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THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

There was the usual large attendance at the Boys' and Girls' Quarterly General Courts at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday and Saturday of last week, and, as usual, there was considerable excitement over the polling. In the case of the

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there was a reduced list of 41 candidates, of whom as many as 30 were elected. London, which furnished 12 candidates and had an interest in the success of two others, was only able to secure the election of seven of the former and the two latter, while the Provinces and Districts Abroad, from which there were 27 candidates, had the satisfaction of winning places for as many as 21. A Provincial youngster, hailing from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who brought forward 2800 votes from last October, headed the poll with a total of 5498, a London boy, who was a new candidate, being a good second with 5441 votes, and one of three from Essex third with 5340 votes, of which 1363 were already to his credit from last year. The fourth on the poll hailed from London and as he started with 3846 votes in hand, his supporters had no difficulty in securing a place for him with a total of 4967, the fifth in order being a boy who had claims on Hants and the Isle of Wight and the Punjab and with 889 in hand from the previous election, compiled a total of 4944 votes. One of the two Suffolk lads, who had only this one chance left him of winning a place and fortunately started with 2533 votes, came sixth, with 4914 votes, while the Hertfordshire boy was next with 4811 votes. West Yorkshire had no difficulty in carrying its solitary candidate, who was placed eighth with 4761 votes, while the Derbyshire lad was close up with 4610 votes, and a second Essex boy, who had 1321 votes in hand, stood tenth with a total of 4514. No. 11 from Devonshire polled 4454 votes, of which 1164 already stood to his credit, and No. 12, from London, 4438 votes, of which 3457 were already in hand. The second Suffolk candidate followed with 4413 votes, and one of the Sussex boys next with 4390 votes, of which 2718 votes were brought forward. The next in order hailed from Cambridgeshire, and secured 4334 votes at the first and only attempt he had a chance of making; while the Durham lad, who stood last on the list of candidates, secured the 16th vacancy with 4302

votes. Another of the Northern Provinces—that of Northumberland—placed its representative next with 4276 votes; and London four of its candidates who were well up with 4265, 4175, 4084, and 4083 votes respectively, the last of the four being already credited with 2798 of his total. Kent had the satisfaction of securing the next vacancy with 4062 votes, and Lincolnshire the next with 4046 votes, while the third Essex boy who had the advantage of starting with 2769 votes in hand, polled in all 3951. One of the Buckinghamshire boys, who brought forward 2324 votes towards his last chance, secured a place with 3904, and Worcestershire furnished the next in order with a total of 3830 votes. The Leicestershire and Rutland candidate followed very closely on his heels with 3812 votes, and was followed at an equally short interval by the candidate with claims on Kent, Madras, and London, who scored 3800 votes. The winners of the last two vacancies were the Kent and London boy, who polled 3736 votes, and the Middlesex candidate, who scored 3077 votes, there being as many as five unsuccessful candidates who obtained upwards of 2000 votes, and who will, of course, carry them forward to the October election. As one of the *last* cases failed to win a place, there remain 10 boys who will go forward with the votes they have severally compiled to the ballot at the next election. The votes brought forward were 30,350, and the votes issued 132,500, giving a total available of 162,900. Of these 122,083 were polled, so that 10,435 votes were unused or spoiled.

The election into the

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of 17 from an approved list of 32 candidates, took place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday, the 21st inst. Here, London, which contributed 12 candidates of its own and had a part interest in three others, secured the election of six of the former, while the Provinces and Abroad, with 17 candidates, succeeded in winning the election of 11 children. The poll was headed by two London girls who scored 5328 and 5134 votes respectively, the former having 1658 already to her credit from the election in October, 1899. Norfolk furnished the third successful girl, who, with 645 votes in hand towards her last chance compiled a total of 4962. The Oxfordshire girl, who was also a *last* case, but had 2304 votes in hand, scored 4916, being closely followed by the girl from East Lancashire, with 4838 votes, and one of the two West Lancashire children, who having only 265 votes to the good towards her last chance, had the satisfaction of compiling a total of 4835. The Middlesex girl, who brought forward 1323 votes in support of her last effort, took the seventh place with 4691 votes, while a London candidate, with 2345 votes in hand, increased her total to 4512 and thereby secured the eighth vacancy. The North and East Yorkshire lass was next with 4449 votes; the North Wales girl tenth with 4288 votes; and the girl with claims on Staffordshire and Leicestershire and Rutland, who started with 2146 votes, was placed 11th with 4285 votes. The second candidate from West Lancashire polled 4250 votes and secured the next vacancy and was followed by two London girls, of whom one, starting with 3240 votes, polled in all 4123 votes, and the other with 853 votes finished up with 3796 votes. Monmouthshire furnished the next winner with a score of 3790; Kent the next with 3787 votes; and London the last with 3695, of which 1675 were brought forward from last October. On this occasion there was one of the *last* cases, who failed to win

a place, so that there remain 14 girls who will carry forward the votes they have already polled to the next election. As regards the total of votes the number available was 101,084, of which 18,739 votes were brought forward, and 82,345 issued for this election, but the number that passed the Scrutineers was 74,890, so that there were 7455 votes that were unused or spoiled.

We regret that the whole of the 11 children—five boys and six girls—who had only this chance of securing admission were not successful, but it is, at least, a satisfaction to find that our appeal was so far appreciated as to result in the election of nine of the number, there being one boy and one girl whose names will now be removed from the lists of candidates.

THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL FUNCTION AT BUSHEY.

There are one or two matters in reference to the approaching ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new buildings of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Bushey on which it seems desirable that further information should be afforded. In the circular issued by the School authorities on the 31st March—to which we had occasion to refer in our article of the 14th instant—three points stood out prominently, namely—(1) that no collection would be made; (2) that the services of a Military Band would be engaged for the occasion; and (3) that tickets to the number of 2500 would be issued at 21s. each, which would entitle the holders to travel from Euston to Bushey and back again, to a seat to view the ceremony, and to luncheon with light wines, in a specially erected marquee. No information, however, has been as yet vouchsafed as to whether it is intended to restrict admission to view the ceremony to the guinea ticket-holders. There are, probably, many brethren who may not desire or have occasion to travel from Euston and lunch in a marquee under the auspices of the Boys' School Board of Management, but who may nevertheless be desirous of witnessing so unusual a spectacle as that which the grounds of the Grove Park Estate will present on Saturday, the 12th prox., when H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., M.W. Past G. Master, will lay the corner stone of the new premises at Bushey, now being erected for the accommodation of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. These brethren will no doubt pay a reasonable fee for permission to view the ceremony. They will make their way to and from Bushey in the manner that suits them best, and if, when the ceremony is over, they find that exhausted nature requires a restorative, we dare say they will obtain it as they do when they assist at other ceremonies which are not Masonic. But as any one can travel first class out and home between Euston and Bushey at any season of the year for a very few shillings—the tickets, as the railway guide books tell us, being available for seven days—it will not need a guinea to cover the day's expenses. Our point then is this—must everybody who wishes to view the ceremony pay a guinea for the privilege; and if so, why?

The foregoing affects the whole body of Masons; the following concerns only those who belong to the Province of Hertfordshire. We mentioned in our former article that a "Preliminary Announcement" had been issued by the Prov. Grand Secretary, informing the brethren that a Provincial Grand Lodge would be held on the site of the new Schools at Bushey, on Saturday, the 12th May, and calling upon them to attend the meeting but at the same time informing them that none of them "will be admitted to witness the ceremony" who has not provided himself with a guinea ticket. Since then the usual summons has been issued "by command of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master" for the meeting to be held as aforesaid, at which, in the customary phraseology, "the attendance of Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the lodges in the Province is required" on the occasion; Master Masons being also invited to attend. The business to be transacted includes "4—To receive Members of Grand Lodge," and "5—To go in Procession to the ceremony of laying the Foundation-stone," &c. On this point we should like to know, either from the Boys' School authorities,

or failing these, from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Hertfordshire, who it is that has conferred upon the Board of Management of the Institution the power to impose a charge of one guinea per member on those Hertfordshire brethren who attend this meeting in obedience to the summons of their Provincial Grand Master. The latter has no such power, while the Boys' School has nothing to do with regulating the business of this or any other of our Provinces. If satisfactory information is not forthcoming, the matter appears to be of sufficient importance to justify its being referred to the Grand Lodge authorities.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, London; but previously United Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall for the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was unanimously re-elected at the Quarterly Communication in March last. The attendance of brethren was very large, and they were presided over by Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master. Bro. George Richards, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. Lieut.-General Wimburn Laurie, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for South Wales, Western Division, as Past Grand Master. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., took the S.G.W.'s chair, and Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., that of J.G.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., acted as G.D.C.

Among other brethren present were:

Bros. Ex-Sheriff C. W. C. Hutten, Col. Gordon, George Everett, P.G.T.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; W. M. Bywater, J. S. Tracham, Q.C., E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; W. H. Cummings, Grand Org.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; E. St. Clair, W. Russell, Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., P.G.W.; Major Woodall, P.G.T.; Col. Clifford Probyn, P.G.T.; J. H. Matthews, T. L. Wilkinson, Sir G. D. Harris, J. Lewis Thomas, Charles Belton, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Murtyn, P.G.C.; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, D.D., P.G.C.; W. F. Smithson, Henry Smith, Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G.O.; C. E. Keyser, Robert Grey, P.G.W.; T. J. Ralling, and R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in ample form, the minutes of the March communication, so far as they related to the election of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer, were read and confirmed.

Earl AMHERST then rose and said he had to acquaint Grand Lodge that immediately upon hearing of the attempt on the life of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, he thought it right to telegraph the hearty congratulations of the English Masons to him on his providential escape. (Applause.) He sent this telegram to Copenhagen that his Royal Highness might receive it on his arrival in that town. But he thought it would be well that the congratulations of the Craft, for which his Royal Highness had done so much, should be voted to his Royal Highness in Grand Lodge. The Prince of Wales answered his telegram immediately—his most cordial thanks to the brethren for their kind message. He (Earl Amherst) thought the brethren would not be satisfied at their first meeting after that event if they did not take some further notice of the providential escape of their Grand Master. He had, therefore, framed a resolution which he would shortly submit for the approbation of Grand Lodge. "That this Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons desires to express its gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for the deliverance of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, its Most Worshipful Grand Master, from the hand of an assassin; and begs to offer its most dutiful and heartfelt congratulations to his Royal Highness on his providential escape from the infamous attempt on his life." He did not think he need say anything further on this resolution. Great as was the thrill of horror which went through the land when the information of the attack on his Royal Highness came over, there were no persons who were more grateful for his providential escape than were the Freemasons of England. He would now move the resolution, which he had put in a concrete form. (Cheers.)

Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS, Dist. G. Master of the Transvaal, seconded the motion, and said he was sure that if there had been an untoward termination of the attack on the Grand Master his loss would have been mourned, not only by the Craft, but by the world at large. (Hear, hear.)

Earl AMHERST inquired whether any brother present desired to make any remark.

The motion was carried unanimously, all the brethren standing up and singing "God Save the Queen."

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON then proclaimed the Prince of Wales duly installed M.W.G.M.

Earl AMHERST announced that his Royal Highness had again been pleased to appoint him Pro Grand Master.

The Pro Grand Master was then proclaimed and saluted.

Earl AMHERST: Brethren, I greet you well. His lordship next announced that the Prince of Wales had again appointed the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON then proclaimed the Earl of Warwick R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

The following brethren were then invested Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Templetown	...	S.G.W.
" the Right Hon. Lord Glenesk	...	J.G.W.
" the Rev. F. M. Burton, LL.D.	...	G. Chaps.
" the Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A.	...	G. Treas.
✓ " Harry Manfield	...	G. Reg.
" John Strachan, Q.C.	...	Dep. G. Reg.
" E. Beaumont	...	G. Sec.
" E. Letchworth, F.S.A.	...	S.G. Deacons.
" Guy Repton	...	J.G. Deacons.
" Col. C. S. Dean	...	
✓ " Daniel Mayer	...	
" W. C. Lupton	...	
✓ " J. H. Whadcoat, J.P.	...	
" D'Arcy Power, M.A., F.R.C.S.	...	

Bro. H. L. Florence	...	...	G. Supt. of Works.
" Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), K.C.B.,	...	...	G.D. of C.
" K.C.M.G.	...	...	Dep. G.D.C.
✓ " J. C. Fitzroy Tower	...	...	Asst. G.D.C.
" John Smithers	...	...	Asst. G.D.C.
✓ " T. P. Dorman	...	...	Asst. G.D.C.
" Harry Bevir	...	...	G.S.B.
" Lieut.-Col. G. E. Blunt	...	...	Dep. G.S.B.
" Major R. H. Murdoch, M.A.	...	...	G. Std. Brs.
" W. J. Mason	...	...	G. Oig.
" James Weaver	...	...	Asst. G. Sec.
" W. H. Thomas	...	...	A.G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" W. Lake	...	...	G. Purst.
" C. Kupferschmidt	...	...	Asst. G. Purst.
" Felix Kite	...	...	G. Tyler.
✓ " W. S. Whitaker	...	...	G. Tyler.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	G. Tyler.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., was appointed to take the rank and wear the clothing of Grand Director of Ceremonies during the year, at every time when Bro. Sir Albert Woods was absent.

To commemorate the completion of 25 years of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership, his Royal Highness conferred "Past rank" on 25 brethren, as follows:

Past Grand Wardens.—Bros. Major-Gen. Sir K. M. L. Rundle and Major-Gen. Sir F. R. Wingate.
 Past Grand Chaplain.—Bro. the Rev. Canon Garry.
 Past Deputy Grand Registrar.—Bro. W. R. McConnell, Q.C.
 Past Grand Deacons.—Bros. Sir Alfred Newton (Lord Mayor of London), the Rev. A. W. Oxford, the Rev. H. A. Hebb (Head Master of the Royal Masonic Boys' School), Major G. C. Davie, T. Y. Strachan, Charles Belton, and F. Mrad.
 Past Grand Superintendent of Works.—Bro. H. F. Gordon.
 Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.—Bros. J. H. Davidson, F. G. Ivey, and Abraham V. oddiwiss.
 Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.—Bros. Pierrepont Harris, Walter Wellsman, Col. A. Knight Prescott, R.A., and T. H. Nesbitt.
 Past Grand Sword Bearers.—Bros. Major H. Wright and S. J. Notley.
 Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.—Bro. A. W. Duret.
 Past Grand Standard Bearer.—Bros. Henry Carman, W. B. Fendick, and R. J. Voisey.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., next read the following list of Grand Stewards for the ensuing year, the nominations of whom had been approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master: Bros. Col. Edward Pryce-Jones, M.P., 1; Frederick E. Bristowe, 2; Robert Llewellyn Devonshire, 4; Col. John Copley Wray, 5; Henry W. Henderson, 6; Percy Sloper, 8; Ernest Alfred Walker, 14; Richard Stafford Charles, 21; Joseph Husbands, 23; Col. Henry Trafford-Rawson, 26; James R. Eastwood, 29; Charles Spencer Palmer, 46; Harry Risch Miller, 58; Walter Ford, 61; William James Styles, 91; Spencer William Morris, 99; Harry Passmore Edwards, 197; and Robert Palgrave Page, 289.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form. The brethren were afterwards entertained by the Grand Stewards at a Grand banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the Earl Amherst presiding.

The usual toasts followed.

Earl AMHERST said: Brethren, without any preface I give you the first time-honoured toast "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast having been drunk, was followed by the singing of "God Save the Queen."

Earl AMHERST, in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said the brethren had that day testified in Grand Lodge the feelings they had with regard to the Prince of Wales's providential escape. Let them now drink his health with double that cordiality, if they could, that they did on the last occasion of his installation, hoping it might be a long day before they had to drink the health of another Grand Master. (Cheers.)

Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS, Dist. G. Master Transvaal, proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst." He said "It is a true saying, and worthy of all acceptance," that if you refrain from praising a Mason to his face you will receive his benediction; and that being the case I think without further preface I will give you the toast entrusted to my hands, "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst." (Hear, hear.) I can only say that those who know him and his well-known business capacity, and his tact, will say that these qualities have endeared him to every member of the Craft. As we show love and loyalty to the Grand Master, we show love and loyalty to his Royal Highness's representative. (Cheers.)

Earl AMHERST: Brethren, I am very much obliged to you for the kind way you have received mention of my name, and to the District Grand Master of the Transvaal for his remarks. Our body is now large and there is a certain amount of work to be done. The reward for that work is the approbation of the brethren and Grand Lodge. I hope my name will never be received less cordially among you than it has been this evening. (Cheers.)

Bro. his Honour Judge PHILBRICK, Q.C., P.G. W., proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that having served under the Earl of Warwick as his Deputy in Essex for 16 or 17 years, he could say that his lordship was personally known to his brethren there; that he was beloved, respected, and esteemed, and that in the Craft generally his name was held in reverence. They had witnessed an accession of no inconsiderable number of brethren that day to the ranks of the Grand Officers. These brethren were welcomed by their confreres, who congratulated them on the promotion they had received. Those who had preceded them were sure they would not look in vain for worthy descendants of those who had inherited the traditions of a great Craft. On behalf of their predecessors he expressed their fervent wishes and assured hopes that the interests of Masonry would continue to flourish, even, if possible, increase, in the new Grand Officers' hands in the future as they had in the past.

Viscount TEMPLETOWN, S.G.W., in returning thanks, said he should be well content to follow the example which had been set him that evening and confine himself to a very few words; but there was one thing they would allow him to say that if he saw no Grand Officer present who represented Grand Lodge of Ireland he would say for them how pleased they were to have among them her Majesty the Queen. He ought perhaps to say that he was in a peculiar position; he held the offices of Senior Grand Warden of England, and Senior Grand Warden of Ireland. He returned thanks for the Grand Officers,

Bro. the Rev. H. R. COOPER SMITH, D.D., P.G. Chap., proposed "The Provincial and District Grand Masters," on whom Masonry much depended for the work that was done. Bro. Richards had done good work in the Transvaal, and the other Grand Masters had also done good work.

Bro. Lieut.-General LAURIE replied. The Grand Masters visited the lodges in their jurisdiction, and learned how the work was done. It was absolutely necessary in the interest of the Craft that they should do so. From his own experience he could say the work was well done.

Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities." The word Charity touched a chord in the heart of every brother. What were Masons worth if they did not support the Charities? It was a most creditable thing to do. The first stone of the new School for Boys would shortly be laid by the Duke of Connaught, and it was the earnest hope of every brother that the School should be a blessing to the Craft.

Bro. HEDGES replied. Never did the Masonic Charities better deserve support than now, and never had they been better supported. The Duke of Connaught would take the chair of the Boys' Festival at Brighton, and of the success of that Festival he (Bro. Hedges) had no doubt. The Benevolent Institution's Festival realised £20,000; that sum had since been increased to £22,000. He trusted that he would be able to announce at the Girls' Festival on May 16th a somewhat similar sum.

Earl AMHERST proposed "The Grand Stewards," to whom the brethren were indebted for the entertainment.

Bro. EDMUND DE QUINCEY QUINCEY, President of the Board of Stewards, acknowledged the compliment. The Stewards' aims had been to give satisfaction, and from the cordiality with which the toast had been received they were led to believe their efforts had not been in vain.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Turner, G. Chap., After which the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Hall where a grand concert was given, in which the following artistes performed: Madame Ruth Lamb, Miss Edith Clegg, Miss Louise Lamonby (daughter of Bro. W. Farquharson Lamonby, P.A.G.D.C.), Mr. Lloyd Chandos, Mr. Henry Corner, and the Guildhall Glee Singers (Messrs. Sydney Hart, Cyril Flamsteed, Gilbert Lockyer, and Pelham Wilkes). On the violin Mons. Johannes Wolff performed, and on the piano, Herr Liebling. The accompanist was Miss K. Augusta Davies.

THE GRAND OFFICERS.

THE GRAND WARDENS.

The Right Hon. Viscount TEMPLETOWN is a Mason of 20 years' standing having been initiated in Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood, No. 459, Simla, in 1878, or 1879. Since then he has become a joining member of Lodges No. 352, Castleblayney, and No. 10, Belfast, under the Irish Constitution, and of the Lodge of the Nine Muses, No. 235, of which he was W. Master in 1892, having been installed in the chair in February of that year. In 1894, he had the honour of being appointed J.G. Warden of Ireland and Prov. G. Master of Armagh, and in 1896, was promoted to be Senior Grand Warden, and this office he still continues to hold. He has served as Steward for the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and is a Life Subscriber of the former and a Life Governor of the latter. He is also a Mark and R. Arch Mason, having taken the former Degree in R.A. Chapter, No. 10, Belfast. Now that he has been appointed S.G. Warden of England, his lordship has the unique distinction, as far as we know, of holding that office concurrently in the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland.

The Right Hon. Lord GLENESK was initiated in the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, on the 5th September, 1882, and, in 1896, was elected a joining member of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. He is also a Mark Mason and the present S.G. Warden of its Grand Lodge, and is also a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Life and Annual Subscriber of the Girls' School.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. F. M. BURTON, LL.D., B.A., F.S.A. of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Vicar of South Banbury, Oxon., was initiated in the Albany Lodge, No. 151, Newport, Isle of Wight, on the 10th December, 1888. In this lodge he subsequently held the office of Chaplain, and in 1889, was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Hants and the Isle of Wight. He joined the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells, and the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury, and in February last was installed its W.M. He is now Prov. Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Albany Chapter, No. 151, on the 31st March, 1890, and having subsequently joined and held office in the Cherwell Chapter, No. 599, was appointed Prov. Grand Std. Br. Oxon., in 1898.

