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MASONRY AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

It was in the last degree improbable that so prominent a Mason as Bro. Alderman Sir A. NEWTON, Bart., would allow his year of office as Lord Mayor of London to pass without dispensing the hospitality of the Mansion House to a representative body of the Craft with which he has been honourably connected for so many years. Hence the meeting, by dispensation, of the lodge which bears his name, of which he was the principal founder and first W. Master, and his son, Bro. H. K. NEWTON, is the present Master. The meeting was a stated one and differed in no respect save one from other meetings of a similar character. The business on the Agenda included the initiation of three candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and at a later stage in the proceedings Bro. H. K. NEWTON, W.M., was heartily congratulated on the able and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony. These congratulations must have been the more welcome as the meeting, though it was, as we have remarked, a regular meeting, differed greatly from most other such meetings in the matter of attendance. The rulers of the Craft—the Present and Past Grand Officers of United Grand Lodge—were present in force, among them being many of the greater luminaries of the Society in England, whose names are familiar to Craftsmen in every country in which Freemasonry has established itself. It was the presence of these worthies, coupled with the fact of the lodge being held in the official residence of the Chief Magistrate of the metropolis of the British Empire, that gave especial *éclat* to the gathering. Moreover, as Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., in responding for the Grand Officers, was pleased to remark, "This is an age of records," and it is certainly an event without precedent in the annals of English Freemasonry that a lodge bearing the honoured name of London's Chief Magistrate, and presided over by his son, should have met in his official home and fulfilled its duties in the presence of such a brilliant muster of the magnates of the Craft. We heartily congratulate the Lord Mayor on the success which attended him as host on this particular occasion, and his lordship's son on the manner in which he performed the duties of presiding officer both in lodge and at the festive board, under circumstances of a peculiarly

trying nature; and we trust that if other meetings of a like character are held under the same hospitable roof they may prove at least as successful as that of the Alfred Newton Lodge on the 13th day of the present month of October in the closing year of the 19th century.

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

The first edition of this History, which was published in 1873, was so elaborately written; so much care was taken in its compilation to distinguish between historical fact and the fiction which so many Masonic writers had seen fit to palm off upon their uninstructed readers as fact; and in the course of the author's investigations he had succeeded in bringing to light such a mass of authentic information as to the early history of the Craft in Scotland, that at first sight there would appear to have been no special reason for the issue of a second and equally elaborate work. But the 27 years that have elapsed since Bro. LYON established himself as, *par excellence*, the historian of Scottish Freemasonry, constitutes the period of closest and most searching inquiry into the origin and development of our Society, both generally and in particular countries. Not only are the fables which once passed current as Masonic history now laughed to scorn, but there is even a tendency noticeable in some of our most approved authorities, in their determination to accept only what is capable of absolute proof, to reject those moral certainties which are only one degree less worthy of acceptance than legal certainties. We do not complain of this tendency. On the contrary, we are of opinion that it has a salutary effect in restraining people from adopting too readily and without due inquiry on their own part the theories which writers who preceded them have seen fit to promulgate. At all events, since Bro. LYON'S History was published in 1873 there has been a complete revolution in Masonic history. A generation of writers has arisen who have had the courage to think, search, and resolve for themselves, and Freemasonry is no longer open to the reproach that its historians are mere writers of fable. In England we have our GOULD and HUGHAN; Ireland boasts of its CHETWODE CRAWLEY; while the splendid example set by MURRAY LYON has been followed with great advantage by "quite a number of Masonic students," who, as the author remarks in his Preface, "have in book form given the result of their researches among the records of the most famous of our old Scottish Lodges," prominent among these students being Bros. ALEXANDER ROSS, ALLAN MACKENZIE, D. CRAWFORD SMITH, JAMES SMITH, WILLIAM HUNTER, and THOMAS JOHNSTONE. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that Bro. LYON, in his very natural desire to make his History of Lodge No. 1 as complete as possible, should have complied with the request of its Master and office-bearers for a new edition, while the Tercentenary celebration in the summer of 1899 furnished the opportunity for its publication. Of the result of his labours we have already said it is impossible to speak too highly, and so we must content ourselves with remarking that the new edition is worthy in every way of the lodge at whose request it has been

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written, and of the event in its history of which it is the memorial record, as well as of the distinguished brother who, in spite of his weight of years, has still further strengthened his claims upon our respect and admiration.

