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FREEMASONRY IN CANADA (PROVINCE OF ONTARIO).

We are fast approaching the time when the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario) will be celebrating the Jubilee of its establishment as an independent body. There are, probably, but few brethren still living who can recall the circumstances which resulted in the defection from the United Grand Lodge of England of this numerous and important section of its Colonial lodges; nor is it desirable that we should dwell upon the circumstances which led to that defection. Suffice it to say that in the middle "fifties" the greatest bitterness of feeling existed between the present Grand Lodge of this country and its warranted lodges in Canada; while in the former the dissensions that prevailed between those who favoured the maintenance of the *statu quo* at all hazards and those who looked with a friendly eye upon the claims of our offshoot lodges in Canada to a greater measure of consideration were both frequent and severe. Gradually, however, a more generous spirit was found to be actuating, not only the contending factions in our own Grand Lodge, but also the friends and supporters of the existing *régime* on the one hand, and those who advocated the cause of Canadian Masonry on the other; nor was it long before a way out of the difficulty was found. Our Grand Lodge recognised the Masonic independence of Canada, while the newly-formed Grand Lodge of Canada agreed to respect the rights and privileges of those of our lodges which elected to remain under the English banner. Upwards of 40 years have elapsed since this arrangement was adopted, and such has been the spirit by which the two Grand Lodges and their respective private lodges have since been influenced towards each other, that he would be a bold man who should assert that the separation of the two bodies has not been both mutually beneficial and beneficial to the whole body of English Freemasonry. Naturally, a soreness of feeling existed for a time after the new arrangements had been made, but the feeling soon passed away and now the relations between the two Constitutions are of such a friendly nature that we shall probably not be very greatly exaggerating if we say that the bulk of our English and Canadian brethren, who are not over-smitten with zeal for the study of Masonic history, are hardly aware of there ever having been any strife between us. Certainly, as regards the progress they have made since they became Masonically independent of the English and

other Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, the Canadian Masons have every reason to be proud. The 44th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Ottawa in the month of July last, and the proceedings that then took place, as they are published in the Report for the past year—and to the most important of which we gave due publicity in our columns at the time—show that numerically, financially, in the matter of organisation, and by its strict adherence to the principles of the Craft, the condition of Freemasonry in that Province of the Dominion is all that its most respected and attached friends could desire. The highest number on the roll of lodges is 446, but the lodges in working are 361 in number, while the aggregate of subscribing members falls only a very little short of 25,000. The receipts for the year ending 31st May, 1899, exceeded 21,000 dollars, and the expenditure reached almost to 18,800 dollars, of which some 9000 dollars was for General Purposes and 9800 dollars for Benevolence. In addition, upwards of 11,500 dollars was invested, and the balance in bank at the close of the account was about 11,300 dollars. The assets show a total of over 96,300 dollars, of which 85,000 dollars is invested, while if we apportion the total between the General and Asylums Funds we find the former has some 80,700 dollars to its credit, and the latter some 15,600 dollars. These figures demonstrate the prosperous state of the Craft, while if any of our readers desire to learn more of the spirit by which Canadian Freemasonry is animated, let them read the address of Bro. E. T. MALONE, M.W.G. Master, and the reports of his District Deputy G. Masters. They may find some things to criticise, but none that run counter to our principles.

MILITARY LODGES.*

Though we should be paying but an ill compliment to what Bro. GOULD has done during the past 20 years for Masonry if we placed his new book on a level with his "History of Freemasonry," his "Four Old Lodges," his "Athol Lodges," his scholarly critique on the Regius MS., &c., &c., we may state at once that it possesses all those characteristics which constitute him so safe a guide to the students of Masonic history, while from the fact of its containing a mass of particulars, both personal and historical, relating to distinguished naval and military men who have been or are members of our Society, as well as illustrations well nigh innumerable, and all more or less authenticated, of the influence which Freemasonry has exercised in times of war; it is, in our opinion, certain to become popular. His History, his "Four Old Lodges," and other books, proved a Godsend to the anxious, painstaking student of Freemasonry, who, until our brother, with Bro. W. J. HUGHAN and the late Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, appeared upon the scene, must have been well nigh sick of the extraordinary theories which had passed current as the history of the Craft, but the circle of readers by which such high-class literature would be appreciated would be restricted. This new work on "Military Lodges," while it contains matters of importance to the student, will find favour with the general body of the Craft, who never weary of reading anecdotes in

* MILITARY LODGES.—The Apron and the Sword, or Freemasonry under Arms; being an account of Lodges in Regiments and Ships of War, and of famous Soldiers and Sailors (of all countries) who have belonged to the Society, together with Biographies of Distinguished Naval and Military Brethren, and Anecdotes showing the Influence of Masonry in Warfare. By Robert Freke Gould (late 31st Foot, Barrister-at-Law), Past Grand Deacon of England, P.M. Nos. 92 and 2076, London; 153, Gibraltar; 570, Shanghai; and 743, 1st Batt. East Surrey Regiment, &c. Author of "The History of Freemasonry" and other Works. London: Gale and Polden, 2, Amen-corner, Paternoster-row, E.C., and Aldershot.

which brethren who have won fame as sailors, soldiers, statesmen, lawyers, &c., &c., are the prominent figures, and of anecdotes in the pages of this volume there is a fund that will or should go a long way towards satisfying the most exigent of readers. There are, indeed, few subjects that lend themselves so naturally to the popularisation of a book as those that in any way relate to the military art, and as Bro. GOULD has been fortunate in the selection of his subject, so, too, has he been successful in his treatment of it. He has told us well nigh all there is to tell about military lodges, and in such a manner, and with such infinite variety of personal story, as to appeal to every class of Masonic reader.

The opening chapter treats of the Legend of the Craft, and takes us well on to the close of the 17th century, the military element being, of necessity, conspicuous in the treatment. In the course of the second chapter will be found particulars relating to military Grand Masters, and about Grand Officers who won distinction as naval and military Commanders. The chapter that follows is wholly given up to matters that exemplify the influence which Masonry has exercised in warfare both by sea and land; while in the next chapter will be found such information as Bro. GOULD has, after an infinite expenditure of pains and labour, has been successful in unearthing about the Masonic services of British officers of flag and field rank in the Navy and Army, both of former and the present days. Chapter V. treats of this class of lodge, their origin, customs, and numbers, their gradual change into stationary lodges, and the decay generally, of military lodges; while Chapter VI. is restricted to Masonry in India and sets forth the special difficulties which it has had, and, though in a lesser degree, still has to contend with in our Eastern Empire. Of the two remaining chapters, the earlier treats of military Masonry in France, Prussia, Holland, Sweden, Russia, and other countries, with the exception of Masonry in the United States, which is briefly but very ably described in the concluding chapter. In the earlier of these mention is made of NAPOLEON and his Marshals, FREDERICK THE GREAT, and other notable Imperial and Royal personages and their officers, and the interest they are held or known to have taken in the work of our lodges; while in the portion devoted to the United States, naval and military men from General GEORGE WASHINGTON to General SCHAFER and Admiral SCHLEY, who have done service to their country, and, at the same time, been members of the Craft, are introduced and particulars, where obtainable, given of their work in Masonry.

We realise that the foregoing is at best but a mere sketch in outline of the contents of this most readable volume. But our main purpose is to bring it home to our readers that Bro. GOULD'S "Military Lodges" is not only valuable for the light it throws upon that particular class of lodge, but is likewise one of the most interesting books that has ever been written about any branch or section of our Society. Nothing can be better than the easy and graceful style in which it is written, nor knowing, as we do, how scrupulously careful is the author in advancing any statement, do we think any serious fault of omission or commission will be discoverable in its pages. We may add that, thanks to the printer and publisher, the book leaves nothing to be desired as regards excellence of appearance and get-up, and that the price of the volume is only *five shillings*, so that the work is one that ought to command a large sale, especially at the present time, when there are so many of our brethren labouring with all the professional skill and ardour they possess to maintain the honour of the British Flag.

FREEMASONRY IN OXFORDSHIRE.

The Province of Oxfordshire is a remarkable one in some important respects, for although as an organised body it only dates from 1795; when Sir John McN. Hayes, Bart., was the first Prov. G. Master, yet a lodge was constituted in the City of Oxford so far back as 1729, and the "Lodge of Alfred in the University" was warranted in 1769. The latter continued on the roll for some 20 years' later, and in 1772 a medal was struck for the use of the members. It is Bro. Marvin's No. CCCCL., and the size of a crown, being also of silver. The only one I

have met with was obtained at an auction for me on behalf of the "Apollo University Lodge," and is now one of their special treasures, with the complete minutes of the meetings.

Obverse—Bust of King Alfred, with the legend *Dominus Illuminatio Mea*. *Reverse*—Legend *Sit Lux et Lux Fuit*, enclosing the arms of the University.

An illustration appears of this scarce piece in the "History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire," by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, M.A. (1882), with many valuable particulars of the local Craft from earliest times, and copies may still be had for a trifle, so there is no need for me to refer to the extinct lodges.

The senior on the existing roll is the "Alfred Lodge," No. 340, which was the first chartered by the United Grand Lodge of England in 1814, Bro. John Ireland, P.M. of the "Constitution" (of A.D. 1771 origin, but collapsed in 1782), being *the first W.M.*

Through the efforts of the "Alfred," the present "Apollo University Lodge," now No. 357, was warranted in 1818. The first W.M. was Bro. John Ireland, P.M. aforesaid, who also served in that capacity 1820-1.

This lodge has had a very remarkable career, as evidenced by the interesting information to be found in Bro. Hawkins' brochure, and particularly in the "By-Laws, to which is added a History of the Lodge, a List of the Members, &c.," the sixth edition of which is before me, edited by Bros. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A.; F. P. Morrell, M.A.; R. E. Baynes, M.A.; P. Colville Smith, M.A.; and G. J. Wilson, M.A. (1897).

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, was W.M. in 1873, and the lamented H.R.H. Prince Leopold (Duke of Albany) in 1876. Since the inauguration of the lodge to 1897, four Grand Masters (Great Britain and Ireland), two Pro Grand Masters, four D.G. Masters, 37 Prov. Grand Masters, one Grand Treasurer, 17 Grand Deacons, and other Grand Officers have been members. In this charming souvenir of the lodge there is a complete register of all the members from 1819 to 1897, with their several titles, offices, &c., arranged in chronological order, and an alphabetical list of such brethren is also appended, with the years of admission, besides other tables involving much labour and research.

It will be fresh in the memory of English Craftsmen that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was Provincial G.M. of Oxfordshire until his deeply regretted decease. His initiation by his brother, our beloved Grand Master (who was then W.M.), on May 1st, 1874, is a bright record in the annals of the lodge.

A very useful calendar and directory for the province is published annually, the current issue, 1899-1900, may now be obtained, and has been ably compiled by Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M., of Cornwall, &c., and Bro. A. Rowley, P. Prov. S.G.W. Oxon, &c. The arrangement of this welcome annual cannot well be improved upon, and evidently no pains have been spared to make it accurate and exhaustive.

The work runs to about 140 pages, and is brimful of information respecting the Provincial Grand Lodge and the 12 lodges in the county, having a total membership of 711. An abstract of lodge returns gives the number of meetings held in 1896 and 1897, also of the members clear on the books with those in arrears, initiations, joining members, ceremonies worked, and Past Masters.

Under each lodge will be found many facts as to its origin, Roll of Officers, and Past Masters in chronological order. The Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G., is the esteemed Prov. G.M., being the seventh from 1795; and the Grand Superintendent is the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, having four R.A. chapters under his jurisdiction.

The Editors have done well in compiling and having printed in this handy volume the names of all the subscribers to the Central Masonic Charities, with their votes, and so for the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund.

There is so much to interest a lover of the Craft in the Book herein noted that it is not easy to refrain from writing at length on the subject, so as to do the authors justice, who have so cheerfully given their time, and admirably done such excellent work for the lodges and chapters in the Province of Oxfordshire. The brethren generally are to be congratulated on their wants being so well cared for, and especially in having such a trio of excellent Craftsmen as the two noblemen referred to and Bro. P. Colville Smith, M.A., as their esteemed Prov. G. Master, D. Prov. G.M., and Prov. G. Sec. respectively, to see to their interests generally.

W. J. HUGHAN.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by the Duchess of York and other members of their family, visited Tilbury, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., to inspect the hospital ship Princess of Wales, which has been equipped by the generosity of the Princess and rechristened to bear her name. There was a distinguished company present. The four wards on board the vessel—which sails for the Cape immediately—are called after the names of her Royal Highness and daughters.

Art and the Drama.

ANNUAL WINTER EXHIBITION OF OIL PAINTINGS.

THOMAS McLEAN'S GALLERY,

7, HAYMARKET.

We visited the other morning a small but choice collection of oil paintings by artists of the British and Foreign schools. Speaking as critics, we are reminded of a clever French journalist, Jules Janin, who, reviewing a collection of literary sketches by a fellow author, says, "We have often purchased a basket of strawberries—we have commenced by selecting the finest, but have ended by eating all of the delicious fruit." Now for the application—we commence by drawing attention to the finest pictures in this collection, and would, if the limit of space permitted, have well-merited praise to bestow on all. Even of those we select we can only spare a few words for each. No. 1, "Returning from Market," by A. Penot, is pretty; No. 2, "Chrysanthemums," by Conrad Kiesel, is nicely painted, but we do not like the effect of the flowers crossing; No. 5, "The Scribe," by Sir Alma Tadema, R.A., is in the artist's well-known style, but the outlines of the figure are hard; No. 6, "The Revenge, 1588, Drake receiving the Spanish Admiral's Sword," is by Seymour Lucas, R.A.—the engraving renders this picture familiar to all, it needs no commendation on our part; No. 10, "Winding the Skein," by Albert Neuhuys, is very good; No. 11, "Early Spring on a West Highland Loch," by Louis B. Husk, is beautiful; No. 13, "On the Llugwy, N. Wales," by Vicat Cole, R.A., and George Cole—we believe this is the joint work of father and son, the well-known and admired Academician—has here received assistance from his son and pupil, it is, indeed, an interesting work, the scene is lovely and most truthfully depicted, we would especially draw attention to the exquisite tree work; No. 14, "A hot scent," by W. Hunt—full of action; No. 18, "The Fisherman's wife, Scheveningen," by Joseph Israels—fine artistic work; No. 23, "A Study," by the famed Rosa Bonheur—the fair artist does not show to advantage, the picture is too small and utterly devoid of interest; No. 26, "Lieder ohne Worte," by R. Poetzelberger, quiet in tone; No. 28, "A Dutch Pastoral," by C. Westerbeck—the effect of distance is good; No. 30, "The Blonde," by R. Madrazo—certainly good, but the lady's shoulders are too angular; No. 32, "Loch Katrine," by John McWhirter, R.A.—an important clever picture, but we do not like the colouring; however that is a matter of taste; No. 36, "Going to Pasture," by the artist C. Westerbeck, of whom we have already spoken—the sheep are carefully drawn, the perspective is fine; No. 39, "The Cottage Door," by Charles Sainton—this artist is better known by his gold and silver point drawings, a collection of which is now exhibiting at the Continental Gallery, New Bond-street—our review is in last week's issue; No. 43, "The Architect," by Sir Alma Tadema, R.A.—fine careful work, but the figure seems to us to be too tall; No. 48, "A Fair Reflection," by J. W. Goodward—a novel effect, the marbles are good; Nos. 46 and 51, "Venice," by A. Reyna—bright and clever. In the outer gallery is a small picture by—Sherrin, B.A.—the pine trees are most effective; No. 59, "A Dutch Interior," by B. De Hogg—a pretty little bit; and No. 66, "Omdurman, 2nd September, 1898," by R. Caton Woodville—a stirring picture, full of incident. Visitors to the Gallery will find many other pictures worthy of note.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

