Secretaries, however, are in a position to congratulate themselves on having secured Chairmen at an early date for the Festivals of 1900, it having been known for some time past that Lord Addington, Prov. G. Master of Buckinghamshire, will be in the chair at the Old People's Anniversary in February; that the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire, will render a like service for the Girls' School; and, lastly, that the Duke of Connaught will do duty for the Boys' School in July.

We shall probably be not far wrong in suggesting that the event we had the pleasure of recording a fortnight since as having occurred at Ladysmith, in the Colony of Natal, is unique in the history of British Colonial Masonry. The empire over which Her Gracious Majesty reigns so gloriously is so vast that hardly a year passes but there is, at all events, a little war being waged, and wherever the British flag flies there are sure to be found members of our Order, more or less, numerous established. But we cannot call to mind a single instance in which in the midst of war's alarms, and as it turned out, within three weeks of war actually breaking out, the first stone of a new Masonic Hall has been laid with full ceremonial in the most important stronghold of a British Colony.

We have all read of Masons practising their rites, when the regiment with which they were associated was engaged in warlike operations. We have also often read of the services to humanity which Masonry has been able to render on the field of battle. It is, too, on record that a relative of our present Prime Minister was initiated into Freemasonry in 1855 in the trenches before Sebastopol during the progress of the Crimean War. But there is no case within our knowledge of a District Grand Lodge holding one of its periodical meetings in a garrison town, whither, in view of the war then threatening, our troops were being hurried with the utmost expedition. Yet, as recorded in our columns of the 28th ult., this is just the very thing that happened to the District Grand Lodge of Natal on the 20th September, when Bro. Wesley Francis, District Grand Master, with the assistance of his officers, laid the first stone of the new Hall about to be erected for the use of the Klip River County Lodge, No. 2401, which is located at Ladysmith.

The occasion was not marked by any unusual incident. There was not as may well be imagined, a very strong muster of the brethren from the other lodges under Bro. Wesley Francis's charge. The lodge it-

self seems to have been pretty numerously represented, and in the evening there was an emergency meeting of No. 2401, at which the W.M., Bro. A. G. N. Harwood, raised three candidates to the Sublime Degree. Moreover, during the meeting of Dist. Grand Lodge, Bro. Francis felt himself in a position to congratulate the brethren, not only on the harmony—that would naturally be looked for in a time of war—but also on the progress which Freemasonry had latterly been making, as evidenced by the fact that only within the previous few days he had received an application for a warrant for a new lodge to be held in Basutoland. How it has since fared, with the Hall about to be erected, and whether for the present the warrant for the proposed new lodge will be needed, are matters which be beyond our ken; but one thing is clear—that the prospect of war had not damped the ardour of our Ladysmith brethren when this meeting was held.

But this is not all. Not only have our Ladysmith brethren been able to start a Temple of their own, but with the largely increased garrison they have been able to open a Mark Lodge, a want that has been felt for a considerable time. There being no Mark Lodge nearer than Maritzburg or Bethlehem in the Orange Free State, owing to the unsettled state of affairs, the Dist. G. Master, Bro. T. Cook, deemed it advisable to grant a dispensation to open the lodge pending the receipt of the warrant from England, and he accordingly went up to Ladysmith and installed Bro. Capt. G. Hearn, P.A.G.D.C., as the first Worshipful Master, the Wardens being Bro. Robert King of Newcastle, and Bro. A. C. McLachlan, Lieut. 18th Hussars. As the lodge already numbers some 50 members its success, apparently, is assured.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th instant. Bro. J. A. Farnfield occupied the chair, and in the course of the proceedings four petitions of which two were from candidates for the Male Fund and two from candidates for the Widows' Fund, were carefully considered, the result being that all were accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the lists for the elections in May, 1900. We must also mention that a vote of sympathy with the family of our late Bro. Lt.-Col. A. Durrant, to whose recent death and the consequent loss to the Institution we referred last week, was passed unanimously.

A new lodge, under the style and title of the St. Albans Lodge, is about to be added to the roll of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire. The consecration will take place at St. Albans, on Wednesday, the 29th instant. The ceremony, as usual, will be performed by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master, who will doubtless be assisted by Bro. George E. Lake, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., and other officers of the Province. The Worshipful Master Designate is Bro. C. O. Burgess. This will make the 16th lodge that has been consecrated since the Prov. G. Master was installed in office in April, 1874; and as the number on the roll is only 24, it follows that the list has trebled itself during the period of Bro. Halsey's Prov. G. Mastership, the earliest of the lodges he consecrated being, appropriately enough in this instance, the Halsey, No. 1479, which meets at the Town Hall, St. Albans, and has thus had a prosperous existence coeval with Bro. Halsey's tenure of office.

We heartily congratulate the *Masonic Journal*, of Liverpool, on the very satisfactory progress it has made. With its issue for the current month it entered on the third year of its career, and it retains, but in a more pronounced degree, all the characteristics of excellence which distinguished it at the very outset. It is well-furnished with news, its Notes are well and crisply written, and the portraits with which it is embellished are extremely well executed. We trust it may have before it a long and still more prosperous future.

We regret to add that Bro. Lieut. McLachlan, who is mentioned in the preceding note as having been invested as the first J.W. of this new Mark lodge, is among the wounded officers reported in Thursday evening's papers as having been sent into Ladysmith from Dundee under a flag of truce. We trust that our gallant Bro. J.W. may soon be restored to health and active service with his regiment.

Reviews.

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Undoubtedly this is the most remarkable, authoritative, exhaustive, and complete dictionary published this century, and of its kind has neither rival nor equal. The spirited publishers claim that it contains 75,000 more words than any other dictionary, having over 300,000 definitions, being thus largely in excess of its contemporaries, and is constructed on an entirely new plan; the facilities provided for easy and prompt reference are beyond praise, and have only to be put to the test to secure approval, whilst the abundant information supplied would prove quite bewildering were it not for the most satisfactory typographical arrangement of varied, clear, and perfect type which enables the reader to discover the words needed almost instantaneously.

The advertisement in the *Freemason* will serve to indicate a few of the special features of this massive and extremely useful volume, but for those who can visit the establishment of the firm at *Warwick House* and see the work for themselves, a cursory examination would be far better than the most elaborate and detailed explanations possible. Doubtless, also, all large booksellers would permit of similar facilities for probable purchasers, who could thus test the merits of the *Standard Dictionary* for themselves, and would soon be led to acknowledge its triumphant success as a volume giving "in complete and accurate statement, in the light of the most recent advances in knowledge, and in the readiest form for popular use, the Orthography, Pronunciation, Meaning, and Etymology of all the words and the meaning of Idiotmaic phrases in the Speech and Literature of the English-speaking Peoples."

The labour incident to the compilation of the vocabulary need not be mentioned here, because the merest tyro will realise what is involved in the arrangement, definition, and literary significance and usage of hundreds of thousands of words, especially in relation to Provincialisms, peculiar to Great Britain and Ireland, various parts of North America, Australia, Africa, Anglo-Indian, Spanish, &c. *Handicraft* terms have been supplied with special care. We tried one or two words in this department, such as *Skirret*, usually absent from such works, and found them all, with even Masonic preciseness and appropriate explanations, by apparently a fellow Craftsman. Then there are the many new words in the *Arts and Sciences*, as, for example, *Electricity*, these alone including some 4000 terms. Those also of a *Literary* character are duly detailed, but withal so many additions, a rigid censorship has been exercised throughout, so that obsolete, foreign, dialectic, and slang terms are only given if likely to be sought for in a work of such magnitude; self-explanatory phrases and compounds are omitted when not deserving record such as ordinary prefixes and combining form "whose meanings are rendered practically obvious by their form;" and many terms used in the earlier stages of the sciences, as of anatomy, have been left out, because really displaced by the advancement of knowledge. The "Phonetic Spellings," recommended by the Philological Societies of England and America, have generally been adopted, but they will be found usually under the familiar forms, and if the pronunciations are in dispute, the first printed are those favoured by the editors and specialists, and those that follow are from other dictionaries carefully noted. As to *definitions*, we must let these speak for themselves, but in regard to *Etymology*, that particular branch of Lexicography has been most discreetly looked after, so as not to needlessly add to the bulk, and yet all attention has been paid to both form and fulness.

The treatment of Synonyms and Antonyms is a characteristic feature of the *Standard Dictionary*; the illustrative quotations, so apt and frequently most welcome, used to verify the meanings of words, are spoken of as "a herculean task to select, locate, and confirm," (which is easily understood even at a glance through the thousands of pages that meet the eye); the artistic Pictorial Illustrations have been ably selected as explanatory of the text, and the *Characterisation of words* enables the reader to judge at once of their standing and application.

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(1) LONDON UNIVERSITY GUIDE, (2) UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE CALENDAR, 1899-1900.—Published at the Univ. Coll. Press, Burlington House, Cambridge.—In reviewing this book we purpose to treat of each part separately. (1) *London University Guide*.—As a guide, it appears to us that there will be found every requisite information for students, from matriculation to the highest degrees conferred by the university. There is one omission, which we consider a very serious one. We refer to the matriculation examination. From reliable information we have obtained the following facts: That there are five distinct subjects, that a candidate must pass in every one of them, that the highest success that can possibly be achieved in four will not be permitted to condone a failure to reach the minimum standard prescribed in the one, and that the candidate will be rejected altogether. Furthermore, on presenting himself again for examination, no credit will be given him for the distinction previously gained in his successful subjects, but that it is absolutely imperative that, in addition to the one in which he failed, he must take up again all the other subjects, for which a fresh set of text books has been set. As before, a failure to attain the prescribed standard in the five, will result in rejection. We have thus fairly stated the conditions imposed, and proceed to make our comments thereon. Let it be clearly understood, at the outset, that we have no objections to make to the standard fixed by the examining body, however severe it may be. The distinction gained will be valued proportionately to the difficulty in obtaining it. But we must most strongly protest against not only the absurdity, but the injustice shown in refusing at a future examination to give the candidate the due credit for what he has already done. The object of an examination is to test the knowledge of any given subject. When the test has proved successful, what more, in reason, ought to be demanded? It is prolonged mental torture, at the expense of the unhappy disappointed aspirant. Surely, common sense would suggest that an examination on the one subject in which failure ensued should be deemed sufficient to complete the examination. It has been argued that examinations by this concession would be taken piecemeal, but surely, the examining body, in its combined wisdom, might easily surmount that difficulty, certainly an objectionable one. For instance, let the line be drawn at one subject so that success in four would only require future examination in the one failure. This is the serious omission to which we have previously alluded. In justice to all future students, they should be informed of the present hard conditions the London University imposes. We have a very strong opinion that it would deter many who propose matriculating. We had intended to confine our remarks to the matriculation, but there is one other matter to which we are tempted to allude—the London University is proud of being called the Poor Man's University—and yet, in the Intermediate Arts, 1900, there is a text book (Wylie's "History of England, under Henry 4th," four volumes, 61s. 6d.), which has been prescribed by the University, how can the authorities reconcile this anomaly. Part 2 *University Correspondence College Calendar, 1899-1900*. Our remarks on this must be very brief, they are unqualified praise, a straight royal road of learning has been levelled for all that are entering on their University career, every aid is provided, every difficulty smoothed by the admirable systematic way in which each subject is approached, and those who carefully, under competent tuition, follow the prescribed courses of study, may reasonably hope for future success. We heartily commend the book to University students.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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"LODGE OF CANONGATE KILWINNING."

I am obliged to Bro. Alfred A. Murray, W.S., for the information that he is the author of the little pamphlet on Lodge, No. 2, extracts from which were referred to by me in the *Freemason* for October 28th, 1899. Bro. Murray speaks of my not knowing him as Bro. D. Murray Lyon does. That is my misfortune, not my fault; but after all, a personal acquaintance with the author does not of itself prove the truth of his assertions as to the existence of the celebrated Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning prior to 1677. Though I have not written my old friend, the Grand Secretary of Scotland, on the subject, we have all yet to learn that the Historian of Scottish Freemasonry takes Bro. Murray's view of the greater antiquity of No. 2, or that Bro. Allan Mackenzie does, who is the author of the history of that old lodge (one of the best Masonic works extant). I quoted the brief title of the History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, as advertised in the *Freemason*, in which nothing is said of the History of Freemasonry in Scotland, but it is quite correct, as Bro. Murray says, that the *grand volume* (so termed by me) "is not merely the history of St. Mary's Chapel;" though that of itself means a great deal, dating as No. 1 does so far back as to be the oldest lodge in existence. If the work was not so well known, it is likely that the full title would have been given. As a Scottish Freemason for considerably over 30 years (but not so long as my connection with the English Craft). I take great interest in all that concerns the history and welfare of such old lodges as Nos. 0 and one, and do not care to be silent when their antiquity is in question.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE CATOR CHAPTER,

No. 2266.

This most interesting and beautiful ceremony took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, the 3rd inst., which marks an epoch in the history of the well-known and prosperous Cator Lodge. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D.C. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., who was performing an important Masonic function in East Lancashire), assisted by Comps. H. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C., as H.; T. Fenn, P.G.N., as J.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.; and J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders were Comps. J. N. Osterstock, P.Z., M.E.Z. designate; J. J. White, H. designate; W. J. Hewett, P.Z., J. designate; L. V. D. Anley, P.Z.; R. C. Davis, P.Z.; V. T. Murché, P.Z.; Dr. F. A. Barton, J. W. Cumberland, J. H. Roscoe, R. Turle, P. Joskey, and F. H. De M. McIntosh.