Passing to the History itself, we feel sorely tempted to enter into a more or less detailed consideration of its chief points, but we assume that most of our readers are acquainted with the 1873 edition, and whatever Bro. LYON then thought necessary to introduce in tracing the career of No. 1, and whatever else he may have looked upon as of special interest or importance to the general body of the Craft, is carefully reproduced in these pages. Here will be found the Schaw Statutes of 1598 and 1599. Here is a facsimile reproduction of the earliest extant minute of the lodge, bearing date "Ultimo, Julij, 1599." Here, too, is the "earliest authentic record of a non-operative being a member of a Mason lodge," the 8th June, 1600, being the date of the record—a facsimile of which faces page 52—while the non-operative is JOHN BOSWELL, of Auchinleck, who was present with "WM. SCHAW, maister of work to ye Kingis maistie," and "ye haill maissonis of ye Ludge of Edr," when JOHN BROWN was fined £10 for contravening one of the laws of Masonry; and here also is a biographical sketch of WILLIAM SCHAW which, on the authority of the late WILLIAM A. LAURIE, Bro. LYON ascribes to Sir DAVID BREWSTER. Here is carefully and critically examined "the statement made by LAURIE regarding the office of Grand Master having been made hereditary by JAMES II. in the Barons of ROSSLYN, a statement which, in our opinion, is fabulous and unsupported by any trustworthy evidence." In the course of the arguments he employs in support of his view Bro. LYON introduces the St. Clair Charters both in facsimile and in ordinary type. He has no doubt as to the genuineness of the documents and gives his reasons for determining approximately the dates of their issue. But he comes to the conclusion that the whole thing is a fable, the concluding sentence of the chapter in which he deals with the subject reading as follows: "Altogether the story of the 'Hereditary Grand Master' and his 'Annual Assemblies at Kilwinning' is so myth-like, that we decline to accept it as a historical fact." This opinion is strengthened by the author's fortunate discovery in the interval between the publication of the first and present editions of his work of a letter written by CHARLES I. in February, 1635, to the Scottish Exchequer and preserved among the State Papers in the Register House at Edinburgh, and as our readers are necessarily unacquainted with the document we produce it in full as follows:

Right trustie and well-beloved,—Haveing heard that yow have stopped the passing of that gift which we wer latelie pleased to grant vnto our ryght trustie and weilbeloved Sir Anthonie Alexander, Knyght, Master of our Works of our Kingdome of Scotland, be reasone of some objections maid be Sir William Sinclair of Roslin, Knycht, pretending ane heritable charge of the Maissones of our said kingdome, though we have nevir gevin warrant for strengthing of any heritable right, yitt we intend not to wrong any man who is sufficientlie secured therein, bot to recover it by dew course of law; therfoir it is our pleasur that yow caus the said Sir Williame Sinclair make it appear vnto yow and to our Advocat what right and title he hath wherby the passing of the said signature should be stayed; and if yow find that ther be just caus in his pairt why the said signature should be stayed and that it conteyne any new clause more to his prejudice then others Maisteris of works formerlie had, we desyre that our Advocat may certifie ws of the trew estate therof; and if ther be no such just caus of stay, seing we will that the present Master of Work have as much privileged as any of his prediccours in that place have ever had, it is our pleasure that immediatlly yow cause pass the same throw our sealls. And we will lykwayes for the better clearing of the said bussines that yow examyne the maissones of that our kingdome, and that not by papers whervnto ather of the pairties may have procured ther hands in a privat way, bot that yow give order to the magistrats of everie toun and to the shirreffis of everie shyre or to any other officers whom yow shall think fit, that so they, haveing called before them and heard the saids maissones, may report vnto yow what they shall find in the same.

CHARLES R.

Whythall, 27 February 1635.

Bro. LYON's comment on this letter is as follows: "We have no means of knowing the grounds upon which Sir WILLIAM based his objection to the appointment of Sir ANTHONY to the post of General-Warden and Master of Work to the King, but it may be inferred that he failed to convince King CHARLES of the validity of his claim, because Sir ANTHONY was sustained

in his high office and held it until his death in August, 1637, and was succeeded in it by his brother HENRIE ALEXANDER." Other documents bearing upon the subject which we are told "came to hand too late for insertion in the text" will be found as an addendum towards the end of the volume and should be read together with King CHARLES's letter as above quoted. In our opinion, this new evidence fully justifies Bro. LYON's opinion—which he it remarked, he arrived at before the discovery of these letters, &c.—that the whole story is too myth-like to be accepted as historical fact.