It is not often that we have the good fortune to be able, conscientiously, to waive our duties as critics and become simple unaffected admirers. The lot of a critic is not always "a happy one"—it is seldom that he can pose as "*Laudator temporis acti*." Too often stern duty compels him to be the "Censor." On this occasion we submit our report to the numerous readers of the *Freemason* with unfeigned pleasure. This is one of the few occasions which occur to us where duty and pleasure coincide. In justice, we should consider "The Black Tulip," not only with regard to its literary merits, but, also, as to its construction in a dramatic point of view. As one of the skilled veteran writers of the stage we have long entertained admiration for Mr. Grundy's work. Occasionally our opinions have been adverse, notably so in "The Degenerates," which it would have been better for Mr. Grundy's well deserved future fame if it had never been written. Some of our contemporaries have spoken of it as a clever representation of certain phases of society. We admit its undoubted cleverness, but it is intensely disagreeable for all that. As is our invariable custom when we cannot award the meed of praise, we refrain from condemnation, and furnish no report at all. From what we have just said it can be readily imagined how delightful it is for us to be able to merge the part of critics into that of honest admirers. The unaffected grace and simplicity of the interesting plot of this well-constructed play, the gradual natural development of the story, the great literary merits of portions of the text, arrest our attention, and leave a lasting impression. We, ourselves, fully purpose to see the piece again, that we may critically judge, which we must confess we failed to do, being so absorbed in the magic of the scene. Well, Mr. Grundy, we condone your past offence; let us hope that for the future you will continue to give us fresh plays in the style of "The Black Tulip" and you will continue deservedly to earn the esteem and admiration of the play-going public. And now for the performance of this work. It has been liberally and efficiently staged. The costumes are quaint, but, in an historical point of view, strictly correct. We would draw attention to the first scene, the tulip garden, which is a charming picture. The last scene of the piece is a gorgeous display, yet the colours and hues are so harmoniously combined that there is nothing to offend its artistic beauty. We now speak of the interpreters of the author's ideas, who have generally done him full justice. Foremost, we must speak of our especial favourite, Miss Winifred Emery. How beautifully she portrays the dawn of the simple, modest love of the young Dutch maiden; the love scene between her lover and herself is a delicious idyll. What havoc she makes with her lovely eyes, which she knows how artistically to use, in a pure, legitimate way; the varied emotions which are depicted in her intelligent face are natural, and, in our judgment, not exaggerated. Then how clever is Mr. Cyril Maude in the part of the learned, yet simple, Doctor, so devoted to his beloved tulips, so unobservant, at first, of the maiden's artless love; we never saw Mr. Cyril Maude and his artistic wife act better together, so completely playing into each other's hands. Then the calm, princely dignity of William of Orange is given, to the life, by Mr.

Fredk. Harrison; its impressiveness enhances the interest of the *denouement*. The characters of Boxtel and the jailor, Gryphus, are carefully and intelligently carried out by Messrs. Sydney Valentine and Mark Kinghorne, but we would suggest that the latter rather "o'ersteps the modesty of nature," and 'twould be better were it toned down and made less repulsive. We can hardly reconcile the fact of so villainous and hateful a father having such a sweet, innocent, delightful daughter, it seems to us too strong a contrast. Let it be quite understood we do not blame Mr. Kinghorne, we only think that in his earnestness he has unconsciously exceeded the limits of propriety. We heartily commend the play to all intelligent lovers of the drama.

CORONET THEATRE,

NOTTING HILL, W.

Until within about a year ago the residents of Notting-hill and its extended neighbourhood were in great lack of dramatic entertainment, and their knowledge of what was passing in the theatrical world was limited to an occasional visit to a West-end house, occasional, from the distance, and from the difficulty and trouble attending their return home at a late hour of the night. Now, "nous avons changé tout cela," there has sprung up, comparatively lately, a pretty little theatre, entitled "The Coronet." In an architectural point of view it is quite an ornament to High-street, Notting Hill. It is built upon graceful, yet plain lines, and from its corner situation it holds a commanding position. Within, there is ample accommodation for all—chaste, simple beauty is everywhere prevalent in its decorations—a good stage with all modern improvements—there is an electric installation throughout. In one little matter, however, the proprietors are not up to date—there should be no fees for programmes, or charge of wrappers; this rule is rigidly enforced at Her Majesty's, Haymarket, Savoy, and other theatres we could name—it is the one note of discord in the harmonious arrangements. We visited the Coronet last week, and saw Miss Louie Freear in "Good for Nothing" and "Boy Bob;" she admirably sustained the principal roles in these pieces. She is a quaint but clever actress; she made her mark some time ago in "The Gay Parisienne," singing an amusing song in which occurs "Sarah Jane's Top Note," quite a catch phrase. Space is so limited that we cannot speak of those artistes who assisted in the pieces we have named; suffice it to say they were good all round. At the Coronet each piece has a run only of a week, and there is a constant succession of tour companies most creditably and efficiently reproducing the pieces in vogue at the present time at the London theatres. The Notting Hill people have thus a fresh novelty every week. We believe the undertaking pays well; we heartily wish it a full tide of success.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE KIRBY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 263.

This most interesting Masonic function was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th instant, at the Midland Grand Hotel, where the lodge holds its regular meetings. The attendance was a very large one, there being nearly 200 brethren present. The Preceptor, Bro. George Rankin, acted as W.M., and the Five Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Arthur Slee, Martin Kennaby, Harvey Lohr, W. H. Oldham, and T. A. Hurley. The work was beautifully rendered, being marked by great point and finish as well as accuracy.

The PRESIDENT for the evening, Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, L.L.B., Q.C., Deputy Grand Registrar, proposed a vote of thanks to the workers, and Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, P.G.D., seconded the vote. Both speakers very warmly eulogised the work.

The PRECEPTOR, in acknowledging the vote, said that all the workers were young Masons, and that one of them was initiated only a few months ago.

At the dinner which followed the working Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, L.L.B., Q.C., presided, and he was supported by Bros. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Percival A. Nairne, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; Thomas Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. Essex; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; R. Newton Crane, P.M.; Col. James L. Taylor, P.M.; Henry Pritchard, P. Prov. G. Treas. Middx; Charles Lewis, P. Prov. J.G.D. Essex; and many others.

Bro. Col. JAMES L. TAYLOR gave the toast of "The Grand Officers," and spoke of the esteem in which they were held. He congratulated Kirby Lodge in having so many Grand Officers present.

Bro. PERCEVAL A. NAIRNE, P.G.D., in responding said that the days were past when men who knew nothing of Masonic working were given Grand Office, and he praised the good work that was being done by lodges of instruction in spreading a knowledge of the ritual.

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, P.G. Std. Br., also responded in a very humorous speech. He had presided at the first two festivals, and had continued to take a very close interest in the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. R. NEWTON CRANE proposed the toast of "The President," and spoke of the great interest Sir Forrest Fulton took in the Kirby Lodge.

Bro. Sir FORREST FULTON, in reply, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to have been asked to preside. He was initiated in the British Lodge in 1874, but the duties of his profession prevented him from taking up the work of Masonry for some years. When, however, he was made Junior Warden in the Pegasus Lodge he began seriously to consider how to get the work ready, and Bro. Baker, Secretary of the Kirby Lodge, and this year W.M. of the Pegasus Lodge, suggested the Kirby Lodge of Instruction as the proper place to get the necessary practice. He accordingly joined the Kirby Lodge, and though he could not claim to know all the ritual Bro. Crane had given him credit for, yet, with the kind assistance of Bro. Charles Lewis, who was then Preceptor, he certainly did make some progress in Freemasonry. He thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in so kindly receiving the toast of his health.

The toast of "The Kirby Lodge of Instruction" was then given by Bro. Sir FORREST FULTON. He said that the President had usually to rely upon the Secretary's coaching in getting up his facts for such a toast as this, but he could speak from personal knowledge of the accuracy and strictness of the working at the weekly meetings of the lodge, and also of the courtesy and patience shown by the Preceptor in leading forward the diffident and the backward brethren. He strongly recommended any visitors present to become joining members of the lodge. He coupled with this toast the name of the Preceptor, Bro. George Rankin.

Bro. RANKIN said that the kind words of the President and the cordial acceptance of the toast by the brethren would be interpreted as a mark of their

continued confidence in the Committee. The success of the lodge was certainly due in a very great measure to its close connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and all of the Committee of the Kirby Lodge were regular and trusted workers in that high school. Though this was the eighth festival, they celebrated to-night their tenth year of work, and Bro. Baker had discharged the duties of Secretary during the whole of that time. They were all very grateful to him for his long and valuable services. They had in previous years been honoured by having very distinguished Masons to preside over them, the last three being Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, and Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, but this might be called a record night in the lodge, for the very distinguished Grand Officer in the chair was a regular member and worker in the lodge. He tendered the warmest thanks of the Committee to those brethren who had acted as Stewards for this festival. He concluded by giving a silent toast to "The memory of the first Preceptor, the late William Henry Kirby," after whom the lodge is now named.

"The Bank of England Lodge," under whose warrant Kirby Lodge works, was proposed by Bro. CHARLES LEWIS and responded to by Bro. ALBERT LEIGHTON, W.M.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

SUPPER OF THE KINTORE MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 333.

This very gratifying event took place at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, S.E., on Thursday, the 9th instant, under the able presidency of Bro. J. A. Braik, W.M. 333, supported by Bros. James Hill, P.M. and Sec. 333; J. Mackway, P.M. 333; Wm. Dawson, P.M. 322; John Loader, W.M. 322; Robt. Jackson, J.W. 333; L. J. de Whalley, I.G. 416; C. J. Hayes, S.O. 22; Thos. Grummant, J.W. 499; Hy. Cornford, J.W. 322; Hy. Hayward, I.G. 333; R. J. Sobel, R.M. 322; F. E. Pow, R.M. 333; and A. V. Marshall, S.D. 333. The visitors were Bros. J. Readshaw, W. E. Kent, F. G. Messent, and C. H. Stone.

After a capital and most enjoyable repast, provided and superintended by Bro. F. E. Pow, the worthy host,

The PRESIDENT presented the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen" in most appropriate terms, specially mentioning her anxiety for her brave warriors in South Africa.

Bro. MACKWAY, P.M., next rose, and said he was deputed to present the next toast, that of "The President." First and foremost, all knew what he had done as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction; he had been the moving spirit in its resuscitation, had worked most assiduously, and brought it to its present state of perfection. There was no Mark Mason who knew the work better and gave instruction with more kindness and perfect knowledge, coupled with that discipline which belonged to a soldier or a member of the army. He would ask the brethren to drink most heartily to the toast of the President, coupled with the lodge of instruction.

In reply, Bro. BRAIK thanked the worthy proposer for the very kind things said of him, and for their reception and kind wishes towards him. With respect to the lodge of instruction, he said although a small body, yet they had some capital meetings averaging about eight, which was highly creditable, considering there was not a large number of brethren to draw from. The work in the Mark was very pretty, and more dramatic and practical than in some of the other Degrees in Freemasonry. His advice to the brethren was to con over their respective duties and be prepared to rehearse them in the lodge of instruction on every occasion that offered. That night was a red letter one with them, and he hoped that as the winter session advanced they would make more rapid strides, and especially as he was supported so ably by the Deputy Preceptor, Bro. Wm. Dawson.

The PRESIDENT next proposed the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer." Of Bro. Hill, P.M., Sec., whose heart and soul was in his work, he would say that but for him the lodge of instruction would not have been resuscitated. He had worked most strenuously in its re-formation, and attended as regularly as his health permitted. On behalf of the brethren he most heartily thanked him for his great work. Bro. F. E. Pow, Treas., also had shown the deepest interest in the welfare of the lodge of instruction, and had acquitted himself most ably in the several offices he had undertaken, which was an example to many younger brethren aspiring to office. The brethren, too, thanked him for his great kindness in catering for their comforts, which was a labour of love.

Bros. HILL and POW most cordially replied in exhaustive speeches.

The toast of "The Visitors" was presented by Bro. BRAIK, who said that they were very pleased indeed to be assisted by their brotherly presence and good feeling, which helped greatly to their enjoyment. He hoped that they would become Mark Masons at no distant date.

The toast was ably responded to by Bros. C. H. STONE, J. READSHAW, W. E. KENT, and F. G. MESSENT.

The toast of "The Dep. Preceptor, Bro. Wm. Dawson," was next given by the PRESIDENT in words of eulogium. He was most regular in attendance, and perfect in the working, not only in Mark Masonry, but also in other Degrees. All knew his geniality and kindness, by which means he was enabled to keep the various lodges of instruction together. He asked the brethren to drink most cordially to the toast.

Bro. WM. DAWSON most ably responded.

Bro. GRUMMANT announced that all being well on the 30th instant he should ask the attendance of the brethren to drink to the health of Bro. Braik and his bride, and wish them long life, health, and happiness.

Some capital harmony was given by Bros. Mackway, Marshall, Grummant (reciter), Readshaw, Kent, Messent, and Stone. Bro. Readshaw ably accompanied.

The Kintore Mark Lodge of Instruction meets the first and last Thursday in the month at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.20 p.m. Bro. Braik is the Preceptor.

Craft Masonry.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., this highly-successful and prosperous lodge met at Carnarvon-street Hotel, on the occasion of the annual installation, and was well attended by the members and by visiting brethren. The work of the day consisted of passing and raising, in the installation of a new W.M., the investiture of his officers, and the passing of the Audit Committee's Report. Bro. R. C. Read, the outgoing Master, was compelled to be absent through very severe and serious illness, and a general feeling of regret prevailed and was given expression to. In the

absence of the respected W.M. his place was occupied by Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett, I.P.M., who was heartily supported by the Past Masters and officers of the lodge. There was a good attendance of members. Among the visitors were Bros. E. W. Stillwell, 1; W. H. Corney, S.D. 230; B. Nicholls, 212; Bagot Read, P.M. 1309; Thos. Berg, P.M. 1613; F. Islip, 1278; H. C. Pink, S.W. 1558; F. Small, S.W. 2242; Dr. M. Best, 1717; C. Athow, 87; W. Bills, 1708; C. F. Quicke, 1531, P.G.S. of W. Kent; H. Rouch, 1620; H. Nettleship, P.M. 1641; G. Greig, P.M. 65; L. Steingraalee, 30; Egbert Roberts, P.M. 907; J. Gildersleeve, 1348; John Lowles, M.P. Haggerstone, 2467; H. Bowles, I.P.M. 2700; F. Rossiter, I.P.M. 907; W. H. Turner, I.P.M. 2242; W. Green; and W. R. Griffin, P.M. 2483.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. C. Cons was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. E. B. Wanklin raised to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett then duly installed Bro. Francis Gildersleeve, S.W., W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., Bro. A. Rusby, P.M., J.D., acting as D.C. during the whole of these proceedings. The new W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. V. McLellan, S.W.; F. Robinson, J.W.; E. Edwards, P.M., Treas.; A. Hamilton, P.M., Sec.; A. Rusby, P.M., S.D.; R. C. Goodwin, J.D.; J. Ringer-Hewett, P.M., D.C.; L. M. F. Pittet, I.G.; J. Bott, P.M.; W. T. Wicks, W. S. Standerwick, and J. Swatland, Stwds.; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G.O. Org.; and J. Bailey, Tyler. The final portion of the ceremony of installation having been given in a very impressive manner by the Installing Master, the Auditors' report was adopted, and ordered to be printed on the next summons. Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett then feelingly referred to the illness of Bro. R. C. Read, I.P.M., and, agreeing with the suggestion of Bro. A. Hamilton, P.M., Sec., that a telegram of sympathy should be sent, this was unanimously adopted. Bro. J. J. Page, in a very effective speech, proposed that the sum of five guineas from the funds of the lodge, together with the amount to be collected in the Charity box during the evening, should be sent as a donation to the fund being raised in aid of the "Soldiers' Wives, Widows, and Orphans," and this was unanimously carried. It was resolved on the motion of Bro. A. Hamilton that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett, and inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his very valuable services that day as Installing Officer. Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett having suitably returned thanks, Bros. H. C. Rouch and W. Green were proposed as joining members, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The banquet held in the Pillar Hall was, as it always is at these lodge festivals, an excellent and well-served one.