Bro. the Rev. HERBERT W. TURNER, M.A., Rector of Sutton, Surrey, was initiated in the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, Sutton, on the 9th March, 1879, and having filled sundry of the minor offices was installed W. Master in 1888, having in the interim been appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Surrey. He is also the present Chaplain and Treasurer of his lodge and its representative on the Charity Committee of the province. He was exalted in the Lorne Chapter, No. 1347, and on the 24th ult., was installed in the chair of First Principal. He has made himself a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has also served the office of Steward once for each of the three.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. HARRY MANFIELD, the unsuccessful candidate for the Grand Treasurer-ship of 1899, who was, however, elected to that office without opposition at the March Communication, was initiated in the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, Northampton, in 1882, and in 1894 had the honour of being installed in the chair as W.M. But, in addition, he has taken a very active part in Masonry in the Province of Northants and Hunts, as a joining member of the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton, and of the De La Pré Lodge, No. 1911, of which he was elected and installed W.M. in 1896. He was also a founder of the Kingsley Lodge, No. 2431, Northampton, in 1892, of the Aldermaston Lodge, No. 2760, in the Province of Berkshire, and of the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772, which meets at Freemasons' Hall, and is connected with the Boys' School, and of which he is the first S.W. For these services to his Province Bro. Manfield has been twice honoured with the purple of Prov. G. Lodge, having been appointed, in the first instance, Prov. G.D., and last year Prov. S.G.W. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Northampton Chapter, No. 360, in 1883, he is a P.Z. of that chapter, and P.P.G. Asst. Soj. of his Province; while in the Mark he is P.M. of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, Northampton, and P.P.G. Reg. of

Northants, Hunts, and Beds. He has also done splendid work for our Institutions, and, in addition, to being Patron and member of the Board of Management of the Boys' School and Vice-Patron of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, has served six Stewardships for the Boys' School, three for the Girls' School, and five for the Old People.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. EDWARD BEAUMONT, a leading member of the Chancery Bar, who has been selected for the office of Deputy G. Registrar, has a quarter of a century's experience of Freemasonry, having been initiated in the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, on the 25th June, 1875. In 1882 he was installed W.M., and the same year represented the lodge on the Board of G. Stewards. In 1892 he became a founder of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456, and in February, 1898, had the honour of being elected to preside over it as W.M. He was exalted in the Castle Chapter of Harmony, No. 26, in 1882, and in 1885 presided over it as M.E.Z. He has been a member of the Board of General Purposes, is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served twice as a Festival Steward for each of the three.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. GUY REPTON, who, as a grandson of the Duke of Leinster, G.M. of Ireland 1813-1874, may be held to have inherited a love of the Craft, was initiated in the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, on the 12th March, 1889. In June of the same year he became a joining member of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court, and in 1898 and 1899 of the Playgoers Lodge, No. 2705, and the Yorick Lodge, No. 2771, respectively. Of these he has served as W.M. of the Bard of Avon in 1895, of the Playgoers in 1898—being the principal founder and first occupant of the chair—and of the Drury Lane Lodge in February, 1899. In 1895 his services to Middlesex were recognised by his appointment to the chair of Prov. S.G.W. He is a Life Governor, and has served one Stewardship for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and is an annual Subscriber of the Boys' School.

Bro. Col. C. S. DEAN is a prominent Cheshire Mason, and was initiated in the Rock Lodge, No. 1289, Birkenhead, as far back as 1877, since when he has been twice elected to the chair of W.M., namely, in 1882, and again in 1892. But his services to his mother lodge represent only a small part of what he has done for his Province, among the lodges which he has joined at different periods during his career being the Egerton Lodge, No. 2132, New Brighton, in 1886; the Hilbre Lodge, No. 2375, Hoylake, in 1890; the Lodge of Unity, No. 321, Crewe, in 1893; the New Brighton Lodge, No. 2619, in 1896; the Liscard Lodge, No. 2657, in 1897; and the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 2667, in 1897; and among these he has filled the Master's chair in Nos. 2132, 2375, 321, and 2619. Such distinctions as these were fitly rewarded, firstly in 1889 with the collar of Prov. G. Deacon of Cheshire, and in 1895 with that of Prov. S.G. Warden. In Royal Arch Masonry he has taken a less active, but nevertheless a distinguished part, having been exalted in Zion Chapter, No. 537, Birkenhead, in October, 1879, elected and installed in the chair of First Principal Z. in 1885, and appointed Prov. G.J. the same year. He is also Dep. Prov. G. Master of Cheshire in Mark Masonry, a member of the Grosvenor Preceptory, No. 132, Chester, in the Order of the Temple, and of the Stanhope Chapter, No. 75, Rose Croix, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In addition he is a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and has served as Steward twice for the Girls' School and once for the Benevolent Institution. Such a record as this merits the honour which has this week been conferred on our respected brother.

Bro. DANIEL MAYER was initiated in the Lodge of United Brothers, No. 1069, Portsmouth, on the 10th December, 1888, but it was not until some five years later, when he joined the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, that he appears to have taken a very active part in Masonry. This was in 1893 and in 1898 and again in 1899 he had the satisfaction of presiding as W.M. over this distinguished lodge. In the former of these years he helped to found the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, and last year was the principal founder and first W.M. of the Royal Warrant Holders Lodge, No. 2789. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59. But it is in connection with our Institutions that he has done his best work, having served them as Steward at some dozen of their Festivals, having constituted himself, his wife, and three children Patrons of the Boys' School, and being in addition a Patron of the Girls' School and a Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, of West Yorkshire fame, who is the present Mayor of Bradford, was initiated in the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, Bradford, on the 5th February, 1874, and ever since has exhibited the greatest zeal and energy in the pursuit of Masonry. In 1879 he was installed in the chair of his mother lodge, and in 1898 joined the Doric Lodge, No. 2695, Harrogate. In 1885 he had conferred on him the collar of Prov. J.G.D. of West Yorkshire, and in 1897 that of Prov. S.G. Warden. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Chapter of Charity, No. 302, Bradford, on the 18th October, 1875, was installed M.E.Z. in 1892, in which year also he became founder and first M.E.Z. of the Pentalpha Chapter, No. 974. In 1889 he was appointed Prov. G. Scribe N. of West Yorkshire, and in 1898 Prov. G. Third Principal. For many years he was a prominent member of the Charity Committee of his province, filling successively the offices of Vice-Chairman and Chairman, and it is only quite recently that in consequence of the many and pressing demands upon his time he has found it necessary to resign the latter position. He is a Vice-Patron of both our Scholastic Institutions and Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, having, moreover, served six Stewardships for "Our Boys," nine for "Our Girls," and seven for the Old People.

Bro. JOHN HENRY WHADCOAT, J.P., who was Mayor of Poole at the time the Boys' Centenary Festival was celebrated, has had a varied experience in the Craft, and during the 20 years of his membership has shown himself a munificent supporter of our Institutions. His career as a Mason dates from March, 1880, when he was initiated in the St. James's Lodge, No. 442, Halifax, his connection with which he still keeps up as an honorary member. In 1887 he was elected a joining member of Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, and seven years later had the honour of being installed its W.M. In 1893, he was elected a member of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and two years later joined the Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. He has also been a joining member of St. Aldhelm's Lodge, No. 2559, Branksome, since 1897, and of the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, as one of the founders since 1898, while during the present year he joined the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772. He was installed W.M. of No. 137 in 1897, and the following year was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Dorsetshire. We have mentioned that he is an honorary member of his mother lodge (No. 448), and, in addition, he is connected by a similar tie with the Thomas Valentine Lodge, No. 21, Belfast, and the St. James Lodge, No. 125, Newton-Ayr, under the Irish and Scottish Constitutions respectively. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in Regularity Chapter, No. 448, Halifax, on the 16th December, 1881, he is the present Second Principal in the Chapter of

Amity, No. 137, Poole, and in November, 1898, was invested as Prov. Grand Prin. Soj. In Mark Masonry, he is P.M. Amity, No. 132, and P. Prov. S.G.O., and in the Order of the Temple, Past E.P. of the Hyde Preceptory, No. 98, Wimborne, and Prov. Herald, while in the A. and A. Rite he is a member of the Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, No. 10, and has taken the 30°. Few men have done more than Bro. Whadcoat for the Masonic Charitable Institutions, both central and local. He is a Patron of our Scholastic and Benevolent Institutions, for which, at different times, he has served in all some 25 Stewardships, while as regards the Benevolent Institution, he is a member of the House Committee of the Board of Management, and one of the Trustees of the Widows' Fund. Moreover, he is not only a Patron himself, but has made Mrs. Whadcoat and the members of his family Patrons or Vice-Patrons of one or other of all three Central Charities, his greatest achievement in this field of Masonic duty being his donation of 1000 guineas, which was announced at the Centenary Festival of the Institution for Boys in the Royal Albert Hall. He is also a Vice-President of the Dorset Masonic Charity, a Vice-Patron of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, and a life member of the Belfast Masonic Charity Board.

Bro. D'ARCY POWER, M.A., F.R.C.S., F.S.A., Assistant Surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was initiated in the Cholmeley Lodge, No. 1731, on the 3rd November, 1890, joined the Apollo Lodge, No. 301, Alcester, in 1892, and subsequently became its W.M., and was appointed Prov. J.G.W. Warwickshire in 1894. In 1895, he joined as founder and was appointed Secretary of the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546. He was exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, on 3rd June, 1892, and having joined the Grove Chapter, No. 410, Ewell, was installed M.E.Z. April, 1897, and some three months later was appointed Prov. G.J. Surrey. He is also a member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 1, and has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is a Life Subscriber to the Old People and Boys' School, and has served once as Steward for each of those Institutions.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. JOHN CHARLES FITZROY TOWER was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, on the 17th May, 1889. In April, 1892, he became a founder and the first S.W. of the Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, Amersham, and 12 months later was installed in the chair as W.M. He has been twice the recipient of Provincial honours, having been appointed Prov. S.G.D. Buckinghamshire, in 1894, and Prov. S.G.W. last year. He was exalted in the Studholme Chapter, No. 1591, on the 20th February, 1891, and having, in 1895, helped to found the Bevan Chapter, No. 2458, and successively filled the chairs of H. and M.E.Z. (1896-7), and been appointed Prov. G.S.N. Bucks, was installed in the chair of First Principal of No. 1591 on the 26th February, 1897. In the Order of the Temple he is P.E.P. and Registrar of the Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory, No. 128, and was appointed 2nd Great Std. Br. of Great Priory in 1898, while in the A. and A. Rite is P.M.W.S. of the Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, No. 67, and has taken the 31°. As regards our Charities, he is a Life Governor of the three, and has served in all five Stewardships, namely, two each for the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions and one for the Boys' School.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. JOHN SMITHERS was initiated in the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, in the year 1885, and having, in 1892, represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards, became the following year a joining member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. In 1894 he was installed W.M. of No. 58. In Royal Arch Masonry he ranks as P.Z., having been exalted in Felicity Chapter, No. 58, in 1887, and installed its First Principal 10 years later. He is a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and Vice-President of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions, and has served a Stewardship for each of the Schools.

Bro. THOMAS PHIPPS DORMAN, like the new Grand Treasurer, is a prominent member of the Craft in the Province of Northants and Hunts, and, like him was initiated in the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, Northampton, on the 18th January, 1881, and in due course attained to the position of W.M., being installed in office in October, 1890. In 1892 he joined the Oak Lodge, No. 190, and assisted in founding the Kingsley Lodge, No. 2431, Northampton, while in October, 1895, he was one of the founders of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 2533, Peterborough. He has twice had Provincial honours conferred upon him, namely, in 1886, when he was appointed Prov. G.S. of Wks., and in 1895, when he was made Prov. S.G.W. He was exalted in the Northampton Chapter, No. 350, on the 30th November, 1882, was installed its M.E.Z. in February, 1895, and a few months later was honoured with the appointment of Prov. G.J. In Mark Masonry he is P.M. of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, Northampton, P. Prov. S.G.W. Northants, Hunts, and Beds, and Past G.I.G. of the Mark G. Lodge. In the Order of the Temple, of which he was installed a Knight in the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, No. 154, he is a Past E.P. of the St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, and the St. Michael's Preceptory, No. 165, and a member of Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, No. 26, and Past 2nd Great Captain of the Guards in Great Priory; while he has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Lastly, he is a Patron of both our Schools, and Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution, and has served thrice as Steward for the Girls' School, twice for the Boys' School, and once for the Old People.

Bro. HARRY BEVIR, one of the hardest working, and, at the same time, one of the ablest and most respected of Masons in the Province of Wiltshire, was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon, on the 5th May, 1876, and was installed W.M. in 1882. He is a joining member of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, Corsham, and of the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, in the Province of Gloucestershire. He served as Prov. G. Secretary of Wiltshire from 1884 till his appointment in 1893 as Prov. S.G. Warden, and on vacating the latter office was re-appointed, and still holds his old office of Prov. Secretary. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, Swindon, and has thrice presided over it as M.E.Z., namely, in 1884, 1891, and 1892; while in Prov. G. Chapter he has held office in three capacities—as Prov. G. Reg. in 1885, as Prov. G.J. in 1892, and as Prov. G.H. in 1894. In Mark Masonry he is P.M. of the Swindon Keystone Lodge, No. 401, and Past Prov. G. Treasurer; a member of the Bladud Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 40, Bath, and of the St. Peter and St. Paul Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6, Bath, in the A. and A. Rite. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has served them all as Festival Steward, but his services to the Boys' School, of whose Board of Management he is a member, have been of conspicuous value, and will ever be remembered to his honour.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. E. BLUNT, formerly of the 83rd Regiment, and subsequently of the Elthorne Militia, has had a varied experience of Masonry extending over more than 30 years, having been initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, Gibraltar, on the 10th January, 1863. The following year he joined United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester, but did not long remain a member. In April, 1879,

he joined the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, and in May, 1885, was installed W. Master. In the course of the same year he became a founder of the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094, which for the first seven years of its existence met at Hounslow, in the Province of Middlesex. Of this he became the second W.M. in 1886, and in 1888, in recognition of his services, was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden. Last year he took the leading part in founding the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, and had the honour of being installed its first W. Master. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Calpean Chapter, No. 278, Gibraltar, on the 18th December, 1869; while as regards our Institutions he has served as Steward for both Schools, and is a Life Governor of them both, as well as of the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Major ROBERT HAMILTON MURDOCH, R.A., was initiated in December, 1889, in the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, which was founded some years since for the convenience of members of the Royal Regiment, and having fulfilled the arduous duties of Secretary for many years, was installed W.M. in February, 1898. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in the Ubique Chapter, No. 1789, in December, 1893, while as a Mark Mason he is the present W.M. of the Ubique Lodge, No. 411. He has from time to time subscribed to our three Institutions.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. WILLIAM JAMES MASON, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, was initiated in the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, on the 14th January, 1882, and subsequently assisted in founding the Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150, in 1886, and the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, East Molesey, in 1888, being in the latter case the first J.W. of the new lodge. Of these three lodges he has served as W.M., namely, of No. 2246 in 1890; of Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150, in 1891, and of his mother lodge (No. 1328), in 1894, while in respect to the Cyclist Lodge, which meets in the Province of Surrey, Bro. Mason's services were recognised in 1893, when he was appointed Prov. J.G.D. He was exalted in the Granite Chapter, No. 1328, on the 4th July, 1883, and 10 years later was elected and installed in the chair of First Principal Z., while in 1898 he was appointed Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Thistle Lodge, No. 8, on the 3rd December, 1884, joined St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, in May, 1889, and in 1893 became a founder and first J.W., and is now a P.M. of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 458. He is also a Royal Ark Mariner, to which Degree he was elevated in 1889; a member of Constantine Council, No. 2, of Royal and Select Masters; and a member of the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15, of the Allied Masonic Degrees, while as regards our Institutions he is a Vice-Patron of them all, and has served five Stewardships for the Girls' School, seven for the Boys' School, and four for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. JAMES WEAVER was initiated in the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, as far back as the 16th March, 1863, and in the period that has since elapsed has done good service. In November, 1869, he was installed W.M. of his mother lodge, and in April of the following year joined the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court, while in November, 1870, he became a founder of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, and was installed W.M. in 1873, having in the meantime been appointed—in 1871—Prov. G. Organist of Middlesex. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Domastic Chapter, No. 177, in 1870, and was installed M.E.Z. in March, 1878, but between these two events he had taken part in the foundation of the Whittington Chapter, No. 862, in 1873, and was installed its first M.E.Z., and of the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319, in 1874, of which he subsequently became M.E.Z. Lastly, he is a Life Governor of our three Institutions and has made Mrs. Weaver a Life Governor of the Old People.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. WILLIAM HENRY THOMAS was initiated in the St. Clement's Danes Lodge, No. 1351, on October, 1872. In 1874 he joined the Athenaeum Lodge, No. 1491, and has had the honour of presiding over it as W.M. during two consecutive years, namely, in 1878-9 and 1879-80. In 1893 he was founder and first J.W. of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454, and occupied the Master's chair during the year 1894-5. He was exalted in the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, in 1895, and in July, 1898, was installed First Principal Z. Last year he was appointed Grand Organist of Supreme Grand Chapter, and now is honoured with the collar of the same office in United Grand Lodge. As regards our Institutions, he has done his part by constituting himself a Life Governor of the three, and, in addition, has given to each of them his services as Steward.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. FELIX KITE is a prominent member of the Order in the Province of Kent, and of long standing, having been initiated in the Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, Maidstone, on the 14th April, 1863, and installed its W.M. in December, 1868, and for the second time in 1891. In 1889 he was appointed Prov. G.D.C., and in June, 1898, to the far more important office of Prov. J.G.W. He was exalted in the Belvedere Chapter, No. 503, in November, 1875, and in 1881 was installed M.E.Z., and appointed Prov. G. Reg. In 1894 he became a founder of the Montreal Chapter, No. 2046, and on the 1st February, 1898, was installed in the chair of First Principal. He is a Life Governor of the three Charities, and has served one Stewardship each for the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. WALTER SOLOMON WHITAKER was initiated in the St. James's Lodge, No. 765, in November, 1873, and having been a founder of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, in December, 1875, had the honour of being installed as the second occupant of its chair in December of the following year. He was exalted in the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, in April, 1879, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1887, having in the meantime become, in 1880, founder and first M.E.Z. of the Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1572. In 1891, he helped to found the Crays Valley Chapter, No. 2147, Chislehurst, and having served it as its first H. was subsequently installed as M.E.Z. in 1892, and for the second time in 1895, in which latter year his services were recognised by his appointment as Prov. Grand Registrar of Kent. He has served as Steward for each of our Institutions and is a Life Governor of them all.

A CYCLISTS' TRAIN.—The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company announce that, for the convenience of cyclists, from Sunday, 6th prox., until further notice they will run a special train from Victoria to Ockley and Horsham and back every Sunday. The times will be: Victoria, 10.10; Sutton, 10.33; Ockley, 11; Horsham, 11.10. Return journey: Horsham, 5.50; Ockley, 6; Sutton, 6.30; Victoria, 6.55. Return fares, including bicycle, are fixed at 7s., 5s., and 3s., according to class. The tickets are also available to return by any train on the day of issue from Horsham, Wainham, Ockley, Cheam, Sutton, Three Bridges, Crawley, Fay Gate, and Hooley.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th January to the 19th April, 1900, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1711 19 0	By Donation towards Grand	
" " Unappropriated		Lodge Library and	
Account	255 13 0	New Building	£2000 0 0
" Subsequent Receipts..	646 3 4	Disbursements during the	
		Quarter	274 10 6
		" Balance	80 11 10
		" " Unappropriated	
		Account	258 13 0
	£2613 15 4		£2613 15 4

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Ranakrishna Narasinha Iyer as Z., Cecil Willis Forder as H., Alexander William King as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Mandalay Lodge, No. 2219, Mandalay, to be called "The Fort Dufferin Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Mandalay, Upper Burma.

2nd. From Comps. Charles Edward Chubb as Z., Allan Wight Macnaughten as H., Joseph John Gaveston as J., and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the Cleveland Lodge, No. 2503, Townsville, Queensland, to be called "The Cleveland Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Townsville, Queensland.

3rd. From Comps. Frederick Lawrance as Z., Woodhouse Braine as H., William J. Walsham as J., and 13 others for a chapter to be attached to the Cavendish Lodge, No. 2620, London, and to meet at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

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

The Priory Chapter, No. 1000, from the Middleton Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Southend-on-Sea.

The Essex Chapter, No. 276, from the White Hart Hotel, to the Crane Court Assembly Rooms, Chelmsford.

The Clifton Chapter, No. 703, from the Clifton Arms and Pier Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Adelaide-street, Blackpool.

The Aire and Calder Chapter, No. 458, from the Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, to the Masonic Hall, Stanhope-street, Goole.

The Ravensbourne Chapter, No. 1601, from the Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge, Lewisham, to the Obelisk Hall, Loampit Vale, Lewisham, London.

The Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, from Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street, to the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, London.

The De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130, from the George Hotel, Melton Mowbray, to the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

The Committee beg to report that they have considered an application from the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand for recognition as a Sovereign Royal Arch Body.

The Committee having regard to the fact that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been formally recognised by the Grand Lodge of England as a Sovereign Body within the Colony, recommend that the recognition asked for be accorded, the Supreme Grand Chapter of England undertaking not to grant any Charters for new Royal Arch Chapters within the Colony, other than for chapters to be attached to lodges remaining under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
18th April, 1900.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The April Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 20th instant in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., Patron and Trustee, and Chairman of the Board of Management, was voted to the chair, and amongst the brethren who supported him were Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, John Strachan, Q.C., J. J. Thomas, W. A. Scurrah, C. E. Keyser, George Everett, P.G.T.; Oliver Papworth, James Whitaker Burgess, E. Margrett, James Willing, jun., R. V. Vassar-Smith, Harry Bevir, Alfred Cross Spaul, C. K. Benson, William Russell, Hugh E. Diamond, C. H. Pulman, John Glass, Harry Manfield, G. Treas.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, W. F. Smithson, and J. D. Langton.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec., having read the advertisements convening the meeting, also read the minutes of the Quarterly Court of January last, which were carried.

Bro. HAWKINS, 569, rose and said that having sent a letter to the Secretary on the question of the accounts, which the Secretary had acknowledged the receipt of, he wished to know whether the question he wished to put, and of which he had given notice in his letter, should be put now or after the other business had been concluded, and prior to the election of children. As some of the questions he wished to ask were of exceedingly great importance, he thought they should be put at this meeting. He desired to know whether they should be put now or at some other time at the disposal of the meeting.