The further comments we are desirous of offering will be set forth in a second article.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

In the course of our researches hitherto, there have been several subjects mentioned to which only incidental reference was made, the detailed consideration required by their importance being postponed. One of these is the question of confirmation of minutes.

Now, there are several Articles in the Book of Constitutions referring to this matter, and we shall endeavour to obtain all the light we can from them, first of all. Article 172 describes what the minutes should comprise. Anything in addition is inserted at the Secretary's own wish. The first two clauses are self-explanatory, and no Secretary can experience the slightest doubt when entering minutes under these two heads. It is the third clause which sometimes gives rise to misconceptions culminating in a vote of non-confirmation, "Minutes of all such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written."

On the motion for confirmation, then, three points are determined. Are the minutes records of actual transactions, are they proper to be written, and are they correct?

A speech or a conversation, not resulting in a motion put to the meeting, has been ruled not to be a transaction, and it has even been ruled that the speech of the Grand Master was not a part of the minutes of Grand Lodge.

The Secretary then enters such things at his own wish. A vote of non-confirmation, resulting in the expunging of such matters, does not impugn the accuracy of his recollection. The minutes should be *facta non verba*.

Are they proper to be written? Of this the Worshipful Master should not leave the Secretary to be the judge unless he be a very old and experienced brother.

For instance, a petition for relief comes before the lodge, and for excellent reasons is rejected. The fact of the rejection is sufficient. A statement of the reasons might possibly be ordered to be expunged on the vote for confirmation, and the vote of non-confirmation would be restricted to the particular clauses objected to, not to the fact of the rejection. A detailed description of a ceremonial would be improper to be written, and would very rightly be expunged. The actual fact of the ceremony having taken place is quite sufficient.

As to the accuracy of the Secretary's recollection. A vote is sometimes taken on these grounds, and to avoid subsequent controversy he should insist on every motion made being submitted in writing. The rough draft of minutes should be looked over by the Worshipful Master, and if there be serious doubt by one or two other brethren. In any case the vote of the majority in lodge, however unacceptable to the minority, is final.

The most important transaction in a lodge's history is the election of its Master, and accordingly the act of confirmation in this case is specially referred to in Article 130. This, with Articles 74 and 251, contain all that the Constitutions have to teach us as to the exact meaning of the term.

Article 130 practically states that the Master is only "deemed to be elected" when that part of the minutes relating to his election has been confirmed, and Bro. Fenn stated in Grand Lodge that the "real and valid election of Master was only complete as the result of such confirmation."

Article 251 refers to votes of the Board of Benevolence granting sums of money between £20 and £40, which shall not be effectual until confirmed "at the next or a subsequent meeting of the Board." The article goes on to say that when such vote or grant is put for confirmation, it may be reduced, and such reduction shall not need confirmation.

Article 74 refers to grants of money originating with Grand Lodge, and the alteration and repeal of laws and regulations which shall not become valid until confirmed at the next Quarterly Communication.

With regard to this Article, it is not unusual for the Grand Treasurer to state, when a more than usually urgent grant has been voted, that he will not wait for its confirmation before paying it. Such statement is an admission that the Grand Treasurer pays the money at his own risk, and in the event of non-confirmation or reduction he would be personally liable.

The inference from all this is obvious. A motion for confirmation—in the eyes of the Constitutions—is not a motion of confidence in the accuracy of the Secretary's recollection. It gives an opportunity for second thoughts to prevail. To non-confirm the election of Brother A to the Master's chair does not deny the fact of such election having been made, but that in the interval brethren have come to the conclusion that they had better have someone else. A grant of £30 is made to a widow by the Board; £20 is paid on account, and at the next meeting that particular grant is non-confirmed. The fact of the grant having been made is not disputed. The non-confirmation means that in the interval the brethren have come to the conclusion that the £20 paid was quite sufficient. A new Article is proposed to be added to the Book of Constitutions, and secures a majority of votes in its favour. At the next Quarterly Communication it is put for confirmation, and its rejection does not mean that in the opinion of the meeting no such transaction took place, but that in the interval they have come to the conclusion that it is unnecessary. By parity of reasoning grants of money by private lodges require confirmation to be valid.