An excellent musical programme under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, P.M., assisted by the following artistes: Miss Amy Fletcher, soprano; Miss Winifred Grant, contralto; Mr. J. H. Gallan, tenor; and Bro. Charles F. Frood, humorist; and was carried out in conjunction with the toast list.

Bro. Gildersleeve, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said the brethren could not but sympathise with her Majesty in the circumstance that the closing years of her reign should be clouded by the war that was now raging.



BRO. J. RINGER-HEWETT, P.M., INSTALLING MASTER.

After the other loyal toast had been honoured, Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and then expressing his regret at Bro. Read's absence, he said that it afforded him much pleasure to propose the health of so worthy a brother as the one now occupying the chair. Bro. Gildersleeve was known to every member of the lodge as being true and trusty, able and willing to take charge of the work and perform the important duties which he had that night undertaken. He trusted he would have a useful, happy and prosperous year, and that all the officers and members would give him that support which he so richly deserved.

Bro. Gildersleeve, in the course of his acknowledgment of the toast, thanked Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett for the very kind remarks that he had bestowed upon him, he would however, endeavour to do his best, and with the co-operation of the officers he felt sure that he should have a successful year of office. He intimated that it was his intention to arrange for a ladies' night, which he hoped the brethren would assist him in making a success.

Bro. Gildersleeve then proposed "The Installing Master," and spoke in very complimentary terms of his abilities, and felt sure the lodge owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. Ringer-Hewett for undertaking the duties of that day at so short a notice.

Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett, in responding to the toast, thanked the W.M. for his kind words. It had given him much pleasure that evening in installing Bro. Gildersleeve, but he was sure the lodge was under no obligation to himself, as he had only carried out the duties of his office. It was a great disappointment to him that Bro. Read had not been present to perform those duties, and he was sure that although he was not with them in body, he was in mind.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" were next honoured, and in reply Bro. A. Hamilton, P.M. and Sec., acknowledged the thanks of the W.M., and said that although it was with considerable difficulty he performed the duties of his office (living at so great a distance) as Secretary to the lodge, it was a labour of love, and one that he should be sorry to give up; he would do his best to perform those duties in the future as he had in the past.

Several brethren replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Stillwell, who said that it gave him particular satisfaction to be present, as when he was a small boy he had frequently heard his father speak of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, and that night, on looking at the charter, he had the satisfaction of seeing his father's name inscribed upon it as the first J.W. of the lodge. He had also thought it might interest the brethren if he brought with him a silver cup which was in his possession, and bearing as inscription setting forth that it was presented to his father by the

members of the Cosmopolitan Lodge to mark their appreciation of his services at the end of his year office, that being some 32 years ago, made it an object of great interest to the brethren. In reviewing the work of the lodge as it had been performed that evening, they all must have thoroughly enjoyed the really Masonic treat afforded them, for it was no exaggeration to say that it would be impossible to hear the beautiful installation ceremony rendered in a more perfect manner than was shown by Bro. J. Ringer-Hewett, the Installing Master.

Several other brethren spoke, all testifying to the most enjoyable evening they had spent.

The W.M. announced that the amount collected in the Charity box was £7, which would enable the Treasurer to send 245 shillings to the "Daily Telegraph Soldiers' Widows' and Orphans' One Shilling Fund."

"The Past Masters' toast, was responded to by Bro. Keys, P.M., the father of the lodge, who spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to see the lodge continue in so prosperous a state; he was also delighted to hear from the W.M., that the ladies were to have a night, and he thought if they were not too lavish it could not only be made a source of much pleasure, but, as it had done in the past, their Charity fund might be largely increased by it.

Bro. J. F. Van Raalte and other Past Masters, briefly responded.

"The Officers' and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were of a most enjoyable nature.

United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069.

His worship the Mayor of Portsmouth, Bro. Harold H. Pink, who has commenced his year of office under such happy auspices, attained, on the 13th inst., another high honour, being installed as W.M. of the above lodge. The elevation of the Chief Magistrate of the borough to the chair of a Masonic lodge has rarely, if ever, before occurred in Portsmouth, and the interesting ceremony attracted a record attendance of members of the Craft to the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street. In addition to the W.Ms. and principal officers of practically all the neighbouring lodges, there were present many Provincial Officers of high rank, including Bros. Edgar Goble, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.A.G. Sec.; John W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas.; and others. A good many of the Mayor's colleagues in municipal life, some of whom held Provincial Rank, also attended, these including Bros. Aldermen A. L. Emanuel and R. Barnes, and Councillors H. Kimber, W. T. Dupree, W. E. Duck, W. Stevenson, G. C. Vernon-Inkpen, R. Payne, and H. A. Harman.

The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Stevenson, P.M., and the Mayor having been inducted to the chair of K.S., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Alexander Ross, I.P.M.; Alfred Moth, S.W.; R. W. Sherwin, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chap.; W. T. Dupree, P.M., Treas.; C. Attree, Sec.; E. T. T. Hellyer, P.M., D.C.; G. Dimmer, jun., S.D.; H. A. Spackman, J.D.; A. Bailey, I.G.; F. White, Org.; H. H. Morgan and Hollis B. Fowler, Stwds.; and J. Exell, Tyler. Subsequent to the investment, very hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Installing Master for his meritorious services, and to the I.P.M. for his work during the past year. In the case of the latter, the thanks were accompanied by a jewel, subscribed for by the lodge.

The banquet which followed was a brilliant function, Masonic collars being worn, and there being a very large gathering of prominent officers. The banquet was catered by Messrs. Hill and Co., and during its progress the band of the R.M.A. played selections.

Thirteen toasts claimed the attention of the guests, who numbered about 100.

The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Goble, responded for "The Officers of the Grand Lodge," and over a score of wearers of provincial honours rose in acknowledgment of the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The toast of the evening, that of "The W.M.," was in the able hands of Bro. Ross, P.M. It gave opportunity for expressing satisfaction at the high honour of citizenship recently bestowed upon the new W.M., and hopes that his year of office as Mayor would be as successful as there was every reason to believe his tenure of the Masonic chair would be.

In a suitable reply, the W.M. acknowledged the universal kindness he had experienced, and assured those present of his utmost endeavours, not only to sustain the dignity of his Masonic position, but that of his position as Chief Magistrate of the Borough.

The musical programme was contributed to by several of the brethren, including Bros. Attree, King, and Love, Mr. F. White accompanying on the piano. Mr. Fowler also recited "The Absent-Minded Beggar," and a collection taken afterwards for the War Relief Fund amounted to £5 11s.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, which proved to be of special interest, and may be looked back upon by the deservedly popular W.M., Bro. C. Isler, as not the least successful meeting of his very successful year. The Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, which originated from the Islington Lodge was well represented in the attendance, 16 of the brethren present being members of it. The W.M. was supported by Bros. E. J. Harrison, I.P.M.; R. Loomes, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Herts; A. Cox, P.M.; and H. B. Harding, P.M.; and the officers present were Bros. C. Horst, S.W.; F. W. White, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; W. Taylor, S.D.; G. E. Walker, J.D.; T. E. Newman, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D. of C.; E. H. Bury, Stwd.; E. J. Bury, Org.; G. Couchman, Tyler; W. F. Roberts, H. Theobald, E. A. Wagstaff, J. Camp, J. Johnson, W. Goring, W. Pannell, J. H. Thurman, J. R. White, A. Kische, E. A. Beer, F. Simmonds, G. Fullbrook, J. F. Waller, E. H. Yoxley, C. Weber, A. Buckland, and T. Spotswood. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; C. C. Renaud, W.M.; E. N. Benningfield, S.W.; H. R. Bower, J.W.; C. Nicole, I.G.; S. Butler, A. Donald King, N. Pearce, G. H. Redding, A. C. Little, and J. Perceval, all of 2278; W. Noble, P.M. 1508; R. Philip Upton, P.M. 1328; R. Darling, P.M. 1416; J. McGregor, 2319; W. M. Sutton, I.G. 211; S. H. Chapman, 2202; and J. Brittan, 1489.

The business of the evening was the raising of Bros. Cramp and Theobald, the ceremony being divided between the W.M. and the I.P.M. Bro. J. Petch, P.M., was proposed as a rejoining member, and the names of three candidates for initiation were submitted. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren re-assembled in the banquet room.

Grace having been sung by a quartette of the Kingswood brethren, an excellent dinner was done justice to.

Following this, the W.M. rose to give the first toast, promising that the toast list would be curtailed and the speeches short, in view of the lengthy programme that had been arranged by Bro. R. W. Nicole and the Kingswood members.

"The Health of the Queen" having been honoured, a verse of the National Anthem, followed by "Rule Britannia," was sung by Bro. R. W. Nicole.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," making a reference to his Royal Highness's birthday.

Bro. A. Donald King sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

"Tommy Atkins," Bro. H. R. Bower, and "The song of the bow," Bro. A. C. Little, were both excellently rendered.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. S. Napper, P.M. Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., being engaged in taking a collection on behalf of "Our Soldiers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund," which resulted in the total of 100 shillings.

Bro. J. Perceval gave "Toreador's Song" in splendid style securing a hearty encore, and Bro. C. Nicole followed with a humorous contribution.

"The Visitors" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who said it gave him extreme pleasure to welcome so many brethren from a lodge so closely connected with their own, and hoped that the pleasant re-union would be the first of many of a similar nature.

Bro. Donald King sang "The Raft" in such a finished style that though encores were discouraged the brethren would not be denied, and an encore was inevitable.

Bro. R. W. Nicole sang "Tommy's Tournament" with an up-to-date verse.

The Visitors' toast was acknowledged by Bros. C. C. Renaud, J. G. Cobb, J. Petch, R. P. Upton, and Noble, and produced some really good and interesting speeches.

The W.M. then gave "The Artistes," thanking them for the splendid entertainment they had given during the evening, and remarking that such an array of talent was scarcely to be looked for in any ordinary lodge.

Bro. R. W. Nicole, in reply, said it had given them all very much pleasure to attend, and if their efforts had given pleasure to the brethren they were amply repaid. He was a frequent visitor, and should like to see the exchange of visits, in numbers as on that occasion, become an institution in the two lodges.

Other songs were sung by Bros. Little, King, C. Nicole, and Bowers. Two other Kingswood brethren whose names appeared on the programme were unfortunately unable to fulfil their engagement.

The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," adding the name of Bro. C. M. Coxon, D.C., whom he congratulated on the success of his efforts in arranging such a pleasant meeting.

These brethren having replied, the Tyler's toast and the hearty singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a memorable function to a close, amid many mutual congratulations.

Bro. John Brittain was the accompanist.

As on a former occasion when the lodge meeting was held on the 9th, a congratulatory telegram was sent to the M.W.G.M. with birthday good wishes, to which his Royal Highness sent a courteous reply.

Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686.

A meeting of this young lodge was held at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W., on Saturday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. R. J. Naughton, W.M.; D. F. Norrington, S.W.; H. K. Newton, J.W.; Richard W. Burbidge, Deputy Treas.; W. B. Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Ernest J. Rix, S.D.; Harry J. Thwaites, J.D.; Arthur Strutt, D.C.; Thos. J. Heighington, I.G.; Wm. Windsor, Org.; Fredk. Le Saeur, Henry Burbidge, Alfred E. Catchpole, and Wm. H. Eardley, Stwds.; Carlyle Forrester, Matthew J. Jessop, P.M.; Charles Gurton, P.M.; Richard T. Pearce, P.M.; John J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br., acting I.P.M.; John Brock, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; Herbert Redgrave, W. C. Freeman, Francis J. Walton, Thos. Casey, P.M. (country member); Edwd. Vernon, Harry Johnson, Peter Carmichael Ruthven, Chas. W. Clay, Joseph E. Churchill, Gwilyn Hinds, John A. Swann, Fredk. Pegrum, Harry Day, Chas. Bland, and Albert C. Bonham, P.M. Visitors: Bros. A. L. Sargood, J.W. 2728; J. R. Meyrick, S.W. 2146; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; Thos. E. Claret, 2466; John Hinds, 1671; H. J. Gregory, P.M. 3; Charlie Woods, P.M. 2345; R. H. Williams, P.P.G.D. Middx., Preceptor of Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686; F. C. Heron, 1851; and Frank Evans, P.G. Std. Br. Essex.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Laurie, Arthur Cohen, and Owen Emlyn Davies. It proved unanimous in the favour of each of the candidates. Bro. Charles Bland was examined and entrusted, and afterwards raised to the Third Degree by the acting I.P.M., Bro. John J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br., in a most admirable and impressive manner. It is a pleasing thing when a Grand Officer takes an active part in the working of a lodge. Bro. Thomas has shown a good example, which other Grand Officers might profitably follow. The I.P.M. vacated the chair, and the W.M. passed Bro. Harry Day to the Degree of F.C. Messrs. Cohen and Davies were ably initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who afterwards delivered the charge to the newly-made brethren. The Secretary read letters from the Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Alderman Newton, also a later letter from him as Lord Mayor, expressing that his numerous important duties made it impossible for him to attend that evening. Letters were read from Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.D.G.D.C., and many other Grand Officers, regretting that previous engagements prevented their accepting the invitation of the lodge. Several brethren for joining were proposed.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After a well-served banquet the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said the sympathy of the Queen was extended to all her brave troops, and that in heart and soul she was the dearly loved mother of her loyal and devoted people.

"God save the Queen" was sung as solo and chorus.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," the W.M. called attention to the interest he had always shown in the affairs of the Craft. Not only in Masonry, but in all grades of society, his influence for good was felt by one and all.

Song—"God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The W.M. next submitted "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He said how serviceable they always proved themselves, that the G. Officers, not only by their rank and position upheld the dignity of the Craft, but they were ever ready to give counsel and assistance when called upon by the brethren. He coupled this toast with the name of their well-known Bro. John J. Thomas, of whose admirable working and Masonic experience they (the brethren) had a good sample that evening. He hoped the brethren would give good "fire," to evince to their very distinguished Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br., the esteem and affection in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Thomas replied. He spoke in terms of praise of several of the principal G. Officers, mentioning some of the most important by name; how, for his part, he had ever been ready to render any assistance in his power that might serve to uphold their noble Order; that on behalf of his fellow G. Officers and himself he thanked the brethren for their kind approbation.

Bro. Thomas then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He spoke of the interest he had always taken in the lodge. It augured well that under the important influence of the Lord Mayor, the lodge should progress in the present and have a brilliant prospect for the future.

The W.M. replied. He spoke of the kind, generous assistance he had received at the hands of all the brethren. As they well knew, the Lord Mayor, Alderman Newton, chairman of Harrod's Stores, was the first W.M. of the lodge, which now numbered 40 members. This was indeed very good for a young lodge only two years old. He, the W.M., heartily thanked the brethren for their support and sympathy.

The W.M. then announced the result of the collection, which he was pleased to say amounted to £10.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M. and the acting I.P.M." The I.P.M. is the Lord Mayor, whose important duties precluded his being amongst the brethren of the lodge this evening. His Deputy, on whom one could so well rely, was their much valued and esteemed friend Bro. J. J. Thomas, no commendation of him was required at his hands, their worthy brother was too well-known by all. The W.M. felt confident the brethren would heartily respond to the toast.

The acting I.P.M. replied. He said he would not needlessly take up their time by dwelling on the success of the I.P.M., the Lord Mayor. He, for his own part, and he felt the brethren would echo his sentiments, and trusted the Lord Mayor would have a happy year of office whilst presiding over the affairs of the great City of London.

The toast of "The Initiates, Bros. Cohen and Davies," was then given by the W.M. He spoke kindly to them of the present and future duties they owed to the lodge and the Craft in general. He assured them that they would find in Freemasonry both a pleasure and a comfort; their progress would be gradual, step by step, towards perfection in the Craft.

A patriotic poem was then recited by Bro. Prof. F. W. Driver, entitled "Ready, aye, ready," which was received with great applause.