Bro. RICHARD EVE replied that he did not think the opportunity presented itself now. The letter was sent to the Secretary intimating that a series of inquiries would be made, and that a resolution would very likely be moved to follow. That must take its ordinary course. The question was not upon the agenda. The ordinary business would not take long, and after that he should be able to hear the questions, and would endeavour to give an answer. If any question arose upon the accounts submitted and passed, then he should rule that Bro. Hawkins would be right in asking a question upon those accounts.

The minutes of the meetings of the Council of January 28th, February 23rd, and March 20th, were then read for information.

Bro. RICHARD EVE next said that before entering upon the ordinary business of this Quarterly Court he felt that the brethren would all agree with him that they should pass a resolution with reference to the delivery of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, from the hands of a would-be assassin. They had not had an opportunity of meeting in Quarterly Court until to-day, and they were pleased to find that the Grand Master was returning to his native land that evening. They trusted that he would return hale and hearty. They were all astonished at the attempt made on the Prince of Wales's life, for there was no gentleman in Europe more admired than the Prince of Wales, and there was a thrill of horror, not only in this country but throughout the continent, when the news of the attempt on his life arrived. Every one was glad that he had providentially escaped, and all trusted that he might have many long years of life, health, and happiness before him, to act in the way he always had done for the good of our nationality. He begged to move "That the hearty congratulations of this Quarterly Court be presented to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, President of our Institution, on his providential escape from the hands of a would-be assassin."

Bro. HAWKINS, 569, had much pleasure in seconding the motion. He had the honour of commanding the last guard of honour to his Royal Highness previously to his going abroad.

Bro. RICHARD EVE put the motion, which was unanimously carried, all the brethren rising.

On the motion of Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, which was duly seconded, it was resolved "That a copy of that resolution be sent to his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, President of the Institution."

On the motion of Bro. RICHARD EVE, seconded by Bro. BENSON, Bro. Charles Edward Keyser, M.A., J.P., F.S.A., P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The following 12 brethren, not being Life Governors, were elected on the Council, as representing the Life and Annual Subscribers:

Bros. G. Chapman, Thos. Evans, Geo. Glover, E. A. B. Gough, E. P. B. Hallows, E. Hewett, D. Jacobs, F. W. Levander, A. H. Maddocks, B. Matveiff, G. W. Hunt, and John Harris.

The following 10 Life Governors were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Management:

For London—Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, George Everett, John Glass, William Alfred Scurrah, and James Willing, jun.

For the Prov. Grand Lodges and Chapters—Bros. James W. Burgess, Major J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., William Fentiman Smithson, R. V. Vassar-Smith, J.P., and Francis Beer Westlake.

Bro. RICHARD EVE next said he had to give an account of the progress that was being made on the building of the new schools at Bushey. He trusted that many of the brethren present had been in the neighbourhood, and that they would have seen for themselves the great progress which had already been made. The building was now becoming a very important one. He had the pleasure of telling the brethren what they were already aware of that on May 12th next, the foundation stone would be laid by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and such arrangements had been made that if the weather was not favourable, every protection would be afforded to the brethren, and their lady friends. A very large gathering was expected as many applications for tickets had already been made by those who were desirous of acquiring seats, seeing the laying of the stone, and having the luncheon. Early applications ought to be made by those who wished to be present. The last day named for applications was the 21st inst. However, brethren might still apply, and in their own interest as well as in the interest of the Institution, they should be made at once. The building spoke for itself, and therefore he need say no more on that subject. The management hoped to have it completed in the course of eighteen months from now, and to have occupation of it entered upon in two years.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed.

Bro. HAWKINS was thereupon called upon by the Chairman to ask the questions of which he had given notice to the Secretary. He said they arose upon the balance sheet. The first question was as to the cost of the hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and of refreshments for the elections. He wanted to know the proportions each bore to the other. The second question was, asking for the details of the travelling expenses—two items, £99 7s. 10d. and £11 8s. 8d. The next was as to a sum of £87 17s. 2d. for the office, but the next was of much more importance. Why was the sum of £16,657 16s. 6d. placed on both sides of the balance-sheet when it appeared as an expenditure in the cash accounts? He saw the auditor, Mr. Hobbs, present, and was quite satisfied he would give an answer. It was placed on both sides of the balance as being a liability and an asset. Next he would ask—were repairs and refurnishing still necessary at Wood Green in view of the approaching removal to Bushey? There was set down in the balance-sheet £300 odd under this head. The providing of the balance-sheet had not, perhaps, been kept in view by the administrative body of this Charity as recommended by the report of the Committee of Investigation 11 years ago, where they referred to the average cost of each of the boys in the Institution. Eleven years ago it was £47 16s. It was now said to be slightly above that sum. But really taking the £16,657, it came to £124 14s. 6d. per boy in this Charitable Institution. Then he would like to move a resolution arising out of that last question—"That the average cost per boy in the School with the gross expenditure be published in the annual accounts." He thought that must commend itself to the brethren as being reasonable as it was recommended 11 years ago by the Committee of Investigation; report signed by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., John Derby Allcroft, Sir Reginald Hanson, Samuel Pope, Q.C., Col. Alfred Thrale Perkins, and Robert Wylie. He did not get an opportunity of having this balance-sheet, so he was compelled to come here to-day to waste the brethren's time. What he thought they should do was to adopt economy. Economy had not been adopted as an outcome of that recommendation. He begged the brethren to understand that he had not made these remarks or asked these questions in any captious spirit; he had previously opposed the expenses incurred on the new buildings; but he should be satisfied if those questions were answered. He would move his resolution.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, seconded. It was one of the things he had contended for in years gone by. He could not see why the brethren should not have such a statement. They ought to know what was the average cost per boy. They were all accountants, and they ought to know what was the cost compared with the money obtained. As to the other questions he did not agree that they ought to be put as no notice of them appeared on the agenda paper. It was one thing to have an oration, and another to keep a question until you got to a Quarterly Court.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said he was very glad so far as he was concerned that all questions should be ventilated that disturbed the mind of Bro. Hawkins, and if he could he would endeavour to satisfy his mind, although it might not be so easy to do so. As to the first question, the hire of the hall and the cost of refreshments, and the particular proportion one bore to the other, he would answer them—there were two elections a year, and the hall cost ten guineas, or five guineas each time. As to the cost of refreshments, there were a large number of Scrutineers; to-day there would be from 40 to 50 of those brethren, scrutinising the votes of the election for boys, and the election of members of the Board of Management. If any of the brethren would go up to the Scrutineers' rooms they

would see that the scrutineers were well entitled to refreshment. Many of the Scrutineers came long distances, and from all parts of the country, and after the scrutiny was over and before they went away, they had a dinner. Thus the £84 was made up. They must have some refreshment during the day, and, therefore, the expense was incurred. If, however, the Court decided the expense was not to be incurred it should not be. (Cries of "No, no.") Then as to travelling expenses, £99 7s. 10d. and £11 8s. 8d. The latter sum was for the head master, the matron, and other officers of the staff, and for boys whose friends were often too poor to pay their holiday fare. The sum of £87 18s. 2d. for the office, he did not think was a large sum—it was a small sum—and it was principally for the Secretary who was travelling all over the country attending Prov. G. Lodges and assisting to get in subscriptions. Those who had seen him at these gatherings and witnessed the work he was doing would appreciate his services. Need he go further? Referring to the other question about the £16,657 16s. 6d. being placed on both sides of the balance sheet and appearing in the cash account, Bro. Hawkins probably did not know the interesting business of an accountant. The Accountant, Bro. Hobbs, was present, and was willing in two or three words to answer the question. The repairs at Wood Green were necessary. The building must be kept in good repair and the sanitation attended to for the sake of the health of the children. The Building Committee looked well after this and saw that wet and cold were kept out. As to the cost per child, the accounts spoke for themselves; but in future, without any resolution being passed, the Board of Management would publish the accounts every year. The cost per year was £50 6s. 8d.; compared with 1888, this showed an increase of £3 16s. 7d. per boy. The increase was due to the additional expense incurred by the larger number of hands required in the Secretary's office consequent upon the increased subscriptions. Take the centenary year and the £140,000 then collected; the labour on that occasion was enormous. He was delighted to find they were increasing the expenses with reference to the income of the Institution. Last year it was larger than usual, and it showed that it was by means not only of advertising, but by the work of the Secretary in sending out to lodges the book of subscribers. He asked the brethren to look at that book for the last year and compare the fatness of that year with the leanness of the book of 1888. Could the printing of that book be done for nothing? The charge of printing that book was enormous. Then there was the printing of the voting papers, more than double what it was a few years ago. He had not the figures. (Cries of "Agreed.") The Board were doing their best to keep the expenses down, but they could say this, that even if the expenses should be slightly increased they challenged any other institution of a similar kind to do more for the money to make the boys strong, healthy and happy and well educated. If the Board could do it cheaper they would. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. HAWKINS said that after that explanation, and on the promise that the accounts should be furnished in future, he would with Bro. Cumberland's assent, withdraw his motion. He would not require to call on Bro. Hobbs.

Bro. W. C. LUTON said he should like to hear Bro. Hobbs.

Bro. W. RUSSELL did not think it quite fair for Bro. Hawkins to raise the question he had raised, and then on the reply of the Chairman to drop them for 12 months.

Bro. HAWKINS said he did so at the absolute request of a member of the Board of Management. If Bro. Russell objected to his withdrawing his motion he was ready to go on with it. He waited for the reply, and the reply cut the ground from under him.

Bro. HOBBS, in reply to loud calls, said with regard to the £16,000 odd, it was put down, as all accountants would put it, as capital outlay. One must have it in the balance sheet and include it in the capital account on the other side or exclude it altogether.

Bro. Hawkins's motion was withdrawn, and the election of 30 boys from an approved list of 42 candidates was proceeded with.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates at the election of the boys:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Myers, Leslie David ...	2906	Moseley, Herbert Henry ...	1915
Logan, Morris Arthur Ransom ...	2801	Sear, Duncombe ...	1892
Downing, Lewis Wilfrid ...	2368	Case, Elliot Dryden ...	1381
Williams, Hugh Cobbett ...	2362	Hartley, Bernard (last) ...	711
Lawson, John Carrington ...	2244	Herapath, Cyril Alexander ...	323
Hall, Charles Frederick Arthur ...	2183	Roberts, Laurance Hume Dawson ...	115

The successful will be found in our advertisement columns.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The usual Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, occupied the chair. Among the members of the House Committee supporting him were Bros. A. C. Spaul, Frank Richardson, Peter de Lande Long, T. H. Gardiner, J. H. Matthews, and E. M. Money.

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES (Secretary) was in attendance, and read the minutes of the January Quarterly Court, which were put to and confirmed by the meeting. He also read for information the minutes of the three monthly meetings of the Committee, the most notable feature of which was the statement that Miss Redgrave had resigned the head mistressship of the School on account of ill-health, and that Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson had been appointed in her place. The resolution to contest the claim of the brother of a deceased testator in Montreal who left large legacies to the three English Masonic Institutions was also communicated through these minutes, the same decision having also been come to by the authorities of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., P.G.W., Treasurer of the Institution, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, Bro. HENRY SMITH stating that the hon. baronet would have been present at this meeting but for an important engagement which he was compelled to attend to.

The Scrutineers of votes for the half-yearly election of children into the School were then chosen, and the election proceeded.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Gray, Minnie Philippa ...	3688	Perry, Ada Emily ...	542
Harding, Honor Gertrude Morle ...	3286	Delahaye, Josephine ...	436
Peace, Rosetta Jessie ...	2103	Gates, Alice May ...	413
Piggott, Maud Elsie ...	2058	Sheedy, Annie Martha ...	203
Collins, Jessie Helen ...	1995	Lerpiniere, Lillian Irene ...	77
Spurgeon, Dorothy Maud ...	1952	Caine, Dorothy ...	13
Osborne, Phyllis Evelyn Kate ...	1091	Hodgkinson, Clarice Lillian ...	12
Webb, Constance Eva Mary ...	981		

The successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

SAILOR GUARD FOR LONDON.—Though London is the capital of a maritime Power the fact is not demonstrated in any tangible form. Several suggestions have now been put forward for remedying the defect. It has been proposed, for instance, that sailors should be stationed at Buckingham Palace alternately with the Guards, and that there should be a gunboat below Waterloo Bridge.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

REMARKABLE APPLICATIONS OF ELECTRICITY.

Although modern scientific investigators have devoted much attention to Electricity we are, probably, as far as ever from knowing what this mysterious power really is. All that has been obtained is a fairly complete knowledge of its ways of working, and with this knowledge has come a rapid extension of its industrial applications, since it has been found to be a natural force, which is pre-eminently adaptable and easily controlled. Great improvements may confidently be looked for in the near future, especially in the cheapness of its production, and there is the possibility of discoveries which may appear to us as wonderful as the telegraph and telephone when these were first introduced. Even now, when electrical engineering may be said to be but in its infancy, electricity is being used in a great variety of minor ways, besides its more prominent uses in telegraphy, telephony, and public and private lighting. As a motor power it is rapidly taking the place of steam for putting in motion machinery of all kinds, though, as yet, steam power has to be used in the first place for its production. The use of electricity for household purposes has hardly got beyond the experimental stage, save in the department of lighting, but enough has been done to show what a transformation may be worked by its aid when it will be possible to have houses heated by it. Then the mere turning on of a switch will suffice, and the current passing through a suitable heater, which may be as ornamental as means and taste permit, or, if desired, entirely concealed, will do the rest, superseding fires, with all their attendant trouble, smoke, and dust. With regard to cooking, there are numerous appliances already devised, and only waiting for the cheapening of the current to be widely taken advantage of. Each cooking utensil, being constructed with the heating coil as part of it, is its own stove, and the whole array of pots and pans need only to have the connection made, and the cooking can go on under the most perfect control. Some of the possible arrangements even appear to put a premium on laziness, for, with the food put in the cooking utensils at night, and the necessary connections made, the turning of a switch in the morning in the bedroom starts the cooking of the breakfast. A New York lady is said to have so contrived matters, that she can before getting out of bed start a fire in the kitchen by turning on the current, and when she comes downstairs find the kettle boiling, and the place comfortably warmed. The heating powers of the electric current are also turned to account, for raising to the desired temperature hand-stamps, curling-irons, branding-irons, and the like, while in large laundries electrically heated irons have been found very economical, as they maintain for hours at a time the exact amount of heat suitable for the work, thus saving the ironers much time and trouble. The electric light lends itself admirably to household decoration. Among other curious displays is a table jelly, illuminated by a light shining through the mass from the centre, and when the dish, at first hidden by a silver cover and a mass of flowers, is suddenly uncovered, the effect is very striking. Edison is said on one occasion to have had on the table an aquarium, in which were gold fish, each of which had in some way been made to swallow a tiny electric lamp, connected with a dynamo by a hair-like wire passing out of its mouth. When the current was turned on the fish presented a strange appearance, their delicate bodies showing all the minute details of their anatomy. The use of very small secondary batteries provides means for startling effects in personal decoration, by lighting up jewels and flowers, as has been largely done on the stage; and even walking sticks have been furnished with small incandescent lamps. Medical science has called electricity to its assistance in many ways. Various surgical instruments are heated by it, and the use of very small incandescent lamps, which give out practically no heat, permits more extended examination of internal parts, than is possible in any other way. The use of the microphone has revealed sounds in the heart, lungs, and other organs, which have hitherto escaped the most sensitive ear, using the ordinary instruments. In Russia, a lady was saved from premature burial, by means of a microphone placed over her heart, which enabled a medical man to detect a faint beat, which had escaped the ordinary tests.

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OUR EARLY ENGLISH ARCHITECTURE.

The Saxon style begins to be defined by flat and round arches, by some undulating zigzags on certain old fabrics, and by a few other characteristics, all evidences of barbarous and ignorant times. Not that the round arch is a proof of ignorance, but being so natural it is simply, when unaccompanied by any graceful ornament, a mark of a rude age—if attended by misshapen and heavy decorations, a certain mark of it. It is allowed by those who have investigated the history of architecture among the Saxons, that very few churches of that early date are now seen above ground, and that crypts and door cases supply the most authentic evidence. These in many most curious instances are sufficiently known to the architectural antiquary. Who that has examined the workmanship of capitals, door cases, bas reliefs, and soffits of arches, or the carvings of fonts, all of which have a confirmed reference to the Saxon era, will hastily condemn them as "heavy or misshapen ornaments." Malmesbury, to cite no other instance, will vindicate such specimens from that censure in particular. Several of the ornaments of the door-cases resemble those we see adopted in the Roman mosaic, and the finishing, so far from being coarse, approaches to delicacy. The leading marks of distinction between the Saxon and the Anglo-Norman style, immediately consequent upon it, does not depend upon the arches, for in both they are circular. The arcades of St. Frideswyde (now Oxford Cathedral), and of Waltham Abbey, are exclusively Saxon according to the learned Mr. King, whose authority was highly valued. But a chief peculiarity (continued certainly by the Normans) was the carvings on the soffits of the arches and the placing a bas-relief of our

Saviour, generally as sitting, in the round head of the door-case so as to leave the door itself of an oblong shape. The Anglo-Norman period may be comprised between the reigns of Edward the Confessor and that of Henry I., when several of the cathedrals were first rebuilt, with greatly increased dimensions and simpler ornaments in the moulding. The pointed arch, peculiar to Gothic architecture, was certainly intended as an improvement on the circular, and the men who had not the happiness of lighting on the simplicity and proportion of the Greek orders, were, however, so lucky as to strike out a thousand graces and effects, which rendered their buildings magnificent, vast yet light, venerable and picturesque. It is difficult for the noblest Grecian temple to convey half so many impressions to the mind as a cathedral does of the best Gothic taste—a proof of skill in the architects and of address in the priests who erected them. One must have taste to be sensible of the beauties of Grecian architecture; one only wants passions to feel Gothic. In St. Peter's one is convinced that it was built by great princes—in Westminster Abbey one thinks not of the builder, the religion of the place makes the first impression. Gothic churches infuse superstition—Grecian admiration. The papal see amassed its wealth by Gothic cathedrals, and displays it in Grecian temples.

(To be continued.)

LYRIC THEATRE.

Those who remember the perfect ensemble obtained in the first play without words seen in London for many years, "L'Enfant Prodigue," the complete sympathy of expression and gesture between the pantomimists and the composer, must, we think, be ready to acknowledge that "A Clown's Christmas," which has been produced at a matinée at the Lyric Theatre, is not of the same merit, either as regards the dramatic capabilities of the story, the capacity of the company concerned, or the intimate appropriateness of the music. It is not, however, lacking in some of the essentials that make for success, and the pantomime of Signor Egidio Rossi alone marks the latest production as one of some note. The story, arranged by M. Fernand Beissier, is a pretty and simple one, although we are inclined to the belief that the original French version, if less acceptable to an English audience, contained certain elements which made it far more convincing, as a mere matter of stage representation. We are introduced to a retired and lame clown, who, on the eve of Christmas, is saddened by the thoughts of past activity and triumphs, and who, hanging out his stocking, half in jest, regards the little girl waif who comes to his door, as a gift from Santa Claus. Time passes, and the ragged child has developed into Francetta, a celebrated dancer, who is loved by the clown as his own child. But she, in turn, has fallen in love with a young musician, and the guardian, with the jealousy of a parent's affection, drives the lovers into the street. It is Christmas Eve again, five years later, and those who, according to the English version, have committed no other fault than that of falling in love, return as man and wife. They manage to place their child before the old fellow, so that he shall see her on awaking. Her image is that of the infant he adopted in the days gone by; his heart is softened, and forgiveness is offered to the couple, who seem to have done nothing more wicked than loving and marrying. As already remarked, Signor Rossi gives a pantomimic rendering of the character of the clown, which is in all points excellent; and the part of the little child is presented by Petite Marcelle, which is indeed charming, while Mlle. Lucia Carmani is equally successful as a retired Columbine, who acts as housekeeper to the clown. Mme. Zanfretta, however, somewhat fails to suggest the Fanette of the author's fancy, and the lover of Signor Pome is by no means a notable effort. The music of Signor V. Monti is tuneful, it is true, but at the same time wondrously reminiscent; the score lacks individuality, and the orchestration is more over decidedly thin. However, it should be added that "A Clown's Christmas" was received with the utmost favour, and that all concerned were the recipients of cordial approval.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Crystal Palace authorities have become tired of providing free daily orchestral concerts without receiving public appreciation, and have wisely decided to discontinue them. Considering that the music was always of the highest class, and rendered by a band costing about £8000 a year to maintain, and that no charge was made for seats, it is surprising that such scanty patronage has been accorded to the entertainment.

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An interesting person has just died in Mr. William Wearner, head of the famous firm of bell-founders, who, some 35 years ago, cast "Big Ben" for the clock in the tower in the House of Commons. Many living scientific and musical men remember being present at an inspection of the bell before it was hung. The late Dr. Gauntlett was also there, and he declared there was a defect, and that the bell would crack when hung. No one took much notice of his remarks at the time, but, sure enough, in a few days after the bell was hung it had cracked, and a further sum of £750 was thereby entailed on the original contract of £3300.

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We are delighted to note that charming Miss Decima Moore is back at her old home—the Savoy Theatre. The rôle of Scint of Lillies in "The Rose of Persia," which she is now filling, ought to suit her dainty singing and acting to perfection.

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On 19th May the Ochestral Association, of which Sir Arthur Sullivan is president, will give a War concert, and Madame Melba has generously agreed to sing. Most of the best players in our concert and theatre bands belong to the association, which, although not exactly a trade union, is able to exercise a powerful influence in cases of hardship, to which individuals might otherwise have to submit.