The visitors were :

Comps. J. Leach Barrett, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; E. Hobbs, 2nd A.S. 453; W. T. P. Montgomery, P.Z. 1056; H. P. Anley, P.Z. 1201; S. C. Hill, M.E.Z. 2005; J. W. Gwinn, P.Z. 954; R. W. Goffin, P.Z. 1572; Geo. Briggs, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; M. Mildred, P.Z.; G. Cunningham, H. elect 1185; A. Churchward, P.Z. 890; H. Hartnell, 2535; G. Powell, P.Z. 1185; J. H. Drinkwater, P.Z. 140; B. J. Ricarde Leaner, late 1507; C. E. Cordi, 1414; R. J. Voisey, P.Z. 1329; H. Schartau, S.N. 2191; J. N. E. Latham, S.N. 1329; R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1329; A. Ball, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; G. Gill, P.Z. 1329; L. A. Pearce, 1185; G. Rankin, 1329; R. Elgar, 1329; F. Wint, 101; and C. H. Stone, P.Z. 1275 and 1901.

The chapter having been regularly opened, and the opening hymn sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the D.C. to read the charter, after which he inquired of the companions if they approved of the officers who were nominated therein to preside over them.

Upon the companions assenting, Comp. THOS. FENN, acting Chaplain, delivered a most interesting and excellent oration.

The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was admirably rendered, after which the Consecrating Principal gave the invocation, and the chapter was dedicated and properly constituted.

The C.P. having pronounced the Patriarchal Benediction, the installations of Principals followed, Comp. J. C. Osterstock, P.Z., being inducted into the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Frank Richardson, Comp. J. J. White installed into the chair of H. by Comp. H. Garrod, and Comp. W. J. Hewett, P.Z., into the chair of J. by Comp. Thos. Fenn.

In investing Comp. Robt. Davis, P.Z., as S.E., the M.E.Z. said it was a very proud moment to him to have so excellent a companion to take that office, for there was no Master in the Cator Lodge who had done more to advance its interest, and he was sure that same interest would be evinced in the prosperity of the chapter. Of Comp. L. V. D. Anley, P.Z., as Treas., the M.E.Z. stated he, too, had worked most ardently as Master in the Cator Lodge, and he was pleased to have his valuable services in the chapter.

Upon investing Comp. V. T. Murche, P.Z., as S.N., the M.E.Z. said he was somewhat of short stature, but a giant in Freemasonry, having done excellent work both in the Craft and Arch, and also the higher Degrees.

The remaining officers of the chapter were invested as follows with highly appreciative remarks: Comps. Dr. F. A. Barton, P.S.; J. W. Cumberland, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. H. Roscoe, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Richard Turle, D.C.; Paul Joskey, F. Hide, and M. McIntosh, Stwds.; and Whiteman, Janitor.

Comp. J. C. OSTERSTOCK, M.E.Z., next rose and addressed the founders of the chapter as follows: That it gave him extreme pleasure as a slight mark of their appreciation to propose that the Consecrating Officers be elected honorary members for their excellent services rendered, with the hope that they would often favour the chapter by their presence.

This was ably seconded by Comp. J. J. WHITE, H., and carried unanimously.

In reply, Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON said, on behalf of the Consecrating Officers, he returned very sincere thanks, and it had been to them a very great pleasure to attend and perform the ceremony. He wished the chapter every possible success, and they should be happy to attend whenever it was possible.

Several names were handed in for exaltation, which is a happy augury. There were also letters of apology from several companions.

The business of the chapter ended, it was closed, and the companions adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, ably presided over by the M.E.Z.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. honoured the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and R.A.M.," with the words that her pure womanhood and lovely character endeared her to and called for the admiration of her subjects not only in these islands, but of every English community all over the world.

In submitting that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z.," the M.E.Z. remarked that in fulness of time it was the hope that his Royal Highness might long be spared to reign as King of England, but he was already reigning in their hearts, and was indeed a king in the noble example which he set in the glorious cause of Freemasonry—Charity.

Comp. R. C. DAVIS, P.Z., S.E., in presenting the toast of "The Grand Officers," said it was to him the most important toast of the evening. He advanced it with great trepidation on account of its importance. All knew the amount of excellent work they performed in and out of the chapter to the thorough satisfaction of all the companions. Of Earl Amherst, the Pro G.Z., everyone knew his sterling worth; Earl Warwick, the G.H., he had had the pleasure of his acquaintance somewhat, being himself a Warwick man, he also was a companion of very high attainments; also of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, G.J., he was a great man in the cause of Freemasonry and Father of the House of Commons, all revered him. The Grand Officers, Present and Past, were well known, being companions of splendid character, and all looked up to with great reverence, and with feelings of high appreciation for their services in Freemasonry. The C.P., Comp. Frank Richardson, had performed his duties in an exemplary manner, and the way in which Comp. Thos. Fenn had performed the office of Chaplain and J. that evening called forth the admiration of them all, notwithstanding the fact of his having attained his 80th birthday. It was with feelings of great pride he presented the toast of "The Grand Officers."

In reply, Comp. F. RICHARDSON said he hastened to make reply and would be brief. He acknowledged the high compliment paid to him and his companion G. Officers. They had not very much work to do generally, but no work was more agreeable than that of consecrating a new chapter. He found himself somewhat in an awkward position that evening, being called upon almost suddenly to perform the consecration ceremony. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the compliment paid them.

The M.E.Z. next presented the toast of the evening, that of "The Consecrating Officers." It had been the privilege of the M.E.Z. two or three times to have witnessed the beautiful ceremony of consecration by the permanent officers of Grand Lodge, but some amount of disappointment had been shown on hearing of the inability of the Grand S.E. to attend and consecrate, but all had been delighted at the perfect, dignified, and beautiful manner the ceremony had been rendered by Comp. Frank Richardson, in fact, he had surpassed himself. Also what joy all expressed and with what unbounded pleasure it had given them to listen to Comp. T. Fenn in his splendid oration. Of Comp. H. Garrod, he was known also as a most able worker in R.A.M., specially was he known in his mother chapter, the Lewis, where he always installed the Principals.

Of Comp. P. Nairne, it might be said of him as of St. John of the Apostles, he was lovable and loved, none were more esteemed than Comp. Nairne. The companions were truly grateful to them all for their great kindness in bestowing their labours and for all they had done to the chapter that night.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON replied that he had already spoken so much in the chapter, but on behalf of the Consecrating Officers, he most heartily thanked the companions. He confessed that when he heard from the Grand S.E. that he could not attend, but asked him to perform the ceremony, he felt a certain amount of trepidation, and also hearing that Canon Brownrigg was unable to be present, he had asked Comp. T. Fenn to reverse positions and become the Consecrating Officer, but his natural modesty would not allow him. However, he had performed the ceremony of Chaplain so admirably that he was inclined to think he had mistaken his avocation and instead of being on the Stock Exchange it should be Canon Fenn. If they had given satisfaction to the chapter they were pleased, all had done their duty, and he had been most ably supported by his Brother Consecrating Officers.

Comp. T. FENN most cordially responded; also Comps. NAIRNE and GARROD.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was next presented by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, who said that in an ordinary chapter or lodge it was an honour to be selected to preside, but in the consecration to preside as the M.E.Z. it was doubly so. It showed that the founders were thoroughly satisfied in his having shown such excellent qualities. The M.E.Z. was well known in many degrees of Freemasonry, but the climax of his work was in presiding over such a chapter emanating from so excellent a lodge. He felt confident that the Cator Chapter had a splendid future before it and would become one of the best on the roll. Under such able guidance it would be unnecessary to state that extreme caution should be used in the selection of candidates and none exalted unless well and worthily recommended. He hoped the chapter would go on and prosper.

In reply, the M.E.Z. said that hour was a proud one to him, and he was obliged indeed for the too flattering remarks alluding to his poor services in Freemasonry. He well remembered 17 years ago, when he was initiated by Comp. Geo. Powell, and also passed and raised by him with Comp. Hewett. He was also exalted by him in the chapter. On his initiation he said words somewhat to the following effect: "It was not in his ambition to add one ray of light in brilliancy in the glorious light of Freemasonry, but he hoped never to disgrace it." He earnestly hoped that the hearty good wishes and feeling would continue in the newly-formed chapter as in the Cator Lodge, and the companions would do their best to maintain the prestige of the Sublime Degree of the R.A. and the Cator Chapter. For such a hearty reception in respect of his efforts he most sincerely thanked them.

A telegram was read by Comp. Hewett, H., received from Mrs. Osterstock, who was away for the benefit of her health, wishing the chapter every success, and especially the M.E.Z., which, Comp. Hewett said, showed very great thoughtfulness indeed.

Comp. J. J. WHITE, H., in terms of eulogium, proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to most pertinently by Comps. BARRETT, GOFFIN, VOISEY, BRIGGS, and GEO. POWELL, who remarked that he had watched the steady progression of his two initiates, Comps. Osterstock and Hewett, both in the lodge and now in the chapter, and it gave him extreme pleasure to be present. In the M.E.Z. the chapter had one of the best companions and most worthy. All thanked the chapter for their hearty welcome, and wished it every prosperity.

Comp. V. T. MURCHE, P.Z., S.N., next presented the toast of "The H. and J." under the simile of the ship which the founders wished to build, and they were determined to have the very best planks obtainable, of which the H. and J. were most important. They were a tower of strength in themselves. He gave the toast with all loyalty to such excellent companions of the M.E.Z., the H., and J.

Comp. J. J. WHITE, H., and W. J. HEWETT, J., most cordially responded, promising their loyal support, knowing full well they could not sail under a better captain with such a willing crew.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Comp. Herbert Schartau, S.N. 2191, ably assisted by Bros. Frank Tebbutt, William Fell, and George Stubbs forming an excellent quartet. Comp. Schartau ably accompanied.

Ireland.

MASONIC CONCERT IN PARSONSTOWN.

Entertainments of a superior class have been in the ascendancy ever since the opening of Oxmantown Hall some dozen or more years ago. Each presented some special feature peculiar to itself, and there was a literary grand concert that was conspicuous no less for its spectacular effects than for its pre-eminent level as regards the achievements of the musical artistes. The inception had its origin in that deeply cherished virtue of Charity which permeates the most noble, ancient, and universal institution of Freemasonry. The venerable Lodge No. 163, of Parsonstown, now over three half centuries old, awake and active all that stretch of time, and being true to the honourable reputation of the Craft at large, thought that they might somewhat augment the coming Twentieth Centenary Fund, which is being collected for the succour of the schools for Masonic girls and boys in Dublin, if they organised a concert. Accordingly that invaluable member, Bro. R. J. Sheppard, with a few other capable organisers, set to work, and they have a right to be proud of the result which only left one desideratum unfulfilled. Although there was a fair audience, yet it might have been without much sacrifice considerably larger. Without expressing an opinion on the causes, it will do for us to say that not a soul present but was charmed to ecstasy by the magnificent way in which the two ladies and four gentlemen "played" their respective parts. It is sufficient only to mention their names in corroboration. They were Miss Victoria Delany, Professor of the Violin, R.I.A.M.; Miss Shellard, a musical exponent at the Principal and other Dublin concerts; Mr. J. R. Morgan, solo alto in St. Patrick's Cathedral; Mr. M. D'Alton of the Queen's and St. James's Hall Concerts, London, and Dublin Concerts, &c.; Mr. Charles Kelly, of the Royal Albert Hall, and principal British and Irish Concerts; and Bro. T. R. G. Jozz, Mus. Doc., G. Organist, T.C.D. It being a Masonic concert, the brethren mustered in pretty full strength, wearing the regalia of the different Orders. The Masons wore blue aprons and collars, the Royal Arch were distinguished by red trimmings; Past Masters wearing the

jewel suspended from the neck, and the Knights Templar of St. John of Jerusalem, as representatives of the Crusaders, were clad in white cloaks with loose sleeves, adorned, some with large single and others with double red crosses, according to rank, a black sash with a sanguine cross being between the inner and outer robe, the latter having a red or white hood, and each Templar carrying a sword; their caps being red, and showing a cross in gold or silver. The spectacle, we are assured, was singularly striking when the audience at eight p.m. were all in their places, and after having had time to gaze with delight on the symbolic emblazonments on the walls, saw the procession, headed by Sir Knight Wright, Preceptor of the Knights Templar of No. 163, and Sir Knight Sheppard Past Preceptor, and all the Knights Templar, with drawn swords, moving down the central passage, and ascending the stage, forming therewith what is known as the arch of steel, under which the "scarlet" and "blue" passed, filing to the right and left, the R.W. Deputy G. Master, Bro. W. P. H. Lloyd-Vaughan, D.L., supported by Bro. T. R. Ely, J.P., coming last. Immediately after the Dep. G.M., on the call of Bro. Henry Barlow, was saluted by a running fire according to usage, the Knights Templar saluting in their own manner of symbolism.

On resuming their seats, horse-shoe shape, the "show" was peculiarly attractive, and would have been more so had the piano, which, by the way, was a splendid instrument, specially sent down from Dawson-street, Dublin, by the distinguished makers, Pohlman and Co., prize medallists, been placed upon the lower floor instead of on the stage, where it obscured almost half the view.

Without wasting a moment the R.W. CHAIRMAN spoke a few telling words by way of pointing out the aims of the Craft respecting the Orphan Schools, and giving the audience some idea of the magnitude and worth of the work which has been in operation for over 100 years.