The initiates replied, each with a few appropriate words.

The toast of "Our Brethren in South Africa" was feelingly given by the J.W.

Then "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Evans, Gregory, and Williams, Preceptor 2686.

"The Officers" was given by the W.M. He alluded kindly to their individual merits and the assistance they had all rendered him.

Each of the officers replied.

Bro. Bonham thanked the brethren for electing him as a joining member.

The musical arrangements were most effectively carried out by the talented Bro. Wm. Windsor, Organist of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

We have been requested to inform our readers that Thursday, the 7th December, is the last day on which petitions for the April election in 1900, in respect of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, must reach the offices—5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. It is, however, very desirable that they should be received at the earliest possible date.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at the Guildhall, Wisbech, on Monday, the 27th instant. The proceedings will commence at 4 p.m., and at 6 p.m. the customary banquet will be served at the Rose and Crown Hotel, at which it is announced that Bro. Colonel R. T. Caldwell, Prov. Grand Master, will take the chair.

Greater interest than usual will attach to the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, which

will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 30th instant. Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m., and in the course of the business the Prov. G. Master—R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers—will present a portrait in oils of Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G. Master, which has been subscribed for by the brethren of the Province in recognition of the sterling services rendered to Freemasonry in Leicestershire and Rutland by the Deputy. It will further be proposed that as the portrait will be permanently hung in the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, a sum of 25 guineas be voted from the funds of the Province for the purpose of purchasing and presenting Bro. Partridge with a personal gift in the shape of a silver salver as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he is held, as well as in still further appreciation of his services. Bro. Partridge has held the important office of Deputy for 15 years, and previously had done such splendid work as Prov. G. Secretary for many years, that in 1887 he was one of the brethren upon whom his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, was pleased to confer the rank of Past Asst. G.D.C. of England, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee.

That under the guiding influence of Bro. Partridge and other able brethren the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland has attained a high degree of prosperity will be gathered from the Report of the Committee of General Purposes for the Province and the Prov. G. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts. From the former we learn that the 14 lodges on the roll muster amongst them 780 subscribing members, but as sundry of these belong to more than one lodge, the number of Masons is 716. The net increase during the past year is 13, there having been 55 new brethren added to the lodge rolls, of whom 39 were initiates and 16 joining members, while the losses by death, resignation, and other causes are 42. All the lodges are reported to have been strict in the performance of their duties, while the officers have been most zealous and regular in their attendance.

The lodge statements of account are reported to show in 12 cases balances in favour of the lodge ranging from £2 to close on £92, while in the other two cases the lodges stand indebted to their respective Treasurers. As regards the Provincial accounts there is a balance of over £50 on the General Account and of nearly £93 on the Charity Fund. The Provincial Charity Association has also fared well, there having been an accession of as many as 39 new subscribers, while many of the old members who had completed their subscriptions have renewed them. It remains to be added that Bro. B. A. Smith, P. Prov. G.W., who has edited the Provincial Calendar for the last 13 years has been compelled by his numerous engagements to resign the post, and the Committee recommend that the offer of Bro. the Rev. H. S. Biggs to undertake the duties vacated by Bro. Smith be accepted.

We have received copy of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Burma at a Quarterly Communication which was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Rangoon, on the 11th September, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. N. N. Parakh, Dep. Dist. G.M., as Dist. Grand Master, the pressure of his official duties rendering it impossible for Bro. J. Copley Moyle, Dist. G.M., to be in attendance. From the Dist. G. Treasurer's statement it appears that his accounts closed with a balance of 1613 Rupees in hand on the General Fund, and of 955 Rupees in the Fund of Benevolence. The lodges, with one exception, had all sent in their returns and dues, and, generally, Freemasonry in the District had fared prosperously. But the Craft had to lament the death of Bro. Robert Mutter, Dep. District Grand Master, in respect for whose memory the Dist. Grand Master gave orders that the Dist. Grand Lodge and all private lodges should go into mourning for eight weeks from the date of death—the 17th August. Bro. Moyle has since appointed Bro. Dr. N. N. Parakh as his Dep. Dist. G. Master in place of Bro. Mutter, and Bro. Parakh took the opportunity afforded him of being in the chair at the meeting of Dist. Grand Lodge to announce the fact, and at the same time to express his thanks to the Dist. G. Master for the honour thus conferred upon him.

The approaching retirement of Bro. W. C. Lupton from the Chairmanship of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee will be a distinct loss to that Province. There are doubtless—there must be in a Province that

numbers such a formidable array of lodges—many brethren who in a little time—as soon, in fact, as they have settled themselves in harness, will be fully competent to discharge the duties of the position which he is upon the eve of vacating, but he has shown at all times, and in an eminent degree, the energy, tact, and ability which are the essential attributes of the Chairman of so important a Committee. We attach no great importance to the failure on which he laid some stress. Even West Yorkshire cannot always be certain of carrying all its candidates. Moreover, if in ordinary circumstances "All's well that ends well," *a fortiori*, must that be well which ends better than well. The candidate who was the "first out," and so missed his election, obtained a grant from the Board of Benevolence, and has since become an annuitant, so that he has profited by his failure. But, after all, this is a small matter when set against the successes achieved during the period of Bro. Lupton's Chairmanship. He has done good work for his Province, and we feel sure that work is highly appreciated.

With regard to another circumstance to which Bro. Lupton alluded, namely, that West Yorkshire will this year take more from our Central Charitable Institutions than it has contributed towards their support, we must not too hastily accept the conclusion he draws from this. The difference is certainly considerable, the Province having subscribed only £1489, and received £2793. But it was tolerably certain that, after the efforts which West Yorkshire made last year, the contributions would be on a far more modest scale, but if we put the two year's contributions together, we shall find they amount to £9445, while the drawings will amount to no more than between £5500 and £5600. Moreover, if we take the aggregate contributions for a term of 10, 15, or 20 years, we shall find that West Yorkshire has given generously, and in excess of its "drawings." By all means let West Yorkshire contribute more in 1900 than it has in 1899, but it must not run away with the idea that it has received more than it has contributed.

As regards the West Yorkshire Fund, Bro. Lupton was in a position to announce that it had invested capital to the amount of £1000, and that there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £500. It was mentioned that a few claims had been brought before the Committee, who had dealt with them on their respective merits and as generously as the funds would permit. It was, however, not unlikely that "further calls would be made upon it in the near future," so that though the sum available may be large, it will not exceed the demands that are spoken of as probable.

We have received and shall publish next week a full report of the half-yearly meeting in the Central Hall, Eiland, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire. The entertaining lodge was the Eiland, No. 493, and seeing that it was consecrated as recently as the early spring of 1896, it was a bold venture upon its part to undertake so great a responsibility. However, it acquitted itself admirably and well deserved the compliments that were paid it for the success of its arrangements. Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Mark Master, presided at the gathering, and is to be congratulated on the progress which Mark Masonry has been making under his auspices.

Two of the new lodges for which his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been recently pleased to grant warrants will be consecrated before the next issue of the *Freemason* is in the hands of our readers. These are the Assheton-Egerton Lodge, No. 2793, which will be consecrated by the Earl Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, at the Bleeding Wolf Hotel, Hale, Bowdon, to-morrow (Saturday), the 25th instant; and the other is the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 2786, which will be consecrated at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans, on Wednesday, the 29th instant, by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hertfordshire.

We have received a copy of an appeal which is being addressed to lodges in the United Kingdom generally for funds to enable the members of the Farmers' Lodge, No. 1000, Newtonwards, Co. Down, to carry out their scheme for erecting a new Masonic Hall. The lodge appears to have experienced more than its fair share of the ups and downs of life. However, the Marquis of Londonderry has given them a site at a nominal rent on a 999 years' lease, and we trust it will not be long before the Hall is erected.

Correspondence.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In February last I appealed through your columns, to my brethren in England, to support the candidature of Henry Robert Lambert Dacres Baynes, for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and I now have the pleasure of asking you to allow me through the same medium, to express my thanks to those brethren who assisted in securing his election on the 13th October last.

I have written privately to thank those brethren who, I know took a prominent part in furthering the interests of the boy; but as there are many others who helped with their votes and influence, and whose names are unknown to me, I beg hereby to tender to them my sincere and hearty thanks for their kind support.

If there were any doubt as to the unity and universality of Freemasonry, surely this admission to participation in the benefits of one of the leading Masonic Institutions, in the Great Mother Country, of a fatherless boy from an impoverished Colony, across thousands of miles of ocean, would effectually dissipate it.—Yours fraternally,

R. H. KORTRIGHT DYETT,
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P.M.W.S. Antigua Chapter, No. 84.

St. John's, Antigua, West Indies,
7th November.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

I will be much obliged if you will allow me through your valuable columns to tender to all those who assisted in securing the election of my son "Henry" to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the 13th October last, my deep and heartfelt gratitude for their support.

My earnest prayer is that the Great Architect will pour down his blessing on those who have helped in the case of my fatherless boy. Thanking you for space, I remain, Dear Sir, faithfully yours,

IDA B. BAYNES.

St. John's, Antigua (W.I.),
November 7th.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall feel obliged if you will inform me what brethren are entitled to wear the Diamond Jubilee jewel of 1897.

Masonic jewellers in their advertisements say, "to be worn by all Master Masons," but does this apply to brethren initiated since 1897? And are all Master Masons entitled to wear a Master Mason's jewel?—Yours fraternally,

FELLOW CRAFT.

November 20th.

Craft Masonry.

Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

A well-attended meeting was held at the Kingston Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 15th inst., when Bro. W. J. Wells had another opportunity of displaying his proficiency in the Craft. Having raised Bros. Beatie and Dyke in a very able manner, he initiated Mr. H. W. Birch into the mysteries of the Order. His working was watched by a goodly number of those who have occupied the chair of K.S. before him, and all were pleased to find the traditions of the lodge worthily upheld by the W.M. performing all duties, and not vacating his seat when ceremonies have to be rendered. Two joining members were accepted, and at the proper time Bro. W. Drewett, P.M. and Sec., introduced the Surrey County Fund for our soldiers' and sailors' families to the notice of the lodge. His appeal for a display of loyal patriotism was responded to by the W.M. proposing and Bro. Hayward, P.M., seconding, a grant of 10 guineas to the fund, which was carried, and a cheque sent to Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., the Treasurer of the County Fund. The lodge was then closed.

Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Davies, W.M.; Wolsey, S.W.; Hopkins, J.W.; A. La Feuillade, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Hearn, P.M., Sec.; Brading, I.G.; Linwood, Org.; George Everett, P.G. Treas. Eng., as I.P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Foale, P.M.; A. Lundie, P.M.; Dr. Millsom, P.M.; and Barry, P.M. Bro. Tree, P.M., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. S. Tull was passed to the Second Degree. The request of Bro. Colin Chisholme, I.P.M., to be placed on the country list was acceded to. Bro. Major Walls gave a notice of motion "That the sum of 105 shillings be voted to the Daily Telegraph Fund for 'Our Soldiers, Widows, and Orphans.'" A letter was read from Bro. W. W. Westley, P.M., thanking the lodge for electing him as an honorary member. The lodge was closed.

A banquet followed under the superintendence of Bro. Host Brinkley. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and then gave "The Health of the W.M." In submitting this toast he ventured to say that the W.M. was the most popular brother in the lodge. The Kennington Lodge was a fairly large one, and to be elected Master unanimously was a proof of popularity. Besides which Bro. Tom Davies, as a vocalist, had contributed "many a time and oft" to their entertainment at the banquet table. He did his work well in the lodge, and throughout was a good all-round man and brother. He hoped that during the remainder of the W.M.'s year of office that no untoward event would mar its prosperity.

The W.M., in reply, briefly thanked the proposer of the toast for his flattering remarks. He said that he liked to see harmony in the lodge and at the banquet table. He believed that the ceremonies went better when there was appropriate music as it created impressions, especially in the minds of the candidates.

Bro. Tree having responded on behalf of "The Visitors,"

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." After speaking of the excellent services rendered to the lodge by both brethren, he said he regretted that their Treasurer had been compelled to leave early in consequence of the serious illness of Mrs. La Feuillade. He could only hope that she might get better.

Bro. Hearn having acknowledged the toast, The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters," associated with the names of Bros. Lingley, Lundie, and Barry, who duly responded.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Wolsey and Hopkins, terminated the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Hopkins, Herbert Linwood, T. Davis, A. Lundie, Brading, and others.

Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

A meeting was held on the 20th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Rupert Smyth, W.M.; Ralph Langton, S.W.; Dr. Milne Hey, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Woodward, S.D.; T. H. James, J.D.; A. B. Hudson, P.M., D.C.; George Rawlinson, P.M., Stwd.; Plant, Tyler; Thomas Briggs, P.M.; Septimus Croft, P.M.; A. A. Barnes, A. Clarke Williams, A. P. Cowland, and James C. Hayes. Visitors: Bros. Hamilton Scott, C. H. Enness, A. Burrell Smith, W. T. Roberts, W. H. Greaves, R. J. Ellis, and Walter Latter.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the regular meeting, held on the 16th ult., were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. A. P. Cowland, which, proving unanimous, he was initiated in an able manner by the W.M. Bro. Ralph Langton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Samuel White, P.M., Treasurer; and C. L. Plant, Tyler. Bros. Hayes, Barnes, and Williams, were elected on the Audit Committee. The sum of five guineas was voted for the Transvaal War Fund.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together under the genial chairmanship of the W.M., Bro. Rupert Smyth, the usual toasts being proposed and acknowledged.

The musical arrangements by Bro. Walter Latter, P. Prov. G. Organist Essex, gave much pleasure and satisfaction.

Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556.

The installation meeting of this prosperous provincial Surrey lodge took place at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Joseph Harrison, P.G.S., W.M.; W. H. Lascelles, S.W. and W.M. elect; R. F. Grundy, H. G. Thompson, J.P., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Alf. Lambert, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. A. Stovell, S.D.; P. A. Ransom, J.D.; J. Aris, I.G.; Rev. W. H. Braine, M.A., Chap.; Leslie H. Smith, Org.; J. J. Bailey, Tyler; Stampa W. Lambert, P.M.; Huntley, P.M.; J. H. Moram Hyland, P.M.; Fenn, P.M.; S. Smith, P.M.; E. Green, P.M.; P. C. Christian, J. W. Robins, R. T. Woulfe, E. Carpenter, T. Lascelles, P.M.; J. M. Burtenshaw, G. J. Allen, P.M.; J. J. Pittman, P.M.; A. C. Oswald, T. J. Paice, H. C. Oswald, M. Luther, Moss E. May, C. W. Noehmer, J. M. Newnham, L.L.D.; W. Hooker, F. Brown, Hy. Berney, F. Nicholls, A. H. Rowntree, Sir F. Edridge, and T. G. Edridge. The visitors were Bros. Fred West, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Surrey; A. Senior, S.W. 1872; F. Ling, S.W. 1261; E. W. Gurney, S.D. 1139; A. Cane, 2020; A. Roads, J.D. 2665; W. Smart, 711, S. African Port Elizabeth, Goodwill; E. Ansted, P.M. 69; Otto Hehner, P.M. 238; J. Langdon, P.M. 2345; A. Ford, S.D. 171; Hy. Potter, W.M. 1622; G. Rawlinson, P.M. 1657; L. A. Wietall, 3 (S.A.C.); G. Henry, S.W. 1139; A. Norton, 1670; T. Williams, P.M. 871; J. N. Hamm, P.M. 238; D. Ogilvie, P. Horrocks, P.M. 2033; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, W.M. elect 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their report, which showed the lodge to be in a splendid financial position. Bros. J. M. Burtenshaw and T. J. Paice were passed in an exemplary manner by the W.M. Upon Bro. F. West, Dep. Prov. G.M., entering the lodge he was saluted in due form. Bro. Stampa W. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G.R., next presented Bro. W. H. Lascelles, W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was carried out in a very large Board of Installed Masters in a highly commendable and perfect manner. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Jos. Harrison, P.M. 99 and 810, as I.P.M.; R. F. Grundy, S.W.; J. A. Stovell, J.W.; Rev. W. H. Braine, M.A., Chap.; Dr. H. G. Thompson, J.P., P.M., Treas.; Alf. Lambert, P.M., Sec.; P. A. Ransom, S.D.; J. Aris, J.D.; T. W. Dobson, J.P., I.G.; J. J. Pittman, P.M., D.C.; T. Lascelles, P.M., A.D.C.; Leslie H. Smith, Org.; A. C. Oswald, Stwd.; and J. Bailey, Tyler. The three addresses were admirably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Joseph Harrison, I.P.M. Bro. Geo. J. Allen, J.P., ex-Mayor of Croydon, was the capable D.C. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the Charity Fund, half to be given to the Reservists' Fund, Croydon District, and the other half to the wives and children of the men serving with the colours (Surrey Branch). The lodge is to be congratulated upon its beneficence, having subscribed 550 guineas to the Boys' Institution, and also having among its members such a number of distinguished brethren, three ex-Mayors of Croydon, and being the largest in the province. The W.M., in very appropriate terms, presented the Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., and remarked it was his first duty to express the thanks of the lodge for the admirable manner he had conducted the ceremonies during the past year in occupying the chair. He asked his acceptance of the jewel as a mark of appreciation from the whole of the members with the earnest desire that he might wear the same for many years and shed lustre on the lodge. The inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. Harrison, P.M., P.G.S., by the brethren of the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, as a mark of respect and esteem, 1898-9." Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., in reply, said he accepted the handsome souvenir of the goodwill and affection of the brethren with very great pleasure, and hoped to wear it for many years to remind him of their esteem and regard. The W.M. next rose and asked the brethren to accept the handsome banner which would hang beside many others of the illustrious brethren who had preceded him in the chair. It was resolved that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded the W.M. for his kindness in making the presentation.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, ably presided over by the W.M., who, on the removal of the cloth, stated that the toasts would be very brief on account of the excellent array of musical talent.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were royally given and received, as also that of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was very ably responded to by Bro. W. G. Fenn, P.G.S., P.P.G.D. Surrey, D.C.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Earl Onslow; the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. West; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," in most eulogistic terms, and said there were no brethren who more appreciated the eminent services of Bro. F. West, Dep. Prov. G.M., than those in the Addiscombe Lodge.