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At a QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 20th day of April, 1900, V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, Trustee and Patron of the Institution, in the Chair, a ballot took place for the Election of 30 Boys from an approved list of 42 Candidates, the following being declared

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll.		Votes.
1	Tucker, C. E. ...	5498
2	Bannister, N. C. ...	5441
3	Harvey, H. E. ...	5340
4	Leech, V. O. ...	4907
5	Carswell, M. S. ...	4944
6	Odum, S. J. ...	4914
7	Coulson, H. S. ...	4811
8	Dayson, R. ...	4761
9	Hillyard, E. P. ...	4610
10	Wade, F. ...	4514
11	Palk, C. E. ...	4454
12	Nutting, W. K. ...	4438
13	Spalding, F. H. ...	4413
14	Hollands, F. B. W. ...	4390
15	Tofts, K. R. J. ...	4334
16	Stafford, H. ...	4302
17	Skrimshire, H. E. ...	4276
18	Gray, A. F. ...	4265
19	Jones, E. S. ...	4175
20	Chesterfield, O. ...	4084
21	Payne, L. G. ...	4883
22	Buften, L. H. ...	4062
23	Long, F. M. ...	4046
24	Ashdown, C. H. ...	3951
25	Sherman, H. M. ...	3904
26	Swinchatt, R. N. ...	3830
27	Fryer, A. E. ...	3812
28	Shipman, C. ...	3800
29	Tattersall, F. E. ...	3736
30	Dingley, A. ...	3077

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the office.

J. MORRISON MCLEOD, Secretary.

The FOUNDATION STONE OF THE BUSHEY (NEW) SCHOOLS will be laid by H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, K.G., &c., M.W. Past G.M., on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. the Grand Master, on SATURDAY, 12th MAY next.

Special Railway arrangements for Visitors from the North of England and other stations on the L. & N.W. Railway system have been made for parties to travel at reduced fares to Bushey (Herts) Station.

The Band of the Royal Artillery has been engaged for the day.

Tickets, price One Guinea, for covered seats to view the ceremony and for luncheon afterwards, and full information may be had on early application to the Secretary of the Institution at above address.

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At a GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on SATURDAY, APRIL 21st, 1900, Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., P.D. Prov. G.M. W. Yorks, P. Treas., and Patron, in the chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of 17 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 32 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	9	Hall, Daisy Louise ...	5328
2	20	Heward, Violet Collingwood ...	5134
3	3	Wright, Eleanor Elizabeth (last) ...	4962
4	7	Brooks, Edith Arbery (last) ...	4916
5	23	Bleakley, Ethel ...	4838
6	1	Kay, Margery Mellin (last) ...	4835
7	16	Willmott, Eveline Dorothea (last) ...	4691
8	10	Thomas, Mary Louise ...	4512
9	25	Bosher, Doris Gertrude ...	4449
10	30	Felton, Maud Irene ...	4288
11	4	Green, Elsie Beatrice ...	4285
12	24	Shierson, Winifred ...	4250
13	12	Liddall, Flora Ethel (last) ...	4123
14	8	Potter, Amelia Mabel ...	3796
15	26	Hudson, Gwendoline ...	3790
16	32	Fletcher, Alma Constance Isabel ...	3787
17	15	Curtis, Dorothy ...	3695

The number of votes recorded to unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

VOTES are earnestly asked for the case of MRS. JACOBS, whose husband was a Subscribing Member of his Lodge for 32 years. She is now incapacitated by rheumatism, and dependent on a temporary grant of £24 a year from the Union Lodge, No. 247.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1900.

Masonic Notes.

The Queen, who has always taken the warmest interest in Freemasonry and is, as our readers are aware, the Patron of our Masonic Institutions in this country, paid a signal honour to the Irish Craft on Tuesday by visiting the Masonic Female Orphan School, Ball's Bridge, Dublin. Her Majesty was received by Bros. Sir James Creed Meredith, Dep. G. Master; Lord Justice Fitz Gibbon, and Oliver Fry, of the Committee of the School, the Bishops of Down

and Limerick, and Archdeacon Greeves, who with the Matron (Miss Grant) and the Head Governess (Miss E. L. Jones) were presented to her Majesty by Colonel the Hon. W. Carington, the Equerry in attendance. A beautiful bouquet having been presented by one of the girls—Miss E. Flood—the Dep. Grand Master thanked her Majesty for the honour done to the Institution, and then the Queen having made sundry inquiries as to the number of children in the School, took her departure amid the hearty cheers of the 104 girls and also of the 86 pupils from the Masonic Boys' School, who lined the approach from the entrance gate.

United Grand Lodge held its Grand Festival, in accordance with a custom of very many years' standing, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, being the Wednesday following next after St. George's Day (23rd April), nor, save in one respect, was there any departure from the usual course of proceeding. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed, and invested with the insignia of their rank, and, from the applause with which they were greeted as they advanced to the dais for investiture, we may reasonably assume that the appointments were hailed with general satisfaction. Doubtless every member present, who was not already a G. Officer, or of the company of the newly-decorated, was fully persuaded that the appointments would have been more complete, and certainly more resplendent and more strictly representative of the general body of Craftsmen, had he been included in the latter company. But this is very natural, and furnishes after all the strongest testimony to the merits of the brethren who have just been honoured with the purple of Grand Lodge.

On this occasion also his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master by way of commemorating the completion of a quarter of a century of his tenure of office, appointed 25 brethren of distinction to the brevet rank of Past Grand Officers. The full list of these will be found in our report of the proceedings, but among them will be found the names of Bro. Sir F. R. Wingate, K.C.B., &c., Sirdar of the Egyptian Army and Governor General of the Soudan, who not long ago gave the *coup de grace* to Mahdism by finishing off the Mahdi; and Bro. Lieut.-General Sir L. Rundle, K.C.B., &c., who almost at the very moment of his appointment was conducting important operations against the Boer positions around Wepener, in the South East of the Orange Free State. The announcement of their names was received with the heartiest applause from all parts of the Hall. A full record of their services will appear next week.

The one particular in which the proceedings differed from those of an ordinary Grand Festival was in the proposal and adoption of a resolution congratulating his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, on his providential escape from the hands of an assassin. It is probable that had there been no Grand Festival imminent, when the news arrived of the attempted outrage on the life of our Grand Master and its failure, there would have been a special meeting of Grand Lodge for the purpose of passing such a resolution. But the stated meeting for the purposes of the Festival rendered this unnecessary, and the resolution was passed amid acclamations, again and again renewed. The terms of the Resolution itself will be found in our report of Grand Lodge.

The regular Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., when the Grand Principals will be installed and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year appointed and invested. There will also be considered the recommendation of the General Committee that the application for recognition by the Grand Chapter be acceded to—the Grand Lodge of New Zealand having already been recognised by the Grand Lodge of England—Supreme Grand Chapter undertaking not to issue Warrants for any new Chapters in the Colony "other than for chapters to be attached to lodges remaining under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England." The Committee also recommend that Warrants be granted for three new chapters, of which one will be attached to the Cavendish Lodge, No. 2620, and meet in London; one to be called the Fort Dufferin Chapter, and attached to the Mandalay Lodge, Mandalay, in the District of Burma; and the third to be called the Cleveland Chapter, and attached to the Cleveland Lodge, No. 2503, Townsville, in the District of Queensland.

It was with very sincere regret that just as we had gone to press with our last week's number the news reached us of the death of the Earl of Lonsborough, who, 40 years ago, was appointed S.G. Warden of United Grand Lodge, and who during the whole of his Masonic career had exhibited the greatest interest in Freemasonry, more especially in the Province of North and East Yorkshire. Among the latest of his lordship's acts was to send a wreath to decorate the tomb of George Washington at the commemoration of the Centenary of the great American's death. Particulars were published at the time in our columns, and so also were those of the interchanges of courtesy which passed between our Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley, and the lodge at Beverley, Massachusetts, U.S.A. A brief sketch of his career will be found in another column. We tender our most respectful sympathy to the Countess of Lonsborough and his eldest son, Viscount Ra incliffe, who succeeds to the earldom, and has for some few years been a member of our Society.

The voting papers for the approaching elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were issued towards the close of last week, but owing to the heavy demands upon our space we defer our usual article on the list of candidates till next week. However, if we cannot give attention to the number and distribution of the Men and Widow applicants, whose chances of becoming annuitants will be settled, at least for a twelvemonth, on Friday, the 18th prox., there is, accompanying the papers, a statement of account for the year 1899, which may be examined with pleasure and profit.

Including a balance of £2041 from the year 1898, the receipts of the Male Fund for 1899 reached the splendid total of £22,357, while the expenditure, including the purchase of a considerable amount of stock, was £19,988, the balance remaining in hand to be carried forward to the current year's account being £2369. The principal items of receipt were the Donations and Subscriptions amounting to £10,991; the Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £900; Dividends, £1124; and the sum paid for a Perpetual Presentation—at the old rate—£1260. The expenditure for annuities, management, and maintenance of Asylum was £9728, of which £8018 was absorbed in annuities, while the other principal items were Postages (£183), Printing, &c. (£277), Collector's Commission (£213), Salaries (£594), Work done at Asylum (£100). In addition £8760 was spent in the Purchase of Stock and £1500 was placed at call.

As regards the Widows' Fund, the receipts, including a balance of £1121 from the 1898 account, amounted to £16,611, and the expenditure to £15,182, the balance remaining to be carried forward to the 1900 account being £1429. The receipts included Donations and Subscriptions to the extent of £10,306; Dividends, £2012; Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £850. The expenditure for Annuities, Management, and Maintenance of Asylum, was £9932, of which Annuities alone absorbed £8171; while the other principal items were the same in amount as for the Male Fund, with the exception of the Collector's Commission, which was £204 instead of £213. For this Fund there was also placed at call £1500, while the sum devoted to the purchase of Stock was £3750. The Sustentation of Building Fund is too small to be noticed but the balance of £67 to be carried forward to this year is on the right side. Taking the two principal Funds together, the principal features to be noted are that the sum received in Donations and Subscriptions was close on £21,300; that within a fraction of £16,190 was spent in Annuities and £12,510 in the Purchase of Stock, while £3000 was placed at call.

It remains for us to add that the Permanent Income of the Institution amounts to £5855, of which £1600, in equal moieties of £800 to each of the Annuity Funds is granted by Grand Lodge, and £150—£100 to the Male and £50 to the Widows' Fund—by Grand Chapter. The balance is in the shape of Dividends, of which £2066 is received by the Male Fund; £2012 by the Widows' Fund; and £27 by the Sustentation of Building Fund. We congratulate the Committee of Management on their ability to place so favourable an account of the financial position of the Institution before the Governors and Subscribers. The mere fact of their having been able to purchase Stock to the value of over £12,500 is about the strongest testimony that could be forthcoming to the merits of their administration.

A stated meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 4th prox., when, in the course of the proceedings, a paper on the "Relics of the Grand Lodge at York" will be read by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., the W.M., than whom no one is better qualified to give a full and faithful account of the Relics, or more likely to place his information before the lodge in an attractive form. The brethren will afterwards dine together in the Gordon Room of the Holborn Restaurant.

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 BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly insert the following gratifying letter received from Bro. Whatcoat in the hope that it may inspire some other brethren to follow so excellent an example.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES TERRY,
Secretary.

4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
26th April.

[COPY.]

Poole, Dorset.
18th April, 1900.

My dear Bro. Terry,

Do me the favour of accepting the enclosed cheque £210 as a further donation to the funds of your Institution, with which I have the honour of connection in the double capacity of Trustee and Member of the House Committee.

This I give as a thank offering for the providential escape of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, and in the hope that it may help to alleviate the hard lot of those 60 poor souls who have no chance at the approaching election.

I am, Dear Bro. Terry,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
J. H. WHADCOAT.

James Terry, Esq.,
Sec. R.M.B. Inst.

MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNISED IN THE REPUBLIC OF LETTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Last year attention was directed in your columns to the spectacle—alas! the unwonted spectacle—of the work of a Masonic student receiving well-weighed commendation from the most competent tribunal that England can produce in the department of Philology. The independent investigations of Bro. G. W. Speth, F.R. Hist. S., into the original force of the word Free in the compound Freemason have won for themselves a permanent place in the great Oxford English Dictionary, the glory of the Clarendon Press.

For the second time, a similar triumph has been achieved by the same Masonic student. That eminent writer, Mr. Grant Allen, B.A., whose untimely decease has so recently been equally deplored by Literature and Science, had occasion, in the course of his exhaustive Enquiry into the Origins of Religions, to invest the curious and almost world-wide custom of immuring living victims in the walls of cities and public edifices. It is to be presumed that all reading Freemasons know that this subject is one which Bro. G. W. Speth has made peculiarly his own. And it will surely be a source of unalloyed gratification to them to find Bro. G. W. Speth's work appreciated by so competent and unbiassed an authority as the late Grant Allen.

Here are Mr. Grant Allen's own words at the close of his elaborate review of the origin and survivals of the custom:

But since this chapter was written, all other treatises on the subject have been superseded by Mr. Speth's exhaustive and scholarly pamphlet on "Builder's Rites and Ceremonies," a few examples from which I have intercalated in my argument.

(The Evolution of the Idea of God: an Inquiry into the Origins of Religions: by Grant Allen, London. Chapter xii, p. 254).

Nor is this the only passage in which Mr. Grant Allen bears testimony to the value of Bro. G. W. Speth's labours in a field which belongs, as he himself says, "no less to the Psychologist and the Sociologist than to the historical student." Later on in his book, when summing up the methods of such sacrifices as spring from primitive animism, Mr. Grant Allen singles out by name (p. 271) Dr. Tylor and Mr. Speth as the authorities on foundation sacrifices. To be thus bracketed with a scholar who has claims to be regarded as the foremost living exponent of Anthropology is praise indeed.

We must all feel a glow of conscious pride that the labours of the Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge have again made their mark in the world of scholarship.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY.

Trinity College, Dublin,
April 12th.

RECEIPTS FOR FEES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will some of your readers kindly tell me what is the custom in the Craft among Treasurers as to affixing the Inland Revenue stamps, value one penny, in giving receipts to brethren and to candidates for Freemasonry when the amount is over £2?

Thanking them and you in anticipation,—Yours fraternally,
PYRO,
(newly-elected Treasurer).

THE GRAND LODGE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your valued correspondent, Wor. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, was evidently not conversant with recent Masonic history of Western Australia when he penned his remarks, which appeared in your issue of February 24th. Had he been so he would not have urged the claims of our Scottish brethren with such fervour.

That we brethren of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia desired a United Grand Lodge for the Province goes without saying. In furtherance of that end—a United Grand Lodge—brethren of the sister Constitutions were, in the circular which was issued by the District Board of General Purposes on the 15th December, 1898, respectfully invited to co-operate in the establishment of a Sovereign Grand Lodge. To that invitation there was, I regret to say, no general response on the part of the rulers of the S.C. in the colony, though their R.W. D.G.M. on many occasions stated that he personally was in entire accord with the movement. The hope was, however, entertained that our Scottish brethren would unite with us and the final steps in erecting the Grand Lodge of Western Australia were not taken until the 11th October of last year.

It is not necessary to comment upon the reasons which have been advanced by the District Grand Lodge, S.C., for holding aloof from this movement which has the best interests of our beloved Craft at heart. Suffice it to say that the influences which stayed them were no doubt local, for we can hardly believe that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would have withheld its sanction to our brethren to unite with us.

In conclusion, Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, M.W.G. Master of Western Australia, voiced the feelings of his brethren when he said:—"That we must deeply regret not having been able to be united with the District Grand Lodge of Scotland and the lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in this territory, in the movement of forming the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Western Australia; unfortunately our esteemed and loving brethren of the sister Constitutions were precluded by their loyalty to their own laws and regulations from joining hands with us. But he could assure the brethren present that they had the best wishes of the R.W.D.G.M. of the S.C., Bro. G. E. Rowe, for the success of the important advance they were about to make. He would be visiting Great Britain early in the new year, and he knew he would bear their unwritten mandate to do all that was in his power and influence to weld ourselves and our brethren of the S.C. and I.C. into a lasting union."

Hoping I have convinced our W. Bro. that the members of the Grand Lodge of W.A. have striven for a united Grand Lodge, and thanking you in anticipation.—Yours fraternally,

W. WALLWORTH KNIGHT,
S.W., Lodge-Australia, W.A.C.

Albany, W.A., 24th March.

Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT. Portsmouth: Holbrook and Son, Limited, Queen-street. 1900—01."—This comprehensive and well-arranged annual is edited by Commander H. G. Giles, R.N., and Bro. Geo. F. Lancaster. It is but fair to add that these two zealous Craftsmen may be congratulated as being the literary heads of one of the largest and most complete publications of the kind issued in this country. There are 48 lodges in the united province, 269 initiates, &c., having been admitted during the year 1899, and there were 3963 on the roll on December 31st, being an increase of 67 as compared with 1898. The Royal Arch chapters number 26, which return 1037 companions, being 110 more than in the previous year. There are 13 Mark lodges, with 365 members, exhibiting an increase of five. These figures, especially as to Royal Arch Masonry, are of a most encouraging character. Particulars are also afforded of the other Degrees worked in the Province, and the information supplied as to all the lodges, chapters, and other Bodies is most minute as to detail, and suggestive of considerable labour in obtaining and arranging such a mass of figures and returns of one kind and another. There are some special features in this accurate annual, and an excellent summary of contents adds much to its usefulness for reference. Though the Charities are duly represented in relation to the Province, there are no particulars as to the voting power for each Institution, which considering that else the information is so varied, seems a pity, and should be remedied, though it will entail still more labour for the Editors. The Calendar is certainly unrivalled in this country.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1900. Compiled by Bro. R. P. Sumner, Gloucester. Printed by John Bellows, 1900."—Bro. Sumner has done well as the Editor of this beautifully printed Annual, and the Province may well be congratulated on the issue of such a typographical and literary Masonic souvenir. As the famous "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076, London, has selected the County of Gloucester for its outing in July the abundant particulars afforded as to the lodges, chapters, &c., in the province will be welcomed this year by a larger circle of readers than usual. In this compact and well-regulated province, over which the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. (the Prov. G.M.) presides, there are 17 lodges with 808 members to January 1st, 1900, being the largest returns yet made. Ten years ago the total membership was 200 less. The votes for the Central Masonic Charities in 1890 did not exceed 600, whereas now they are 6089! The comparative statement of votes and membership is a well-arranged and most suggestive Table. The D. Prov. G.M. is Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.G.D., and the Prov. G. Sec. is Bro. J. R. Winterbotham, P.G.D., of Cranley Lodge, Cheltenham. Of the lodges, the Foundation is the senior, dating from 1753, and has a special centenary jewel warrant. The senior P.M. is the well-known clergyman, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. of England. The second oldest lodge is the Loyal Union, No. 246, of A.D. 1813 ("Ancient"), and the third is Faith and Friendship, No. 270, Berkeley. The history of No. 246 has been written and published in an able and sumptuous manner by Bro. George Morgan, P.M., who is Mayor of Cheltenham for the present year. The Directory is a most creditable production.

NEW LODGE AT TORQUAY.

The lodge of "The Three Pillars," No. 2806, Cockington, Torquay, is to be constituted on May 8th by the acting Prov. G.M., Bro. Major Davie, D.L., J.P., &c., D. Prov. G.M., assisted by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. of England (who has kindly promised to deliver the oration), Bro. John Stocker, Prov. G. Sec., and other distinguished brethren. The first W.M. is Bro. the Rev. James Henning, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., the two Wardens being Bros. W. Pierpoint Roberts, P.M., &c., and the Rev. W. E. Windle, P.M., &c. Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, P.M. 328, P.P.G. Org. Devon, has worked hard and well to arrange matters satisfactorily, and to him the credit is mainly due for the excellent start the lodge is expected to make. A special medal is to be struck, as a coin, in commemoration of the event, the design and production being entrusted to Bros. G. Kenning and Son, who also supply the furniture and other accessories for the lodge. The number of members is to be limited to 40, and five honorary members.

NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS AND FREE-MASONRY.

MASONIC REUNION IN YORK.

One of the most, if not the most, representative gatherings of Freemasons ever held in the provinces took place in York on the 19th instant. When it was known that many members of the National Union of Teachers, holding its annual Conference in York, were also members of the Craft, Bro. J. A. Askew, W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236, which holds its meetings in Duncombe-place, summoned an emergency lodge, and invited the Masonic brethren of the N.U.T. to attend and inspect the valuable documents and relics which are in the possession of the lodge. In response to his invitation 95 brethren attended, representing over 90 lodges in all parts of the United Kingdom.

Universal tradition, which is supported by the evidence of the ancient Constitutions, declares York to be the birthplace—or at least the primitive seat—of

Masonic government in England in later times. The documents and relics, which were displayed upon a table in the lodge room, are of the most valuable description, and were described by Bros. Potter Kirby, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; T. B. Whytehead, W.M. Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, P.G.S.B. Eng.; and A. Procter, P.M. They were inspected with great interest by the visiting brethren. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. J. A. Askew, W.M.; Laughton, I.P.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Larg, acting S.D.; Rayner, J.D.; J. H. Wray, D. of C.; Hirst, Org.; T. C. Thompson, Sec.; Rymer, P.P.G.R. (Lord Mayor of York); Councillor A. Jones, P.P.G. Treas. (Sheriff of York); Alderman Border, P.P.G.D.; Alderman Purnell, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Foster, P.P.G.D.C., and others.