The concert then began, and was admitted by the most refined musicians among the hearers to have been virtually perfect, and the eager encores, which were kindly answered by the artistes, gave undoubted confirmation to that admission, and to the acknowledgment on all sides that those who did not avail of the opportunity to be present were deprived of a first-class musical treat; even the piano being made to attune as though alive under the magic touch of the Grand Organist. The hearers were enraptured by the violin, as played by Miss Delany, whom we would make free to describe as the Irish Lady Paganini. It is needless to go into particulars, but we cannot forbear saying that Mr. Kelly's encore song, "Father O'Flynn," was a tremendous hit, and that all approached the supreme as near as might be in their several phases. As many readers may wish to know the programme, we give it, leaving out names of composers. There were eight pieces in each of the two parts. First, a quartette, Irish melody, arranged that same evening at a moment's notice by Bro. Joze, and sung by Miss Shellard, Messrs. D'Alton, Morgan, and Kelly; 2nd, "Only once more," 3rd, "When the heart is young," Miss Shellard; 4th, "Ho! Jolly Jenkin," Mr. Kelly; 5th, solo violin, a "Berceuse de Jocelyn," b "Un Soir a Portici," Miss Delany; 6th, duet, "Night hymn at sea," Miss Shellard and Mr. Kelly; 7th, "Best of all," Mr. D'Alton; 8th, trio, "J'Naviganti," Miss Shellard, Messrs. D'Alton and Kelly. 1st, quartette, "God is a spirit" (same singers as in Part I.); 2nd, "I seek for thee in every flower," Mr. Morgan; 3rd, "Ave Maria," Miss Shellard, with violin obligato; 4th, "Cleansing fires," Mr. Kelly; 5th, solo violin, "Morceau de Concert," Miss Delany; 6th, "Irish emigrant," Mr. D'Alton; 7th, Welsh song, "O'na byddaf haf O' Lyd," Mr. Morgan; 8th, quartette, "And now we'll say good-night" (same singers as before); finale, National Anthem, in which the brethren, who above all things are loyal to the core, most heartily joined, as did the audience.

Another fine trait among the Fraternity being hospitality, there was ready in the apartment under the platform a sumptuous supper (got up in Mrs. Edwards' best style) for the brethren who came from a distance and the six Dublin artistes, who were greatly pleased with the attentions bestowed upon them. The concert had the patronage of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master of Ireland, who wrote expressing regret that numerous prior calls upon his time made his presence impossible.

Craft Masonry.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.

The 164th anniversary festival of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at Colchester, and was largely attended by both members of the lodge and visitors. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Willoughby John Bean, S.W., as W.M. for the coming year, the ceremonies appertaining to which were very ably performed by Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. The officers of the year were invested as under: Bros. John E. Cheese, S.W.; Rev. C. C. Naters, P.P.G.C., J.W.; Rev. C. Pierpont Edwards, Chap.; Joseph Grimes, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; Arthur Turner, S.D.; Philip G. Laver, J.D.; W. R. Seabrooke, I.G.; R. Howard Ives, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; F. C. Fenner, Stwd.; and Arthur Wright, Tyler. Bro. Joseph Grimes, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and a hearty vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Master, the lodge was closed.

The customary banquet afterwards took place at the Cup Hotel, when between 50 and 60 brethren sat down to an excellent repast, well served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward. The new W.M., Bro. W. J. Bean, presided, and the proceedings were characterised throughout by great good fellowship.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the evening the new W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented a handsome gold jewel of Past Provincial Grand Steward to Bro. H. G. H. Elliott, P.M.

Bro. Bean, in making the presentation, said the members of the lodge felt that some recognition was due to Bro. Elliott for the able and zealous way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge, both during the year he was Master, and also in the succeeding year as I.P.M. They were all aware of the excellent work he had done, and their earnest wish was that Bro. Elliott might long continue to live amongst them and give the lodge the benefit of his valuable assistance. For the information of the visitors present, he might explain that it was not the custom of the Angel Lodge to present a jewel to every Master as was done in many lodges—he believed that only three jewels had been presented within living memory—so that they would see that the present gift was a very special mark of esteem.

The W.M. then, amid great applause, pinned the jewel on Bro. Elliott's breast, and read the inscription as follows: "Presented by the brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, to W. Bro. H. G. H. Elliott, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the zeal and ability with which he carried out the duties of W.M. and I.P.M., 1897-9. Colchester, October 30th, 1899."

Bro. Elliott, who met with quite an ovation, acknowledged the presentation in feeling terms. He said he had been taken completely by surprise, and could hardly find words in which to suitably acknowledge the kindness of the brethren. He could assure them he should value the handsome jewel they had given him as one of his most treasured possessions, and he would be pleased at any time to do anything he could for the Angel Lodge.

During the evening the splendid string band of the 7th (Princess of Wales's) Dragon Guards played a beautiful selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Wille (the bandmaster), and Mr. Arthur Melville sang several songs in his excellent style. Bro. C. Omond, P.P.G. Org., was in charge of the musical arrangements.

Amongst those present on the occasion (in addition to those already named) were

Bros. N. Tracy, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; S. R. Anness, P.P.S. G.W. Suffolk; George Corble, P.P.J.G.W.; T. P. Trounce, Prov. G. Treas.; A. S. B. Sparling, P.M. 51, W.M. 697, P.P.G.T.; Fred. Spalding, W.M. 276; Walter Tyler, W.M. 862; Rev. Donald Gotto, W.M. 1024, P.P.G.C.; F. A. Stratford, W.M. 1437; A. H. Brooks, W.M. 1977; W. Siggers, W.M. 2342; T. W. Harlow, W.M. 2477; Frank Griffith, W.M. 2508; A. S. Gardiner, W.M. 2707; T. J. D. Cramphorn, P.M. 276, P.P.G.D.; Robert Cook, P.M. 276, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Moss, P.M. 2342, Prov. G.D.; A. Gosling, P.M. 697, P.P.G.D.; J. G. Bryan, P.M. 697, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Bailey, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. and Sec. 1977, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Robt. Emson, I.P.M. 697; G. I. Booth, P.M. 697, P.P.G.P.; Jas. Graham, S.W. 2750, Prov. G. Stwd.; Chas. Asplin, S.W. 1343; J. P. Smith, S.W. 697; C. H. Archer, J.W. 697; D. W. Jeffrey, Stwd. 697; and F. C. H. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.R., Wm. Peck, C. T. Wright, Chas. Wood, W. B. Hulke, J. A. Moffat, J. F. Wheeler, G. Janes, David Palk, and H. P. Gadsdon, all of 51.

Amongst those who sent letters of regret at their inability to attend were Bros. Sir Weetman Pearson, Bart., M.P.; Chas. Cobb, A. J. H. Ward, Thos. Moy, Colonel Landon, Major Barnes, J. P. Lewin, F. B. Smythies, Egerton J. Glyn, G. H. Silverwood, F. Nash, I. B. Burton, S. T. T. James, J. S. Hammond, and others.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

The regular meeting was held at Cannon-street Hotel on the 2nd instant. Present: Bros. J. G. Robeson, W.M.; T. Stokes, S.W.; A. Fergusson, J.W.; T. Cohu, Treas.; A. J. Rippin, J.D., acting as S.D.; Collins, acting as J.D.; Williams, acting as I.G.; William Baker, I.P.M.; J. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Couchman, Tyler; Mower, P.M.; Garton, P.M.; Marsh, P.M.; Abbott, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Collins, Jones, Brough, Blaxtan, Bamford, Davis, Bayley, Meers, MacLarty, Cowderoy, Leach, Hipwell, Thomson, Lloyd, Farr, S. Rippin, Franklin, Purbrook, Prevost, T. E. Fergusson, Willey, Smirk, and Ward. Visitors: Bros. Tucker, S.D. 2409; Brown, Szo; Meadows, P.M. 1571; Pakes, P.M., Sec. 871; Creech, 1745; and Bamford, 2632.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then announced to the brethren the loss the lodge had sustained by the death of their beloved Bro. Legge, who was installed in this Lodge 35 years ago, and for many years past held the office of Secretary, and previous to that Treasurer, of the lodge. After many expressions of regret by the brethren, the W.M. ordered that a letter of sympathy be sent to the widow of their late brother, expressing the deep sorrow felt by the brethren. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. Jas. Smith, P.M., D.C., as Secretary, and Bro. William Baker, I.P.M., as D. of C. The ceremonies of raising Bro. Bamford and passing Bro. Leach were then proceeded with. A ballot having been taken, and proving unanimous, the following gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry in a most masterly style: Messrs. Sydney James Prevost, Edgar Leybourne Smirk, Thomas Edgar Fergusson, and Morton Willey.

A Committee was elected to make the necessary arrangements with regard to the ladies' night, and correspondence having been read and dealt with, the lodge was then closed.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, when there were present Bros. T. W. Turner, W.M.; Geo. Smith, I.P.M.; J. W. Hainsworth, J.W.; H. C. White, Sec.; J. Shires, Chap.; C. Reasbeck, S.D.; J. W. Chapman, J.D.; A. W. Fretwell, D.C.; J. Hirst, I.G.; J. H. Pawson, P.P.G.R., Org.; S. W. S. Taylor, Stwd.; J. Mason and J. Marsdin, Tylers; J. Fitzgerald, P.M.; W. H. Orl, F. King, J. F. Hanson, J. Denison, C. F. Frood, and J. Charles. Bro. J. Constable, 2259, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. Watt Brown was duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, the work being well done by the W.M., and the lodge was closed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 328.

At the monthly meeting of the above lodge held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, the W.M., Bro. Fred. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G. Org., gave, at the conclusion of the ordinary business, after supper, a charming account of his recent six weeks' tour in Central Europe. As an ardent Freemason, Bro. Crowe visited the lodge premises in every one of the nine countries he travelled through, and these reminiscences added not a little to the interest of a very descriptive narrative of his wanderings, which were illustrated by a series of lime-light views (kindly lent by Cook's Tourist Agency) and kindly exhibited by Bro. C. Hill, P.M. 1402. At the close, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Crowe at the instance of Bro. Rev. J. Henning, Vicar of Cockington, seconded by Bro. J. D. Beer, W.M. 1402.

Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Cambridge, on Tuesday, the 31st ult., when the following officers for the year were invested: Bros. Adam S. Bell, B.A., P.A.G.D.C., W.M.; G. I. Bland, M.A., P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; and the Rev. A. L. Brown, M.A., P.G. Chap., S.W.; W. J. Armitage, M.A., J.W.; the Rev. C. J. N. Child, B.A., Chap.; W. G. Bell, M.A., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; the Rev. Denis Hall, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Sec.; H. G. Comber, M.A., S.D.; W. Dudley Ward, J.D.; L. O. T. Baines, I.G.; F. D. Bruce, Org.; G. H. Mason, D. of C.; L. F. Crane, A.D. of C.; Dr. J. H. C. Dalton, P.P.G. Stwd., R. H. Adie, M.A., C. J. M. Adie, B.A., W. F. Cooper, B.A., J. M. Cunningham, and J. H. Shepley, Stwds.; and C. H. Ellis, P.G.T., and G. Allen, Tylers.

Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.

On the 23rd ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., witnessed a most happy assemblage of the brethren of this distinguished and well-known lodge to do honour to the installation of Bro. Joshua John Fifield, an esteemed member and well known in the City of London, as W.M. There were present Bros. Walter Bean, W.M.; G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, P.M.; J. Beddoes, P.M.; H. Norrington, P.M.; Sam Rashleigh, P.M.; C. Cowland, P.M.; E. W. Pillinger, P.M.; C. Butcher, P.M.; G. Fox, W. Hammond, J. H. Lewry, J. Dickeson, T. Morris, L. Richmond, C. Horton, G. J. Brown, H. A. Dupree, J. J. Fifield, W.M. elect; M. T. Bryant, F. Butcher, W. H. Snow, J. Oscroft, A. C. Jenkins, F. Tolhurst, H. R. H. Haycraft, R. H. Marchbank, T. Matthias, J. H. Stanley, J. F. Chiverall, G. Auger, C. E. Pillinger, N. W. Lawrence, H. G. Crumblholme, G. P. Darnall, A. E. Skinner, W. S. F. Poupart, J. Bennett, A. T. Frost, C. Mayston, H. E. Fifield, F. G. Saunders, T. Turner, C. Dickeson, J. R. Balderson, W. Read, G. Barnes, H. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. W. Parker, P.M. 2408, W.M. 2728, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; H. Lulman, P.M.; J. Folkes, A. G. Dodson, P.M.; G. T. Clough, A. Akham, S.D.; A. Dealer, S.D.; E. Mills, 2332; S. B. Whitelock, S.D.; A. Hicks, 2271; T. W. Alderman, 1326; F. S. Cockton, 79; F. W. Garnham, W.M. 946; H. Hexter, W.M. 749; R. J. Sadleir, 2705; P. Diment, E. C. Chandler, S.D. 2362; J. Vinyard, J. J. Taylor, H. Hill, P.M. 1305; F. Ellis, W.M. 1765; A. E. Kippes, W.M. 1270; G. Spice, W.M. 193; W. H. Pocklington, P.M. 1288; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Walter Bean, passed Bro. Wm. Read to the Second Degree. The working of the W.M. was carried out in an excellent manner. The Auditors, in presenting a very satisfactory balance-sheet, testified to the admirable book keeping of the energetic Secretary, Bro. S. J. Byng, P.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. J. Fifield, was presented by Bro. Sam Rashleigh, P.M., and installed into the chair of K.S. by the outgoing Master, Bro. Walter Bean. The new W.M. next appointed and—with the exception of the Secretary—invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing 12 months: Bros. Walter Bean, I.P.M.; G. J. Brown, S.W.; L. Richmond, J.W.; G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; J. Oscroft, S.D.; H. Haycraft, J.D.; R. H. Marchbank, I.G.; Sam Rashleigh, P.M., D.C.; H. G. Crumblholme, A.D.C.; C. Butcher, P.M., J. H. Stanley, and C. E. Pillinger, Stwds.;

and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The W.M. stated that, in the unavoidable absence of their esteemed Secretary, Bro. S. J. Byng, P.M., through illness, Bro. C. Cowland, P.M., had acted as his substitute in arranging the audit and the present meeting, and they were all very much indebted to him for his great efforts. The customary addresses followed, and it is a pleasure to record that the whole of the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Walter Bean in such an able and praiseworthy manner that it elicited the hearty commendations of all the brethren. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Fifield, initiated Messrs. Benjamin Crook, Ralph Edwin Collier, and Joseph Bengel, jun., in a manner that should leave a lasting impression upon the initiates, so well was it done, and it proved beyond doubt that the members had elected one most able and competent to carry out the duties of W.M. In an eloquent speech Bro. Walter Bean, I.P.M., proposed that that being Bro. George Gabb's, P.M., 25th year with the lodge, a sum not exceeding 15 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to make a suitable presentation to him as a small return for his great services. This was seconded by Bro. C. Horton, and, on being put to the vote, carried unanimously, and it was acknowledged by Bro. Gabb in a few words. It was agreed that letters be sent to Bros. E. S. White, P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. S. J. Byng, P.M., that the officers and members condoled with them in their illness, and their earnest and sincere wish being that they might soon be restored to health.