Bro. F. West, who was most cordially received, in a highly intellectual speech, congratulated the lodge upon its excellent working which was a chief characteristic, and its beneficence which had often been exhibited in the lodge before, and now had voted some of its funds to the relief of the distressed through the war. It was, indeed, a noble object, and no more fitting place could there be than in a lodge to disseminate such tenets. He was glad to reply for such an illustrious body of Provincial Grand Officers, many of whom were in the Addiscombe Lodge and did the toast honour. He was delighted, too, at seeing the excellent manner the I.P.M. had installed his successor, and had placed into the chair so worthy a brother as the W.M., and so long as the lodge continued to make such a choice so it would go on and accomplish those excellent tenets and principles of the Craft. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers he heartily thanked them.

Bro. J. Harrison, I.P.M., in most appreciative and becoming terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who was one of the best, and well deserved the honoured position.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the proposer (the I.P.M.) for his kindly words, and for its cordial reception by the brethren. He could assure them that he was quite overcome by the kindness shown him, and promised to do his best to fully justify their choice, and try and follow in the footsteps of such a worthy army of P.Ms. He was pleased to announce the gavel had produced the sum of £6 7s. 6d., which sum would be added to the 10 guineas voted in the lodge. That collection was most gratifying to them all.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially presented by the W.M., and responded to.

Bro. Smart thanked the brethren for such a reception, and also congratulated the lodge on the splendid working he had witnessed. He belonged to two lodges in South Africa, and he promised the brethren that he should take back with him their hearty good wishes, which would be greatly appreciated.

Bro. Hy. Potter, W.M. 1622, also replied in a very effective speech. In his remarks he thanked the worthy Secretary, Bro. A. Lambert, for his kind invite, which he had accepted for the first time. He congratulated the I.P.M. on his rendering the addresses, and also the lodge upon its benevolence, which was deserving of imitation. It was the first time he had visited so eloquently a banner lodge, and it reminded him when he was in Italy of a procession of banners doing honour to the great statesman of liberty, Garibaldi, when visiting his statue; but to him that was not to be compared with the glorious banner of Freemasonry, which, like those in that banner lodge, always waved over the right and the free. He most cordially thanked the brethren.

Bro. Rawlinson, P.M. 1657, also ably responded.

The toast of "The P.Ms." was given in excellent terms, and duly responded to by Bros. Harrison, Dr. S. P. Smith, S. Lambert, and Mouat.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" in complimentary terms, which was replied to by both those worthy officers.

The toast of "The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed a very successful meeting.

A capital selection of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. Edgar Barnes, ably assisted by Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Miriam Farnham, and Bros. Robt. Dennant and Edgar Barnes. Bro. Leslie H. Smith ably presided at the piano.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove, Notting Hill, W., on Thursday, the 9th instant. There were present Bros. W. R. Hatton, P.M., W.M.; J. French, I.P.M.; W. H. Handover, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Ransom, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; Rueben C. Green, P.M., Sec.; S. K. Bennett, J.D.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; O. W. Roberts, M.D., I.G.; Henry Armfield and Geo. Passingham, Stwds.; J. S. Lackland, Tyler; J. M. Huish, P.M.; H. Foskett, P.M.; J. S. Adkins, P.M., P.P.G.R. Wales; G. Davis, P.M.; Wm. A. Thomson, L. H. Chocqueel, Edwd. Lee, E. W. Beard, Fredk. King, H. L. Jones, A. K. Thompson, M.D., J. P. Williams, P. D. Mellen, E. W. T. Rogers, Tilney Rising, B.A., Leslie Standing, Thomas Gray, W. C. Elms, H. A. O. Scherf, E. C. L. Bradley, W. A. Macleod, M.D., Geo. Gidley, Sharp, W. Gatt, R. W. Warder, Wm. B. Bailey, F. W. Nichols, and W. G. Perring. Visitors: Bros. C. B. Broad, W.M.; W. Middlewick, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; Professor F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; W. Chapman, P.M. 1292; T. J. Ash, 1744; John Perring, 2032; Harry Hatton, 2246; Thos. Ekin, 860; J. G. W. James, P.P.G.S.B.; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G.P. Middx.; W. P. Hatton, 2246; J. T. Haly, P.M. 1637; J. W. B. Walker, 2317; T. Nichols, J.W. 144; W. R. Flack, I.P.M. 1656; J. Gillingham, P.M. 1239; W. F. C. Toye, P.M. 1278; W. Seaman, 1741; W. J. Millington, P.M. 2246; H. J. Dyer, 1369; E. Edwards, 1891; G. D. Mogford, P.M. 2362; T. W. Heath, P.M. 1767; W. J. Done, P.M. 2098; R. H. Shaw, 2705; Chas. E. Cassal, P.P.G.W. Middx.; and Roberts, 1612.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Henry Foskett, P.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Handover, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Henry Foskett, P.M., by Bro. E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C. The W.M. elect was obligated and entrusted. The brethren below the chair then retired, and the Board of Installed Masters having been opened, the W.M. elect took the obligation of W.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. He was then put in the chair, and saluted by the Installed Masters present (14). The brethren were re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees under the able direction of that well-known Masonic veteran, Bro. E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C. This is the 19th or 20th time he has officiated in that capacity, which he carried out with quiet dignity, thereby enhancing the reputation of the lodge. The officers were invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. W. R. Hatton, I.P.M.; Henry Holmes, P.M., P.G.D. Herts, S.W.; S. Ransom, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; Rueben C. Green, P.M., Sec.; S. K. Bennett, S.D.; H. Armfield, J.D.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; George Passingham, I.G.; W. A. Thomson, Asst. D.C.; E. W. Beard and F. King, Stwds.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The three addresses were then given, the first by Bro. W. R. Hatton, P.M., I.P.M.; the second by Bro. Henry Foskett, P.M.; and the third by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas. The ballot was taken for Mr. Harry George Handover, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was thereupon initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in accordance with the fiat of the late W.M., Bro. W. R. Hatton, P.M., I.P.M. The Auditors presented their report, which was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The correspondence was read by the Secretary.

After "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. by the brethren, the lodge was closed.

After a choice well-ordered banquet, the customary toasts were proposed.

"The Queen and the Craft" was given by the W.M.

"God save the Queen" was sung by Miss Gertrude Gammon.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was also given by the W.M.

Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales" by Mr. Hugh Cochrane.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who briefly stated the various stages the W.M. had passed in his Masonic career, and his satisfactory progress in the lodge. It augured well for his efficient discharge of the important duties he had entered upon that evening. The present occasion was a most interesting one, for their new W.M. had performed his first duty in the lodge by initiating his own son into Freemasonry. He (the I.P.M.) was proud to say also, that during his year of office he had initiated his two sons. He further alluded to the respect in which the W.M. was held by his brethren of the lodge.

Here Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas., interposed with the permission of the W.M. He said he had to plead on behalf of the widows and orphans of the brave soldiers, who had laid down their lives in maintaining the honour of their Queen and country. He felt no words of his were necessary. He would only ask each brother present to contribute one shilling towards the Lord Mayor's Fund.

The W.M. then gave the most interesting toast of the evening—that of "The Initiate." It was a brief speech, and must have been a trying one; his voice faltered, and he was visibly affected. All honour to him for it. The brethren showed their respectful sympathy with their W.M. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." He (the W.M.) welcomed, on the part of the lodge and on his own part, as W.M., his dear son as a brother in Masonry, and felt sure he would prove a credit to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge.

The initiate, in a few appropriate and effective words, heartily thanked the W.M. and the brethren for his admission amongst them; that it would, indeed, be his future aim to uphold the dignity and reputation of the lodge of which, he was proud to say, he was a member.

Bro. Parkhouse announced that the brethren had nobly responded to his appeal, and it was a great pleasure for him to say that the sum of £7 had been collected, which he would forward on the morrow to the Treasurer of the Lord Mayor's Fund.

"The I.P.M." was given by the W.M., who stated it was his pleasing duty to affix on Bro. Hatton's breast the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge for the efficient discharge of his duties as W.M. during his year of office. He congratulated him, and trusted he would live many years to wear his well-merited reward.

In the course of his reply, the I.P.M. thanked his late officers and the brethren generally for the kind assistance they had rendered to him when he occupied the chair. During his Masonic career he had slowly but steadily attained to the summit of his ambition, and the Past Master's jewel, which he would be proud to wear, would ever remind him of the kindness of the brethren, and the success he had so happily achieved.

"The Visitors" followed.

Bros. Done, Mogford, Edwards, and Dyre responded.

To the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" Bros. Parkhouse and Green, in a few appropriate words, briefly replied.

"The P.Ms." was next given by the W.M., who spoke of the valuable services they ever had, and were always willing to, render the W.M. in the onerous duties of the chair.

Bros. Lander and Foskett replied.

Bro. Lander said he had presented 21 W.Ms. elect for installation. He was one of the founders of the lodge.

Bro. Davis was also called on, and said a few words in reply, speaking of his long Masonic experience. He is the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given, to which the Wardens and the Senior Steward responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded a brilliant and successful evening.

The artists were Miss Gertrude Gammon, Bro. Robert Shaw, and the Crighton Part Singers, Bro. Haydn Grover, Messrs. Stanley, Ince, and Hugh Cochrane, and Bro. Fredk. King, the accompanist being Mrs. Fredk. King (Medallist). The musical arrangements were under the charge of Bro. Fredk. King.

Royal Rose Lodge, No. 2565.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Headquarters of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), on Monday, the 13th instant. There were present Bros. Capt. R. J. H. Eccles, W.M.; Capt. E. Pugh, I.P.M.; Major W. E. Robbins, S.W.; Major J. Austin-Carpenter, J.W.; Col. C. G. Brown, Treas.; Capt. C. Berridge, Sec.; Capt. T. E. Carey-Bates, P.M., D.C.; Col. T. J. Long, S.D.; Major W. R. Haywood, J.D.; Colour-Sergt. A. J. Smith and Lieut.-Col. W. Jordan, Stwds.; Sergt.-Instructor Sanders, Tyler; Col. Benningfield, P.M.; Capt. A. A. Howell, W. E. Riley, M. Bessell, F. H. Douglas, C. Bellinger, W. Cotten, H. Viney, A. W. Mariaty, W. T. Bannister, A. P. Beer, W. H. Hall, and G. H. Brooks. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Melville, W.M. 1791; Alex. J. Wood, P.M. 227; A. J. Taylor, P.M. 1791; Ellis Harfeld, P.M.; Capt. H. A. May, 1506; Louis Harfeld, 2771; L. A. Newton, 228; Arthur Carpenter, 2336; Henry Watts, 108; Chas. Robinson, 1897; J. R. Hobson, 1157; F. J. Chambers, 166; James Berry, Geo. Robbins, Cecil Graeme, Mansel Stevens, 813, and others.

The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., the minutes read and confirmed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Major J. Austin-Carpenter, presented by the D. of C., Bro. Capt. Carey-Bates. The W.M. elect was then obligated and installed in the chair in due form by the W.M., and the officers were invested as follows: Bros. R. J. H. Eccles, I.P.M.; W. E. Robbins, S.W.; T. J. Long, J.W.; C. F. Brown, Treas.; E. Pugh, Sec.; T. E. Carey-Bates, D.C.; W. R. Haywood, S.D.; C. Berridge, J.D.; A. J. Smith, I.G.; W. Jordan and C. E. Cotton, Stwds.; and E. Sanders, Tyler. Communications from Grand Lodge were read, and the W.M. then brought to the notice of the lodge the recent death of their I.G., Bro. Parchment, who was initiated at the first regular meeting of the lodge, and while holding the responsible position of Sergeant Major to the battalion, was most popular with all ranks. On the motion of the I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Col. Benningfield, P.M., it was unanimously carried that the Secretary be instructed to send a letter to the members of his family expressing the deep sympathy of the lodge.

The banquet was afterwards held at the headquarters of the regiment.

The toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" were proposed in suitable terms by the W.M., and were received with acclamation by the brethren, who testified their loyalty by singing the National Anthem, the solos being finely rendered by the talented artists.

After the toast of "The Grand Officers" the I.P.M. rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said that being a military lodge it was thought a breach of discipline for an inferior officer to criticise one holding superior rank, even in the most eulogistic terms; he might, however, be permitted to say that after the admirable way he had invested his officers, he would well be able to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

In reply, the W.M. expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. and brethren for the warmth of his reception, stating he thought the I.P.M. must have been an Irishman and kissed the Blarney stone from his flattering and undeserved remarks. He, however, pledged himself to uphold the dignity of his high office so that when he vacated the chair for some worthy successor the brethren would be satisfied with his humble efforts.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. expressed the feelings of the lodge at the high opinion held by every brother of the brilliant manner he had performed the ceremony of installation, which ended his successful year of office, and that as a conscientious and energetic Mason, and as a true and genial brother he should be regarded as an example to be followed by all. The lodge had voted him a Past Master's jewel, which would be presented at the next lodge meeting.

The I.P.M., in his reply, thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his efforts. That in Masonry the doctrine was enjoined that every Mason should study rhetoric. He was only too conscious of his deficiency. The W.M. had suggested he was an Irishman, but he thought the boot was on the other leg, for the only claim he had was that he was descended from Scotch ancestors who had lived in Yorkshire for 300 years.

The toast of "The Visitors" was duly honoured and replied to by Bros. J. S. Melville, Alex. Wood, Ellis Harfeld, and A. J. Taylor, who all expressed their admiration at the working of the lodge.

The toasts of "The Past-Masters," followed by that of "The Officers of the Lodge," was given from the chair, and replied to by several of the brethren.

The Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening.

Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682.