The W.M. said that when he became aware that the brethren attending the conference in the city would appreciate an opportunity of visiting that lodge, he felt how appropriate it would be for the members of the Craft to recognise the presence of their brother Masons, who wield the speculative chisel, and he gladly arranged that special meeting, to which he offered them a hearty Masonic welcome. (Applause.) In holding their annual conference at York the National Union of Teachers had come to one of the most ancient seats of learning in the country, for the records of the Royal School of Saint Peter had been traced back to the days of Alcuin by the late distinguished antiquary the Rev. Chancellor Raine. (Applause.) So, as Freemasons, they stood in that old city on classic ground, where the legend and tradition of the Craft carried them back to the seventh century, when it was said that Edwin, the first Christian King of Northumbria, who resided at Aldby, about six miles away from the city, laid the foundation of a stone church, and sat as its Grand Master. Then the ancient copies of the old constitutions, which were doubtless themselves copies of still older documents, all referred to the general assembly of Masons convened in York by King Athelstan in 926, who was undoubtedly a patron of the Craft. Those were incidents which cannot be said to be more than legends, though doubtless they have some substratum of fact and some modicum of truth. They came, however, in the fourteenth century to credible history, as recorded in the fabric rolls of York Minster, from which they found that a society of Freemasons was working on that building under the Chapter in 1370, and that one of the bells was called "the mason's bell." It was also a tradition that their meetings were held in the ancient crypt, an engraving of which they placed at the head of all their lodge summonses, and it was recorded in one of the old minute books that a Royal Arch Chapter was held there on Sunday, the 27th May, 1778, which would doubtless be held with a view of sustaining the ancient tradition. (Applause.) The annual assembly of the fraternity continued to be held exclusively in York until the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The title equivalent to that of Grand Master was universally accorded to the body of Masons in that city, and the name of an ancient York Mason was considered highly honourable, and precedence was conceded to it by both the Sister Countries as being of greater antiquity than the Kilwinning Masons of Scotland, and the Carrickfergus lodges of Ireland. It was then that the transition from Operative Masonry to Speculative Masonry began by the enrolment and initiation of noblemen and gentlemen as speculative participants in the moral and benevolent usages of the Order. Their first known record was a minute book commencing in 1705, when the members included many of the leading gentlemen of the county, pointing to the speculative character of the Craft for some time previously. In 1717, the four old London lodges formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, and thus stimulated, the old lodge at York, in 1725, assumed the title and functions of Grand Lodge of All England, and continued as such till 1792, when it ceased to exist. Two lodges were warranted by the London Grand Lodge in York prior to that one, namely, the lodge at the Punch Bowl, in 1761, which worked for three years only, and the Apollo Lodge in 1773, which ceased to exist in 1813. In 1777 that lodge was warranted by the London Grand Lodge as the Union No. 504, and it had had a continuous and prosperous career to the present day, being now the York Lodge, No. 236. (Applause.) It had generally been considered the lineal representative of the Grand Lodge of All England and of the ancient York Masonry, and as such it succeeded to the possession of the valuable documents and relics of the old Grand Lodge, which were there for their inspection that evening. Amongst the most interesting were the old banner which stood on his right, the obligation pedestal, and the columns carrying the three lesser lights, which all formed part of the furniture of the old Grand Lodge. Such in the brief outline was a sketch of the connection between the Craft and that ancient city, and those who may have felt interested would find the subject fully treated in the works of Gould and Hughan. In conclusion, he would only express the hope that their visit that evening would not be the least interesting of the events of their sojourn in that city.

Bro. HAMILTON, P.M. 1446, thanked the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge for giving them the opportunity of meeting together and showing the fraternal feeling existing among brethren wherever they went. He said that wherever the Conference had been held those Masonic meetings had taken place, and he was very anxious that it should not drop through this year, especially in the venerable city of York, and they were deeply indebted to the W.M. of that lodge and the officers for the invitation they had extended to them. It was one of the pleasures of the week and one that they had looked forward to and one that they would bear in mind when they returned to their particular banners. He explained that there were brethren present from Devonshire to Northumberland, from Yarmouth to Bangor, and many of the places between.

Bro. THOMPSON read a letter from the Dean of York, P.G. Chap. Eng. regretting his inability to be present.

After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room where light refreshments were served, under the presidency of the W.M.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was right loyally honoured.

Bro. POTTER-KIRBY proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Officers Present and Past of the Grand Lodge."

It was resolved to send a letter to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales congratulating him on his escape from assassination.

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD replied to the toast, and gave an intensely interesting sketch of the history of Freemasonry in York. He said that they stood on classic ground, for York was regarded by many as the Mecca of Freemasonry.

Bro. A. PROCTER proposed "The Health of the P.G.M., the Marquis of Zetland; D.P.G.M., Lord Bolton; and Officers Present and Past of Provincial Grand Lodge, North and East Ridings, Yorkshire."

The Sheriff of YORK replied, and alluded to the collection that had been made that day in the cause of Charity by the N.U.T., and said that what they were doing was also being done by that Province. (Applause.) He claimed that Freemasonry had a share in fostering the patriotic feeling of the country, for Masonry upheld the true spirit of national sentiment which had made England what it had been in the past and which was now instrumental in maintaining the bond of union between England and her Colonies.

Bro. PRESTON COBB, P.G.S., also replied.

Bro. LAUGHTON gave "The Health of the W.M.," who briefly replied.

Bro. the LORD MAYOR proposed the toast of "The Visitors." He said that he was not aware that so many of the N.U.T. belonged to the Craft, but he congratulated them on becoming Freemasons. Whatever they had seen, heard, or done in York he did not think that they would regret from a Masonic point of view that they had visited the city. They in York were proud of their various antiquities, and when they came there he did not for a moment hesitate to say that from a Masonic point of view, they stood as it were on holy ground. He regretted that at the time during which Grand Lodge was held in the city, there seemed to have been no spirit of veneration for ancient documents and landmarks and but little regard, so far as can be judged, for the stricter tenets of the Craft, as now practised. He spoke of the fact that some years ago there was a resolution moved in the York Council Chamber to pull down the city walls, and it was only lost by a small majority. The argument used by those who wanted to pull down the walls was that they interfered with the circulation of fresh air (Laughter.) They were hard up for a reason. He mentioned that to show the want of care and respect that then existed for the things which they now prized most highly. There was not a man to-day who would dare stand up in the Council Chamber and propose to do away with the antiquities of the city. He would be scouted from the city if he did. He wished those sentiments prevailed when Grand Lodge existed in the city. He spoke of the respect and veneration with which York Masons were held in America, and in conclusion gave the visitors a most hearty welcome to the city.

Bros. HAMILTON, A. GARDNER, and J. W. HIGHCLIFFE responded.

Several excellent songs were sung between the speeches.

Craft Masonry.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. Robinson, P.G.S., P.P.G.R. Surrey, P.M. 789, &c., W.M.; Slade, G.S., S.W.; W. Ford, G.S. nominate, J.W.; J. T. Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Dr. Jackman, S.D.; Jacques, I.G.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; Barrett, Stwd.; H. Debenham, P.G.S., I.P.M.; H. Slade, P.M.; and H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Rodger was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Gordon passed to the Second Degree. The ball was taken on behalf of Mr. Nathaniel Gould, and it being unanimous, he was duly initiated by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved that the annual summer dinner should be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. A notice of motion was given to vote a sum of money to the South African Masonic Relief Fund. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Slade, G.S., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was submitted by the I.P.M., who spoke in deservedly high terms of the W.M.'s working that evening. He said that the W.M. had had the three ceremonies to perform, and had discharged the duties exceedingly well.

The W.M. having briefly replied, gave "The Initiate." In giving this toast the W.M. said that he was gratified that evening in being able to introduce to the ranks of the Peace and Harmony Lodge a distinguished man of letters. He felt confident that Bro. Nathaniel Gould would in due time become a valuable working member of the lodge.

The initiate having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the toast of "The Past Masters" followed. In submitting this important pledge, the W.M. specially alluded to the prosperous two years tenure of office of Bro. Debenham, I.P.M. He had not only done well in the lodge, but his geniality and liberality at the social amenities had not been surpassed by any of his distinguished predecessors.

Bro. Debenham having responded, the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Chancellor, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; and Ford, J.W.; terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a most pleasant and enjoyable nature.

John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.

PRESENTATIONS TO BRO. CAPT. JOHN BARLOW, J.P., I.P.M.

The installation festival and 31st anniversary of this well-known and distinguished lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Captain John Barlow, J.P., W.M.; E. I. Pearce, S.W., W.M. elect; J. J. Cornell, J.W.; J. B. Sirell, P.M., Treasurer; J. R. Repp, P.M., Secretary; J. H. Haine, S.D.; Charles Varley, J.D.; Walter Evans, I.G.; E. G. Packman, P.M., D.C.; F. Dangerfield, P.M.; G. I. Salmon, P.M.; H. Evans, P.M.; F. Varley, P.M.; B. Hooker, I.P.M.; W. A. May, L. B. Somerville, J. M. McLarty, Arthur Hatch, Evan Lloyd, E. A. R. Adams, G. Collings, H. R. Blackburn, J. Lethbridge, H. A. Cunis, F. French, G. S. Evans, N. F. Merriman, G. Gally, J. H. Rowse, C. Hefford, W. Clement, J. R. Smythe, G. Pitt Smith, J. R. Cox, and A. R. Harrison. Visitors: Bros. Percy Hall, P.M. 2095, P.P.G.R. Surrey; Mrs. Johnson, 1716; J. Alford Clarke, T. D. C. Leveritt, 1139; George Nightingale, P.M. 193; Alfred Bennett, 44, P.P.S.G.D. East Lancs.; J. W. Burgess, 1325, P.P.G.D. West Lancs.; George Pearce, 766; Arthur Willis, 15; J. W. Moorman, P.P.A.G.D. Surrey; Alfred Jones, P.M. 1949; H. Johnson, 1298; Lewes Ferguson, P.M. 1997; D. Bidmead, 1566; Richard Poore, P.M. 1949; Geo. Dean, 1539; E. G. Cormack, P.M. 1540; Harry Perry, P.P.G.D. Lancs.; H. V. Stow, P.M., Treas. 2578; A. B. Hickisson, 2552; J. G. W. James, P.M. 2578, P.P.G.S.B. Berks; L. A. Newton, 223;

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The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and the lodge of emergency held on the 22nd ult. having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, showing a handsome balance in hand, was adopted, and it was resolved that the sum of £50 be transferred from the lodge accounts to the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. T. Pearce, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. Capt. John Barlow, the ceremony being performed in a most dignified manner. The new W.M. invested and addressed his officers in a very able and impressive manner, but made special mention of the past services of the Secretary, Bro. J. R. Reep, P.M. They were as follows: Bros. Capt. John Barlow, J.P., I.P.M.; J. J. Cornell, S.W.; J. H. Haine, J.W.; Col. Joseph Heaton, P.M., Chap.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M., Treas.; J. Robertson Reep, P.M., Sec.; Charles Varley, S.D.; Walter Evans, J.D.; H. R. Blackburn, I.G.; E. G. Packman, P.M., D. of C.; E. A. R. Adams, A.D. of C.; F. Dangerfield, P.M.; J. T. Thompson, and L. B. Sommerfield, Stwds.; G. S. Evans, Org.; W. Clement, Asst. Org.; and John Freeman, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were ably and eloquently delivered by Bro. J. B. Sorrell, P.M., for which he received the hearty congratulations of the members. The W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Capt. John Barlow, I.P.M., which, he stated, he did with much pleasure, paying him a well deserved tribute for his past services, and remarked that Bro. Capt. Barlow had occupied the chair two years in succession to the entire satisfaction of them all, and his eminent services would never be forgotten. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Capt. John Barlow, P.M., by the brethren of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, in recognition of his ability in the chair of W.M. and his earnest attention to the comfort of his brethren during his years of office 1898-1900." The W.M. stated that yet another pleasant duty devolved upon him, viz., to present Bro. Captain Barlow, in the name of the lodge, with a dressing case in further recognition of his two years' term of office as W.M. They regretted that he had vacated the chair, but they had the satisfaction of knowing that they would have him amongst them as a P.M. He (the W.M.) could not extol Bro. Capt. Barlow's worth too much, but as he was a modest man, he would spare his feelings, and would content himself by adding that the Past Masters and members thought they could not let that evening pass without doing something to acknowledge his great services, and that was the reason why they asked Bro. Capt. Barlow to kindly accept the dressing case, and might The Great Architect spare him for many years! The superb dressing case, which was elaborately fitted, was accompanied with an illuminated address, which was as follows:

"To W. Bro. Capt. John Barlow,
"J.P., P.M., &c., &c., &c."

"The brethren of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, who have had the pleasure of subscribing for the purpose of presenting you with a slight mark of their esteem, desire that you will accept it at their hands and in addition thereto, they wish to express their sense and appreciation of the many kind and fraternal services rendered by you when occupying the Master's chair during two years in succession, April, 1898-April, 1900."

"They also fully recognise the zeal and ability evinced by you in conducting the services and affairs of the lodge, and trust The G.A.O.T.U. will grant you health, long life and prosperity to continue your usefulness to your neighbour, to the Craft in general, and to the John Hervey Lodge in particular."

"Dated, 11th April, 1900."

"FIAT LUX."

Bro. Capt. Barlow, I.P.M., tendered his best thanks for the jewel and dressing-case, observing that one would be a poor man if he did not appreciate the applause of his neighbour. He came there as a Lancashire lad, and he was proud of it, and only once since he was initiated in the lodge had he missed attending the meetings when he was in England. Might he say that he did not accept the very handsome dressing-case as a present from the lodge, but as from man to man? He should look upon it as a sacred charge and keep it intact, and it would ever remind him of the kindness of the members to him as a man and a brother and of their good lodge.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet.

At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M., Bro. E. T. Pearce, gave, in eloquent terms, "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft," which was duly honoured.

In giving "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. made a feeling allusion to the recently dastardly attempt to assassinate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that in attending Grand Lodge he was very much impressed with the splendid working. That evening they were graced with the presence of Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B. (Applause.) He had known him for many years, and he and the members were gratified and honoured to have him there.

Bro. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., on rising to respond was received with acclamation. He said the Grand Officers endeavoured to do their best for the Craft. The lodge had once a member who was a Grand Officer, but he hoped the time was coming when the lodge would have a Grand Officer, as Bro. Captain Barlow, I.P.M., was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and if the lodge and his many friends in London and the provinces would combine he would be elected to that high office. The Grand Officers were always well received in every part of England, and in his travels in Scotland and other places he found that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was universally respected as the M.W.G.M. He was pleased to be there to see Bro. E. T. Pearce installed. He knew him well, and he had no doubt he would perform his duties as W.M. to their entire satisfaction.

At this point Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treasurer, entered the room, and was well received.

Bro. Capt. Barlow, I.P.M., gave "The W.M., Bro. E. T. Pearce," and said he had the pleasure of having Bro. Pearce as his J.W. for one year and as S.W. for two years. They could not know a man in one year, but he had had three years' experience of him, and he had no doubt he would make a most efficient W.M., and they would all do their best for him.

The W.M., Bro. E. T. Pearce, who was enthusiastically received, thanked Bro. Capt. Barlow for his very kind words and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He hoped they would forgive his shortcomings that evening but he trusted to be successful in his new office and he appreciated the kind offer of the Past Masters to give him every assistance, and might he add that nothing would be wanting on his part to carry out his duties to his own satisfaction and that of the lodge.

In submitting the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. observed that the lodge was particularly fortunate in always having a large array of guests, and he was indebted to the members for bringing so many that evening and he extended them all a hearty welcome. They had with them that evening Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., who was well-known to them—(applause)—Bro. S. H. Baker, P.M., was his (the W.M.'s) father in Masonry, and he was pleased to see him there, and Bros. H. Perry, Capt. J. E. James, J. W. Burgess, and H. Watts, and he had much pleasure in associating the names he had mentioned with the toast.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., said that as he came so late it was hardly fair to call upon him to respond to the toast, but he supposed the reason was because he had so many dear friends there who were members of their good lodge, which he had known from the date of his initiation, and when he attended there they always had a splendid meeting and the visitors were ever accorded a hearty reception. Some years ago he visited the lodge on an occasion when he was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer and he asked them for their support which they loyally gave him and worked hard for him, which he should never forget. He was glad that their esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Barlow, was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer for the year 1901, and the members must not forget that he retired last year in favour of Bro. Manfield, and so saved the worry of an election. There was another candidate in the field in the person of Bro. Marshall, a very able member, but having given his word to Bro. Capt. Barlow he (Bro. Stiles) would do his utmost to continue to work for him, as he well deserved, and was fully qualified in every way for grand honours, and if the members would work for him as they did for him (Bro. Stiles) they would send him in with a good majority.

Bro. Harry Perry, P.P.G.D., said he came from Lancashire, and it was a great pleasure to be asked to respond to a toast in a London lodge. The working of all the officers was grand, and Bro. Sorrell, P.M., had given the customary addresses in a splendid manner. Bro. Capt. Barlow was, and had been for years, doing good service in East Lancashire, and he had no doubt that all in that province would go solid for him in his candidature for the office of G. Treasurer.

Bro. Capt. J. G. W. James, P.P.G.S.B. Berks, also responded, observing that Bro. Capt. Barlow had done splendid work in the Craft and in the Volunteer service of Great Britain.

Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D. West Lincs, also acknowledged the toast, remarking that he had done a little for elections of G. Treasurers in the past, and he made some suggestions to aid the members in getting Bro. Capt. Barlow elected to that high office, which he so well deserved for his efforts in Masonry.

Bros. S. H. Baker, P.M., and H. Watts, W.M. 108, also responded, bearing testimony to the excellent working and the hearty manner the visitors had been received and entertained, and supporting the candidature of Bro. Capt. Barlow.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Barlow, and Past Masters," and said that he was gratified to have the pleasure of submitting the toast, because the beautiful ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive and praiseworthy manner. The members had had a very happy time under the I.P.M., who had been in the chair two years in succession, and they all appreciated his good working, and he had been, without doubt, a great success. The W.M. referred to the other P.M.s, who had done good service, but he made special mention of Bro. E. G. Packman, P.M., for his very efficient services that evening as D. of C., and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Capt. Barlow. (Applause.)

In response, Bro. Capt. Barlow, I.P.M., said that no lodge could prosper without the aid of Past Masters, who were the backbone of a lodge. He had visited many lodges right across from Japan, downwards and upwards, and he felt he knew something about Masonry in many parts of the world.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary and Officers of the Lodge," followed in high terms of praise from the W.M., and most ably replied to by Bros. J. B. Sorrell, P.M., Treas., and J. J. Cornell, S.W.

The Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant and memorable night, and one that will long be remembered.

The musical arrangements were of the very best, in which the following contributed to the harmony of the evening: Miss Mabel Reeves, Miss Flora Manheim, Miss Dora Thorpe, Mr. John Josey, and Mr. Jenson French (recitation).

During the banquet Mrs. Hunt's Ladies' Orchestra performed a beautiful selection of music, which was much appreciated and deservedly applauded, and many of the pieces were encored. A word of praise is due to Mrs. Hunt for her great efforts, and her orchestra has only to become known in Masonic circles to be very popular.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599.

This successful lodge, which was recently removed from its City quarters to the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, held its installation meeting on the 12th inst., when there was a numerous attendance. The brethren present included Bros. Ernest Cove, W.M.; H. Peirce, I.P.M.; W. Callingham, S.W.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Laker, P.M., Sec.; H. S. Eastes, J.D.; F. W. Horn, D.C.; A. C. Hawkins, Org.; A. W. Diamond, Stwd.; F. A. Lewis, P.M.; and E. J. Wickenden, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Bull, 33; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D.; D. J. Hewitt, 1339; T. E. Forster, P.M. 1608; J. Bridger, 1769; F. H. Callingham, J.W. 1769; R. Callingham, 2200; C. T. Coggin, I.G. 2127; J. Allen, 1539; G. A. Wall, S.D. 2048; W. Bradley, P.M. 940, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Shackle, 534; R. J. White, J.D. 1669; C. Horton, 902; J. Sarjeant, P.M. 1765; W. Westmoreland, 33; W. T. Humphrey, 2512; A. F. Creswell, 1677; F. W. Plant Martin, P.M. 1765; C. Venning Burgess, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; A. Manners, 2394; J. F. A. Baxter, 2750; W. J. Sowden, 2264; R. Roberts, 507; T. H. Roberts, P.P.G. Treas. Surrey; R. R. Hawley, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. T. H. Russell, 2408; T. S. Dilkie, 172; W. Wills, P.M.; P. Hart, A. H. Sarjeant, W. W. A. Sarjeant, 1765; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

The preliminary business was speedily disposed of, and Bro. Walter Callingham was duly presented as W.M. elect and installed by Bro. C. E. Cove, the retiring W.M., in an able and impressive manner much appreciated by the brethren. The officers invested were Bros. C. E. Cove, I.P.M.; H. W. Mellor, S.W.; H. S. Easty, J.W.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Laker, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Diamond, S.D.; W. Mokler, J.D.; P. Callingham, I.G.; H. Peirce, P.M., D.C.; T. Ogden, Stwd.; A. C. Hawkins, Org.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and a well served banquet was followed by the usual toasts and a programme of music.

The loyal toasts were disposed of, and the I.P.M., Bro. Cove, then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said the lodge had made a judicious choice in selecting Bro. Callingham as W. Master, for he would guide the lodge with tact, discretion, and firmness. Bro. Callingham was a Mason at heart, and was a thorough worker and an estimable man, and there could, therefore, be no doubt that the lodge had chosen wisely and well. The W.M. took over the lodge in a prosperous condition, and they all wished him a happy and successful year of office.

Bro. Walter Callingham, W.M., in response, said there were some moments in their lives that were worth living, and he had just experienced some of those moments. He was thoroughly delighted, surprised, and pleased at the beautiful ceremony of installation and the admirable manner in which it was performed by Bro. Cove. He thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received them. It would be his endeavour whilst in the chair to hold the brethren together closer than ever, and also increase their membership. He had belonged to this lodge for 10 years, and had never had one unhappy moment in it, and hoped to see another 10 years in it.

The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said that Bro. Cove had filled the office of Master with good taste, impartiality,

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and dignity such as not only became himself and his lodge, but Freemasonry in general. When Bro. Cove was elected W.M. he was respected, but when he left that chair that respect was increased tenfold by the grand manner in which he had discharged his duties. On behalf of the lodge, he presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which he asked him to accept without scruple or diffidence, well knowing he was justly entitled to it. He hoped Bro. Cove would live long to wear it, and to enjoy the character that Brutus had—"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up and say to all the world—This was a man."

Bro. C. E. Cove, I.P.M., returned his sincere thanks. It had been a labour of love to instal his successor, for he had Masonry at heart and always tried to make progress in it. He tried always to keep the impressiveness of the ceremony in his mind and thus see the true beauty of it. He should represent the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School, and his list now totalled £72. He thanked them for the jewel which had been presented to him in such eulogistic terms by the W.M. It was the crowning honour of his year of office and he would continue to wear it as long as God gave him breath.

For "The Visitors," Bros. Hawley, P.P.G.R.; Francis, P.P.G.D.; Martin, P.M. 1765; Dickie, Wills, P.M.; R. Roberts, and J. Sargeant responded, after which other toasts were honoured.

The programme of toasts and music was tastefully bound in a khaki-coloured cover, and tied with red, white and blue ribbons. The artists who assisted in the music were Miss Florence Ogilvy, and Messrs. W. Ballard and H. and G. Stubbs.

Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743.