Now, out of the many and various transactions which go to make up lodge history, the Constitutions have selected three, *v.z.*, the election of Master, grants of money, and alteration of laws, as to which it is stated an opportunity for second thoughts and possible reversal of opinion should be given.

Does the specific mention of these three exclude all others? When putting the minutes the Worshipful Master is not always precise in his language. He has the choice of two phrases. "Is it your opinion that these minutes be confirmed," or "Are these minutes a correct record?" When the former question is put it is a matter for the whole lodge because the question really is "Do you approve of what took place?" When putting the latter it is a matter of etiquette that only brethren present at the meeting concerned shall vote, and bye-laws even, to that effect, have been passed as good by the Grand Master.

It seems to be an allowable inference from the Articles quoted that the former question (*i.e.*, Do you approve . . .) should only be put when the question is one of the three already referred to. Any question as to the rest of the minutes is a question as to whether the Secretary has presented a correct account, and in determining such a matter, which is practically a personal one between the Secretary and the brother objecting, it is absurd for brethren not present at the time to intervene.

This view gathers weight when one considers what a deadlock might arise if the power of altering an opinion once expressed were to apply to every transaction of the lodge. For instance, the writer has, in a former article, referred to the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes which recorded the black-balling of a candidate for initiation. Two black balls out of 40 cast were sufficient to reject him, but 19 votes at the next meeting were insufficient to prevent him coming back as a candidate completely whitewashed. The action of the lodge was never officially called in question, and it is to be regretted an appeal was not laid.

Instances could be adduced by the score to show what a *reductio ad absurdum* would result, were the confirmation of the minutes to imply unlimited power of revision of proceedings. If certain things are disapproved of, there is a proper way of securing due re-consideration. A special motion may be made for the rescission of a resolution and, if carried, would have far more weight than if accomplished by the register of a motion for confirmation of the minutes.

A case came under the writer's notice and has already been referred to in which that part of the minutes recording "the acceptance of a brother's resignation" was not confirmed and the brother was dunned for accumulated dues. On appeal the action of the lodge was deemed unconstitutional—but unfortunately, in giving judgment, nothing was said in Grand Lodge as to the propriety of the phrase "accepting," a resignation.

Oliver p. 202, in speaking of the importance of the Secretary recording every transaction—in which we are quite at one with him), goes on to say that the neglect of the Secretary to record a resignation would of course involve the absence of confirmation, and lead to endless disputes. But the reference to "the absence of confirmation" as a factor in the resulting disputes, is quite superfluous, as the fact of a resignation does not depend on a confirmation. The absence of the record from the minute book shows carelessness, but if delivery of the resignation could be proved, even that would not bar it.

Another point alluded to by Oliver is worth consideration. Confirmation of minutes does not render a transaction lawful which is not so otherwise. If a brother is elected to the chair of K.S. who has not served 12 months as a Warden, the unanimous confirmation of the minutes does not legalise what has occurred. Nor, if the minutes were non-confirmed on that ground, must it be supposed that the non-confirmation established the illegality of what had previously occurred. The illegality is independent, entirely, of the minute book.

In those lodges in which a monthly or quarterly financial statement is made, this is read out, and forms part of the minutes of that meeting. If any question arises as to its correctness, or if it be felt that there is need for reconsideration, this can all be done separately.

Acceptance of minutes in which such occurred would only mean acceptance of the historic fact that such statement formed part of the business. The items of the balance-sheet, or the balance-sheet as a whole, might be put separately.

The silence of the Constitutions, however, forms an appeal to the good sense of brethren.

It is specifically declared that there are three classes of question, to wit, the election of Master, alteration, formation, or suspension of laws and regulations, and financial matters, the importance of which is such that there should be an opportunity for reconsideration, and that the voice of the lodge should be heard a second time before such matters are treated as finally accomplished.

Whether such opportunities should be given with regard to other matters, or whether in every other case confirmation or otherwise should have reference only to the correctness of the record, must be left to common sense, and common sense tells us that if an opposite view be taken, there is no finality.

The Constitutions dictate the procedure to be followed when there is a non-confirmation of the subjects named. Would not appropriate procedure have been laid down if non-confirmation had the more extended meaning?

Following the guidance of the Constitutions, the Worshipful Master will first submit the minutes as a question of correct record. If any portion of them is challenged, he will satisfy himself whether or not that portion may be considered to be referred to in the Articles we have been quoting. If not, he will not allow them to be challenged except on the ground of inaccuracy of record. If he feel that it is, he will confirm the minutes with a saving clause and a subsequent and separate decision may then be arrived at.