The installation meeting of this "class" lodge, which is intimately associated with one of the principal medical institutions of the metropolis—St. Mary's Hospital—was held at the headquarters of the lodge, which is situated at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. There was a good attendance of members, including Bros. J. Ernest Lane, P.P.G.D., S.W.; A. P. Luff, J.W.; M. Handfield Jones, Sec.; H. Pearce, S.D.; P. Whitcombe, J.D.; Stewart Brown, P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; A. E. Priddle, I.G.; Colonel Leyden, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; Sir Jno. Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; R. Eve, P.G. Freas; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chas.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; A. Cooper, P.G.D.; Clement Godson, P.G.D.; A. E. Sansom, P.P.G.W.; Carmalt

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Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Stewart Brown, and the minutes were confirmed and other business transacted. Bro. the Earl of Euston assumed the chair, and, assisted by Bro. Frank Richardson as D.C., installed Bro. J. Ernest Lane as W.M. The officers invested included Bros. Dr. A. P. Luff, P.P.G.D. Surrey, S.W.; Dr. Pearce, P.P.G.D. Sussex, J.W.; Malcolm Morris, P.G.D., Treas.; Handfield Jones, P.G. Std., Sec.; and Col. Leyden, Prov. G.W., D.C. With the exception of the I.G. every officer is a Prov. G. Officer. The usual addresses were well rendered by Bro. Col. Leyden. A handsome jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. Stewart Brown for valuable services rendered as acting I.P.M., and the lodge was closed.

After the banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In giving "The Grand Officers" the W.M. alluded to the fact that the lodge was favoured by the presence of a considerable number of Grand Officers. Many of them were honorary members in recognition of work done in the past. The Earl of Euston was particularly kind at the consecration, and had for the third time installed the Master of this lodge. Amongst others who had assisted in the career of the lodge were Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg—whose address at the consecration would be remembered by all present—Frank Richardson, Alfred Cooper, and Clement Godson, who all gave their services.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, returned thanks for the kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. For the Grand Officers he could only say one thing—they believed the Craft was loyal to all its rulers, and if the Grand Officers came amongst the brethren they did so to do their duty, and to do what they could for the good of the Order. What little any of them had done to help the installation meeting all were pleased to do, and they were delighted if they had assisted in bringing it to a successful issue. He congratulated the lodge on having such a Master as Bro. Lane, who had done a great deal in the service of Masonry, and had made his mark. He thanked the W.M., on behalf of Grand Lodge, for the kind words used.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., said it was an old saying that when the well-graced actor left the stage they knew what followed. He was suffering from a bad throat, and had performed his duties in a lodge at the Foundling Hospital, where he acted as S.W. through various ceremonies in a not very audible whisper.

Bro. Dr. Stewart Brown, P.D.G.D.C., said it devolved upon him to propose "The Health of their newly-installed W.M." To every one connected with St. Mary's Hospital or this lodge the name alone of Bro. Lane was quite sufficient to call forth applause. In the 28 years since he (Bro. Brown) joined the hospital the name of Bro. Lane had always aroused enthusiasm. On the present occasion it was enthusiasm of a different character. On other occasions it was for something in keeping with their own particular work, but that day it was for Masonic work dominated by good fellowship and Charity. As the Installing Master had kindly said, the W.M. had made his mark in both those categories. This was the third occasion on which it had fallen to his lot to propose this toast. They were deprived of the presence of the first Deputy Master of the lodge, Bro. Owen, who was engaged at the Royal College of Surgeons, and the I.P.M., Bro. Wilbraham, was in South Africa. He personally thanked all those who had taken the trouble to attend to honour the W.M. Bro. Lane and he were old friends and they had many times been together in football and cricket, and when that brother wished to become a Mason he was initiated in a lodge of which he (Bro. Brown) was the W.M. He should have installed the W.M. that night had not Bro. the Earl of Euston kindly consented to do so, and Bro. Frank Richardson also kindly said he would do what he could to make the meeting a success.

The toast having been accorded musical honours, Bro. J. Ernest Lane, W.M., said the words of his eloquent brother, the acting I.P.M., had taken the wind out of his sails. He went out early in the evening to prepare a speech, but unfortunately he had forgotten it. He was initiated in a lodge which had always been closely allied with St. Mary's Lodge—the Hampton Court Lodge. He had there learnt the way that Masonic work should be done, and as he hoped it would be done in this lodge. He had had a rote from Bro. Owen asking that his fraternal greetings should be given to the brethren. He was indebted to the members for many kindnesses shown during this short connection with the lodge. He had done his best in a humble way, and hoped to do the best he could for the success of the lodge. The lodge had been a success during its existence of two years, having initiated 31 candidates and received two joining members. In conclusion, he thanked them all for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

"The Installing Officers" was next given by the W.M., and reference made to the installation by the Earl of Euston, to the work of D.C. by Bro. Frank Richardson, and to the impressive rendering of the three addresses by Bro. Col. Leyden.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to assist, especially in such a gathering of brethren in such a young lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on succeeding to the chair, and would be ready to give any assistance for the future prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Col. Leyden, P.G.W., also returned thanks.

The W.M. next submitted "The Visitors," and in reply Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., returned thanks on their behalf.

Bros. Dr. A. E. Sansom, P.P.G.W.; R. A. Germaine, I.P.M. 2033; and Carmalt Jones, also responded.

Bros. Drs. Luff and Brown answered for the final toast, that of "The Officers."

Mark Masonry.

St. Pancras Lodge, No. 494.

At the installation meeting of the above lodge, held at the Midland Grand Hotel St. Pancras, on the 10th inst., some excellent working was witnessed, and an enjoyable evening spent. Bro. James Irvine, Prov. G.W., W.M., was supported by Bros. H. Longman, Prov. G.I. of Wks., W.M. elect; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., Sec.; A. H. Scurrah, P.G. Std., S.O.; Major C. J. Knightley, P.G.S.B., J.W.; F. Herbert, Reg. M.; Thos. Parker, J.D.; C. Jacob, R. S. Ellis, and others. Bro. A. H. Cole, S.W., was a visitor.

After the lodge opening, minutes were confirmed and the audit report adopted. Bro. C. Handley, P.P.G.R., was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. R. S. Ellis, P.M. 2242, was duly advanced to the Degree by the W.M. Bro. H. Longman was next installed as W.M., the ceremony being also ably performed by Bro. Jas. Irvine, the retiring Master. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Major C. J. Knightley, P.G.S.B., S.W.; A. H. Scurrah, P.G. Std., J.W.; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. W. Matthews, M.O.; F. Herbert, S.O.; Geo. H. Lewis, J.O.; T. Parker, S.D.; and R. S. Ellis, I.G. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Jas. Irvine, I.P.M., as a slight recognition of his eminent services in the chair. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. Harry Graham, P.M., M.P., Sir Jno. Monckton, and others, and the lodge was closed.

After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured, Bros. Major Knightley, P.G.S.B., and W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers."

For "The Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers" Bro. Jas. Irvine, Prov. G.W., responded, and observed that this was the first time he had been called upon to reply for this toast. He did not expect the honour of being made a Prov. G.W., but hoped at the next Prov. G. Lodge meeting to see a few more of their members made Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. Jas. Irvine, I.P.M., then proceeded to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said that Bro. Longman had been through the same office in another lodge, where he had discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the members. There was no doubt this lodge had done the right thing in electing him to be their head at the present time. Last year Bro. Longman kindly gave way so that he (Bro. Irvine) should take the chair, for which honour he felt greatly indebted to the W.M. A more worthy Master the lodge had not had, and he sincerely hoped the members would find him some advances to work upon. Whether in the St. Pancras Craft Lodge, Arch Chapter, or Mark Lodge, Bro. Longman discharged his duties with ability, and was much esteemed, and they would therefore heartily drink his health on the present occasion.

Bro. H. Longman, W.M., expressed his thanks. He had always endeavoured to discharge his duties satisfactorily, and was indebted to Bro. Scurrah for much kindly advice. He trusted to see some advances proposed, and he hoped to be able to instal his successor.

Bro. R. S. Ellis, responding for "The Advancee," said he was delighted to have become a Mark Mason and to have joined such a pleasant and comfortable little lodge as this appeared to be. He knew some of the members and hoped soon to know them all intimately. He had had some experience in the Craft and Royal Arch, and had been delighted with the ceremony that evening, which was a beautiful continuation of the Second Degree.

Bro. James Irvine, I.P.M., acknowledged the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters."

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Sec., who followed, said a great responsibility rested upon every W.M., but more particularly during the first year. Unless a first W.M. was careful how he comforted himself and what promises he made, the future of the lodge would be endangered. He felt a great pride in being the first W.M. of this lodge, for he felt sure the members would rally round him as they had done ever since. This was one of their small family lodges where they could meet round the board and greet each other as a band of brothers. He hoped that would continue and that they would always meet as a harmonious and unanimous lodge.

Bro. A. H. Cole, S.W. 1744, responded for "The Visitors," and "The Officers" followed.

Bros. H. Smith and Jefferson and Mr. Courtier Dutton provided an enjoyable programme of music.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

Premier Conclave.

The installation meeting of this conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 6th instant. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights L. Steele, M.P.S.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., V.E., M.P.S. elect; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., P.G.C., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.P.S., P.G.G., Recorder; Capt. G. J. Phillips, S.G.; E. P. Moore, J.G.; H. Humphries, Prefect; J. V. Sherrin, T. L. Pewtress, H. C. Heard, P.G.C., P.M.P.S.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.P.S., G.S.; George Graveley, P.M.P.S., G.S.; and Frater Reinardt, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Walter Crombie, Hope Lodge, and it being unanimous, he was duly admitted to the Order by the M.P.S. in a manner that left but little to be desired. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner then impressively enthroned Sir Knight the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., as M.P.S., and installed Sir Knight Capt. Phillips as V.E. The K.H.S. and St. John were given to Sir Knights Sherrin, Pewtress, and Crombie by the Treasurer. Among the officers appointed and invested were Sir Knights Moore, S.G.; R. Barnes, J.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.P.S., Recorder; H. Humphries, Prelate; J. V. Sherrin, Prefect; T. L. Pewtress, Herald; W. Crombie, Orator; and Frater Reinardt, Sentinel. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to the I.P.M.P.S. The sum of 42 shillings was voted to the "Daily Telegraph Fund for Widows and Orphans." Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights G. Powell, P.M.P.S.; J. Purrott, P.M.P.S.; C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.M.P.S.; C. F. Matier, Grand Recorder; R. Barnes, Jun. G.; and others. The conclave was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

Sir Knight Major Walls responded on behalf of "The Grand Council," and Sir Knight Scurrah for "The Grand Senate."

"The Health of the M.P.S." was proposed in due course.

The M.P.S., in reply, said that he felt gratified in being placed in so high a position in the Red Cross order. He was a very busy man, Masonic and otherwise, and, therefore, could not hope to do the work so well as it had been performed that evening by Sir Knight L. Steele. The Premier Conclave was always a very pleasant gathering, and he never missed a meeting if he were at all within reasonable distance of Mark Masons' Hall.

The M.P.S. then gave "The Instaltee."

The toast having been warmly drunk, Sir Knight W. Crombie responded. He said he had to thank an old friend, Sir Knight H. C. Heard, for his introduction. It appeared to him to be a most beautiful Degree, and he hoped to know more about it later on.

Sir Knights H. C. Heard and G. Graveley responded on behalf of "The Past Sovereigns," Sir Knights H. J. Lardner and T. C. Walls for "The Treasurer and Recorder," and Sir Knights Phillips, Moore, Sherrin, and Pewtress for "The V.E. and Officers."

The proceedings, which were most enjoyable, then terminated.

The Craft Abroad.

Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.).

The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at the Protestant Hall, Sydney, on Wednesday, October 4th, in the presence of a large assemblage of members and visitors, several of the latter from the New South Wales Constitution.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Parkinson, I.P.M., in the absence, through severe indisposition of the W.M., Bro. Capt. Beresford Campbell, J.P. The minutes having been read and confirmed, two joining members were balloted for and accepted. A letter was read from the G. Secretary confirming in their rank and privileges the W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and Past Wardens. Bro. Capt. Moultrie Salt, R.N., S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the Presiding Officer, and regularly installed in the chair, after which his officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. G. Bradwyn, S.W.; H. S. Lane, J.W.; T. Wynn Knight, P.M., Chap.; C. D. Lanyon, Treas.; G. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; G. Eccles, S.D.; L. Martin, J.D.; A. Tomlin, D.C.; B. Cross, I.G.; and M. Smellie, Tyler. Numerous letters of congratulation and apologies were read from Bros. Major Rennie, G. Supt. Scottish Royal Arch Masonry, New South Wales; G. S. Graham, P.D.G.M. Auckland (E.C.); the Board of General Purposes, Wellington (E.C.); T. S. Graham, D.G.M. Otago and Southland (E.C.); the W.M. Combermere Lodge, No 752 (E.C.), Melbourne; E. Barton, Q.C., M.P., and many others.

At the subsequent banquet the customary toast list was honoured, included in the responding visiting brethren being two Past Masters in the New South Wales Constitution.

Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th instant, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. W. Dawson, M.E.Z.; J. Block, H.; G. H. Lewis, J.; T. Gummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; Hy. Cornford, Scribe N.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., P.S.; P. H. Garner, Wal Jeffery, L. Shipton, and T. V. Turner.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. T. V. Turner personating the candidate. Comp. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., was elected M.E.Z. for to-night (Friday). A donation of one guinea was voted to "Our Brother's Bed," and 10s. to a distressed brother from the chapter. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Comp. J. Austin, M.E.Z. 1158. The business of the chapter ended, the convocation was closed.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moor-lane, E.C. Present: Bros. D. Harlow, P.M., W.M.; T. Stokes, S.W.; Huckell, J.W.; William Baker, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Meadows, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Read, S.D.; J. Collins, J.D.; F. H. Farr, I.G.; James Smith, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Barker, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Gernon, and J. G. Robeson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Bro. Brown personating the W.M. Bro. Brown then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and received the usual salutations, after which Bro. Harlow gave the addresses in his well-known splendid style. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers for the year, the same was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Bros. D. Harlow, P.M. 65, Preceptor; William Baker, P.M. 102, Asst. Preceptor; James Smith, P.M. 192, Treas.; H. T. Meadows, P.M. 1571, Sec.; Chas. Butcher, P.M. 902, Asst. Sec.; and Barker, P.M. 1607, Org. This last appointment reminds us that we recently drew attention to the acquisition by this lodge of instruction of an American organ, which not only adds great harmony to the meetings, but adds additional beauty to the ceremonies, and brings them more in accord with regular lodge working. The resignation of Bro. Greig, P.M., who has held the office of Asst. Preceptor for so many years, was received with great regret, and on the motion of Bro. Harlow, seconded by Bro. Huckell, he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. Next Wednesday will take place the annual supper of this lodge, when the greatly esteemed Preceptor, Bro. Dan Harlow, P.M., will preside. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Alex. Clarkson, W.M.; W. H. Latham, S.W.; T. J. Hester, J.W.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Preceptor and Treas.; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; Alfred Collins, S.D.; Fredk. Hewson, J.D.; Robert Bell, I.G.; Percy Day, and Frederick Berry.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Day acting as the candidate. The lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. T. Rayner, W.M.; A. C. Smith, S.W.; C. Nicole, J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; D. Taylor, S.D.; R. E. Maskall, J.D.; J. E. Thomas, I.G.; M. Relf, G. Mortlock, J. Ewings, E. P. Fischer, S. Cload, W. Fowler, A. Noel, and W. Hancock, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Cload as Master elect. The ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. Bros. M. Relf, 59, and A. Noel, 1839, were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, presided at the General Committee, at which the agenda for Grand Lodge of the 6th prox., was read to the brethren.