The regular April meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. W. B. Cossham, W.M.; Richd. Perry, S.W.; John Handley, J.W.; J. Lovell, P.M., Treas.; George J. Tollett, Sec.; R. F. Perry, S.D.; J. Dormer, J.D.; J. Millman, D.C.; A. L. Hinton, Stwd.; Frederick Kearney, P.M.; Henry C. Lonsdale, P.M.; Harry Watts, P.M.; T. J. O'Brien, P.M.; Henry G. Park, P.M.; H. H. Hancock, G. W. C. White, W. Tearle, H. Camp, Lewis Septimus Bickley, Corelli Porter, J. E. Lyons, David Rogers, James Timmins, G. Millard, Thomas Tyrrell, F. Sharp, and W. Thompson. The visitors were Bros. Joseph Southam, P.M. 1984; W. John James, P.M. 2218; H. Massey, P.M. and P.Z. 619 and 1928; J. Walton, 1366; J. R. Johnson, P.M. 2757; and Councillor Judge, 1984.

Bro. Kearney, P.M., raised Bro. L. S. Bickley to the Third Degree. Bro. Cossham, W.M., next initiated Mr. Alfred Sach.; Bro. Richard Perry, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Lovell, P.M., was again unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lane, Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Cossham. Bro. Kearney, P.M., then informed the brethren of the steps he had taken in promoting a testimonial to Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M., one of the founders and the father of the lodge. The testimonial had been liberally subscribed to, and the result was a beautifully engraved and illuminated vellum, executed by Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M., framed and glazed, and in the following words: "This testimonial was presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, of Free and Accepted Masons of England, to Bro. Louis Augustus Leins, P.M., P.Z., in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge, and especially in acknowledgment of his being the principal founder of the same. Also as a mark of personal esteem and friendship for the fraternal spirit shown by him to the brethren on all occasions; and they trust that he may long continue to enjoy the honorary membership of the lodge conferred upon him on the 10th February, 1900. (Signed) Frederick Kearney, Charles Daniel, C. E. Ferry. Founders—William Barclay Cossham, W.M.; Richard Perry, S.W.; John Handley, J.W. April 21st, 1900." Bro. Kearney, P.M., said as there was a balance of subscriptions left after the cost of this testimonial had been defrayed, a case of four handsome silver fruit spoons had been purchased for presentation to Mrs. Leins.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of a charming banquet, and as it was the annual ladies' night, Masonic clothing was not worn in the post lodge proceedings. The following telegram from Bro. Leins was received during the evening:

"Bro. Cossham, W.M., Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

"Our very best wishes for a happy evening to you all and very many thanks for your elegant gift to your dear old father and his good wife."

"LEINS."

The company which sat down to banquet included Bro. W. B. Cossham and Mrs. Cossham; Bro. A. E. Pridmore, J.P., C.C., and Mrs. Pridmore; Bro. H. G. Park, I.P.M., Mrs. Park, and the Misses Park (2); Bros. F. Kearney, P.M.; W. G. Wall, P.M.; H. C. Lonsdale, H. Watts, P.M.; Bro. R. Perry, S.W. and W.M. elect, Mrs. Perry, and Miss Perry; Bro. John Handley, J.W., and Mrs. Handley; Bros. T. Lovell, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Tollett, Sec.; Bro. J. T. Dormer, P.M., Stwd., and Mrs. Dormer; Bro. J. R. Johnson, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, and Mrs. Johnson; Bro. W. Pitcher; Bro. W. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson; Bro. J. E. Millman, D.C., and Miss Millman; Bro. G. Millard and Mrs. Millard; Bro. J. Billham; Mrs. Henn; Bro. L. S. Bickley; Bro. D. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers; Miss Alison Dare; Corelli Porter; Bro. S. E. Darby; Miss Alice May Bickley; Bro. S. L. Hinton; Bro. J. Cunningham and Mrs. Cunningham; Bro. W. Tearle; Bro. Councillor Judge, 1984, and Mrs. Judge; Bro. H. F. Sainsbury; Miss M. Judge; Bros. H. Camp; W. J. James, 1984, Sec. 2218; J. Southam, P.M. 1984; T. C. Warren; F. E. Tomkins; Miss Lillian Tearle; Bro. R. Ingram; Bro. H. M. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock; Bro. E. Radford; Bro. W. Walton and Mrs. Walton; Bro. H. Massey, P.M. and P.Z. 619 and 1928, and Miss Massey; Bro. H. Hawkins, M.C., and Mrs. Hawkins; Bro. J. E. Lyons and Mrs. Lyons; Bro. F. G. Hannan and Mrs. Hannan; Bro. G. W. C. White M.C., and Mrs. White; Bro. J. Symons and Mrs. Symons; Bro. S. Hersom; Bro. R. F. Sharp; and Bro. Goring and Mrs. Goring.

The toasts after dinner were interspersed with some nice singing by Mr. E. Ginders, Miss Lillian Corner, and Miss May Davy.

The musical arrangements were by Dr. T. F. Bucknell.

Bro. Cossham, W.M., after the toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured, in proposing "The Prince of Wales," said there never had been an heir to the English throne so popular as his Royal Highness, and no royal lady holding a similar position

regarded so lovingly as the Princess of Wales. The whole company would rejoice with him at the marvellous escape both of them had the other day when travelling to Denmark. They would all join in the enthusiasm with which the Prince of Wales was received on the shores which one day he would have the privilege of governing.

Bro. Handley, J.W., proposed "The Ladies." It had been his privilege on many previous occasions to propose this toast. He supposed he had been selected for that honour on account of his hoary head. Well, there were many of them getting hoary headed. He had had experience of the ladies, and he rejoiced in the opportunity of once more paying homage to the fair sex. In his younger days he had looked up to them with respect and esteem, but that feeling had now given place to love and veneration, and he felt quite sure that they would that evening, as always, aid in giving pleasure to the company, notwithstanding that the brethren had not "got the blues." He trusted that Bro. Sharp, the junior bachelor member, whom he called upon to respond, would do justice to the importance of the toast. All the advice he could give the ladies—and he had advised the ladies in his time—was that they should come among the brethren another year; if they did, they would get all the hearty reception they had always had in the Perseverance Lodge.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Sharp replied.

Bro. Joseph T. Dormer, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," whom the lodge heartily welcomed, whether they came to witness the work done in the lodge, or to sit down at the banquet table.

Bro. A. E. Pridmore, J.P., C.C., in reply, said he had been invited to the lodge on more than one occasion, but until now he had not had the pleasure of being present. Even now he felt ashamed that he had only turned up to the banquet. Had he been in the lodge he was sure he would have seen the work done in a manner creditable to the Craft. Before he came he thought he should meet with very few persons he knew. Bro. Cossham was a member of the Town Council of Watford, where he (Bro. Pridmore) resided, and he felt convinced that if Bro. Cossham carried out his duties Masonically as he did the duties of the Watford Council the Perseverance Lodge had had a very good Master. He not only knew Bro. Cossham, but by the remotest of accidents he could claim the friendship of Bro. Richard Perry, the W.M. elect, for many years. So small was the world. After thanking the lodge for the hospitable reception given to the visitors, who had much enjoyed themselves, he referred to the dance that was to follow the dinner, and he congratulated the Perseverance Lodge on showing the ladies that Freemasonry was not altogether selfish. Ladies' evenings did something towards husbands being allowed to go out and stay out late at night. (Laughter.) The more the ladies knew about the philanthropic side of Freemasonry the more they would be convinced that Masonry was not selfish or its enjoyment confined to members of the lodge. He was glad to find several brethren from Watford. He hoped the W.M. elect would have a similar ladies' night; if he did, any invitation extended to him (Bro. Pridmore) would be heartily accepted.

Bro. Kearney, P.M., proposed "The President, Bro. Cossham," a friend whom he esteemed most highly, and who was highly esteemed by every brother of the lodge. Bro. Cossham welcomed all the ladies and gentlemen most cordially; he had done in Masonry all he could do; he always had had the interest of the Lodge of Perseverance at heart; he was a good Mason, and a most upright and honest man. He (Bro. Kearney) felt rather awkward in proposing the toast of "The President," when he would not feel awkward in proposing the toast of "The W.M." They were rather on a strange line; they were either Masons or not Masons. A rule was adopted at headquarters forbidding the wearing of Masonic clothing at ladies' banquets, it forbade the making of Masonic speeches. However, he could tell the company that Bro. Cossham was a man whom every one would like and respect, and the more they knew him the better they would like him; he was thoroughly trustworthy and upright in every way, an energetic man who would do all he could to further the interests of Masonry in general and of the Lodge of Perseverance in particular.

Bro. W. B. Cossham, W.M., in reply, said he was greatly indebted during his year of office to P.M. Kearney, and he gratefully accepted that assistance. He should look back with feelings of gratitude to his year of office. It had given him great pleasure to preside over this meeting and see around him so many pleasant faces. If he had been the means of adding to the company's enjoyment that repaid his wife and himself. He thanked Bro. Pridmore for his kind allusions.

Bro. Perry, S.W. and W.M. elect, replying to the toast of "The Vice-Chairman," thanked the brethren from the lowest depths of his heart for having elected him W.M. for the closing months of the present century and the opening months of the coming century. What the lodge would be 100 years hence he could not say, but he hoped when the brethren of the lodge met in the year 2000 they would look with pride on his year of office and the years of office of his successors. He could assure Bro. Pridmore that he would not forget to invite him.

This closed the banqueting proceedings, and dancing was indulged in during the remainder of the very agreeable evening.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.

The installation meeting of this well-known and prosperous South London lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. R. Weddall Thomas, W.M.; J. S. Pointon, P.M., S.W. and W.M. elect; C. H. Harrison, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec.; H. Sercombe, J.D.; J. Lightfoot, P.M., D.C.; L. Maybaum, I.G.; J. Frampton and W. H. Lee, Stwds.; T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; H. Tredray, W. C. Ford, W. H. Hook, P.M.; W. Beecroft, P.M.; A. H. Fraser, P.M.; F. Pow, P.M.; R. Woodgate, C. L. Hawley, H. Bolton, A. Priest, Ar. Deeley, J. H. Woodward, L. Hart, J. H. Buckingham, H. Hayward, A. Cartwright, J. E. Wiberg, G. Langley, P.M. (Hon.); J. H. Stevenson, J. Merrill, J. Nelson, A. J. Elliott, Jos. Dickason, G. F. Cutts, W. Martin, W. A. Abel, A. C. David, E. C. L. Hawley, and H. J. Anderson. The visitors were Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. E. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey; J. R. Omer, P.M. 1259; C. L. Plant, P.M. 101; F. Flood, P.M. 1929; A. Wood, Stwd. 1861; C. L. Johnson, J.D. 889; R. W. Barber, P.M. 198; Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641; W. H. Goymer, 1428; A. Marshall, 1539 and 174; J. D. Wilkinson, P.M. 879; W. O. Keene, 1599; J. R. Rutter, P.M. 1360; T. R. Dickason, 1861; H. C. Turner, P.M. 1662; T. Loader, P.M. and Sec. 1622; A. E. Halfhide, 1360; H. P. White, 1541; J. H. Witty, S.D. 1155; Goddard Clarke,

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their report, which showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position, especially the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Jno. Lightfoot, P.M., D.C., next presented Bro. Jos. Pointon, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation, which was performed in an admirable manner in a Board of 29 Installed Masters. In investing Bro. Dr. R. Weddall Thomas with the collar of I.P.M., the new W.M., Bro. J. Pointon, said he trusted that the I.P.M. and himself would sit side by side for many years in the Selwyn Lodge. The officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M. in an exemplary manner, as follows: Bros. Dr. R. Weddall Thomas, I.P.M.; C. H. Harrison, S.W.; H. Sercombe, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M.; Treas.: J. M. Wimple, P.M., Sec.; L. Maybaum, S.D.; J. Frampton, J.D.; W. H. Lee, I.G.; John Lightfoot, P.M., D.C.; Hy. D. Tredray, A.D.C.; E. C. L. Hawley, Org.; W. G. Ford, H. H. Bolton, and J. Hart, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were rehearsed in a masterly manner, with much dramatic force by the Installing Master, Bro. Dr. R. Weddall Thomas. Propositions for initiation and joining members were handed in for the next meeting, which augurs well. It was decided that the lodge have a summer outing, and the details were left in the hands of the Committee. The W.M. announced that he hoped to stand as Steward at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and he should like all the assistance he could possibly have for so noble a cause so as to make his list worthy of the lodge.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Callingham, which gave great satisfaction.

The Worshipful Master, in presenting the loyal and Masonic toasts, specially dilated on the many excellences of her Majesty and of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., and all rejoiced that the G.A.O.T.U. had spared him from the hands of the assassin, for which preservation all expressed their deep gratitude. He hoped that his Royal Highness would be spared for many years to preside as the Grand Master.

The toasts were drunk most royally.

That of "The Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the Dep. G.M., Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said the Craft was honoured indeed by having two such noblemen to assist the M.W.G.M. in carrying out the many functions appertaining to Grand Lodge. He also paid a high compliment to the many distinguished Grand Officers of Grand Lodge who were fighting their country's cause in South Africa, and all earnestly hoped that they would safely return. The lodge was honoured with the presence of Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., who was a most indefatigable worker in Masonry, and particularly in advocating the three noble Masonic Charitable Institutions. He coupled the toast with his name.

In reply, Bro. J. Terry said he thanked the W.M. exceedingly for the kind manner he had spoken of the G. Officers, and especially of the Pro G.M. and Dep. G.M., who were brethren and noblemen of great distinction. It was almost, he thought, the first time in the history of England that those positions were held by brethren who were also Prov. G. Masters respectively of provinces on opposite banks of the Thames. He believed the previous time was in the year 1717. One other remarkable circumstance connected with Grand Lodge was that of the 25th anniversary of the accession of his Royal Highness to the G. Mastership, at which time 25 additions were made to the ranks of Grand Officers to celebrate the great event by brethren, too, of great ability. He was present at the consecration of the lodge, officiating then as the D. of C., and he was indeed very pleased to see Bro. W. Hook, P.M., the father of the lodge, still present with them, and he earnestly hoped that he would be permitted to remain for many years to come. On behalf of the G. Officers he tendered his most cordial thanks.

Bro. Dr. Weddall Thomas, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M.," which, he said, was a most pleasing duty for the first time, and he hoped to do justice to it. The W.M. had attained to the highest position in the lodge, and also the highest pinnacle of their estimation, which was shown by his election to the chair. He was confident that the W.M. would justify their choice, which was even already confirmed by their unanimous voice.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

Bro. J. Pointon, W.M., who received quite an ovation, replied that he most heartily thanked the I.P.M. for his kind expressions, and also the enthusiastic manner the brethren had responded. It was indeed a great gratification to him, but it was only a repetition of what he had always received at their hands. He announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the brethren would ably support the list. Bros. Wimple, P.M., and Bolton would most gladly receive their subscriptions to the Charitable Association connected with the lodge of instruction, which had done so much good in remitting large sums to the noble Masonic Institutions. He had been Steward at the Centenary Festivals of the Girls and Boys, and he hoped the list for the Aged would be still larger. The W.M. also paid a very high tribute of respect to the late esteemed Bro. Walter Martin, P.G. Purst., who had remarked to him respecting those noble Charities in such words as love the boys, respect the girls, but honour the aged. He anticipated the brethren would favour him, and make the list worthy of the lodge.

In presenting the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Dr. R. Weddall Thomas," the W.M. said it required very few words to recommend it, as he had given every satisfaction, and had always discharged his duties in an admirable manner. Bro. Dr. Thomas had carried out the true principles of Freemasonry, inasmuch as he had made himself Vice-President of the Girls', and also Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, which was highly commendable. In the name of the lodge the W.M. presented the handsome jewel for excellent services rendered, with their earnest hope that he would long be spared to wear the same, and look upon it with pleasure and pride, and remember the many happy hours he had spent in the Selwyn Lodge.

In reply, Bro. Dr. Thomas (who was most cordially received) said that he was indeed happy and truly grateful to T.G.A.O.T.U. in allowing him health and strength during the past year to enable him to perform the duties which had given such satisfaction. He also heartily thanked the P.Ms. and officers who had so ably assisted him, which had conducted so largely to the happiness of the lodge. He had attained the acme of his ambition, which was, as the jewel would remind him, that he had gained their esteem and affection, for which he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Masonic Charities" in a very able speech, which was eloquently responded to by Bro. James Terry, who, in the course of his remarks said he could not resist replying to and advocating the cause of the needy. He thanked the brethren of the lodge who had so nobly contributed to them, and also to the I.P.M., who had subscribed the sum of 60 guineas to the O.D. People. In spite of the many calls for Charity in the country, such as the Refugees' Fund and the Indian Famine Fund, &c., to which over £1,000,000 had been subscribed, yet the Benevolent Institution had likewise benefited to the extent of £22,000 at the last Festival, which was a magnificent sum. He hoped that the Boys' and Girls' Festivals would be equally as successful, and that it might be shown to the world that although Freemasonry was not a benefit society, yet when claims were made upon it they were most liberally responded to. He paid a very high tribute of respect to the late Bro. Walter Martin, who was a most firm supporter of the Masonic Charities, and he hoped his name would be perpetuated in South London by the scheme which was proposed to the brethren of the various lodges. He also hoped that the W.M. would be firmly supported by the brethren, and endeavour to make his list the premier one, which he so richly deserved.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Visitors" most cordially, which was responded to in most appropriate terms by Bros. Stone, W.M.; Bint, W.M.; Loader, P.M.; Flood, P.M.; Grumman, P.M.; Hills, P.M.; Wilkinson, P.M.; and J. Ellinger, P.M., all commending the excellent working of the W.M., and especially that of the I.P.M. in the installation ceremony.

Bro. J. Pointon, W.M., in presenting the toast of "The Past Masters," and coupling with it the Treasurer, Bro. Wills, and Secretary, Bro. Wimple, paid a very high compliment to them, specially mentioning each—Bros. I.P.M., Wimple, Wills (who initiated the W.M., of which he was very proud indeed), Lightfoot, Fraser, Pow, and Anderson (the late Preceptor, who had done good suit and service, but was unable to be present that night).

The toast was most cordially responded to.

That of "The Officers" received at the hands of the W.M. its just meed of praise, and was most ably responded to.

The Tyler's toast closed a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. C. L. Hawley, Org., and J. E. Wiberg. The artistes were Madame Whitfield Rose, Miss Miriam Farnham, and Bros. Arthur E. Webb and H. Kendall Ward. Bro. Blewett Faulk very ably accompanied.

The W.M., Bro. J. Pointon, P.M., is to be highly congratulated on attaining the position in his mother lodge, and also in succeeding to the honourable position of Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, for so many years held by the late Bro. Walter Martin with splendid results.

Agricola Lodge, No. 1991.

DEDICATION OF A NEW HALL AND INSTALLATION.

A Masonic function of a most interesting character was performed in York on Monday, when a new hall was dedicated at 13, Ogleforth. The above lodge was constituted in 1883, and held their lodge meetings for some time in the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, and the following year removed to a small private room in Peter-lane, where they remained four years. In 1888 they removed to the Masonic Hall in Castlegate, where the lodge meetings were held up to Monday. The lease having expired it could not be renewed, and the lease of the premises in Ogleforth was secured. Two rooms have been thrown into one, the structural alterations having been carried out by Bro. W. Bean, and by the artistic decorations of Bro. Welburn an exceedingly handsome hall has been made. There are all the necessary rooms adjoining. The dedication ceremony was performed by Bro. Lord Bolton, P.G.W. Eng., Deputy P.G.M. There were also present Bros. the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.P.G. Chap., M. C. Peck, P.G. S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; T. S. Wallis, P.G.D.C.; J. S. Rymer, P.P.G.R. (Lord Mayor of York); J. L. Spetch, P.G.D.; J. Blenkin, P.P.G.D.; D. Young, P.P.G.P.; F. Woodhams, 1860, D.G.P. West Division South Africa; W. S. Child, P.P.G.O.; J. G. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P.; A. Procter, P.M. 236; W. Sykes, P.M. 1611 and 2677; J. Crowe, W.M. 2687; M. Bryson, P.M. 1611; Woolford, P.M. 1991; and the officers of the Agricola Lodge.

The ceremony was opened by the singing of the hymn, "Hail, Eternal! by Whose Aid," and then Bro. Lord Bolton explained the nature of the meeting, and Bro. the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas offered prayer. Bro. J. H. Hill, W.M., then requested Bro. Lord Bolton to dedicate the hall for Masonic purposes. The request having been acceded to, Bro. Peck delivered an eloquent and impressive oration. Bro. James Pickersgill Gill, S.W., was then installed to the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bros. J. H. Hill and F. W. Halliwell, P.M. 1611. After the installation Bro. Gill invested the following officers: Bros. John Houghton Hill, I.P.M., and Chap.; Thomas Leatham, S.W.; Robert Rook, J.W.; David Young, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Walter Seymour, Sec.; Arthur Cowper, S.D.; George Henry Cutforth, J.D.; John Earle Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; Wm. Brown, Org.; Henry Tomes, I.G.; Robert Spence, P.M.; William Henry Seymour, Joseph Henry Wright, and William McFarlane, Stwds.; David Young, P.M., P.P.G.P., Charity Representative; John Hodgson Wray, 236, Almoner; and Richard Woodall, Tyler.

The installation banquet was held in the Bay Horse Hotel, Marygate, and was admirably served by Bro. Paul Pearson. Bro. J. P. Gill, W.M., presided, and was supported by nearly 60 guests, including many of those who attended the dedication and installation, and Bro. the Rev. C. B. E. Wright, P.P.G. Chap., G. Chap. Egypt. Letters of apology were received from the Lord Mayor of York, Bros. J. G. Butcher, O.C., M.P., T. B. Whytehead, J. A. Askew, W.M. 236; Preston Cobb, P.G. Stwd., 236; and others.

"The Queen and the Craft," having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Peck, P.G. Sec., in reply, said that the Prince of Wales was no mere figure-head, but was thoroughly acquainted with every department of Freemasonry, and took a vital interest in the affairs of the Craft. He spoke of the loyalty manifested by the brethren as a whole to their officers, and said no other society could boast of such unanimity as the Freemasons could.