Other business followed, after which the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. Charles E. Wagstaff.

In eloquent terms the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were duly honoured.

Bro. Walter Bean, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. J. Fifield," and said it was a toast of great importance on installation nights. Might he give a quotation from "King Henry VIII.?"

"May he live longer than I have time to tell his years,
Ever beloved, and loving may his rule be;
And when old time shall lead him to his end,
Goodness and he fill up one monument."

The W.M. was initiated in the lodge seven years ago, and they were proud to see him in his high position. They wished him every health, happiness, and complete success during his reign, and in conclusion he gave the quotation:

"The faithful, worthy brother,
Whose heart can feel for grief,
Whose bosom with compassion
Steps forth to its relief.
Whose soul is ever ready
Around him to diffuse
The principles of Masons,
And guard them from abuse."

Bro. J. J. Fifield, W.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said that from the very kind manner in which Bro. Walter Bean had proposed the toast, and from the very cordial way in which it had been received made it difficult for him to adequately respond. That was a mark day in his lifetime, and he felt he had all their good wishes. His earnest wish was to well follow in the footsteps of his able predecessors, and to carry out the work of the ritual in a manner that when he went out of the chair they would all be able to say "it is well finished."

The W.M. gave "The I.P.M., Bro. Walter Bean," observing that nothing he could say could increase the very high opinion the members had of him, but they all knew that he had the interest of the lodge at heart. He was a most conscientious worker, a great supporter of the Craft, and a thoroughly energetic Mason. He took that opportunity of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which he more than deserved for his great services as W.M., and he hoped he would be with them for many years. (Great cheering.)

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Walter Bean, P.M., as an emblem of respect, and in appreciation of his valuable services as W.M. during the year 1898-1899."

Bro. Walter Bean, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions and the members for their warmth and their kind support during his year of office. He had tried hard to emulate Freemasonry, and, in concluding a happy speech, he said,

"Our parts are performed, and our speeches are ended,
We are monarchs, and courtiers, and heroes no more;
To a much humbler station again we've descended,
And are now but the schoolboys you've known as before."

In giving "The Initiates," the W.M. said that it was a very happy toast. The three that evening were all good, and he trusted they had been impressed with the solemnity of Freemasonry. If they stuck to the lodge the lodge would stick to them, and he hoped they would put their shoulders to the wheel, and all aspire to rise to the important position of W.M. of that, their mother, lodge.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that it was a toast that was a favoured one there, and their guests were ever welcome. He saw many old faces who had visited them on many occasions, and there were some who were there for the first time, and he hoped to see them all again. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. H. W. Parker, P.M. 2408, W.M. 2728; H. Hexter, W.M. 749; G. Spice, W.M. 193; and A. Dealer, P.M., who responded.

In submitting the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. remarked that without a good Treasurer or Secretary, who were really the backbone of the lodge, a lodge could not go on successfully. They all regretted the enforced absence of the Secretary, who was one of the best, and they wished him a speedy restoration to the best of health. He coupled with the toast the names of the Treasurer, Bro. Gabb, and Bro. Cowland, the latter having carried out the duties of Secretary as deputy for Bro. Byng.

Bro. George Gabb, P.M., Treas., responded in a very humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

Bro. C. Cowland, P.M., responded to the toast on behalf of the Secretary, Bro. Byng.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters and the officers of the lodge," and said that the members were very much indebted to the Past Masters for the great things they had done for the lodge. He thought the officers he had appointed were of the very best and that they would give him every assistance, and he joined with the toast the names of Bros. Sam Rashleigh, P.M., and Richmond, J.W.

In response, Bro. Sam Rashleigh, P.M., stated that all the Past Masters were proud of the W.M., and they wished him every success. He thought they would all agree that everything that day had been carried out without the slightest hitch, which would make their indefatigable Secretary happy, and, although he was not able to be present, he was there in spirit.

Bro. Richmond, J.W., also responded in brief, but happy terms, and the Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable evening.

Bros. F. Ellis and E. Collier, and Messrs. Crowley and Frank Hook vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren. Bro. A. E. Kipps ably presided at the pianoforte.

The W.M., Bro. J. J. Fifield, was initiated in the Burgoyne Lodge in 1892, and has filled every office in due order; finally reaching the chair. He is perfect in the ritual, and we have no doubt that under his reign the lodge will still go to the front.

Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007.

The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at its place of meeting, Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, on the 31st ult. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge and visitors; amongst the latter were Bros. S. S. Partridge, Dep. Prov. G.M., and E. Holmes, Prov. G. Sec.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Walter Tyler, and he subsequently initiated a candidate, his work being marked by much earnestness. The brethren then elected their W.M. for the ensuing year, their choice falling on Bro. Arthur Smith, S.W., and Bro. Geo. Carter Oliver was re-elected Treasurer, an office held by himself and his father for many years. The next business was the item which gave especial interest to the meeting, viz., the presentation, to Bro. William Vial, P.P.S.G.W., the present Secretary, of a testimonial in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him to the lodge during the past 25 years. The W.M. made the presentation, which consisted of a beautifully illuminated address and a purse of gold. The W.M. recited the services of Bro. Vial, and stated that during the period of his membership of 25 years he had

never missed a regular lodge meeting. The W.M. warmly expressed the esteem and regard the brethren had for Bro. Vial and the high appreciation they had for his unselfish labours. He concluded with the expression of the wish that Bro. Vial might for many years be with them to give the brethren the benefit of his experience and continue those services they all so much valued. Bro. Vial feelingly responded, and said he felt difficulty in giving adequate expression to his sense of gratitude for the splendid presentation they had made. His services had always been a labour of love, and from his initiation he had felt an affection for his mother lodge and the Order, which prompted him to do all in his power to help it forward. He had stuck to it through times of difficulty when their numbers were small and it was difficult to carry on the lodge. But he was delighted to see that the efforts of the brethren and himself in the past had resulted in the lodge attaining its present flourishing state. He hoped he might long be spared to be amongst them, and assured them that his efforts in the future would, as in the past, be devoted to the welfare of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge.

After the lodge was closed the brethren partook of dinner, under the presidency of the W.M., and a pleasant evening was spent, enlivened with music contributed by several of the brethren.

St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351.

The 25th installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. George Miles, for the second year in succession, was installed into the chair of King Solomon.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and duly confirmed, the W.M. initiated two candidates in a truly excellent manner. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. L. J. Livett, who gave the several addresses, after which the W.M. initiated a third candidate, thus performing the somewhat rare task of initiating candidates, both as an outgoing and a newly-installed Master at the same meeting. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Stocks, S.W.; Hadden, J.W.; Attenborough, S.D.; L. G. Tate, J.D.; Pearse, I.G.; L. J. Livett, P.M., Treas.; Henry Peters, P.M., Sec.; and F. Burrough, D.C.

"Hearty good wishes" were given by a goodly muster of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Walter Bean, I.P.M. 902; Douglas Ridley, 2146; J. Smith, S.W. 933; J. B. Liberty, J.W. 2233; G. J. Cawthorne, J.W. 1745; Walter H. Cooke, 487; J. J. Sulley, W.M. 2663; H. Hyde, W.M. 1227; Percy W. Husk, P.M. 1928; Frank J. Ruddle, P.M. 1768; F. A. Sahl, 1622; J. A. Thilthorpe, W.M. 1947; R. C. Treart, 209; F. R. Stevens, P.M. 1332; and W. J. Carroll, S.W. 1227.

An excellent banquet followed, and, after the respective toasts, the National Anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales," and "Rule Britannia" were enthusiastically sung by all present.

The W.M. congratulated lodge upon its financial prosperity, the Secretary's report showing a substantial balance to both accounts.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 19th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. C. Wheatley, W.M.; H. Gale, S.W.; W. Hopkins, P.M., P.A.G.P., as J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; H. Webster, S.D.; W. Hill, J.D.; C. H. H. Boyce, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., A. S. Schultz, R. F. Ruff, and R. S. Fox, Stwds.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and P. Cronin, I.P.M. The visitors were Bros. W. Downing, P.M. 20, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; S. Fisk, P.M. 1733; J. H. Mayo, P.M. 2222; and C. G. Sherwood, P.M. 2173.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Bench and Lohmann were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. H. F. Singer, P. E. Jaquier, and E. Hopkins for initiation, and for Bro. J. C. Chiccott, 889, as a joining member. The three candidates being in attendance, were duly and impressively initiated. The sum of two guineas was unanimously voted to the William Fisher Testimonial Fund. A notice of motion was given to increase the annual subscription to three guineas. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. R. H. Thrupp. Two names for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. W. Fisher, P.M.; G. J. Tagg, P.M.; C. F. Davis, J.W.; A. Macchi, Stwd.; G. J. Dixon, and others. The lodge was then closed. An excellent banquet followed.

Bro. W. Hopkins responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M. in eulogistic terms. He said that the W.M.'s working was in every way admirable. He had evidently studied the rituals and the manner in which they should be performed at lodges of instruction. To gain proficiency there was no other way.

The W.M. having modestly acknowledged this handsome tribute, gave in well-set terms the toast of "The Initiates and Joining Member." In submitting this toast he said that the Hemming Lodge had glorious traditions, was highly esteemed in the province, a fact borne out by the number of Provincial Grand collars that had from time to time been bestowed upon its hard-working members. The three new members he felt confident would be a credit to No. 1512, and would never regret having entered its portals. The joining member was the son of an old initiate of the lodge long since passed away, and was in every respect worthy of their suffrages.

This toast having been acknowledged, "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Downing and Fisk.

Bros. Cronin and Ransford replied on behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bros. Jessett, Walls, Gale, and Hill, for "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers."

During the evening several of the members and their guests discoursed sweet music.

Elliot Lodge, No. 1567.

A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. W. C. Tyler, W.M. 862, W.M.; W. Langdon, S.W., W.M. elect; H. C. R. Dailey, J.W.; A. Bevis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx., Treas.; John Mason, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; A. E. Mason, S.D.; W. F. Fagan, J.D.; H. J. Calley, I.G.; C. H. Ditchman, D. of C.; J. C. Edmonds, P.M., P.Z., Tyler; Nichols, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; W. T. Dillon, P.M.; S. Pardoe, P.M. 1585; and a large number of brethren. Visitors: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Wm. Fisher, P.M., Asst. G. Purst., Eng., P.G. Treas. Middx.; Hazell, P.M.; McLaren, P.M.; Browning, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Wright, P.M.; Reed, P.M.; Lyons, P.M.; Gunn, P.M.; Main, P.M.; Grinlett, P.M.; and many others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Wiggins and Steer were raised, and Bro. Coulson passed. Mr. C. Lambie was initiated by Bro. W. T. Dillon, A.G.D.C. Middx., in the absence of the W.M., who arrived late. Bro. Langdon, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Tyler into the chair of K.S., who afterwards appointed and invested his officers. Bro. J. Terry gave the three addresses, Bro. John Mason acting as D. of C. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the list of Bro. A. J. Davis, who will represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge was then closed.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

To that of "The Grand Officers," Bro. W. Fisher, A.G.P., replied. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. W. T. Dillon, A.G.D.C. Middx., speaking on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, acknowledged the kindness of the brethren in having recommended him for Provincial honours, he being appointed by Lord G. Hamilton.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. T. Dillon, A.G.D.C. Middx., who was assisted by Miss Isabel Dillon (his daughter), Mrs. Langdon, jun., Miss Langdon, and the Kew Glee Singers.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

The last meeting of the season was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. R. Flack, I.P.M., as W.M. (in the absence abroad of Bro. H. C. Crozier, P.M., P.S.G.W. Egypt); D. A. Ross, S.W.; A. S. Jehu, J.W.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.;

J. H. Gaunt, S.D.; W. Wainwright, I.G.; H. J. Bond, P.M., Stwd.; Frank Figg, Org.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. T. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O.; R. W. Rice, P.M.; and R. W. Simpson, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Fisher, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.T., A.G.P. Eng.; A. R. Finch, P.M. 1238; T. Nichols, I.G. 144; and C. W. Fink, 1623.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Tapper, McCombie, Hurst, and Carman were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Jacob and Thurlow passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken as a joining member for Bro. J. C. Shrubsole, 503, and for Mr. R. Nurse as an initiate. The latter being in attendance was admitted into the light of Craft mysteries. The audit report having been received and adopted, it was proposed by Bro. Peat, P.M., seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the initiation fee be raised to 10 guineas and the joining fee to seven guineas, to become law in and after April next." A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., &c., was carried unanimously, with many individual expressions of regret. Apologies and telegrams for non-attendance were received from Bros. Crozier, W.M.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; T. Grant, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; and others. The Secretary reported that the widow of a highly-respected Past Master of the lodge had been handsomely relieved by the Board of Benevolence, and, as she lived many miles from London, the case had been kindly taken in hand, and carried successfully through, by Bro. L. Steele, P.M., who resided in her neighbourhood. It was then resolved unanimously that the thanks of the lodge are due, and be presented, to Bro. Steele for his zeal and kindness in the matter.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

Bro. Fisher responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a short, but pertinent, speech.