In these remarks we make the allowable assumption that a course of procedure laid down in the Constitutions for the guidance of Grand Lodge applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to Provincial Grand and private lodges, unless the contrary is stated or can be inferred.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. In the absence of Bro. James Henry Matthews, President, the Chair of President was occupied by Bro. David Dixon Mercer, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President. The chair of Senior Vice President was taken by Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, and the chair of Junior Vice-President by Bro. Felix Kite, G.P. Bro. William Lake, Asst. G. Sec., Bro. William Dodd, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and Bro. Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the official department; and he other brethren present were—

Bros. James Boulton, G. E. Blunt, W. Fisher, Charles J. R. Tijou, James Block, F. W. Hancock, S. J. Notley, R. W. Kerr, Thomas Minstrell, W. Kipps, Henry A. Tobias, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. M. Bywater, James Ellinger, Charles Henry Stone, W. M. Stiles, S. Pelter, Lorenzo Faulk, W. Radcliffe, John Nixon, J. G. Doncaster, George R. Langley, W. H. Ruwell, W. F. Cheeseman, Harold J. Harper, James Robert W. Little, F. Purkiss, Thomas Bore, J. W. Burgess, J. M. Shields, H. Massey, Horace T. Bonner, Arthur Williams, Charles Lacey, A. G. Wedmore, C. Wilfred Blanchard, H. J. Gab, T. C. Dyer, T. J. Thompson, W. T. Thompson, G. E. Hamilton, Arthur Cox, F. W. Golby, A. E. Haithide, W. M. Johnson, W. J. Woodward, F. L. Palmer, E. W. Pillinger, John Hoey, C. J. Grove, J. Campbell, Alfred J. Hexter, W. Smith, and E. H. Lewis.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the September meeting, to the amount of £110. The new list contained the names of 45 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at St. Helen's (Lanc.), Ramsgate, Rawal Pindi, Wakefield, Keighley, Newfoundland, Byculla, Rickmansworth, Hythe, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Grand Lodge (Scotland), Wigan, Castlemain (Victoria), Windsor, Hastings, Germiston (Transvaal) (two), Bombay, Umballa, East Stonehouse, New South Wales, and Grand Lodge (Victoria). Three of these were dismissed, and four were deferred. The remainder (38) were relieved, or recommended to be relieved, to the amount of £1015. One petitioner was recommended to Grand Lodge for £75 and two were recommended for £50 each. The Grand Master was asked to approve of grants of £40 in five instances, and £30 in 11 cases. Thirteen grants were made of £20 each, four of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

SOME MODERN USES OF GLASS.