The W.M. proposed "The Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M. of N. and E. Yorks; the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, R.W.D.P.G.M.; and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.P.G. Chap., responded, and thanked the W.M. for his generous hospitality. He said that he thought that there was no province in the world like the Province of North and East Yorks. He testified to the universal respect and esteem in which Bro. Peck was held in the Craft in England. In alluding to the Marquess of Zetland and Lord Bolton, he said they should feel proud of having such men in the positions in the province.

Bro. J. H. Hill, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M. Agricola Lodge, No. 1991," and said Bro. Gill was one who would occupy the chair in which he had been installed with honour to himself, credit to the lodge, and usefulness to the Craft in general. Masonry had in it that which tended to make good and true citizens of a vast and mighty Empire and good subjects of our much-beloved Queen. So long as Masonry existed there would be safety for our crowned heads.

The W.M. responded, and said that it would be his endeavour to fill the office with honour and credit to the lodge. He was very anxious that the lodge should be successful, and be respected not only in York, but in the Province of N. and E. Yorkshire. (Applause.)

The remaining toasts were "The Installing Master," "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of Agricola Lodge, 1991," "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast.

Bros. W. H. Dawson, Monaghan, Wilkinson, and C. Wilson contributed very much to the enjoyment of the guests by their singing.

Empress Lodge, No. 2581.

A very interesting and pleasant meeting was held in connection with this lodge at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 11th inst. The W.M., Bro. Charles I. Kiralfy, is absent on business in America, but the chair was ably filled by his father, Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., who had the felicity of initiating another son—Mr. A. E. Kiralfy—into Freemasonry. Amongst the members present were Bros. Imre Kiralfy, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas., acting W.M.; R. J. Maitland Coffin, I.P.M.; G. C. Breese, S.W.; G. D. Coleman, J.D.; P. Dixon, Sec.; W. Singleton Hooper, P.M., acting S.D.; Bond, Stwd.; J. Kift, Org.; Sir J. Dimsdale, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. H. Dimsdale, P.M.; W. H. Jeffcoat, J. W. Barrett, M. C. Dent, A. F. Stokes, J. W. Clark, and R. W. Clark. Visitors: Bros. S. P. Griffin, P.G.D.; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; T. M. Keggie, 91; T. W. Dent, 1201; A. J. Thomas, 91; Hy. Fisher, 634; W. H. Baylis, P.M. 9; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Montague C. Dent was raised to the Third Degree. Messrs. B. Opie, G. Withers, A. E. Kiralfy, and F. Thorsby were next impressively initiated into Freemasonry. A sum of five guineas was voted to the Transvaal Masonic Relief Fund and was supplemented by a donation of five guineas by Bro. Imre Kiralfy, and subsequently increased to £17. Ten guineas was also voted to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School. Bro. Nash was placed on the country member's list, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual loyal toasts were heartily given.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was enthusiastically received, and a telegram was dispatched to H.R.H. congratulating him upon his escape.

Bro. S. P. Griffin, G.D., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said the toast was always received with cordiality as a recognition of the services the Grand Officers had rendered in the past.

Bro. Maitland Coffin, I.P.M., in giving "The W.M.," said that Bro. Charles I. Kiralfy was in America, but his place had been most ably filled by their Past Master, the W.M.'s father. They could not have had a better one in the chair than Bro. Imre Kiralfy, for he had done his work well, as he always did.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., said he was standing before them in a very peculiar position to respond for the toast of "The W.M." A little over two weeks ago, the W.M., who is in America, sent him a cable saying he would sail on the following day, although his business was unfinished. He cabled back to the W.M. to finish his

business first, but the W.M. asked "How about my work in the Empress Lodge?" He (Bro. Imre Kiralfy) answered that he would do the best he could, and he trusted the members would accept him in his son's place. They would understand the enormous amount of work he had to do just now—three weeks before the opening of the Exhibition at Earl's Court—but he had carried out the W.M.'s duties to the best of his ability. He was anxious to initiate his own son and for that reason he was not sorry his other son, the W.M., was in America. He would next give the toast of "The Initiates." Their lodge was glad to receive new members and were fortunate in receiving four worthy initiates that evening. The initiates would not at first properly appreciate the Brotherhood into which they had been admitted, but he could tell them it was founded upon the noblest ideas of humanity, brotherly love and affection, such as did not exist in any other society in the world. He had been a Mason for 32 years, having been initiated in Glasgow in 1868, and when he went to America and was received in such a cordial way he saw what a fine thing Masonry was.

Bro. Griffin sang the Entered Apprentice's song, and the four initiates suitably responded to the toast.

Bro. Sir J. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas., proposed "The Visitors," and said they had endeavoured to show the visiting brethren the religious ceremonies—for religious they were if properly carried out as they had been by the W.M. in the chair. They were a young lodge, their inception only dating back a few years, but they had endeavoured as far as in them lay to carry out the very best principles and traditions of the Craft, and he hoped they were not backward in the "Fourth" Degree. One of the principal virtues of Masonry was Charity, and few men had carried that out more thoroughly or more consistently than Bro. A. J. Thomas, whose name he would couple with the toast. He would also include Bro. Bayliss, a very conscientious and excellent Mason.

Bro. A. J. Thomas, P.M. 91, responded, remarking that he came to that lodge so frequently that he was apt to forget he was a visitor.

Bro. Bayliss followed, thanking the lodge for its cordial reception.

Bros. Maitland Coffin, I.P.M.; Sir J. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; and J. Dimsdale, P.M., answered for "The Past Masters."

"The Officers" was subsequently honoured, including a special vote of thanks to Bro. Coleman for his valuable services whilst acting as Secretary.

Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, on Saturday, the 21st inst. The lodge was consecrated on the 1st May, 1894, and is consequently six years old. From its accurate and splendid working, the lodge deserves to increase, promise of which is foreshadowed by four nominations being made on this occasion. Bro. Thomas Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the lodge, was present. The new W.M., Bro. Percy Griffith, was installed by his own brother—Bro. Frank Griffith, I.P.M.—in a most impressive manner.

The guests included Bros. T. W. Allsop, P.P.G.D. Bucks; E. H. Bramley, P.M. 957; Campbell Wynne, W.M. 1383; John Gawthrop, I.P.M. 1706; F. King, 1056; John Clarke, 2228; H. D. Howe, 134; J. Robinson, 235; and others.

The musical arrangements were exceedingly good, under the direction of Bro. C. H. Kempling, P.P.G.O.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 18th instant at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., when there were present Comps. Thomas Cohu, M.E.Z.; William Baker, H.; S. M. Banker, P.Z., as J.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; Walter T. Fisher, P.S.; T. E. Biddlecombe, P.Z.; W. Haynes Dunn, P.Z.; F. Hughes, P.Z.; James Collins, Albert Fergusson, T. B. Cohu, and G. Courchman, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. G. W. Speth, M.E.Z. 1503; G. Gwinn, 1716; and Brough, 174.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The report of the By-Laws Revision Committee, after one slight suggested alteration was made, was received and adopted. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Bro. Thos. Blunden Cohu, of Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360, son of the greatly esteemed M.E.Z., and being unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted, Comps. Banker as M.E.Z., William Baker, H., and Copestick as J., giving the respective addresses. Two candidates were proposed for next meeting. There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the meeting adjourned.

The companions then had supper, followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed by singing and recitations by some of the companions present, the M.E.Z. ably presiding.

In responding to the toast of "The Exalte," Comp. T. B. Cohu expressed the very great pleasure it gave him to become a member of that chapter, and he felt sure he should be quite at home amongst them, as he was surprised and pleased on receiving his summons, and reading the names of the members, to find that he was personally acquainted with the great majority of them, many being very intimate friends. He was deeply impressed by the beautiful ceremony, and hoped to prove himself a worthy member, and in due time to win their love and esteem, as his father, the M.E.Z., had done.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

A convocation of this chapter was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Present: Comps. E. Miles, M.E.Z.; Alfred Gibbs, H.; F. Prowse, P.Z., as J.; E. H. G. Crowdy, P.Z., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., Scribe E.; Richard Eve, P.Z., P.G.T.; R. F. Gould, P.Z., P.A.G.S.; and H. G. Herbert. The following were elected as the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. A. Gibbs, M.E.Z.; T. P. Whately, H.; The Rev. J. A. Arnott Tait, J.; E. Gale Crowdy, P.Z., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Herbert, S.N.; W. Macklin, P.S.; G. H. Robinson, 1st A.S.; W. H. Jacques, 2nd A.S.; and G. J. Hoare, Janitor.

The companions afterwards dined together.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Preceptory (D).

A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights C. Horst, E.P.; J. R. Ubsdell, Constable; Major T. C. Walli, P.E.P., P.G.C. of Guards, Reg.; Haysom Fisher, J. V. Sherrin, W. Crombie, F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.P.; G. Graveley, P.E.P.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.P.; B. Stewart, P.E.P.; H. Hills, J.P., P.E.P.; and J. R. Carter, J.P., E.P.

The minutes of the previous preceptory being read and confirmed, a ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. A. Calvert, Polish National Chapter, &c., and it being unanimous he was duly installed a member of the Order by Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, P.E.P., the ceremony being admirably performed. It was arranged that the summer banquet should be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the last Wednesday in June next. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights C. F. Matier, G.V.C., &c.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.P., P.G.S.B.; Capt. G. Carpenter, Capt. H. Bertram, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, P.E.P.; Egbert Roberts, Organist; and others. The preceptory was then closed.

A banquet followed.

"The Health of the E.P." was proposed in flattering terms by the I.P.E.P.

Sir Knight Horst, in reply, expressed his obligations to the Preceptory in electing him as its E.P., but unfortunately he had been placed in that position a year earlier than he had expected. He regretted that he had not been able to perform the ceremony that evening, but he had been fortunate in securing the assistance of Sir Knt. H. J. Lardner, whose working in all the Christian Degrees of Freemasonry was good.

The toast of "The Installee" followed and was warmly received.

Sir Knight A. Calvert, in reply, having first thanked his proposer and seconder, expressed himself as being highly gratified with the ceremony. He hoped in due time to take an active part in the Degree which in its ritual taught such sublime and beautiful tenets.

The toast of "The Past Preceptors" was coupled with the names of Sir Knights Carter and Lardner.

The former having briefly replied, the latter modestly said that at all times his poor services were always at the disposal of the Preceptory. There were other members of the Mount Calvary who during their respective years of office had done the work well, and were prepared to officiate again in an emergency.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Sir Knights P. Ubsdell, Haysom, and Fisher, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Sir Knights Hills, Fisher, Crombie, and Professor F. W. Driver contributed to the evening's entertainment.

Mark Masonry.

Danum Lodge, No. 398.

The installation meeting took place in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 20th instant, Bro. J. W. Langbridge performing the ceremony in a very impressive manner.

The following is a complete list of the officers invested: Bros. C. W. Woodhouse, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; S. Pegler, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, S.W.; F. J. Forth, J.W.; J. H. Pawson, P.P.G.D.C., M.O.; R. Bridge, S.O.; J. Reed, P.P.G.T., J.O. and Treas.; T. Barber, Sec.; W. W. Peacock, S.D.; J. F. Hanson, J.D.; F. Buckland, I.G.; and Bridge and Pawson, Stwds.

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. CAPT. JOHN BARLOW, J.P., P.M., &c.,

who is a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, was initiated, passed, and raised in the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, and has filled the Master's chair of that lodge for two successive years. Bro. Barlow, who comes forward at the request of many influential London brethren, determined to stand aside this year in favour of Bro. Harry Manfield (who fought with such success at the previous election), and thus saved Grand Lodge the ferment of a contested election again this March. Bro. Barlow's Masonic worth is widely known both in the Craft and Royal Arch Degree, and he is identified as a metropolitan supporter of the three Masonic Charities, having qualified as Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Vice-Patron of both the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. In addition, our brother is well known in the North, where he holds the rank of P.P.G. W. of East Lancashire; a P.M. (twice) of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1012; a founder and officer of the East Lancashire Centurion Lodge, No. 2322; the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387; and is the present Deacon of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 64; is also J. of the Unanimity Chapter, No. 342; and a member of the John Hervey Chapter,



No. 1260. It is interesting to note also that Bro. Captain Barlow has associated himself intimately with the Volunteer movement, and is a Vice-President of the National Rifle Association. He is one of the regular frequenters of Bisley Camp, he is assistant to the chief Range officer, and lives in one of the most pleasant bungalows in the camp, and to see his verandah of an evening is a sure proof of his popularity, his cheery manners, his unbounded hospitality, but above all the great zeal and earnestness which he evinces for rifle shooting makes him regarded by all who have to come in contact with him as one of the best respected officers in camp; he has for years been a very liberal supporter of the prize funds, besides having given a very handsome silver cup, but what he will for ever be remembered by is his generous gift last year of £250 for a Tyro prize, for the encouragement of young shots and known as the Barlow prize. His keen interest at the present moment of the real necessity for accurate and good shooting, as evinced by the events in South Africa, has made him again offer for competition at Bisley this year in July a similar handsome sum. At home he is one of the most popular officers in the 5th V.B. Manchester Regiment, his name there is a household word, respected by his brother officers and beloved by the N.C.O.s and men. The authorities

evidently regard him as a capable and efficient officer, as exemplified by his appointment to the important staff appointment of Transport and Commissariat Officer to the Manchester Brigade. About a year ago Bro. Capt. Barlow presented to the town of Bury, Lancashire, a very spacious Children's Park and Recreation Ground, fitted up at a great expense, with all manner of swings and games for the little ones, and embracing cricket and lawn tennis grounds, &c. Bro. Capt. Barlow's supporters, recognising his worth as a man and a Mason, consider him in every way qualified to represent the Craft in the important office of Grand Treasurer.

The Craft Abroad.

Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048.

The 35th Master of the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, Christchurch, New Zealand, was formally placed in the chair on Friday, the 9th February. On no previous occasion has the attendance of members and visitors assumed such large proportions as witnessed the installation of Bro. J. J. Dougall. Military operations which have recently taken such unexpected developments were thought likely to be a strong factor in detracting from the auspicious ceremony. Space will not admit of the insertion of names of those present, the lodges they represented, or the parts of the world from which they hailed; there were, however, on the Board of Installed Masters a number deemed, in some provinces, sufficient to constitute a lodge, viz., 69. As announced in programme, the installation was performed by Bro. C. Dillworth Fox, P.M., P.D.G.W. The working tools were presented and explained by Bros. Condell, D.G.S.; T. G. Forrest, P.D.G.W.; and Satchell, I.P.M. Bro. Gundry, D.D.G.M., rendered the addresses incidental to the occasion. As this lodge possesses an orchestra and choir which would delight many a cathedral, the ceremony was thereby enriched with solos, anthems, and the marches "Athalie," "Le Prophète," and "Aux Flambeau." The art gallery and banquet hall, both under the same spacious roof, were engaged for the meeting and were beautifully decorated for the accommodation of the 300 members and guests. Choice palms and flowers tastefully arranged with the National colours agreed with the spirit prevailing just now in every crook and corner of this Colony. The following officers were invested for the year ensuing: Bros. H. C. Satchell, I.P.M.; W. A. Tribe, S.W.; E. H. Cousens, J.W.; M. Sandstein, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Ashman, Sec.; J. A. Frostick, S.D.; M. S. Brown, J.D.; A. J. Merton, P.M., Org.; A. C. Bushel, D.C.; J. Thornton, I.G.; H. Stewart, H. J. Otley, B. Collier, and H. S. Hellyer, Stwds.

At the banquet, the due observance of the preliminary toasts being completed, Bro. Frostick, S.D., in proposing "Success to the New Zealand Contingent, now ready for service in South Africa," said that the toast brought to one's mind feelings of joy and sorrow, of humiliation and pride. This was the first time in the history of New Zealand that circumstances had arisen which called for the active assistance of her sons to help in maintaining the honour of the dear old Motherland; in fact, the present position was unique in the history of the world, for there is no record of a similar spontaneous outburst of patriotism, when men from every corner of the civilised world offered themselves by tens of thousands for the honour of our flag. Such a marvellous exhibition of recognised duty must bring joy to every true lover of liberty. There is, however, the other side of the picture which we cannot overlook, and our hearts bleed at the thought of the enormous loss of blood and treasure that must be made before the righteous object we have in view can be accomplished. It is with humiliation we think of the necessity to use in this, the close of the 19th century, the murderous machines of war in order that liberty and freedom may be accorded to men of our own colour, and that this freedom has to be secured by force from a people who profess to serve T.G.A.O.T.U. But it is with pride we remember that Britain always leads the van of civilisation, and whilst every British subject deeply deplores the necessity for war, we intend to show the world that we will strike, and strike hard if need be, for freedom and justice. And now a few words respecting the contingents and the class of men they represent—they are not our ne'er-do-wells or adventurers, neither have they been induced to volunteer for this cause owing to straitened circumstances. No, W.M., they are the pick of our manhood; men without blemish physically; men of position; men of intellect; and men that we can ill-afford to spare. Many have sacrificed place and position, offering themselves and their lives, if need be, in defending their Queen and the land of their forefathers. No question of personal gain encourages them, but they delight in being a unit in the great Imperial Army, fighting for the best Queen and the greatest country the world has ever seen. Their quality has been proved by their deeds already conveyed to us from the seat of war, and I feel sure that this third contingent will exhibit equal qualities when under their baptism of fire. Brethren, "The Third Contingent," wishing them success and God-speed.

The toast, which was received with prolonged cheering, was responded to by Bros. Major Kennedy and Sergeant-Major Jones, of the Imperial Army; and Sergeant-Major Coleman, of the N.Z. Permanent Forces.

Bro. Sergeant-Major Jones, who wears the medals of the Zulu and Boer wars, said that, although he had been drilling men, both regulars and volunteers, for the last 30 years, he had never in his experience had a keener or more intelligent body of men to deal with, and he predicted that they would worthily represent their colony, and emulate the best traditions of the British Army.

In the interval between the toast and response Bro. B. S. Collier sang "The Absent-Minded Beggar," which resulted in £8 15s. 3d. being added to the local War Fund.

Bro. W. H. Gundry, D.D.G.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," referred to the prosperous condition of the lodge, and to the fact that a great deal of this prosperity was due to the exertions of Bro. Dougall, who had worked indefatigably to promote the welfare of the lodge and its members.

Bro. Dougall in reply, thanked the brethren for their warm appreciation of his humble services. He disclaimed any credit for the progress of the lodge, and pointed out that its prosperity was due more to the unanimity and brotherly love which animated members than to the efforts of any single individual.

Bro. J. G. Lawrence Scott, P.D.G.W., proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by brethren from every part of New Zealand, from the United Kingdom, America, India, Australia, and South Africa.

Many other toasts were duly honoured, including those of "The Past Masters," "The Working Officers," and "The Choir."

The orchestra which numbered about 20 performers under the baton of Bro. A. J. Merton, P.D.G.O., added much to the enjoyment of the gathering by the excellence of its music, while the choir rendered yeoman service by singing glees and part songs. Altogether the gathering may safely be pronounced one of the best ever held in New Zealand in connection with a Craft lodge.

During the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. H. C. Satchell.

Lodge of Unanimity, No. 3 (N.Z.C.).

The above lodge celebrated the installation of its 48th Master on the 25th January. The attendance of visitors, arriving mainly through the tunnel which gives Canterbury Plains a port, demonstrated that interest in the old lodge continues and fraternal intercourse, now so happily cherished by private lodges of the several Constitutions existing in New Zealand fixes Lyttelton for an annual rendezvous for Canterbury members. The great gathering taxed the resources of the Stewards only in respect of seats at banquet, which took place at the Colonial Hall near by. Bro. James A. Sutor, S.W., was installed in the chair by Bro. A. Bates, whose clear rendering and graceful hearing induced the impression of a previous experience in the ceremony, instead of an expressed wish from the members given to him only a fortnight previously. That Bro. Bates did his part well on the auspicious occasion, as also through the year, is testified to by the presentation to him of a massive Past Master's jewel, contributed by the members. It may be worthy of note that the beautiful ceremony of installation, in some localities, often marred by its monopoly by those more experienced than elegant, which destroys interest and retards development of higher or more agreeable genius. The following officers were invested by the W.M.: Bros. A. Bates, I.P.M.; W. H. Dale, S.W.; D. Jack, B.A., J.W.; H. F. Arnold, P.M., Sec.; A. Henderson, Treas.;

Rev. E. E. Chambers, P.M., Chap.; J. Hughes, Org.; J. W. S. Snow, S.D.; W. Cleary, J.D.; C. E. Hollis, D.C.; J. Carter, I.G.; C. F. Falconer and J. Sowden, Stwds.; and N. Neville, Tyler.

On or about the middle of February the colony will dispatch a third contingent for service at the Cape.

The brethren throughout the world need not therefore be informed how the first toast at banquet was received.

Other toasts were also duly honoured, while the singing of "The Absent-Minded Beggar," which has become part of the programme on such occasions as these, netted on this occasion a trifle over £5 towards the war fund.

Obituary.

THE EARL OF LONDESBOROUGH, P.G.W.

The Earl of Londesborough, to whose death we briefly referred last week had been a member of our Society for considerably more than 40 years, his appointment as S.G. Warden of England dating from the year 1860. In the Province of North and East Yorkshire he was a P.M. of Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley, and a Past Prov. S.G.W., having held the latter office in 1863 and 1864. He was the senior member and P.E.P. of the Antient York of Redemption Preceptory of Hull, a Past Prov. G. Commander (now Prior), of North and East Yorkshire, and a Past G. Seneschal of the G. Conclave of former days of the Order of the Temple. On the 25th October, 1864, his lordship laid the first stone of the additional buildings erected by the Humber Lodge, No. 57 Hull. In 1877 he was installed the first W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1881, while in 1885 he took part in founding the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, and was selected to preside over it during the first year of its existence. His lordship was at all times ready to promote the welfare of the Craft, and a large number of brethren were present at the funeral in Londesborough, on Tuesday, to show their respect for his lordship's memory. His father, the first Baron Londesborough, at whose death in 1860, the late Earl succeeded to the barony, was S.G.W. of England in 1853, and his son Viscount Raincliffe, now second Earl of Londesborough, is also a member of our Society.