Bro. T. W. Ockenden responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers." In the course of his eloquent remarks, he touched, in sympathetic terms, upon the recent loss the province had sustained by the death of Bro. Raymond Thrupp. In the early days of the Wolsey Lodge their late brother was a frequent visitor and always a kind well-wisher.

"The Health of the W.M." followed. The proposer regretted that Bro. Crozier was not present that evening, as professional business called him abroad in far distant Egypt. His I.P.M. had worthily occupied his place that evening both in and out of lodge. The manner in which the Three Degrees had been performed by him, assisted by Bro. Bond, left little to be desired.

Bro. Flack having briefly responded, gave the remaining toasts in quick succession, as the hour was getting late. They were "The Visitors," "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers."

The proceedings were enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. F. Figg, A. S. Jehu, J. McCarthy, and others.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

A meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Woking, when there were present Bros. A. M. Kennett, W.M.; J. Tomlinson, I.P.M.; H. A. Whitburn, S.W.; G. J. Wooldridge, J.W.; Captain J. Hoey, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. Althorpe, S.D.; C. J. Waters, J.D.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. B. Walker, I.G.; J. E. O'Connor, Stwd.; H. W. Gloster, and A. J. Gunning. Visitors: Bros. E. J. Eastes, 2394; E. Head, W.M. 1681; J. W. Smith, 1681; A. H. Gale, 2521; and Frank W. Pullen, S.W. 1216.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Roger Wasley, which, proving favourable, and the candidate being in attendance, he was initiated in a most impressive manner by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Tomlinson, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The charge was very ably delivered by the Treasurer, Bro. J. Hoey. The Secretary (Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster) proposed, and the Treasurer (Bro. J. Hoey) seconded, that the sum of five guineas should be given from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to the fund which is being raised locally for the families of the Surrey Reservists and the widows and orphans of our soldiers on active service. The motion was supported by the W.M., J.W., and others, and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously. Letters of apology at inability to attend were read from several members and invited guests.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The customary toasts followed, and were interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Head, Pullen, and others. Bro. J. E. O'Connor presided, with his usual ability, at the pianoforte.

Swinburne Lodge, No. 2680.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Central Masonic Hall, Pilgrim-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. J. T. Stark, W.M.; R. J. Holloway, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Sutcliffe, J.W.; G. Copeland, Sec.; H. Gregg, Asst. Sec.; A. M. Clarkson, S.D.; W. R. Whitehead, Stwd., acting J.D.; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Chas. B. Ford, P.P.G.W.; W. E. Harker, P.M. 24, P.P.J.G.D.; Wm. Lyon, P.M. 406, P.P.S.G.D.; L. M. Allan, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. F. Hall, P.G. Stwd.; Cornwell Smith, P.M. 481, P.D.G.D.C.; A. P. Aitchison, P.M. 24, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Graham, W.M. 1676; T. White, W.M. 406; R. Plumptre, W.M. 481; J. Wharrier, W.M. 1712; G. H. Cameron, W.M. 991; R. Renwick, W.M. 544; John Armstrong, W.M. 48; E. Bowman, W.M. 1427; W. Phillips, W.M. 424; F. W. Holmes, S.W., W.M. elect 2568; M. Marks, S.W., W.M. elect 2557; S. Brown, S.W., W.M. elect 2674; W. D. Sweeney, S.W., W.M. elect 1712; R. W. Cummins, P.M. 1676; S. Jacrosen, P.M. 991; H. Forster, P.M. 1676; E. Stephenson, P.M. 541; T. B. Short, P.M. 424; G. Donkin, jun., I.P.M. 406; A. D. Buriatte, I.P.M. 1427; H. Cheadle, 411, Chicago; and many others from the northern towns.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. J. Holloway, W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., Bro. J. T. Stark, to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was very ably carried out before a large muster of Past Masters and Worshipful Masters. The Installing Master, Bro. J. T. Stark, I.P.M., then completed the ceremony by delivering the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and at the close, was warmly congratulated on the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The W.M., Bro. R. J. Holloway, stated that their first duty was to express regret at the loss the Treasurer, Bro. H. T. Heaviside, had sustained by the decease of his son, a most hard working young Mason. He felt sure all the brethren would be with him in the expression of condolence to Bro. Heaviside and his family. He then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing 12 months: Bros. J. T. Stark, I.P.M.; J. Sutcliffe, S.W.; G. Copeland, J.W.; H. T. Heaviside, Treas.; H. Gregg, Sec.; A. M. Clarkson, Asst. Sec.; W. R. Whitehead, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; T. Purvis, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D. of C.; G. H. Erskine, Org.; R. B. Jackson, I.G.; F. G. Thompson, J. Thompson, F. G. Isaacson, and J. Boggan, Stwds.; and J. Curry, P.G.T., Tyler. The name of a gentleman was then proposed for initiation in December next, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The banquet over, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in the following order: "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "Bros. the Right Hon. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P. R.W.P.G.M.; Alderman R. H. Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; and Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge of Northumberland;" and "Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., R.W.P.G.M.; Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M.; and Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham;" all of which were duly honoured.

Bro. J. T. Stark, I.P.M., in submitting the toast of the evening—"The W.M."—said that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hand over the gavel to a brother whom he had always the warmest sympathy for, one whom the members would find far more able to deliver the Degrees of the Art far in advance of himself, and he felt sure that he would continue to uphold the lodge in its efficient state, and direct the brethren in as capable a manner as he had done whilst acting as S.W.

The toast was drunk most heartily.

Bro. R. J. Holloway, W.M., who on rising to respond was well received, said since coming to England he had found in Bro. Stark, I.P.M., a Mason who had assisted him in every manner, and whom he was confident he could never repay for what he had done for him. He was the instrumental party in getting him into the chair of King Solomon. His remarks about him being able to do the work of the lodge better than he (Bro. Stark) were not correct, as he thought that Bro. Stark was far abler than himself and further advanced in the Masonic art than ever he would be. He could not express his feelings to Bro. Stark in words for the kindness he had shown to him and the way he had assisted him. He, Bro. Stark had worked night and day for the lodge, and it was entirely owing to his efforts that the lodge after only one year's working had a balance in hand of £128 odd. He was indeed pleased to think that he would, in the ensuing 12 months, have his valuable services as I.P.M. He (the W.M.) asked him to accept the silver cigar case and matchbox as a token of recognition of his valuable services during the past 12 months by himself and members of the lodge.

Bro. J. T. Stark, I.P.M., in reply, said that he could not express his thoughts to the W.M. and brethren for such a beautiful gift, but he thought that he had not done much to deserve such a handsome present. He thought he would be under an obligation to the brethren by accepting their kind appreciation of his services during the past year; but he could assure them that he would in no way relax his efforts to assist the lodge in the future as in the past. He had worked hard for the lodge, as Bro. Holloway, W.M., had stated, but it would make him, if at all possible, do so harder still.

In presenting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said there was indeed a large number who had come to see the installation, and amongst them many distinguished Masons; he and his brethren of the Lodge of Swinburne gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. W. Mitford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Durham, in reply, said he indeed was pleased to have received such a hearty welcome, and was delighted at being present to witness the installation of a very dear friend and brother that evening, and to see the ceremony so creditably performed. He was a Mason of many years' standing, but he must say he had never seen an installation of a Master so well done as he had that evening, and it spoke well indeed for the members of that lodge to have such men as the Installing Master, Bro. J. T. Stark, and the W.M. to rule and direct the lodge.

Several other visitors replied to the toast in a most felicitous manner.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the largest banquets at the installation of a W.M. in the North of England to a hearty close.

Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Robert Stanley Chandler, W.M.; A. G. Neville, acting S.W.; H. Bowler, J.W.; R. Harold Williams, Treas.; Patrick O'Doherty, Sec.; W. J. Packer, acting S.D.; H. Lewis, acting J.D.; G. Allison, I.G.; R. W. Goddard, P.M. 65, Tyler; D. Edwards Radclyffe, P.P.G.D.C. Berks.; W. Tyler, Pow, Stephenson, Bingham, Gough, Deeley, Lee, G. S. Cummings, and R. H. McLeod, Stwd. Bro. J. Sarjeant, P.M. 1765, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting on April 23rd and those of an emergency meeting held on June 3rd were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. J. Sarjeant, P.M., Sec. 1765, as an honorary joining member, and he was unanimously elected, and afterwards invested by the W.M. as Organist. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Vincent John Lee, O.M., and Gus Skelton Cummings, Life Governor, R.M.I.B., and proving unanimous in each case, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M. then informed the brethren that Bro. Roehrich, S.W., who was unfortunately unable to attend, had very kindly sent him jewels to be presented to the first initiates of the lodge, viz., Bros. Packer, Gough, Lewis, and Bingham, Bro. R. H. McLeod already having had one presented to him by his father, Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., at the first regular meeting of the lodge. Bro. Packer duly returned thanks on behalf of himself and the other brethren, and proposed and seconded by Bro. Gough that a record of same be entered in the minutes, which was carried with acclamation, the lodge being already indebted to Bro. Roehrich for many other valuable gifts. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Allison seconded the following candidate for initiation at the next meeting: Mr. Frederick Bolt Crew (O.M.). The W.M. also stated that Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., I.P.M., was, unfortunately, unable to be present, so the Past Master's jewel, which he hoped to have been able to present to Bro. Keyser in recognition of his valuable services as first W.M. of the lodge, would have to be reserved for the next meeting on the 25th inst. Letters of regret were also received from Bros. Sir Augustus Godson, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Major J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Sholto H. Hare, P.P.G.D. Cornwall; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B.; Harry Manfield, P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts; Renton Dunlop, P.G. Stwd.; Chate and Wyatt.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

During the evening Bros. J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B.; and Harry Manfield, P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts, visited the lodge, bringing with them several brethren from the Province of Northampton, amongst them being Bro. Geo. Ellard, P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts.

The toast of "Success to the Richard Eve Lodge" was very heartily received, the W.M. stating in his speech that both lodges were closely allied, being both so closely connected with the R.M.I.B.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959.

The members of the above lodge assembled in strong force, on the 6th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the occasion of the annual installation ceremony, which was carried out in a most satisfactory manner, great credit being due to the Installing Master, Bro. R. H. Hunsworth, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Works. Bro. W. F. Odium, the retiring S.W., was installed in the W.M.'s chair, after which the new Master appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. Watson, I.P.M.; Chas. Grayston, S.W.; C. Whitmarsh, J.W.; W. B. Hanson, Treas.; C. T. Townsend, Sec.; W. Kemp, Asst. Sec.; A. Goff, S.D.; J. E. Pierce, J.D.; John White, D.C.; A. G. Carter, I.G.; C. J. Cooke, Org.; A. T. Shepherd, Asst. Org.; G. Gardiner,

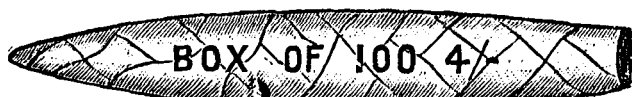
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The usual banquet followed, when appropriate toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

During the evening, on the initiation of Bro. John White, one of the oldest members in the Province of Suffolk, a subscription was made in aid of the widows and orphans of our troops in the Transvaal, this amounting, with a grant of £10 10s. from the lodge, to about £33.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., on the 7th inst. There were present Bros. Henry Warner, W.M.; R. O. Hinderwell, S.W.; C. W. Chandler, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; G. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; J. Wilson, S.D.; T. Smeeting, J.D.; D. Gower, I.G.; D. G. Lusty, D. of C.; R. J. Court, C. Wakefield, jun., and C. R. Warde, Stwds.; J. Coote, P.M.; Frank Adams, P.M.; J. R. Omer, P.M.; R. Atkins, P.M.; W. T. Trappitt, P.M.; and a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Frank Adams, P.M., and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation (after election) of Messrs. Sidney Clements and John W. Flood was then performed by Bro. Geo. Parrett, P.M., who also passed Bro. Davies to the Second Degree, Bro. J. Whittaker being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Frank Adams, P.M. Bro. R. O. Hinderwell, W.M. elect, was next presented to the Installing Master, and duly installed W.M.

The following brethren received their collars at the hands of the Installing Master: Bros. C. W. Chandler, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; G. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; T. Smeeting, S.D.; D. Gower, J.D.; D. G. Lusty, I.G.; R. J. Court, D.C.; C. Wakefield, jun., C. R. Warde, and G. J. Banner, Stwds.; and T. F. Noakes, Org. The ceremony was worked in a manner worthy of the very best traditions of the lodge, and Bro. Frank Adams cannot be too highly complimented for the skill and ability shown on this memorable occasion. A proposition from the worthy Secretary, Bro. G. Parrett, was next proceeded with, "That the sum of 25 guineas be given to the Princess of Wales's Widows' and Orphans' Fund," meeting with unanimous support.

The lodge business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall to do ample justice to a repast served in Bro. G. A. Roberts' well-known style and taste.