According to Pliny, the ancient, quaint naturalist, the discovery of glass, like many another article that has proved of immense benefit to mankind, was entirely fortuitous. A merchant ship laden with nitre being driven ashore on the coast of Galilee in 77 A.D., the crew went ashore for provisions, which they cooked by the water's edge, constructing a rough support for their utensils out of pieces of their cargo, which produced a vitrification of the sand beneath the fire, and afforded the hint for the manufacture of glass. Moralising upon this tradition, the ancient French naturalist, Baron Cuvier, wrote—"It could not be expected that these Phœnician sailors, who saw the sand of the shores of Bœtica transformed by fire into a transparent glass, should have at once foreseen that this new substance would prolong the pleasures of sight to the old; that it would one day assist the astronomer in penetrating the depths of the heavens, and in numbering the stars of the Milky Way; that it would lay open to the naturalist a miniature world, as populous, as rich in wonders as that which alone seemed to have been granted to his senses and his contemplation; in fine, that the most simple and direct use of it would enable the inhabitants of the coast of the Baltic Sea to build palaces more magnificent than those of Tyre and Memphis, and to cultivate, almost under the polar circle, the most delicious fruits of the torrid zone!" Since his death, in 1832, how the field of its usefulness has expanded! Visitors to the Chicago Exhibition years ago could not fail to have noticed several offices, workshops, and stores constructed entirely of hollow glass bricks, to which a highly decorative effect was given by using bricks of variegated colours, joined with a colourless cement, and which, when lit from within by the electric light, presented a fairy-like aspect, unapproached by structures of glass and iron, such as our Crystal Palace. They need not, however, have travelled so far to see an erection of this nature, for a glass factory at Liverpool has glass journal bones for all its machinery, a glass floor, glass shingles on the roof, and a chimney 105 feet high, built wholly of glass bricks, each a foot square. Several patents for roofing glass have been taken out during the last few years, the best, perhaps, being that in which during manufacture the glass is moulded upon steel wire netting, which greatly increases its strength without appreciably lessening its transparency, and allows of its being used in much larger sheets. A Paris firm of glassmakers, MM. Apert Frères now produce some porous glass, to be used for window panes. The pores are too fine to admit of draught, but cause a pleasant and healthy ventilation in a room. By means of the toughening process glass railway-sleepers, tram rails, floor-plates, grindstones, &c., have been produced. Some six years ago remarkable experiments were carried out by the Berlin fire brigade upon a patent fire-resisting glass, suitable for skylights, windows, and partitions, exhibited by Messrs. Siemens, of Dresden. It was proved to be capable of resisting a temperature of 1,300° C. for over half an hour. Articles of dress are now being extensively made of this material. A Venetian manufacturer is turning out bonnets by the thousand, the glass cloth of which they are composed having the same shimmer and brilliancy of colour as silk; and, what is a great advantage, being impervious to water. In Russia there has for a long time existed a tissue manufactured from the fibre of a peculiar filamentous stone from the Siberian mines, which, by some secret process, is shredded and spun into a fabric, which, although soft to the touch and flexible in the extreme, is of so durable a nature that it never wears out. This is probably what has given an enterprising firm the idea of producing spun-glass dress lengths. The Muscovite stuff is thrown into the fire when dirty like asbestos, by which it is made absolutely clean again; but the spun-glass silk is simply brushed with a hard brush and soap and water, and is none the worse for being either stained or soiled. The spinning of filaments of asbestos into cloth was well known to the ancient Greeks and Romans, and its property of being able, with impunity, to resist the action of fire is expressed in its name. It was an ordinary practice to clean asbestos clothes when soiled by submitting them to a fierce fire. The material made of spun dress in our modern times is to be had in white, green, lilac, pink, and yellow, and bids fair to become fashionable for evening dresses. An Austrian is the inventor of this novel fabric, which, at present, is rather costly. Table-cloths, napkins, and window-curtains are also made of it. It has also been discovered that glass is capable of being turned into a fine cloth, which can be worn next the skin without the slightest discomfort.

(To be continued.)

MINIATURE PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

We have given details of the principal artists in oil in this reign, let us now treat of the painters in miniature. The name of Petruccio Ubaldini, often occurs. He appears to have been an illuminator on vellum; some of his works in that kind are, we believe, still extant; as the Psalms of David, in folio, at the beginning, the coat of arms and supporters of a nobleman, and facing it, King David on his knees. At the end of the book this inscription: "Petruccius Ubaldinus Florentinus Henrico comiti Arundelii, Mæcenati suo, scribebat Londini MDLXV." Another book on vellum, written and illuminated by the same person, containing the sentences of Scripture painted in the Lord Keeper's gallery, is at Gorbamby. This gallery and the inscriptions are still extant at the house, now the Earl of Verulam's, near St. Albans, where are several curious portraits, a large statue of Henry VIII. in armour, busts of Sir Nicholas Bacon and his lady, and of Lord Bacon when a boy. This mansion was built by the Keeper, and much improved by Sir Francis Bacon, who added Italian porticos and loggias, but artfully preserved them from being too dissonant from the older parts of the building. It is a sweet retirement, without ostentation, and adapted to his motto, "Mediocria firma." It was purchased by Sir Harbottle Grimston, and much of the old furniture, the purchaser and the present possessors have had the good taste to preserve. This book, of which we have spoken, was made by order of Sir Nicholas Bacon, and by him presented to the Lady Lumley. Another, containing various kinds of writing, chiefly in the Italian language, is very neatly executed. This was in the Cotton Library. There were besides in the King's library (most of them, now, in the British Museum) many beautifully illuminated books.