BRO. JOHN FITZGERALD.

The whole of the neighbourhood of Doncaster were thrown into a state of mourning by the very sudden death of Bro. John Fitzgerald, 60 years of age, who fell down dead at Bawtry Station, on Monday, the 16th instant, whither he had paid a visit, accompanied by his wife and daughter. No inquest was held, as he had been attended by his medical man for heart disease. He was well known in and all around Doncaster, representing the great brewery firm, Warwick's, of Newark. His genial, hearty, sterling good nature made him beloved by all who knew him: he was familiarly known as "Happy John" or "Genial Fitz"; an enemy he never made and never had. No wonder, then, his funeral was attended by all who could possibly be present. He was interred in the churchyard of Christ Church, Doncaster, on Friday last. The coffin was preceded by the following brethren, in white gloves, silk hats, and each carrying a sprig of acacia: Bros. T. W. Turner, W.M.; J. W. Hainsworth, J.W.; J. Shires, Chap.; G. Smith, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; J. W. Chapman, J.D.; C. Goldthorpe, Charity Steward; A. W. Fretwell, Dir. of Cer.; F. Rand, R. Bridge, F. Webb, W. H. Ord, S. W. S. Taylor, J. Charles, J. F. Hanson, J. Hastie, H. Hunchsloff, R. Allott, Theo. Sanderson, J. Mason, and Jos. Marsden, and E. J. Pratt, Tylers, bearing a beautiful wreath; Bros. Theo. Barber, P.M. St. Nicholas Lodge; and Mark Dowson, Isle of Axholme Lodge; Comps. H. H. Fenton, M.E.Z., W. Langbridge, J., and J. Constable, P.Z., representing St. Magdalen Chapter. The service was taken by the vicar, Father E. Lee, assisted by Rev. E. Arundel. The whole ceremony was conducted in a most impressive and solemn manner, and many a tear was shed at this beautiful service over one so beloved by all. The brethren sang the closing ode and dropped into the grave their sprigs of acacia and bid a last farewell. The deceased brother was initiated in St. George's Lodge, No. 242, Doncaster, 1886, and was installed W.M. in 1891, he was exalted in the Doncaster Chapter in January, 1888, S.E. in 1889-90 and 1896, S.N. in 1891, installed as Third Principal in 1897, Second Principal in 1898, and M.E.Z. in 1899, so that at his death he was I.P.Z. of his chapter. He was a good Freemason and took a large interest in the work, both Craft and Arch.—R.I.P.

BRO. ROBERT SARSON, P.M. 192.

It is with very great regret that we have to record the death of W. Bro. Robert Sarson, P.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, at the early age of 39. He was initiated in the above lodge in 1888, and, after working through the various offices in a very able manner, he was installed as W.M. in March, 1896, but, owing to his very bad state of health for several years past, he had only been able to attend the lodge occasionally since he passed the chair. He was also a member of the chapter in connection with Lodge 192. The funeral took place at Bow Cemetery on Thursday, his lodge sending a very handsome wreath in the form of a harp.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES WEAVER, GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

A complimentary dinner was given at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd inst., to Bro. James Weaver, G. Std. Br., when a presentation was made to him of the regalia and jewels of the offices of Grand Standard Bearer (Craft), and 1st Asst. G.D.C. (R.A.). The donors were members of the Whittington Lodge and Chapter and Lodge of Asaph and Chapter, where Bro. James Weaver has for many years rendered valuable service and won the esteem and regard of all with whom he came in contact. The Chairman on the occasion of the presentation was Bro. James Irvine, P.M., supported by Bros. Clarkson and Powell, W.Ms. of the Whittington and Asaph Lodges respectively, in the vice-chairs; and Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B.; Wavell, P.M.; Tyler, P.M.; Reichenheim, sen. and jun.; Oscar Barrett, P.M.; Cove, Ponsford, Humphries, Jarvis, P.M.; Cuff, Higgins, T. J. Hester, Cruikshanks, and many others.

After dinner, the toast of "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft," was first honoured.

The CHAIRMAN then rose and said, the next toast would be received with the greatest acclamation and enthusiasm. When he told them it was none other than that of their worthy and esteemed Bro. James Weaver,

They had assembled that evening in accordance with the wishes of the brethren who had subscribed to the little testimonial, not only with the greatest gratification, but to tender to him their most hearty congratulations on the great honour conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M. When the appointment became known to the Whittington Lodge members, they at once desired to present the clothing and jewels to him. It was known to most of them that Bro. Weaver was their beloved and much honoured Secretary of the Whittington Lodge, which office he had held for nearly 25 years, and he had also been a member of that lodge for 37 years. For 22 years he (the Chairman) had had the pleasure of working shoulder to shoulder with Bro. Weaver, and he had never had a more beloved friend. After the decision of the presentation had been made, it was intimated that the Lodge of Asaph—of which Bro. Weaver was a founder and the present Secretary—intended to do likewise, but the Whittington Lodge had the prior claim, that being his mother lodge. However, they extended the right hand of fellowship to the Lodge of Asaph with the result that Bro. Powell, W.M., occupied the Vice-Chair that evening. The clothing and jewels were, therefore, the joint productions of the two lodges and chapters. It was always a pleasing task to do honour to those whom they esteemed, and the honour was manifestly increased when they took into consideration the large number who shared their esteem of Bro. Weaver. As the pleasure increased, so did the diffidence one felt in being called upon to be the exponent of the feelings of the large number of subscribers. He need not dilate upon Bro. Weaver's many virtues, nor remind them of the many great and valuable services he had rendered to the Whittington Lodge and Lodge of Asaph and their chapters. He had no doubt there were many others beyond the pale of his knowledge. He need not tell them of the manly and upright conduct which had characterised Bro. Weaver during the whole career of his life, and which had won for him the esteem and appreciation of the brethren. They knew that Bro. Weaver had won golden opinions from all, and if he was not present a great deal more could be said in his favour. After 22 years' experience of their guest, he (the Chairman) could say he had always found him a man who was always ready and willing to hold out the right hand of fellowship, to give a brother a good and kind word, to render advice and assistance to all who asked for it. What more could they have? He asked Bro. Weaver not to regard the presentation for its intrinsic value so much as for the warm feeling which had prompted it. They were filled with delight that honour had been conferred upon one who was so worthy and so highly deserving of it. In the name of the subscribers, he presented to Bro. Weaver the clothing and jewels of the offices of Grand Standard Bearer of Grand Lodge and of 1st Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies of Grand Chapter. It was the wish of all present—and of those precluded by professional engagements from being present—that he might live long to wear them, and regard them as a visible token of the esteem and appreciation with which he was held by the members of the two lodges and chapters. It was the earnest desire of all that Bro. Weaver should see not less than say four score and ten years, when he could conscientiously, confidently, and resignedly hold out his hand, and be conducted to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

The inscription on the case is: "Presented to W. Bro. James Weaver, P.M. 862 and 1319, P.P.G. Org. Middx., P.Z. 177, 862, 1319, Treas. 1319, by the brethren of the Whittington Lodge and Lodge of Asaph on his appointment as G. Standard Bearer."

Bro. JAMES WEAVER, G. Std. Bro. designate, said the professional brethren present would understand him when he said he was suffering from a "first performance" sort of feeling. Although greater credit had been given him than was his due, he appreciated from his heart everything that had been done. It was a difficult task to speak where he was personally concerned, especially as the room brought back very old memories of the Whittington Lodge. He was initiated in the old Whittington Club in Arundel-street, and this made a great impression upon him, and from his raising he intended, if possible, to be the W.M. of the Whittington Lodge. During his first year of membership he was appointed Organist, and with

the exception of one office went straight on to the Mastership. The late Bro. R. Wentworth Little was the heart and soul of the Whittington Lodge—and a harder working brother never existed—and the lodge was in some little difficulty when Bro. Little took the Secretarial duties over. Bro. Little pulled the lodge round, and when his duties became too great to attend to all his lodges and chapters he gave up the office of Secretary, and he (Bro. Weaver) was invited to take it. He had continued in that office up to the present time, and please God, his health was spared, and the brethren wished him to keep it, he should be only too pleased to continue. He had endeavoured during his Masonic career to do what he undertook to do in his obligations. He was a subscriber at one time to 13 lodges, chapters, and conclaves, and about 20 years ago thought he stood high for Grand Lodge honours, but he found they were leading him beyond his means and he determined to cut them down to four. He felt it his duty, however, to stick to the Whittington Lodge and the Lodge of Asaph. The appointment coming at the present time came as a great surprise. From his heart he sincerely thanked them one and all for the kindness shown him in so readily responding to Bro. Irvine and presenting him with the Grand Lodge and Chapter clothing, and he assured them he esteemed it far beyond the words at his disposal.

Bro. PONSFORD, P.M., gave "The W.Ms. of the Whittington Lodge and Lodge of Asaph," to which Bros. CLARKSON and POWELL replied.

"The Principals of the two Chapters" was next given by Bro. WALTER TYLER, P.M.

Bro. T. J. HESTER proposed "The Chairman," to which Bro. JAMES IRVINE, P.M., suitably responded.

"The Visitors" and "The Acting Committee" concluded the proceedings.

The clothing and jewels were manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moor-lane, E.C. Present: Bros. J. Smart, W.M.; J. Huckell, S.W.; A. J. Rippin, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; J. Smith, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Meadows, P.M., Sec.; A. Fergusson, S.D.; O. W. Rix, J.D.; G. P. O'Doherty, I.G.; William Baker, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; H. J. Harriss, P.M.; C. J. Rich, P.M.; W. L. Barker, P.M.; J. G. Robeson, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; W. H. Hillman, H. A. Baxter, W. G. Read, J. Hess, A. Hess, H. T. Austin, W. J. Lockett, W. J. Fishleigh, and H. Palmer. Visitors: Bros. Moxley and Pyemont.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baxter acting as candidate. Bro. Read, acting as candidate for Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted, and the lodge being opened in the Second Degree, he was duly passed. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and the brethren rehearsed Masonic drill. The lodge was then closed down in the Third and Second Degrees respectively, and the Master rising the usual times, dues were collected, the closing hymn sung, and the lodge was closed. At the second rising, Bro. Harlow, Preceptor, very feelingly referred to the sad death of W. Bro. Robert Sarson, P.M. 192, at the early age of 39, who in his time had taken very active interest in the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, and for several years was the active Secretary, and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow, which, in a few kindly words of regret, was seconded by J. G. Robeson, P.M. 192, and unanimously agreed to.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; D. Taylor, S.W.; E. N. Beningfield, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P. G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; C. Nicole, S.D.; F. H. Johnson, J.D.; G. Mortlock I.G.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; H. J. May, D. Meredith, and F. H. Hall.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Hall being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Beningfield, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. May being the candidate. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

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CEAD MILLE FEALTHE.

TO THE QUEEN ON HER VISIT TO IRELAND.

Welcome, oh! Queen, to the fair land of Erin,
 A thousand glad welcomes! this shall be my lay;
 Neglected we have been in past times, and herein
 Was just cause for envy, forgotten to-day.
 Midst Scotia's grim mountains thy palace is lying,
 Where oft thou retirest to leave cares of state;
 Has Erin no mountains with Scotia vying?
 To loyal hearts answer comes sooner or late.
 Too seldom the sunshine of Royalty streaming
 O'er highland glens finds its way over the sea,
 And yet Erin cries, full of beauty past dreaming,
 "Your princes and nobles come not unto me."
 "The land of the Saints," this was once my proud title;
 A nation of warriors, musicians of fame;
 Where sweet legends linger, and the poet's recital
 Of brave deeds of old, stir the blood to a flame.
 Slieve Donard now answers to Mangerton calling;
 Rostrevor the beauteous in fairy glen lies;
 Sweet vale of Avoca, thy tears are now falling,
 Yet happiness gleams in each fair beauty's eyes.
 The sweet bells of Shandon are joyfully ringing,
 Our Sovereign has come at last over the sea;
 The children of Erin are gleefully singing,
 A thousand glad voices sound over the lea.
 The pageant of Empire passes before us,
 Our hearts are thy throne, this thou knowest I ween;
 Oh! Empress beloved, we chant in one chorus,
 His angels now guard thee, and "God save the Queen."

EMRA HOLMES.

April, 1900.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. ARTHUR WESTON, photographer, has removed from Newgate-street to 16 and 17, Poultry.

MESSRS. MIRET, PERING, SMITH, AND CO., solicitors, have removed from 81, Cannon-street, to 7, Great Helen's-place.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN is authorised to state that the lists for presentation at her Majesty's Drawing Rooms on the 11th and 14th prox. have been completed.

THE PRIME MINISTER will give his usual dinner to the Ambassadors and representatives of foreign Courts, in honour of the Queen's birthday, at the Hotel Cecil, on the 23rd prox.

OWING TO THE WAR, the Committee of the Italian Hospital have resolved to abandon the usual festival ball this year; but they trust that the Charity will not be allowed to suffer on this account.

MR. AUGUST MANNS (by permission of the directors of the Crystal Palace) will conduct a special orchestral programme by the Crystal Palace Orchestra at the Alhambra next Sunday evening, at seven o'clock.

THE TEMPLE FLOWER SHOW.—The 13th annual flower show of the Royal Horticultural Society will take place in the Inner Temple Gardens on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 23rd, 24th, and 25th prox.

THE SPEAKERS at the Literary Fund dinner, on Wednesday, at which the Lord Chief Justice will preside, will include Mr. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), Mr. Anthony Hope Hawkins, and Mr. E. H. Pember, Q.C.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HAM.—The Sixth Free Picture Exhibition will be opened at the Town Hall, Stratford, E., on Monday, 30th inst., by F. R. Benson, Esq., who is at present producing Shakespearean plays at the Lyceum Theatre.

THE SUM OF £250, the surplus amount subscribed in connection with the acquisition of Golder's-hill, has been handed over to the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association to be held in trust for buying further land to extend Hampstead Heath.

AN ARMY AND NAVY EXHIBITION will be held at the Royal Aquarium from Thursday, 24th prox., until Saturday, July 7th, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. Two-thirds of the ticket receipts will be devoted to the Mansion House Fund.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER attended a lodge meeting at Bloemfontein on the 23rd instant, as proxy for Bro. Lord Roberts. An address congratulating H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his recent escape was proposed by Bro. Lord Kitchener, and passed.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY was observed in the City by the hoisting of a large number of flags and banners. The St. George's Cross, which is the emblem of the City, flew from the flagstaff at the Mansion House. The Bank of England also displayed a large flag.

THE GUILDHALL MUSEUM.—The enormous and highly elaborate representation of the Royal arms that was removed from the church of St. Michael Bassishaw when it was closed has been placed on the wall at the southern end of the Guildhall Museum. In addition to the ordinary heraldic devices, the arms include the City arms, supported by two large figures of cupids.

THE DATES at which it is proposed that brigades of London and Home District Infantry Volunteers shall form their camps for a month's training under the special scheme for the present year are as follows: North London Brigade, at Pirbright, July 21st; East London, on Salisbury Plain, July 21st; West London, at Pirbright, August 3rd; Surrey, at Pirbright, July 27th; Home Counties, at Shorncliffe, July 28th. The South London Brigade had proposed to encamp at Yarmouth, but the purpose has been abandoned, and other proposals have not yet been made. The propositions for the other brigades are now under the consideration of the War Office.

HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS (Farningham and Swanley, Kent).—The 36th anniversary banquet will be held in the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on Friday, May 11th. Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan, P.G. Treas. (Sheriff of London), will preside. From their foundation, in 1864, the Homes for Little Boys have had a tender regard for the orphans of soldiers and sailors. At the present time there are more than 60 out of the 450 boys in the cottages at Farningham and Swanley whose fathers have given their lives for their country. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron, has graciously consented to enquire and nominate for admission some boys whose fathers have fallen in the present war.

THE SCENE of the summer outing this year of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, which is devoted to historical and literary research in connection with Masonry, will, upon the invitation of Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, Bro. G. Norman, Mayor of Cheltenham, and Lodges Royal Lebanon, Royal Gloucestershire, and Zetland of Gloucester, Foundation and Royal Union of Cheltenham, and Cotteswold of Cirencester, be these interesting localities. The visit will extend from Wednesday, July 4th, to the following Sunday; and Gloucester Cathedral, the Roman remains, and the Abbey Church at Cirencester, and an inspection of Cheltenham will be included in the itinerary.

BRO. SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY returned to Carlton House-terrace on Thursday from Cassiobury Park, Watford.

LADY BLYTHSWOOD has arrived in Seamore-place from Bath, and will be joined by Bro. Lord Blythswood at an early date.

THE PRIME MINISTER will give his usual dinner to the Ambassadors and representatives of foreign Courts, in honour of the Queen's birthday, at the Hotel Cecil, on the 23rd prox.

BRO. SIR HENRY DRUMMOND WOLFFE, British Ambassador to the Court of Spain, left London on Wednesday morning for Madrid, on the conclusion of leave of absence from his official duties.

UNDER THE genial chairmanship of Bro. Alderman Frank Green, president, a large company of members and friends of the Vintry Ward Club dined together at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 23rd inst.

THE ARTICLE CLUB.—Dr. Robert Farquharson, M.P., will preside at the next monthly club dinner and debate on Wednesday, May 2nd, to be held at the Trocadero Restaurant. Subject of debate, Art and Commerce.

ROYALTY AT THE MANSION HOUSE.—Bro. the Lord Mayor will entertain at a *déjeuner* at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, the 22nd prox., the Master (the Duke of York), and the Elder Brethren of Trinity House.

AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE Bridge House Estates Committee, Mr. Benjamin Turner has issued invitations for a dinner at the Albion Tavern, on Monday, 7th prox. Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs will be the principal guests.

THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES.—The Australian delegates will visit Warwick Castle on the 12th prox., and lunch with Bro. the Earl and Countess of Warwick. If his engagements will allow him, Mr. Chamberlain will accompany the party.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., has been pleased to fix Tuesday, 10th July next, as the day on which he will preside over the 102nd Anniversary Festival, to be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

ROYAL DONATION TO THE RAGGED UNION.—Mr. John Kirk, of the Ragged School Union, has received a cheque for £50 from the Queen for the funds of the Ragged School Union, in consideration of the fact of her Majesty being the Patron, and as a mark of the Queen's sympathy with the society's great work.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S Meteor is completing her outfit at Southampton, and will sail for home waters very shortly, and the American schooner Lascar, which has been purchased for a German owner, Dr. Von Bruening, is also leaving for Kiel. The sport is going ahead very fast in Germany and there should be some good schooner matches sailed this season.

M. CROCIOUS, Stationmaster of the Brussels Northern Railway Station, received on Tuesday a visit from a Secretary and an Attache of the British Legation, who were specially deputed for the purpose by Sir Francis Plunkett. These gentlemen presented M. Crocious with a beautiful scarf-pin from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by a most flattering letter from the Minister. The pin represents the Prince's coronet, ornamented with fine brilliants and rubies, and bearing the Prince's motto.

AT THE annual general court of the governors of the Orphan Working School on Wednesday, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, treasurer, seconded by Mr. W. S. Card, vice-president, to admit six children, sons and daughters of non-commissioned or warrant officers who have fallen in the war in South Africa, to the benefits of the institution without election. The cost of maintaining and educating a child in the institution is £26 per annum. Taking the average duration of a child's stay in the school to be seven years, the total cost of the Orphan Working School of these children would amount on these figures to £1092.

THE WHOLE of the infantry of the City Imperial Volunteers—1000 strong—have reached Bloemfontein, where the mounted section of 400 men had long preceded them, having shared in the capture of Jacobsdal and many of the subsequent actions. Lord Roberts inspected the new arrivals on Tuesday, and in his report issued Wednesday night by the War Office, he says, "they are in fine form and look very workmanlike." The *Daily Telegraph* War Correspondent reports that, amid much cheering, they marched through the capital looking "all fit and jaunty with their 16 barrister cyclists," on their way to Glen, some 10 miles north. In a march of 17 miles on the dry sand only a few of the battalion fell out.

AN AFTERNOON THEATRE.—At the Strand Theatre on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., the first of a series of special matinees will be initiated by Mr. Yorke Stephens and Mr. James Welch. The play that they have chosen for the first six performances is Mr. G. Bernard Shaw's pretty comedy, "You Never Can Tell," which will be played on the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and also on those of the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the following week. Messrs. Yorke Stephens and James Welch believe that the ever growing demand for matinees in London warrants them to establish, if possible, an afternoon theatre, and the present series that commences on Wednesday is somewhat in the nature of an experiment. Should their belief receive confirmation, the series will be repeated, and afterwards they will continue to present a succession of plays by the best authors, and performed in each instance by only well-known London artistes. Their plan is an eminently attractive one, and appears to contain all the elements for the successful establishment in London of an afternoon theatre. The following will be found included in the cast of "You Never Can Tell": Miss Mabel Terry Lewis, Miss Elsie Chester, Miss Audrey Ford, Mr. Herman Vezin, Mr. Yorke Stephens, Mr. George Raftmond, Mr. Charles Charrington, Mr. W. Graham Browne, and Mr. James Welch.

WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED to publish the following correspondence:—

THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL), No. 1.

Secretary's Office, 47, Frederick-street,
 23rd April, 1900.

Re ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES
 (Grand Master Mason of England).

At the last meeting of this lodge, of which his Royal Highness is a member, it was unanimously decided to convey to H.R.H. the congratulations of the brethren on his escape from the bullet of the assassin, and the following acknowledgment has been received through the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England.—Yours faithfully,

R. WOOD HAWKS,
 Secy. No. 1.

United Grand Lodge of England,
 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.,
 20th April, 1900.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am desired by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to ask you to be so good as to convey to the members of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, his Royal Highness's warmest thanks for their kind and fraternal congratulations on his providential escape from the recent attempt on his life.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) E. LETCHWORTH,
 Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. R. Wood Hawks,
 Secy. Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, S.C.

DEATH.

PRATT.—On the 22nd inst., at 22, Dane-road, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Jane, wife of Benjamin Pratt, aged 65 years; formerly widow of the late Henry Dowell, of Brancepeth House, Woodford Green, Essex.