During this function the W.M. invested the I.P.M. (Bro. H. Warren) with the customary collar and jewel in recognition of past invaluable services. It is to be regretted that the recipient was too indisposed to attend the lodge meeting, hence the presentation at the banquet.

A very excellent programme of vocal music was then capably rendered by Bros. Geo. Parrett, P.M., and F. W. Stephens; the Misses Mabel Rowe and Edith Payne, and Mr. Harry Hudson (the humorous).

The customary toasts were duly honoured, and a most pleasant function closed at a late hour.

The whole of the arrangements were carried out with duly-appreciated excellence by Bro. Thos. F. Noakes, Organist of the lodge.

St. Audrey Lodge, No. 2727.

The first anniversary of this lodge was held at Ely, on the 8th inst., when Bro. Henry Kempton was installed in the chair of K.S. There was previously an initiation. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. M. Harvey, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, the first W.M. of the lodge, to whom a Past Master's jewel was afterwards presented. The charges were delivered by Bros. J. Kempton, P.M. (London), and J. H. Moyes, P.M. (Cambridge). The sum of five guineas was voted to the fund for assisting the wives and families of reservists called out to the war. The following are the officers for the year: Bros. H. Kempton, W.M.; J. M. Harvey, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, I.P.M.; T. A. Guyatt, S.W.; W. G. Dunwoody, M.D., J.W.; Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, Chap.; C. Lacey, Treas.; J. Read, P.M., Sec.; J. C. Laxton, S.D.; J. S. Barnett, J.D.; O. Papworth, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; A. Burton, P.G.P., I.G.; H. S. Boyden, Org.; A. J. Davis and P. S. Allen, Stwds.; and J. Lewis, Tyler.

At the banquet, held at the Bell Hotel, Bro. Frank Piggott, P.J.G.W., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. J. M. Harvey mentioned that there had been 13 initiates during his year of office, and he expressed the belief that they would all become sturdy and efficient Masons. He was glad to see clergymen coming into the Craft.

Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.G. Sec., mentioned that Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Wisbech, on Monday, the 27th inst.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moorlane, E.C. Present: Bros. W. H. Hillman, W.M.; T. Stokes, S.W.; H. A. Baxter, J.W.; William Baker, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Meadows, P.M., Sec.; H. Saunton, S.D.; J. Collins, J.D.; W. G. Read, I.G.; Hawkins, P.M.; James Brown, P.M.; James Smith, P.M.; Barker, P.M.; C. Butcher, P.M.; C. Enever, S. Enever, A. R. Roche, W. H. M. Gernon, R. E. Ferry, B. T. Mills, and J. G. Robeson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. B. T. Mills answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. B. T. Mills was raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Gernon acting as candidate. The beauty of the ceremony was greatly enhanced by musical accompaniments on an American organ, which were well rendered by Bro. Barker, P.M. 1607, who, for his services in aiding the Committee of the lodge to secure this beautiful instrument, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. This lodge is to be heartily congratulated on having up to its name "Prosperity," by adding this further attraction to its weekly meetings, to which the mother lodge, Prosperity, No. 65, and the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, each made a handsome donation of five guineas from their respective funds. On the motion of Bro. J. G. Robeson, W.M. 192, seconded by Bro. J. Brown, P.M. 1446, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Organ Committee, Bros. J. C. T. Meadows, P.M. 1571; James Smith, P.M. 192; and J. Huckell, J.W. 65, for the great trouble they had taken to secure this instrument, and the same ordered to be recorded on the minutes. It was incidentally mentioned during the evening that this is one of the oldest of the City lodges of instruction, having been consecrated as far back as 1826. Bro. Stokes, S.W. 192, was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of W.M. on Wednesday evening next at seven. The brethren were reminded that the annual supper of this lodge is to take place on the 29th inst., when it is hoped they will form up strongly. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. L. J. Powell, W.M.; P. S. Wallis, S.W.; H. G. Blackmore, W.M. 2410, J.W.; G. Read, P.G.S.B. Eng., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Chubb, S.D.; H. Ainfeld, J.D.; H. C. Martin, I.G.; J. H. Beadon, Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, D. Preceptor; T. M. Lambie, P.M. 1681; J. Bartlett, P.M. 2637; C. Riegan, W. H. Smith, F. Mills, and W. C. Franklin. Bro. G. F. Ridge, 890, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees as required. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ridge acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bartlett

acting as candidate. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Bros. G. Read, P.G.S.B., Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. J. Ferguson, Dep. Preceptor; and Blackmore, Wallis, and Franklin, Auditors. Bro. Ridge was elected a member. All of these brethren acknowledged the compliment paid them in suitable terms. The W.M. rose the usual number of times. A communication from Bro. J. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., was read, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

A meeting was held on the 1st inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Alex. Clarkson, W.M.; Alfred Collins, S.W.; S. N. Lavington, J.W.; H. Kemp, P.M., acting Preceptor; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; Fredk. W. Berry, J.D.; and J. Scarlett, I.G.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Scarlett acting as the candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of investiture. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the Three Degrees. The lodge was then closed.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, when some 20 brethren were present, including Bros. F. Dunstan, P.M., Preceptor; Geo. Clark, P.M.; Feistal, Wallace, Revill, Rusby, P.M.; Newman, F. W. Bishop, Abrahams, Leber, Wigginton, Ashton, and others, supported Bro. M. B. Lader as W.M.

After some ceremonial work a meeting of the Masonic Charities Association took place, when six ballots for £5 5s. were taken, resulting in favour of Bros. M. B. Lader, H. J. Calley, F. Dunstan, S. A. Weeden, S. Pardoe, and H. E. Wallis.

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. R. Allingham, W.M.; J. B. Schrader, S.W.; C. G. Ridgway, J.W.; R. H. Nicholls, P.M., Treas., acting Preceptor; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; H. C. Wootton, S.D.; W. G. Read, J.D.; R. Nicholls, I.G.; H. Ramsbottom, Jas. Barnett, W. Spencer, and David Beveridge.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Ramsbottom acting as the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Barnett, Bro. Allingham acting as candidate. The Third Degree was also rehearsed with the same candidate. The lodge was then closed.

LA FRANCE LODGE, No. 2060.

A most successful and brotherly gathering was the banquet of the above lodge of instruction, held at the Cafe Royal on Thursday last, Bro. Capt. H. Mondehare, W.M., being in the chair, Bros. Dr. Crawford McLearn, 2168, and H. Garrard, 183, being respectively S.W. and J.W. To show both the international and brotherly character there were brethren of English, French, German, Russian, Danish, and Finnish nationalities who sat down—altogether about 30 members and visitors—in the beautifully decorated banquet hall.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured many interesting speeches were delivered by the visitors, amongst whom Bros. Thomas Bolton, 1687 and 2712; R. W. Hogg, D. F. Heywood, H. Szumowski, 2650; R. Williams, 820; Davis, 201; and L. Joseph, 177, who congratulated the Lodge of Instruction La France upon its successful career after only such a short existence, and wishing it further prosperity.

The Misses Louise Bué (sister of Bro. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br.), Lulu Barlet (daughter of Bro. L. Barlet, P.M. 2060), and Nellie Grimson subsequently entertained the company with their charming music, both vocal and instrumental.

It may be mentioned here that the Lodge of Instruction La France meets every Thursday night, at 8.30 p.m., at the Regent Masonic Temple, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W. The work has been arranged as following, viz., first Thursday of the week First Degree; second Thursday, Second Degree; and third Thursday, Third Degree; whilst the fourth Thursday is to be fixed by the Secretary. Exceptionally, the Thursdays preceding the obligatory meetings of the mother lodge in November, January, March, May, and September are being reserved for the W.M. The Secretary of the lodge of instruction, Bro. D. Bril, 11, Abchurch-lane, E.C., will be pleased to supply further information, and all communications should be addressed to him.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ultimo, at the Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. H. Coxen, W.M.; H. Dunnaway, S.W.; H. de L. Woods, J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, Preceptor; Harry Willsmer, Sec.; J. Campbell, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; J. M. Goodwin, S.D.; J. Buck, J.D.; J. E. Curtis, I.G.; A. E. Horstead, Org.; H. Leavers, G. D. Fraser, S. Powell, J. W. Smith, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; Stanger, E. Lines, J. Aylett, F. G. Palmer, T. Golby, G. Coxen, Evans, Emery, and W. G. Coxen.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was closed down. Bro. H. Coxen vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. Golby, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. D. Fraser acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Bro. Evans was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Coxen—it being the first time he had occupied the chair. Bro. H. Dunnaway was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was decided to invite the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction from Hackney to visit the lodge at a date to be fixed. £1 5s. 6d. was received on behalf of the widows and orphans of our soldiers engaged in South Africa. As it was suggested by a brother that it was probable that the *Freemason* would open a similar fund to the *Daily Telegraph*, the amount will be kept in hand until the 6th inst.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT BOURNE-MOUTH.

There was a deeply interesting and unique ceremony at the regular meeting of the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The ordinary work of the lodge was suspended for a short time, and the lads, who, as Lewises, carried the volume of the Sacred Law at the recent Masonic ceremonies at Boscombe Hospital and St. Andrew's Church, were presented with handsomely-bound Bibles bearing suitable inscriptions.

The five Lewises were C. C. Hodges, son of Bro. R. Hodges, P.M. and D.C. of 195; E. Humphry, son of Bro. W. Humphry, P.M. 195; H. S. Knight, son of Bro. H. G. Knight, I.P.M. 2208; H. H. Streat, son of Bro. W. J. Streat, Stwd. 2208; and F. P. Brazier, son of Bro. J. J. Brazier, P.M. and Sec. 2208.

After the lads had been introduced into the lodge a psalm was sung by the brethren and some passages of scripture read by the Chaplain, Bro. H. J. Atkins. The boys were then presented to the W.M. by Bro. C. T. Miles as the sons of Masons who had distinguished themselves by their devotion to the Craft.

Bro. W. MATTOCKS, W.M., addressing the lads, said: It very rarely happens that any but regularly initiated brethren are admitted within the

precincts of an open Masonic lodge. We have, however, invited you five Iewises here this evening to present each of you with a souvenir of the two recent functions in which you were privileged to take a somewhat important part. The religious and humanitarian objects to which these two buildings will be dedicated when they are complete, were referred to in your presence by our revered P.G.M., and it only remains for me to remind you that the volume of the Sacred Law, which you had the honour of carrying on both occasions, is an essential part of every Masonic ceremony. It may happen that upon reaching the years of manhood you may desire to enter the fraternity in which your respective fathers are esteemed brethren. In the meantime, whether you ultimately become Freemasons or not, let me enjoin you to make a daily study of this grand old book, and you will become acquainted with the real basis of our Masonic art. By the same means you will have laid the foundation of a manly, honest life, devoted, we earnestly trust, to the service of your fellow men. On behalf of the three sister lodges of Bournemouth, I now present each one of you with a copy of this sacred volume, which we regard as the unerring standard of truth and justice, in the hope that you will always direct your conduct by the divine precepts it contains.

Bro. J. J. BRAZIER, in responding on behalf of the lads, expressed their appreciation of the kindness of the three lodges on presenting to them the Bibles which they had received, and said that no more fitting present could have been chosen, because, whilst the volume of the Sacred Law was opened at all Masonic meetings, it was also taken as the rule and guide for the lives of Freemasons in their intercourse with the outer world. The lads, he said, felt it to have been a great privilege to assist in the Masonic ceremonies at Boscombe and Malmesbury Park, and they were old enough to hope that the connection with Freemasonry formed on the occasions referred to might be consummated when they arrived at mature age. They felt that the fact of their fathers being members of the Craft was sufficient to induce them to follow in their footsteps. Bro. Brazier thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had addressed to them, and assured him that his remarks had made a deep impression on their minds and that they would earnestly strive to follow the advice given. In conclusion, Bro. Brazier conveyed the thanks of the lads to the W.M. and officers for having permitted the presentation to take place there, and especially expressed thanks to Bro. Miles for the trouble he had taken in the matter. The Bibles presented were of the Teacher Edition and handsomely bound.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter of Warwickshire was held in Birmingham on the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, New-street.

After the usual routine business, the PROV. G. TREASURER reported the balance for the year to be £104 14s. 10d.

Apologies were received from Comps. Lord Leigh, G. Superintendent; the Earl of Warwick, G.H. Eng.; Sir A. F. Godson, G. Superintendent, Worcestershire; and many others.

The PROV. G.H. addressed the companions, and stated that there had been a steady increase of members in the province, and that all the chapters were working very well indeed.

Comp. TOLLADAY proposed, and Comp. SHAW seconded, "That Comp. W. H. Wood be re-elected Treasurer," which was carried unanimously.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:

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| Comp. G. Beech, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. (re-appointed)... | Prov. G.H. |
| " Dr. Denne, 587 ... | Prov. G.J. |
| " F. G. Swinden, 587, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. (re-appointed 8th year) ... | Prov. G.S.E. |
| " N. H. Turner, 43 ... | Prov. G.S.N. |
| " W. H. Wood, 587 ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " R. B. Morgan ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " W. Bate, 938 ... | Prov. G. Rgr. |
| " J. C. Stackhouse, 739 ... | Prov. G.P.S. |
| " J. T. Harcourt, 1016 ... | Prov. 1st A.G.S. |
| " Dr. Davidson, 1630 ... | Prov. 2nd A.G.S. |
| " J. Freedman, 74 ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " A. Pearsall, 938 ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " M. Berlyn ... | Prov. A.G.D. of C. |
| " E. A. Smith, 1016 (re-appointed) ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " T. Birkmuire, 587 ... | Prov. A.G.S.E. |
| " A. Dalley (re-appointed) ... | Prov. G. Janitor. |

Royal Ark Mariners.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High-bury-street, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 10th ult., when Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.C. 305, installed Bro. W. E. Soltan as W.C.N. for the ensuing year. The new W.C.N. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Coates, J.; the Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee, S.; A. H. Mare, S.D.; W. R. Green, J.D.; H. S. Duke, P.C.; Treas.; R. H. Platten, Scribe; Lieut.-Col. O. G. Wood, D. of C.; G. Wilde, G.; D. J. Gunnell, Stwd.; and J. Exell, Warder. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. G. F. Lancaster for his kindness in carrying out the ceremony of enthronement.