Another Italian book, presented by Petruccio to the Queen, is now in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. Petruccio seems to have been in favour at court; he is frequently mentioned in the rolls of new year's gifts, which used to be deposited in the jewel office, and in which the names of Hilliard, Oliver, and Marc Garrard do not appear. In the 21st year of Elizabeth, To Petruccio £5. He returns a book of Italian, with pictures, to the life and metamorphoses of Ovid. Another, in 1585, by Petruccio Ubaldini, a pedigree to him, gilt plate, five ounces. In 1588: To Petruccio, in gilt plate, five ounces; he returned a book covered with vellum of Italian. In one of these rolls Mr. Sidney (the famous Sir Phillip) presents the Queen, at New Year's tide, with a whip set with jewels, and another time, with a castle enriched with diamonds.

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THE OXFORD MUSIC HALL.

It is now many years since we have been to this popular place of resort. During its existence it has passed through many varied phases, but under the wise progressive management of Mr. Albert Gilmer there is nothing now to be seen but what is in strict accordance with the dictates of good taste. On the occasion of our visit the entertainment commenced with the well-known overture to "Tancredi," by Guiseppe Rossini. Old and *passé* as this work may now be considered, it possesses a full flowing vein of melody, which will ever ensure its vitality. It was admirably played by a well-trained band, which took up the various points in the *morceaux* with precision. Then we had, amongst other turns, Miss Louie Lynton, the comedienne, who sang some of her well-known society songs, followed by the funny eccentrics Drew and Alder, Mr. Leonard Barry, comedian; Miss Lily English, variety artiste; Mr. Chas. E. Edwards, as "The Happy Tramp," who possesses a fund of rich humour; *Sisters Levy* (two) burlesque artistes; Franco Piper, banjo soloist, the best performer on this instrument we have ever heard—he does every kind of apparently impossible trick with the banjos, at the same time preserving the original flowing melody. Then the comedian, Mr. R. G. Knowles, appeared in what he called his farewell engagement; he was applauded to the echo; he is certainly very clever. A most amusing sketch of conjugal tribulation, entitled "Mothers' Meeting." The author artist furnishes a laughter-provoking turn; he is well supported by his wife and other artistes. Afterwards appeared Mr. George Robey, an artist highly appreciated by the audience, with whom he is a great favourite. After some other turns Mr. Dan Leno, who had been eagerly expected, appeared. The audience well knew the songs which are given by this versatile artist, joining heartily in the chorus. There was a curious aquatic performance in a large aquarium in the centre of the stage, filled with water. Bros. Passmore exhibited some of their facetious eccentricities, and Messrs. Binns and Binns, the Musical Tramps, gave some of theirs. Two or three hours of healthy entertainment may be obtained at "The Oxford."

GENERAL NOTES.

Arrangements have lately been concluded by Mr. Chas. Frohman and Messrs. A. and S. Gatti for a revival, at the Vaudeville, about the middle of December, of the late Mr. Saville Clarke's adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland," with music by Mr. Walter Slaughter. The piece will be given at a series of matinées, and, fortunately, the management have not had to go far afield in search of a representative of Alice, for none more delightful than Miss Ellaline Terriss, who will sustain the part, could easily be imagined. Mr. Seymour Hicks will be the Mad Hatter, and it is probable that Miss Emily Miller may be seen as the Duchess. "Self and Lady" will, of course, continue to be played in the evening, and so successful is the piece that, in addition to the usual Wednesday matinées, Saturday matinées will be given until further notice.

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"Patience," the aesthetic opera by Mr. W. S. Gilbert and Sir A. Sullivan, which was first produced by Mr. D'Oyly Carte nearly 20 years ago, and has never since been reproduced in London, will be revived at the Savoy Theatre on Wednesday evening, 7th November. Mr. Gilbert will himself superintend the rehearsals. "The Pirates of Penzance" will be played up to Saturday evening, 3rd November.

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Mrs. Beerbohm Tree is retained by Mr. Robert Newman to recite "The Flag of England" and "Bobs" at the Queen's Hall Promenade Concerts.

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Mr. F. R. Benson's company will produce eight plays of Shakespeare's during his season of 16 weeks at the Comedy Theatre, beginning on 19th December next.

THE PLAYGOERS' CLUB.

After playing a perilous sea-saw game last Friday week, the Playgoers, at the adjourned annual meeting, just failed to recover their balance, failing sufficiently, it is to be feared, to cause mortal results. Up till a quarter to 10 hope of complete recovery ran very high indeed, but before the hour just two removed from midnight all honest well wishers of the Playgoers' Club muffled their drums to beat the retreat.

The evening began really well, with a large orderly attendance.