Before the closing of the Committee's business,

Bro. D. D. MERCER, Senior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence, rose and said: Before we commence the business of the Board of Benevolence to-night it is my duty to propose that our President should receive some mark of respect from us for the very kind way in which he has presided over this Board during the past year. (Hear, hear.) We have in our Bro. Matthews an ideal President, the possessor of those qualities which are so necessary to be found in a brother holding the position that he does. His universal kindness is shown to us all, and it is also shown to our poor brethren who are unfortunate enough to have to come to this Board for relief. I will ask the brethren to assist me in carrying the following vote of thanks: "That a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be given to Worshipful Brother James Henry Matthews for the very able, kind and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of President during the past 12 months." (Hear, hear.) I hope it will be placed upon the minutes, and not omitted from the report which will be presented to the next Quarterly Communication. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. HENRY GARROD, Junior Vice-President, said he had much pleasure in seconding the vote.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, President: I thank the brethren very much; and as this is a Board of work and not of words I will make my remarks as short as possibly can be. I thank you, brethren.

The Committee was then closed.

The Board of Benevolence was then opened. Bros. J. H. Matthews, President; D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President; and Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, were in their respective seats. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary; W. Lake, Asst. G. Secretary; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the G. Secretary's department. There were also present Bros. George B. Chapman, W. Fisher, W. H. Caton, Thomas Jones, George Graveley, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, S. H. Goldschmidt, Lewis Lazarus, F. W. Hancock, W. Kipps, Henry A. Tobias, R. Clay Sudlow, Charles J. R. Tijou, George Ellinger, Charles Pulman, E. W. Nightingale, Henry W. Kiallmark, Charles Henry Stone, Walter Martin, W. Wills, John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg;

P. Colville Smith, S.G.D.; Edgar Gerson, H. Bannister, W. A. Lane, Harry Robbins, Edward James Anning, William H. Hulbert, James Smith, P.M. 192; J. W. Burgess, G. H. Lister, Henry J. Moxon, William Smith, P.M. 1624; A. Collinson Smith, W.M. 1366; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; Henry Massey, Frank Jennings. Leopold Weil, J. Austen Carpenter, S. Keene, A. J. Swash, Richard J. Steel, R. W. Ker, E. D. Sapey, Edward Hall, J. Beard, George Price, Charles G. Sadler, George Weaver, F. J. Burdett, Herbert Goodwin, Charles R. Kemp, Richard Carey, J. Noble, Albert T. Chesfield, P. Twine, B. Stewart, G. E. Hamilton, Alfred D. Ingram, John Sulley, S. G. Bonner, T. W. Davis, J. H. Fletcher, F. W. Downes, E. J. Merry, W. Edwards, and T. Simpson, W.M. 2648.

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended for approval of the Grand Master at the October meeting of the Board, to the amount of £240. There were 47 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Sydney, N.S.W.; Chatham, Barton-upon-Humber, Aberavon, New Mills, Horsham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Margate, Southall, Grand Orient of Spain, Hythe, Great Yarmouth, Torquay, Cambridge, Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Cairo, Alexandria, Bray, Witney, Holmfrith, Liverpool, Eccles, Tyne-mouth, Barrow, and Hampton Court. Two of these were dismissed, and three deferred. The remainder were voted a total of £1075. Two of them were recommended to Grand Lodge for £75 each, and one was recommended for £50. Six were recommended to the Grand Master's approval for £40 each, and nine for £30 each. Fourteen were granted £20 each, one received £15, five £10 each, and four £5 each.

Before the Board separated Bro. MERCER, S.V.P., said perhaps the brethren might like to know the amount the Board of Benevolence had granted during the last 12 months, and the comparison of the amount with what had been granted in the previous 12 months. The amount was £7718 this year, and in the previous year £9470.

The Board was then closed.

Royal Arch.

Alexander Chapter, No. 993.

The installation meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall Cooper-street, Manchester. Present: Comps. Henry Wallwork Clulow, H.; Thomas Hunter, J.; Charles Shaw, S.N.; J. E. Ridgway, S.E.; Walter Cockerham, P.S.; H. Hellawell, A.S.; A. H. Dodd, A.S.; John Baldon, Janitor; Buckley Carr, P.Z.; P.G.J.; C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.S.N.; W. H. Peak, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Anderton, P.Z.; J. M. Moss, P.Z.; H. G. Ward, Cecil Edge, H. Creaser, J. Brocklehurst, A. G. Bentley, and W. Hughes. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Marsh, P.Z. 317 and 1730; George Brown, H., J. elect 1375; and W. D. Pollington.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. August, William Louis Boehme, and John Harrower, and was declared in their favour. Bro. John Harrower could not be present, having met with an accident. Bro. Boehme was duly exalted by Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.G.J. The installation ceremony then took place, Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.G.J., installed Henry Wallwork Clulow, as M.E.Z.; Thomas Hunter, as H.; and Charles Shaw, as J. The following officers were then invested: Comps. O. M. Jones, S.N.; Walter Cockerham, P.S.; Herbert Hellawell, 1st A.S.; A. H. Dodd, 2nd A.S.; and John Bladon, Janitor.

The chapter was closed, and the companions afterwards adjourned to the social board, under the presidency of Comp. H. W. Clulow.

The usual toasts were subsequently heartily honoured, and the evening's proceedings terminated in a very cheery and pleasant manner with songs and recitations. Comp. Charles Shaw presided at the piano.

Architect Chapter, No. 1375.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Public Hall, West Didsbury. The following companions were present: Comps. George Brown, H., M.E.Z. elect; W. E. Harwood, J., H. elect; R. V. Critchley, S.N., J. elect; J. S. Bromley, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., S.E.; G. D. Pochin, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; A. G. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; M. J. Langdon, J. Bullock, and G. Metcalf, Janitor. The following visitors were present: Comps. Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.G.J. East Lancs.; Arthur Jefferies, P.Z., P.P.G.J. East Lancs.; W. H. Peak, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; G. V. Blaikie, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; S. Staton, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; J. H. Marsh, P.Z. 317 and 1730; H. Clulow, M.E.Z. 993; H. G. Ward, 1458; J. Allen, H. 317; C. Shaw, J. 993; A. C. K. Smith, S.E. 317; and several other companions.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comps. George Brown was installed as M.E.Z.; W. E. Harwood, H.; and R. V. Critchley, J. The following officers were then invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. J. Bromley, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., S.E.; E. Bullock, S.N.; M. J. Langdon, P.S.; A. G. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.R., 1st A.S.; G. D. Pochin, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; and G. Metcalf, Janitor.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was under the presidency of Comp. George Brown, M.E.Z.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to in a truly Masonic fashion, and the evening concluded in a most pleasing and harmonious manner.

THE USUAL IMPORTANT FUNCTION of installation in connection with the St. Peter and Paul's Lodge, No. 1410, was given an added lustre on Tuesday evening, by the presentation to Bro. T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., of a handsomely-designed and framed portrait of himself. Bro. Taylor has little need of any expression of gratitude for the great services he has rendered to the cause of Masonry throughout the Province of Bucks, and in many other directions, but the presentation so gracefully made is some small recognition of the feeling the brethren entertain towards the very worthy and esteemed Secretary, for so many years, of Lodge 1410, Newport Pagnell. The heartily and feelingly expressed good wishes that Bro. Taylor's talented services may be continued for many years will not only be re-echoed throughout the Masonic world, but will be gratefully endorsed by those outside the edifice, who are fully conscious of the work done by him in the welfare of his town and county,—in the advancement of education, in the maintenance of law and order, and in every way in which the power of a thoroughly good and able citizen can exert his powers and influence for the well-being of the community, whose good fortune it is to have such a resident among them.

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1507	Metropolitan ...	228 1/2
95	Eastern Star, do. do. ...	220
975	Rose of Denmark ...	213
2308	Viator ...	213
33	Britannic ...	210
794	Camden ...	210
1364	Earl of Zetland ...	210
1693	Collected by the Brethren ...	210
1922	Kingsland ...	210
2006	Earl of Lathom ...	210
2347	Tilbury ...	210
2348	Grafton ...	210
2394	Lombardian ...	210
2743	Galen ...	210
1635	Maida Vale, collected at the Banquet Table ...	210
2721	Canterbury ...	200
792	Lodge of Light ...	168
1602	Pelham Pillar ...	165
1328	Beaconsfield ...	163 1/2
25	Granite ...	156
2076	Robert Burns ...	154
2765	Quatuor Coronati ...	150
1704	Earl's Court ...	147
771	Anchor ...	140
2417	G.S. (Masonic), per Major Walls Windsor Castle, collected at Supper ...	140
141	Bolingbroke ...	136 1/2
238	Faith ...	132
2090	Pilgrim ...	127
2217	Hammer Smith ...	120
2569	Windermere ...	120
2589	St. Trillo ...	120
1687	Borough, Collected at a Banquet ...	115
1707	Rothesay ...	113
1686	Eleanor ...	110
1766	Paxton ...	110
87	St. Leonard ...	110
73	Victorian ...	108
177	Globe ...	105
813	Domestic ...	105
1381	New Concord ...	105
1464	Kennington ...	105
1598	Erasmus Wilson ...	105
2150	Ley Spring ...	105
2266	Tivoli ...	105
2589	Hendon ...	105
2738	Borough ...	105
2499	Borough ...	105
35	Army and Navy ...	102
55	North Kent ...	100
554	Medina ...	100
1471	Constitutional ...	100
1658	Yarborough ...	100
1901	Islington ...	100
2426	Skelmersdale ...	100
2549	Selwyn ...	100
2668	Wood Green (per The Freemason) ...	100
2764	Benevolentia ...	100
951	Sancta Maria ...	100
1319	St. Clair ...	100
45	Prince of Wales ...	84
2694	Asaph, Collected at a Meeting ...	80
1204	Strong Man, 75 Members ...	75
49	Justinian ...	73 1/2
228	Royd's ...	70
1044	Gihon, Collected at a Meeting ...	64
1541	United Strength ...	63
2283	Wandsworth ...	63
1366	Alexandra Palace ...	63
2361	Euston ...	63
2390	Highgate, Collected in Charity Box ...	60
2528	Cricklewood, Collected at a Meeting ...	60
2477	Ordnance ...	60
	Lancastrian, Collected at a Meeting ...	60
	Coine ...	55

No.	LODGES—continued.	Shillings
511	Zetland ...	53
1512	Hemming ...	52
2728	Muswell Hill ...	52
548	Wellington ...	50
861	Finsbury ...	50
1829	Burrell ...	50
2163	Jersey ...	47
77	Freedom, Collected at the Monthly Supper ...	42
1599	Skelmersdale ...	42
1986	Hiram (Grand Orient of France) ...	42
698	Honor Oak, Charity Fund ...	42
27	Ryde ...	40
2147	Egyptian, Charity Box ...	37
1475	Cray's Valley ...	35
1110	Peckham ...	33
2754	Tyrian ...	30
1805	Thomas-a-Becket ...	30
1096	Bromley St. Leonard, Personal Contribution ...	28
1805	Priory Lodge of Acton ...	25 1/2
2540	Bromley St. Leonard ...	21
1694	Ember ...	21
13	Fifteen Brethren Imperial ...	15
	Masons Spaten Restaurant ...	13

No.	LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.	Shillings
1585	Logic ...	105
1044	Royal Commemoration ...	100
1922	Wandsworth ...	88
2709	Earl of Lathom ...	70
1541	Old Masonians ...	63
1677	Canning Town ...	63
180	Alexandra Palace ...	60
781	Crusaders ...	43
1227	Citadel ...	42
1381	Merchant Navy ...	42
1503	Upton ...	42
1563	Kennington ...	42
1901	Southern Star ...	42
2441	City of Westminster ...	42
548	Selwyn ...	42
538	Clarence and Avondale ...	42
73	Wellington ...	40
1076	La Tolerance ...	30
1348	Mount Lebanon ...	21
1489	Capper ...	21
1901	Ebury ...	21
1446	Marquess of Ripon ...	21
2030	Selwyn, Second Instalment ...	21
538	Mount Edgcombe ...	20
1891	Abbey ...	16
862	La Tolerance, 4th contribution ...	13 1/2
	St. Ambrose ...	10
	Whittington ...	8

No.	CHAPTERS.	Shillings
10	Grand Chapter ...	1050
2108	Westminster and Keystone ...	500
2410	Empire ...	210
73	Æsculapius ...	205
9	Mount Lebanon ...	200
125	Albion, Collected at Banquet ...	120
1604	Hengist ...	105
172	Wanderers ...	105
1489	Old Concord ...	50
1589	Ezra ...	42
	St. Dunstan's ...	21

No.	MARK.	Shillings
16	Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund ...	2100
451	Onslow, Collected in Charity Box ...	148
238	Bolingbroke, Collected at a Meeting ...	40
	Leopold, Collected at a Meeting ...	34

No.	A. & A. RITE.	Shillings
	Supreme Council ...	2100

No.	ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.	Shillings
	Grand Council ...	210

No.	RED CROSS OF ROME & CONSTANTINE.	Shillings
	Premier Conclave ...	42

No.	GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND & WALES	Shillings
		2100

No.	ROSE CROIX.	Shillings
	Sovereign Chapter Mount Calvary ...	42

No.	INSTITUTION.	Shillings
	Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ...	120

No.	THE MANSION HOUSE REFUGEES FUND.	£ s. d.
	Grand Chapter ...	105 0 0
	Supreme Council ...	105 0 0
2535	Fellowship Lodge ...	26 5 0
	Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey ...	10 10 0
	Unity Lodge ...	5 5 0
1677	Crusaders Lodge ...	3 13 0
1426	Great City Lodge ...	2 2 0
1386	St. Hugh Lodge ...	2 0 0

No.	CHAPTER.	Shillings
192	Lion and Lamb ...	10 10 0

No.	ROSE CROIX.	Shillings
4	Weymouth Chapter ...	4 4 0
	Invicta ...	2 2 0

No.	LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.	Shillings
1275	Star ...	2 10 0

THE MANSION HOUSE
TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.

No.	LODGES.	£ s. d.
1613	Cripplegate ...	80 0 0
11	Enoch ...	23 0 0
720	Panmure ...	21 0 0
1707	Eleanor ...	21 0 0
2150	Tivoli ...	21 0 0
43	Croydon Lodge of Concord ...	16 5 0
1827	Alliance ...	15 15 0
2470	Telegraph Cable ...	15 15 0
1790	Old England ...	15 6 0
1278	Burdett Coutts ...	14 5 0
1624	Eccleston ...	12 0 0
161	Universal ...	10 10 0
175	Phoenix ...	10 10 0
548	Wellington ...	10 10 0
1623	West Smithfield ...	10 10 0
1719	Evening Star ...	10 10 0
1820	Sir Thomas White ...	10 10 0
1928	Gallery ...	10 10 0
2140	Huguenot ...	10 10 0
2612	Navy ...	10 10 0
2686	Alfred Newton ...	10 10 0
60	Peace and Harmony ...	10 0 0
63	St. Mary's ...	10 0 0
172	Old Concord Benevolent Fund ...	10 0 0
1677	Crusaders ...	8 10 0
2502	Papyrus ...	8 2 6
1155	Excelsior ...	8 0 0
386	Unity ...	7 2 6
1642	Earl of Carnarvon ...	7 0 0
2398	Holborn ...	6 16 6
2715	Midland and Oxford Bar ...	6 10 0
140	St. George's ...	6 6 0
2183	Royal Hampton Court ...	6 0 0
2400	Brentford ...	5 13 0
143	Medina ...	5 6 0
30	United Mariners ...	5 5 0
502	Rectitude ...	5 5 0
1139	South Norwood ...	5 5 0
158	Adams ...	5 0 0
2414	Wychwood ...	5 0 0
2552	Stoke Newington ...	5 0 0
1672	Mornington ...	5 5 0
879	Southwark ...	4 10 6
56	Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love ...	4 1 0
1196	Urban ...	3 13 6
457	Monmouth ...	3 3 0
1321	Emblematic ...	2 2 0

No.	CHAPTER.	Shillings
5	Royal Somerset House and Inverness ...	5 5 0

No.	MARK.	Shillings
132	Amity ...	3 3 0

No.	INSTRUCTION.	Shillings
483	Sympathy ...	5 5 0
101	Feltham, Collected at Annual Supper ...	3 10 0
907	Temple ...	2 2 0
	Royal Albert, some Members ...	1 5 0

No.	CRYPTIC MASONRY.	Shillings
3	Matier ...	10 0 0

PRINCESS OF WALES'
WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

No.	LODGE.	Shillings
1259	Duke of Edinburgh ...	25 Guineas

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FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF SCOT-
TISH SOLDIERS killed in the present Cam-
paign ... 100 Guineas

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, December 2, 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 27.

RAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall
28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
144, St. Luke's, Holborn Restaurant.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1632, Stuart, Frascati Restaurant.
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
2396, Bishopgate, Great Eastern Hotel.
2397, Columbia, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

12, Prudence, Albion Tavern.
188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

SECRET MONITOR.

5, Horatio Shirley, Holborn Restaurant.

LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
Brondesbury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Hotel, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

RAFT LODGES.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
46, Old Union, Albion Tavern.
141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Criterion.
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2108, Empire, Criterion.
2124, St. Stephen's, The Art Club, Lewisham.
2699, Arcadian, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
186, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1395, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROSE CROIX.

29, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.

LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Cupper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grap's Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Turo, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salvation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.

Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Kemble's Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W. at Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, 3 p.m.

RAFT LODGES.

822, Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal.
808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

67, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

RED CROSS.

15, St. Andrew's, Mark Masons' Hall.

LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

RAFT LODGES.

22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern.
2164, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.

LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Canton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.R., at 8
Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.
La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.
Stockwell, Salvation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction.

RAFT LODGES.

90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2407, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.
2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.
2511, St. John at Hackney, The Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
259, Prince of Wales's, Whitehall Rooms.
2502, Papyrus, Freemasons' Hall.

MARR LODGE.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

ROSE CROIX.

44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill,
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Hentley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington, at 8.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2.

RAFT LODGES.

1572, Carnarvon, The Albion Tavern.
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1949, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.
2466, Cherybles, Freemasons' Hall.
2661, Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammermith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd., at 8.
Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT have returned to Pirbright from town.

BRO. H. B. MARSHALL, M.A., C.C., is making rapid progress towards restoration to health and strength.

MR. JUSTICE KEKEWICH has been elected the dean of the chapel at Lincoln's Inn in succession to Bro. Sir William Marriott.

THE SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA MASONIC HALL CO., LIMITED.—An extraordinary general meeting of this company, will be held at the registered offices, Marlborough House, Whitegate-road, Southend-on-Sea, on Friday, the 1st prox., at 8 p.m.

THE 32ND FESTIVAL DINNER in aid of the Pension, Medical and General Funds, the Waiters' Provident and Pension Society will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Friday, the 1st prox., under the presidency of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Treloar.

THERE WILL BE AN EXAMINATION at Harrow School on the Tuesday before Easter, 1900, for 10 or 11 scholarships, open to all boys not members of the school, who were born in or after the year 1886. Further particulars may be obtained from the headmaster's secretary.

THE AGENTS-GENERAL for the seven Australasian Colonies have sent, in the name of their respective Colonies, a telegram of sympathy to Lord Salisbury, to which his lordship has sent his grateful acknowledgments. Messages of condolence have also been telegraphed by the Tsar of Russia and the Emperor of Austria. It will be seen with great regret that the Marquis is confined to his room by an attack of influenza.

THE QUEEN HAS RECEIVED the sad intelligence of the death of her Majesty's dear niece, the Princess of Leiningen, which has caused her deep grief, as the Queen was devotedly attached to the Princess, who had often visited her Majesty, and was beloved by all who knew her. The Princess of Leiningen, who was the sister of the Grand Duke of Baden and the Duchess Alexandrine of Coburg, was married to the Queen's nephew, the Prince of Leiningen.

THE ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.—Bro. Colonel T. Davies Sewell, after nine years' useful service has resigned the Secretaryship of the Alliance Lodge, which he, in conjunction with Bros. Sir John B. Monckton and Alderman Frank Green, founded some 20 years ago. Bro. Colonel Sewell succeeded the late Bro. J. E. Turner, and is in turn succeeded by another Guildhall official, namely, Bro. F. S. Jackson, P.M. In recognition of his valuable services to the lodge the Colonel has been elected an honorary member.

THE DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.—The 43rd annual dinner in connection with this fund was held at the Hotel Metropole the evening of the 21st instant. Bro. Alderman Alliston took the chair, and among those present were Mrs. Alliston, Mr. Alderman Pound, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Treloar, Mr. Alderman Truscott, Colonel Probyn, Mr. Deputy Myers, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Mr. H. Lowenfeld, Mr. J. Judd, C.C., J.P., Mr. W. Emden, Mr. Ben George, Mr. T. F. Rider, C.C., and many members of the theatrical and musical professions. The total of the donations and subscriptions amounted to the very handsome sum of £400.

FOR THE CRIPPLES.—The appeal which Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Treloar is making on behalf of the ragged and crippled has met with a generous response, £500 having already been subscribed. The claims this year are, however, great and pressing, and Bro. Alderman Treloar is naturally anxious that in the year of his shrievalty the subscription should be a bumper one. A few of the livery guilds have come to his aid, notably the Coopers, the Vintner, and the Glass-sellers' Companies, and it is hoped that other guilds will also contribute towards the fund. The annual entertainment, which takes place at the Guildhall on January 3rd, will include many new and interesting features.

THE WILL of Bro. Asher Barfield, of 26, Clarges-street, Mayfair, Past Grand Treasurer, was proved on the 13th instant, by Mr. Henry Piggott, of 55, Beaumont-street, Marylebone, and Mr. David Frederick Norrington, of 101, Brompton-road, the executors, the value of the estate being £27,124 9s. 5d. The testator bequeaths his Masonic curios and £100 to Mr. David Frederick Norrington; £100 to Mr. Henry Piggott; £200 to his housekeeper, Charlotte Chapman; £50 to his gardener, White; and £50 to Mr. Oliver Asher Daniels. His residuary estate is divided between Mr. David Frederick Norrington; the children of his brother, Mr. Henry Barfield; the children of his sister, Mrs. Jane Martin; the children of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Edwards; and his brother, Mr. Charles Barfield.

IMPERIAL WAR FUND.—At a meeting of the Trustees of the Imperial War Fund, of which her Majesty the Queen is Patron, held on the 21st instant, at the Banking House of Messrs. Cox and Co., the Earl of Wemyss and March presiding, it was decided that a notice should be sent to the Press to the effect that the Imperial War Fund is prepared to deal at once with all cases of distress caused by the death of any soldier, sailor or marine, as the result of either wounds or disease contracted during the South African Campaign. At the present time the Imperial War Fund has about £5000 in hand, being the balance of capital and accumulated interest remaining over out of the subscriptions for the Egyptian campaigns of 1882 and 1885. During the last four years, including up to the present date, the fund has paid out over £1300, while the expenditure in administration was only £72. The grant of £10 to each widow made by the Imperial War Fund is supplemented by further grants when required from the Daily Telegraph Fund on receipt of verification form. Invalided N.C.O.'s and men are assisted when discharged from hospital by the Imperial War Fund; further permanent or temporary assistance being rendered by Lloyd's Patriotic Fund in all deserving cases, with which, and the Daily Telegraph, the Imperial War Fund is acting in friendly co-operation. The main object of the Imperial War Fund is to give that immediate assistance, which long experience enables it to do with confidence, through the proper military channels. Any information, together with balance-sheet and all necessary application forms, can be obtained on written application to the Hon. Secretary, 561-20, Bucklersbury, London, E.C.

A VERY PLEASING and pathetic incident was introduced into the well-arranged programme in connection with the visit of her Majesty to Bristol, on Wednesday in last week. It appears that Bro. William Maby played the cornet in the band at the hotel in Clifton, where her Majesty stayed with her mother, the late Duchess of Kent, nearly 70 years ago, and that this incident came within the knowledge of her Majesty, and of her advisers, who the arrangements of the order of the day. At the halt made at the Bristol Council House, Bro. Maby was presented to his Sovereign, and was honoured with a personal conversation, her Majesty greeting him with one of those kind expressions for which she is renowned:—"I am exceedingly pleased to see you here to-day, Mr. Maby." This pathetic mark of sympathy with one of the humblest of her subjects, evoked a storm of popular applause. Upon the recent occasion Bro. Maby was playing the cornet with the band of the 1st battalion of the Gloucestershire regiment. Our veteran brother has served as trumpet-major in the Gloucestershire Hussars, and has held the same office to the grandfather of the present Duke of Beaufort, whilst he was bandmaster to the present Duke's father for some 23 years. He wears the Long Service medal of the volunteers, and is 86 years of age. Bro. Maby was initiated into Freemasonry in or about the year 1856, in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68. He is a Mark and Royal Arch Mason, but has taken special interest in the Orders of Knighthood. Herein probably, there has been more scope for his musical knowledge and abilities, for he has served as 1st Grand Herald, and in this capacity heralded H.R.H. the Prince of Wales when he was made Supreme Grand Master in the High Grades. During his long and useful life our brother has held very many important functions—Masonic and otherwise—and his services at consecrations and installations are much valued and appreciated. Bro. Maby was many years ago elected an honorary member of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755. Last week nearly all the London papers pleasantly alluded to the favour recently conferred upon him by an introduction to the Queen.

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

THE PRESENTATION COPY to Charles Dickens by the Queen of her "Leaves from the Journal of our Life in the Highlands," which was sold by auction last Wednesday for £100, was bought by Henry Fielding Dickens, Esq., Q.C., son of the novelist.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG has promised to be present at a concert to be given at the Royal Victoria Hall, Waterloo-road, on Wednesday, the 6th prox., in aid of the Fund for helping the wives and children of the Reservists now serving in South Africa.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR FUND at the Mansion House reached, on the 23rd inst., the handsome sum of £307,500. This included a first instalment of £6033 18s. 3d. from the Wine and Spirit Trade, and a first instalment of £1000 from the Fruit, Flower, and Vegetable Trade.

THE KING OF DENMARK intends leaving Copenhagen for Gmunden in the course of next week on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, which will probably extend over Christmas. The Dowager Empress of Russia, who is at present at the Danish capital, will return to Russia at the same time.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN reports that the returns received, although necessarily incomplete, indicate that there is a larger area under wheat in New South Wales than last year, and that the production will probably be double. While some districts have suffered from drought, the general average yield shows a large increase per acre.

THE New York World announces that Mr. C. O. Iselin departs for England on the 6th prox., for the purpose of discussing with Sir Thomas Lipton the feasibility of arranging another series of races between the Columbia and the Shamrock, to be sailed in European waters. Mr. Iselin will also make arrangements for the Columbia to sail in the Mediterranean regatta in the spring of next year.—*Lagan*.

LADY WHITE'S FUND.—Lady White wishes it to be known that it is impossible to publish a detailed list of subscribers to the fund, as [was originally intended, owing to the newspapers being unable to find space for them. Acknowledgment will be sent, as before, by post to each contributor. It will be a source of satisfaction to those who have already contributed to learn that the success of the fund is now assured.

BRO. MELTON PRIOR, the veteran war artist of the *Illustrated London News*, has managed to send over his first sketches of the war. In the *Daily Mail* of Tuesday last one of the incidents of the siege of Ladysmith was depicted the bursting of a shell close to Sir George White and his staff. Bro. Melton Prior is shut up in the beleaguered town, and his friends and brethren rejoice to note by his pencil that as yet all is well with him.

THEIR MAJESTIES THE QUEEN AND THE GERMAN EMPRESS went out on Wednesday morning, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Duchess of Connaught. Countess Feodore Gleichen visited the Queen on Thursday and remained to luncheon. The name of the Right Hon. Sir Henry Fowler, G.C.S.I., M.P., was inadvertently omitted from the list of those invited to her Majesty's State banquet on the 21st instant.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, who is President of the Windsor and Eton branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, has, with her daughter, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, consented to sing on its behalf at a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," which is to be given on Saturday afternoon, the 6th prox., by the Windsor and Eton Amateur Madrigal Society in the nave of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Madame Albani has also promised to assist.

BRO. HOZIER, M.P., who succeeds Lord Saltoun as Grand Master of Scotland, is the eldest son of Lord Newlands, and was at one time assistant private secretary to Lord Salisbury. At Eton he distinguished himself by his mastery of foreign languages. He married a daughter of Lord Exeter, and he won the seat he now occupies in Lanarkshire originally from his neighbour, Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, who was then raised to the peerage. Maudslie Castle, Lord Newland's seat in Lanarkshire, is magnificently situated on the banks of the Clyde, surrounded by the country which is so splendidly described in "Old Mortality" as the scene of the struggle of the Covenanters and the battle of Bothwell Bridge. Lord Newlands is an accomplished four-in-hand whip. The youngest daughter of the house is the wife of Lord Lamington.

TO CELEBRATE the enlargement of the banqueting room and other improvements which have been made in the York Lodge, No. 236, Duncombe-place, York, a banquet was held on the 20th instant, presided over by Bro. F. W. Laughton, W.M., who was supported by a large number of the members of the lodge and many prominent brethren of the city and district. The following was the toast list:—"The Queen and the Craft;"—"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England and the Grand Lodge;"—"The Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, P.G.M. North and East Ridings, the Rt. Hon. Lord Bolton, D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Lodge;"—"The W.M. of the York Lodge;"—"Bros. J. Sykes Rymer, P.P.G.R., Lord Mayor of York, and Arthur Jones, P.P.G.T., Sheriff of York;"—"Success to the York Lodge;"—"The Visiting Brethren;" and—"The Officers of the Lodge."

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE FULHAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2512.

The second annual supper of the above lodge was held at the Princess Royal, Moore Park-road, Fulham, on Friday, the 17th instant, when the Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. T. Blanco-White, occupied the chair, and Bro. Tom Green the vice-chair. About 40 brethren were present, including Bros. Frank Adams, Asst. Preceptor; J. C. Jackson, Asst. Preceptor; P. Cronin, W. Ham, S. J. Parker, E. G. Easton, L.C.C.; Dr. Ivor Davis, W. J. H. Denselow, Sec.; and others.

The principal feature of the gathering was a presentation to Bro. Frank Adams, P.M. 1259 and 1702, W.M. 2512, Asst. Preceptor, of a handsome solid silver dining cup, bearing the inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. Frank Adams by the members of the Fulham Lodge of Instruction, No. 2512, 17th Nov., 1899." Also an illuminated address giving the names of the subscribers.

The CHAIRMAN, in making the presentation, spoke in the highest terms of the valuable services Bro. F. Adams had rendered the lodge since its formation, and congratulated him upon the respect with which he is held by all the members. He asked Bro. Adams to accept the cup and address in the names of the members of the lodge in token of their sincere regard and esteem.

Before Bro. F. Adams responded, the cup was filled by the Chairman, and each brother in turn heartily drank the health of the recipient.

Bro. ADAMS, in accepting the present, said it was very gratifying to him to know that any services he had rendered the lodge were appreciated, but he feared he did not deserve such a solid and tangible form of their expression of esteem with which he appeared to be held. He most sincerely thanked the Chairman from the bottom of his heart for his kind remarks in making the presentation, and the brethren for the kind thought that prompted the gift, and the generous support it must have received to have enabled them to secure such a handsome and valuable cup.

Bro. Tom Pollard sang "Soldiers of the Queen," after which the CHAIRMAN suggested that a small collection should be made, limited to 2s. per head, on behalf of the Transvaal Fund for the widows and orphans of those soldiers of the Queen who will never return to this country, having given their lives to uphold the credit of the Empire. The Chairman afterwards announced the result of the collection to be £3 10s., and the Secretary was requested to send this sum to the *Freemason's* fund at the Mansion House.

During the evening the usual toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and Bros. Tucker, T. Pollard, B. Pollard, Humphrey, and McIlraith sang appropriate songs with much appreciation, Bro. F. L. Schneider presiding at the piano.

The meeting proved an exceedingly enjoyable one.