Mark Masonry.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Lord Brooke Hotel, Shernhall-street, Walthamstow. There were present: Bros. J. M. Murphy, Prov. J.G.D., W.M.; G. M. E. Hamilton, Prov. G.S.B., S.W.; M. A. McInerny, J. A. Walter, A. J. Williamson, Fredk. England, H. B. Dickens, John Watson, James Duffy, F. Hollows, P.M., Treas.; L. V. Walker, P.M.; J. C. Yates, P.M.; F. E. Bailey, P.M.; Alfred Molony, P.M., Sec.; and H. H. Nuding, Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., P.G.D. England; and James Lee, Gibraltar. At the request of the W.M. the chair was taken by Bro. Alfred Molony.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fredk. Hollows, P. Prov. S.G.O., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. M. E. Hamilton, and the latter was duly installed in the chair. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Greene, S.W.; M. A. McInerny, J.W.; J. A. Walter, M.O.; A. J. Williamson, S.O.; F. England, J.O.; F. Hollows, P.M., Treas.; John Watson, R. of M.; A. Molony, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Dickens, S.D.; James Duffy, J.D.; and Marx Gross, Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. J. C. Yates, seconded by Bro. M. A. McInerny, and carried—"That a Past Master's jewel be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. M. Murphy." A vote of thanks to Bro. Alfred Molony was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes for his having worked the ceremony of installation now for the fourth time in this lodge. Some other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary, D.

A meeting of this old preceptory was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, on the 13th ult., when there were present among others Sir Knights J. R. Carter, E.P.; B. Stewart, Prelate; C. Horst, Constable; A. R. Ubsdell, Marshal; Major T. C. Walls, P.E.P., P.G.C. of G. Reg.; W. Fisher, F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.P.; and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.E.P. Sir Knight H. C. Heard, P.E.P., &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. W. Crombie, and it being unanimous, he was duly installed a knight of the Order. It being the election meeting, Sir Knight C. Horst was elected E.P.; Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.P., P.G.S.B., Treasurer; and Sir Knights Capt. Bertram and Sherrin, Auditors. A Past Preceptor's jewel was voted to the E.P. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, Captains G. Carpenter and H. Bertram, H. J. Lardner, P.E.P.; G. Graveley, P.E.P.; C. Slater, P.E.P.; W. Maple, P.E.P.; H. Lindus, G. Haysom, Egbert Roberts, H. Schartau, and others. The preceptory was then closed.

An excellent banquet was then served in the new and handsomely-appointed dining hall. Upon the removal of the cloth, the long list of toasts was duly submitted.

"The Health of the E.P." was given in kind terms by Sir Knight Basil Stewart.

The E.P. having briefly replied, gave "The Installee."

Sir Knight W. Crombie, in reply, in the first place, expressed his thanks to his proposer and seconder. He was a perfect stranger to them both, and, therefore, the obligation became the greater. He was shortly going abroad and as he desired to see what Freemasonry, in all degrees under the English Constitution, was like in other countries, it became necessary that he should carry with him as many qualifications and recommendations as possible. From what he had seen and heard that night it had inspired him with a desire to know more about other Christian Degrees of Freemasonry. "The Health of the E.P. elect" followed.

Sir Knight C. Horst, in reply, said that although he highly appreciated the compliment that they had paid him that evening, yet he would have liked to have waited another year as he was working hard in other Degrees. However, they might rely upon his punctual attendance at the meetings.

In response to "The Visitors," Sir Knight H. C. Heard expressed his thanks to those members of the Mount Calvary Preceptory, who, upon his recommendation, had fathered that evening an old and esteemed friend of his (Sir Knight W. Crombie). He took it as a personal compliment to himself. Many years ago he was on the eve of becoming a member of their old preceptory or encampment, as it was then called, but at the last moment was prevented from doing so. He wished it and its members every prosperity.

The toast of "The Past Preceptors" was coupled with the names of Sir Knights B. Stewart, F. W. Driver, and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, who respectively replied.

During the evening Sir Knight Driver recited "The Knight Templar" and other poems, whilst Sir Knight Fillingham was well to the fore in "Personal recollections of Montenegro."

The Craft Abroad.

UNION LODGE, GRIMSBY, CANADA.

Some doubt has been expressed as to the date of the warrant of this lodge, and in the *Freemason* of October 14th the statement is made that it was issued in 1796. Now, this lodge, as shown in J. Ross Robertson's "History of Freemasonry in Canada" (see pp. 733-4), was constituted in 1799, and its first minutes, dated 20th November of that year, contain a notification of the receipt of the warrant and jewels. It is true that the charter itself is not extant, but the collateral evidence concerning its issue is convincing. In 1797 R.W. Bro. William Jarvis, Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada, sent to England an official return of lodges constituted prior to that date. In this list were 12 lodges, consecutively numbered from No. 1; yet the warrant of Lodge No. 11, at the Mohawk Village, now in Bro. Robertson's collection, bears the date of 12th February, 1798. Lodge No. 12, also mentioned in the official list of 1797, was not warranted until later still; the warrant of Lodge No. 13, in the county of Leeds, U.C., was issued in 1799; Lodge No. 14 was also warranted that year, and the minutes of Union Lodge, No. 15 (now No. 7), at Grimsby, as already stated, show that it was not constituted until the 20th November, 1799. So that, although the exact date of the warrant cannot be given, the fact that the actual work of the lodge did not commence until 1799 cannot be disputed.

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| 1658 | Skelmersdale | 100 |
| 861 | Finsbury | 50 |
| 141 | Faith | 132 |
| 1110 | Tyrian | 30 |
| 2764 | St. Clair | 100 |
| 1541 | Alexandra Palace | 63 |
| 511 | Zetland | 53 |
| 192 | Lion and Lamb | 292 |
| 1707 | Eleanor | 110 |
| 792 | Pelham Pillar | 165 |
| 1829 | Burrell | 50 |
| 27 | Egyptian, Charity Box | 37 |
| 2499 | North Kent | 102 |
| 2488 | Eccentric | 1400 |
| 2569 | St. Trillo | 120 |
| 2728 | Muswell Hill | 52 |
| 698 | Ryde | 40 |
| 25 | Robert Burns | 154 |
| 2103 | Jersey | 47 |
| 1996 | Priory Lodge of Acton | 251 |
| 13 | Masons Spaten Restaurant | 13 |
| 1694 | Fifteen Brethren Imperial | 15 |
| 1541 | Alexandra Palace | 378 |
| 2347 | Grafton | 210 |
| 2765 | Earl's Court | 147 |
| 1687 | Rothsay | 113 |
| 1706 | St. Leonard | 110 |
| 87 | Victorian | 108 |
| 2738 | Army and Navy | 105 |
| 2150 | Tivoli | 105 |
| 548 | Wellington | 50 |
| 2540 | Ember | 21 |
| 1585 | Royal Commemoration | 100 |
| 2441 | Clarence and Avondale | 42 |
| 1227 | Upton | 42 |
| 2030 | Abbey | 16 |
| 862 | Whittington | 8 |
| 781 | Merchant Navy | 42 |
| 1891 | St. Ambrose | 10 |
| 1381 | Kennington | 42 |
| 548 | Wellington | 40 |
| 1076 | Capper | 21 |
| 2709 | Old Masonians | 63 |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Wandsworth | 88 |
| 1446 Mount Edgcombe | 20 |

CHAPTERS.

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| Grand Chapter | 1050 |
| 2108 Empire | 210 |

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| Supreme Council | 2,100 |
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ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

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| Grand Council | 210 |
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| 1426 Great City Lodge | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 1677 Crusaders Lodge | 3 | 13 | 0 |
| 1386 St. Hugh Lodge | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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| 192 Lion and Lamb | 10 | 10 | 0 |
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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 18, 1899.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

RAFT LODGES.
5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
58, Felicity, Prince's Restaurant.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
1306, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
1676, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1780, Ubique, Criterion.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2394, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.
2420, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.
2565, Royal Rose, Headquarters 3rd V.B. Royal Fusiliers, Hampstead-road.
2632, Byfield, Great Eastern Hotel.
2682, Sancta Maria, Mark Masons' Hall.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
720, Panmure, Horns Tavern.
704, Cable, Cafe Royal.
MARK LODGES.
104, Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.
224, Menatschim, Criterion.
458, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
149, Studholme, 33 Golden-square.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

RAFT LODGES.
96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.
781, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
1917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1195, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
1635, Canterbury, 33 Golden-square.
1668, Samson, Cafe Royal.
1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.
1999, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.
2400, Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms.
2427, Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras.
2546, Rahere, Frascati Restaurant.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.
255, Iris, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

RAFT LODGES.
7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
169, Temperance, Tower Bridge Hotel.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1244, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings, Lavender-hill.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1278, Burdett-Coutts, Great Eastern Hotel.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1677, Crusaders, Holborn Restaurant.
240, Huguenot, Criterion.
2241, Cordwainer, Cannon-street Hotel.
2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.
2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel.
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2361, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
2420, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
2509, Borough, Bridge House Hotel.
2621, Holloway, Beale's Restaurant.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
2489, Willesden, Freemasons' Hall.
MARK LODGE.
198, Greyhound Hotel.
ROSE CROIX.
79, Orpheus 33, Golden-square.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.
RAFT LODGES.
23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49, Githon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
181, Universal, Albion Tavern.
657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1227, Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1365, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lavender-hill.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1951, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
2310, London Scottish Rifles, Criterion.
2912, Navy, Hotel Cecil.
2694, Justinian, Inns of Court Hotel.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Cannon-street Hotel.
507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
834, Andrew, Brook Green, Hammersmith.
1685, Guelph, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
MARK LODGES.
199, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel.
357, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Bridge.
451, Bolingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
154, Shadwell Clerke, 33 Golden-square.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction, Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.
RAFT LODGES.
143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
975, Rose of Denmark, The Horns, Kennington.
1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
1992, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
2243, Argonauts, Frascati Restaurant.

2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.
2716 Midland and Oxford Bar, Cafe Royal.
2721, Light, Holborn Restaurant.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
MARK LODGE.
469, Savage Club, Mark Masons' Hall.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
45, United Kemeys Tynte and Temple Crossing Preceptory, 33 Golden-square.

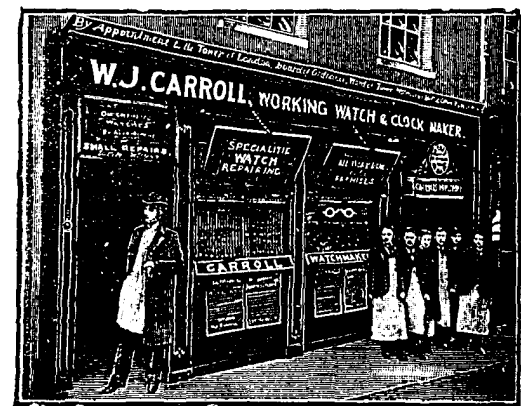
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

RAFT LODGES.
715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
1767, Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel.
2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

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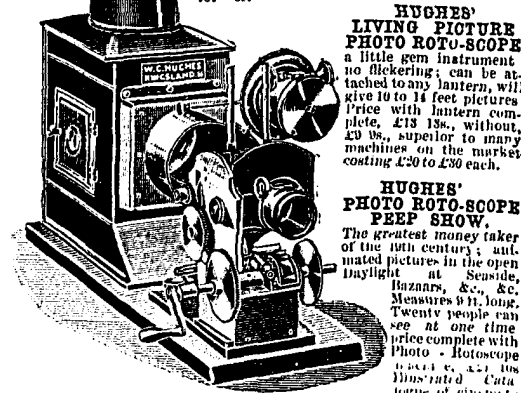
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OUR SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WIDOWS.—In aid of the local funds, a copy of last week's *Freemason* was offered for sale on Monday at the weekly meeting of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, held at the Prince of Wales's Hotel, Wimbledon Station, and realised £2 12s. 6d., the ultimate purchaser being Bro. F. Neller, W.M. 1360.

THE CARDMAKERS' COMPANY, whose Master is Bro. P. F. R. Saillard, will dine together at Clothworkers' Hall on Thursday, the 30th inst.

BRO. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., J.P., is making, we are pleased to learn, satisfactory progress, but for several weeks he will be unable to attend to his municipal duties.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT left town on Tuesday afternoon on a visit to Sir John and Lady Dickson-Poynder, who are entertaining a shooting party at Hartham Park, Corsham.

BRO. HENRY FARMER AND CO. have just completed the installation of the electric light in the manufactory and show rooms of Messrs. George Kenning and Son, Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, E.C.

THE LUDGATE HILL RAILWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.—The plans prepared by the engineering staff of the South-Eastern and Chatham and Dover Railway Companies for the improvement of the accommodation for passenger traffic at Ludgate Hill Railway Station, have been forwarded to the Board of Trade for approval.

THE INNS OF COURT VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS, familiarly known as the "Devil's Own," which is mainly composed of members of the legal profession, have opened a fund for the benefit of the widows, orphans, and other dependents of officers and men of her Majesty's Army who may lose their lives in the war in South Africa.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, is to be held at The Whittington, Moor-lane, E.C., on the 29th inst., at 7 o'clock, under the able presidency of the genial and greatly esteemed Preceptor, Bro. D. Harlow, P.M. 65. Tickets, 3s. 6d., can be had by communicating with the Secretary, Bro. H. T. Meadows, at the above address.

THE WILL and codicil of Bro. Joseph Farmaner, of Tooting, the senior partner in the firm of Farmaner and Hainsworth, Australian merchants, were proved on the 3rd inst., the value of the estate amounting to £17,779 6s. 5d. After giving directions for carrying on his business, and bequeathing a few small legacies, he leaves the residue of his property upon sundry trusts and conditions for his wife and children.

FOR HER MAJESTY'S visit to Bristol, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., the military arrangements are complete. The Royal route from the Central Station to Redland and back, through Bristol and Clifton, will be lined by Volunteers, while about 600 Yeomanry will be on duty, the Gloucestershire troop being commanded by the Duke of Beaufort, the Somersetshire by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, and those from Wiltshire by Bro. the Marquis of Bath.

ELECTION OF A COMMON COUNCILMAN.—On Tuesday last, Bro. Alderman Alliston presided over a largely-attended meeting of the electors of the Ward of Bread-street, held at Cordwainers' Hall, Cannon-street, E.C., for the purpose of electing a Common Councilman in succession to Mr. E. D. Ellis (resigned). Bro. Paul Alliston, merchant, of Friday-street, E.C., and son of the Alderman for the Ward, was proposed to fill the vacancy, and there being no other candidate was declared duly elected.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN visited Brighton on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of opening new buildings in connection with St. Mary's Hall, an institution of particular interest to the Established Church. Her Royal Highness was escorted from the station to the hall, in Eastern-road, by the trustees and Mayor and Mayoress, and after declaring the building open, presented the prizes won by the pupils during the past term.

SOLDIERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.—At a meeting of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, on the 28th ult., it was suggested by Bro. J. F. Purton, P.M., that a collection should be made for the above fund. The proposition was put to the lodge by Bro. Breckman, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Kutnow, and resulted in a sum of £15 15s.; and afterwards one or two P.Ms. of the lodge sent an extra three guineas, thus making £18 18s. altogether for this laudable fund.

PRESENTATION TO THE NEW LADY MAYORESS.—The private friends of Bro. the Lord Mayor elect and Mrs. Newton presented the latter a few days ago with a very handsome token of their regard. Bro. Lord Burton acted as the spokesman on the occasion. The gift consisted of a diamond ornament, convertible at pleasure into a tiara or a necklace, the design having been selected by the Lady Mayoress herself. The setting contained no fewer than 821 diamonds of "the first water," nine Oriental pearls being used as terminals.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that Bro. Sir John Voce Moore, the retiring Lord Mayor of London, is to be given the K.C.M.G. in recognition of the City's philanthropic attitude towards the Colonies during the year. Many Lord Mayors have had the distinction—the late Bro. Sir John Staples, Sir David Evans, and Sir Walter Wilkin among them—it is right that the head of the City should be admitted to the Colonial Order under suitable circumstances, seeing the close commercial and social connection that has now grown up between the Empire's capital and our Colonial dependencies.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND EX-SHERIFF ALLISTON had an interesting experience on Tuesday, when he presided at a wardmote of the electors of Bread-street, who unanimously returned Mr. Paul Alliston (his eldest son) as a Common Councilman in the place of Mr. E. D. Ellis, recently resigned. No sooner was the meeting over than Mr. C. A. Body presented Mrs. Alliston with a fine diamond pendant, as a souvenir of her husband's year of office as one of the Sheriffs.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. W. C. GULLY, Speaker of the House of Commons, received, on Tuesday, the honorary freedom of the city of Carlisle, the constituency which he has represented in Parliament since 1886, the certificate, which was enclosed in a beautiful silver casket, setting forth that the honour was given in appreciation and acknowledgment of distinguished public services. Bro. Gully, having taken the oath and signed the roll, was congratulated by the Mayor and other members of the Council, and, in returning thanks, said he should always be proud to be a freeman of Carlisle.

ON WEDNESDAY, at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, Captain the Earl of Longford, 2nd Life Guards, was married to Lady Mary Villiers, second surviving daughter of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of Hereford officiated, assisted by the Hon. and Rev. Talbot Rice and the Rev. David Anderson, Vicar of St. George's. The bride was taken away by her father, and the bridesmaids included Lady Beatrice Villiers (sister) and Lady Mary Dawson (daughter of Bro. the Earl of Dartrey).

OUR BROTHERS' BED.—Subscribers to this excellent Charity will be glad to learn that the sum of 300 guineas having been raised during this year and paid to the Treasurer of the Free Home for the Dying at Clapham, only £33 5s. 9d. remains to be collected to secure the permanent endowment of the bed. The Honorary Secretary, Captain Portlock-Dadson, P.G.D., will be happy to receive and acknowledge any contributions from lodges or individual brethren if sent to him before the end of this year to No. 9, Dean's-yard, Westminster.

THE MANCHESTER RELIEF FUND.—A Masonic Contribution.—At a meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire, held on the 3rd instant, in the Free Trade Hall, Bro. the Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G. Chap., moved that a collection should be taken on behalf of the Manchester and District African Relief Fund. Lord Stanley, M.P., the newly-installed Prov. G. Master, said he could not think that such a proposal required seconding. They all knew that at the present time those who were not called upon to undertake the actual dangers of the war now being waged by England were nevertheless called upon to alleviate any suffering that might arise from that war. He did not think there was a man in the room who would not, according to his power, give what he could to such a cause. He had, therefore, arranged that there should be a collection at the doors of the offerings of the brethren, to be devoted to the fund. The announcement was received with applause, and a sum of 60 guineas was raised in the manner indicated. The subject came forward at a late period of the proceedings, after a large number of brethren had left the hall.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has consented to become [the President of the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark.

SIR JULIAN EMANUEL SALOMONS, Q.C. (New South Wales), has been elected a Bencher of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, K.G., in view of the urgent needs of the Church in South London, has made a donation of £5000 to the Rochester Diocesan Society. He has also promised to double his annual subscription of £500.

AN EXAMINATION will be held at Marlborough College, on the 6th and 7th instants, for fifteen Foundation scholarships, of the annual value of £30, confined to the sons of clergymen. For particulars application should be made to the bursar.

THE MEMBERS OF NO. 1 DISTRICT, St. John Ambulance Brigade, established 41 stations on the route of the Lord Mayor's procession, 206 of all ranks (including nursing sisters) were on duty, and the total number of cases treated was 48.

THE EARL OF ROSEBURY will open next Monday afternoon the municipal buildings for the industrial classes, which have been erected by the Shoreditch Vestry on the Britannia-street, Provost-street, Maria-place, and Plumbers-place area, Hoxton, in the midst of a dense poor population.

MR. W. MULHOLLAND, Q.C., of Lincoln's Inn, has been appointed a County Court Judge, Circuit 25, of which the headquarters are at Lichfield. Mr. Mulholland was formerly a member of the Irish Bar, and was called at Lincoln's Inn in 1875. Since then he has been attached to the Northern Circuit.

MARK MASONRY.—Viscount Valentia, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Mark Masons for the combined Province of Berks and Oxon, has notified his intention of holding the annual Prov. G. Lodge at Oxford, on Monday, December 4th, when the usual appointment of officers for the coming year will be made, and other business connected with the Mark Degree transacted.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON is to open a meeting on the housing and overcrowding question, held under the auspices of the Christian Social Union, on November 14th, in St. Martin's Town Hall. The Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, M.P., will take the chair, and speeches are to be made by Vestry and other officials from various parts of London as to the exact amount of overcrowding in each district.

ON THURSDAY H.R.H. the Prince of Wales completed his 35th year, as he was born on November 9th, 1841. He, as usual, celebrated the day at Sandringham, where most of the members of his family are now gathered. A distinguished party are also being entertained there this week, the latest arrival being Lord Rosebery, who travelled from Balmoral on Wednesday after concluding his visit to the Queen.

AT A MEETING of delegates of friendly, trade, and philanthropic societies, held at the offices of the Hospital Saturday Fund, it was resolved to present a testimonial to Bro. Alfred H. Bevan in recognition of his benevolent efforts on behalf of various public purposes, and also on the occasion of his election to the office of Sheriff of the City of London. An executive committee, representing many friendly and trade societies, was formed to carry out the objects of the meeting.

FAVOURER BY BRILLIANT WEATHER large crowds gathered to see Bro. the Lord Mayor's procession along the line of route; and the streets, notably in Southwark and Bassishaw Ward, were gaily decorated. At the Law Courts Bro. the Lord Mayor was presented to her Majesty's Judges, and was duly sworn in, the Lord Chief Justice in his speech saying that the community would heartily rejoice when his lordship should have cleared his reputation from any suggestion made against it. Lord Russell also referred to the ethics of company promotion and the undermanning of the English Bench.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE MASONIC HALL.—Now that the new Masonic Hall is finished and a caretaker has been appointed, the inhabitants of Poulton can look forward to many pleasant evenings in the future. Before this place was erected, there was no room available for anyone desirous of holding a party, but now this want is supplied, arrangements are being made for various entertainments. On December 15th, a party and dance are to be given by a few Poulton gentlemen. A dancing class is also to be formed, and it is therefore probable that the room will be much called for this season.

THE LIEUTENANCY OF THE CITY.—Her Majesty, having been pleased, through the Secretary of State for War, to sanction the issue of a fresh Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London, and to accord the Lord Mayor the privilege of nominating gentlemen to fill such vacancies in the old Commission as have arisen during his year of office, the Lord Mayor has submitted the following names: The Hon. Nathaniel Charles Rothschild, Mr. Claudius George Algar, Mr. Abs Bailey, Bro. Alfred Henry Bevan (Sheriff of London), Mr. Frederick Edward Colman, Mr. Herbert Edmund Knight, Mr. William Mendel, Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller, Mr. Arthur Burrows Moore, Mr. Keyes O'Clery, Mr. John William Tyler, Mr. Thomas Vaughan-Roderick, Mr. John Waddington, and Mr. Alfred Wagstaff.

THE INVITATION TICKET to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' banquet at the Guildhall, on the 9th instant, principally consists of a reproduction in colours of the picture painted by J. Seymour Lucas, R.A., and presented by the Corporation of London to the Royal Exchange. The picture represents the granting of the First Charter of William the Conqueror to the citizens of London. The incident is depicted as taking place in a hall in one of the royal castles. The architecture will be recognised as corresponding to that of the Pyx Chapel still to be seen at Westminster, and in existence at that time. The King is handing the Charter to the Portreeve, who is accompanied by William, the Bishop of London, and some of the leading burgesses. The Conqueror is attended by Stigand the Primate, Odo (his half brother, the Bishop of Bayeux), and a number of his Norman followers. The Queen Matilda is seated at his right hand. The Charter, which is still preserved amongst the archives of the City, reads as follows: "William the King greets William the Bishop, and Godfrey the Portreeve, and all the burgesses within London, both French and English. And I declare that I grant you to be all law-worthy, as you were in the days of King Edward, and I grant that every child shall be his father's heir, after his father's days; and I will not suffer any person to do you wrong. God keep you." At the foot of the card are depicted the arms of the Right Honourable Alfred James Newton, Lord Mayor, and the Sheriffs, Mr. Alderman W. P. Treloar and A. H. Bevan, Esq.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has arranged to visit Bristol this month. There are not many Bristolians who can even remember the first occasion upon which her Majesty, then Princess Victoria, visited this city, but Bro. William R. Maby, a well-known local musician, and the head of a talented family of musicians, had the honour of playing in the band which performed in the Mall, at Clifton, when the Queen, as a young girl, was staying there 69 years ago. Bro. Maby is, naturally, rather proud of this interesting fact, and on learning that her Majesty had definitely arranged to visit Bristol to open the Convalescent Home, he thought he would like to play before her again, on the occasion of her second visit to the ancient city. With this object Bro. Maby wrote to the Lord Mayor of Bristol expressing the hope that under the circumstances he might be permitted to play with one of the bands taking part. His lordship kindly interested himself in the matter, and obtained permission, through Col. Methuen, commanding the 1st Volunteer Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment (Bristol Rifles, for Bro. Maby to play with the band of that corps at the Council House, where her Majesty will stop to receive an address. Bro. Maby comes of a military stock, and, an old soldier himself, several of his sons and grandsons have followed on in the same profession. His father and two of his brothers were in the army, and fought at the battle of Waterloo, one of the latter being shot in the act of sounding the "charge." When the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars assembled in Bristol in 1835, for permanent duty, for the first time since the Yeomanry of the counties of Gloucester and Monmouth had been formed into a regiment, Bro. Maby was present as a trumpeter, the colonel being the present Duke of Beaufort's grandfather. He subsequently enlisted in the Dragoon Guards, and served for nearly eight years in the band of that regiment, but on leaving the service he again joined the Yeomanry, and for 23 years held the position of bandmaster of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, that regiment being commanded by the late Duke of Beaufort. Bro. Maby enjoys the proud distinction of having had five sons in her Majesty's Army; one in the Coldstreams, another in the Grenadier Guards, two in the Royal Artillery, and another in the Royal Horse Guards. Two of his grandsons are at the present time serving in South Africa, one in the Royal Artillery, and the other in an infantry regiment. Despite his 80 years Bro. Maby is still a hale, active man, and thinks nothing of a walk of 15 or 20 miles. Bro. Maby is one of the oldest Freemasons in the West of England, is a member of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 63, and of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1775. He is associated with the high grades in Freemasonry, too.