The minutes of last Friday week were read, but on a vote of confirmation they were condemned by a large majority. This glad sign of return to sense was greeted with a prolonged round of applause. And how hearty that applause was, and what gratification it must have been to Mr. Carl Hentschel, this assurance that his magnificent work of 16 years was not to be passed by for a flash in the pan, a few swollen heads! And the majority meant something besides that. It meant the club had come back to its original frame of mind, a state that recognised its welfare was at peril, its good name near to the mud. Mr. Hentschel knew this all along. He and the old committee fought desperately hard to make the members see what was best for them. But rhetoric and visions of "swagger" premises proved too strong. On the Friday they first voted heavily for their best interests, only an hour or so later to contradict themselves. Last night they tried to undo the mischief they had done, and but for the stern law

governing meetings, would have succeeded. All their contradictory resolutions they were most anxious to re-contradict. But it was too late—according to the ruling of Mr. B. W. Findon, the chairman.

This unfortunate discovery of irregularity, however, was not made until a vast amount of work had been most satisfactorily accomplished.

As already stated, Friday week's minutes had been condemned, which meant the committee then elected ceased to exist. A new executive consequently had to be elected, and as Mr. Hentschel, Mr. Repton, and Mr. House had resigned their respective offices, the first move was to ask these gentlemen to reconsider their decision. Mr. Hentschel said his remaining as Treasurer rested on the committee elected, as he could not conscientiously support men who propagated a policy which he regarded as directly dangerous to the club's welfare. If Mr. Hentschel withdrew, Mr. Repton would not continue as trustee, and if Mr. Hentschel declined office Mr. Percy House would not consent to stand as Secretary. The result was that all three of these important officials resigned, and with them go Messrs. Cecil Raleigh, E. F. Spence, A. Lindo, W. O. Summers, R. J. Geard, &c. And so Mr. Hentschel, with his followers and colleagues, retired from the hard work of so many years, leaving behind them a club worked from a small coterie into a public institution. For this wonderful success no one can deny the unflagging energy, the countless hours, and, it may be added, the financial assistance, and good name, given by Mr. Hentschel to the Playgoers' Club are mainly responsible. And in that the behaviour and want of dignity displayed by the members was a serious blot on the history of the Playgoers' Club, it is not to be wondered at that many old playgoers will follow in the steps of Mr. Carl Hentschel and his colleagues.

Mr. Hentschel spoke of hearing remarks about a "one man club." The "one man" referred to is now out of it. Let us see what will happen.

Mr. Hess is the new treasurer, Mr. Hannaford Bennett the new secretary, and Mr. Golsun the new trustee. If the club under its new guidance keeps afloat, well and good. This much is certain, with its foundation gone, the play-going spirit will dwindle from the club. For an ill finish to a prosperous career an ill-sounding phrase should not be so much amiss, so here it is—the Playgoers' is dead!

Craft Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 48.

There was an excellent muster of members and visitors at the usual meeting held on Monday evening, the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gateshead. The W.M., Bro. J. T. Pragnell, presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Armstrong, I.P.M.; W. C. A. Holzapfel, P.M.; Wm. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D. of C.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; H. Bartlett, as S.W.; H. H. Pitt, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, Chap.; W. E. Peacock, Sec.; T. Smith, Asst. Sec.; R. Laverick, S.D.; W. Witherington, as J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; G. T. Rootes, I.G.; W. W. Nicols, Joe Moffat, T. W. Hilton, and W. Blythe, Stewards; J. Curry, Tyler; A. M. Blenkinsop, W. Taylor, R. Jobling, J. Lawson, G. Kindred, R. Richardson, J. Carr, N. D. Cookson, J. G. Hind, W. Turnbull, R. Marson, J. R. Lightbown, F. Buckham, C. F. Pelmeare, K. H. Holme, P.M. 2520, P.J.G.W.; J. J. Holme, 2520, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. K. Henderson, 2520; M. Dodsworth, 2520; J. Munro, 1643; J. J. Clegg, P.M. 1643; J. Waters, W.M. 1643; W. Lamb, 1643; G. Davison, 1643; C. W. Hodgson, W.M. 659; J. B. McKenzie, S.W. 659; N. Roxby, 1863; J. Douglass, 1863; A. Gourley, S.W. 2557; E. J. Graham, W.M. 481; R. Plumpton, I.P.M. 481; C. E. Schreder, S.D. 481; E. Allison, S.W. 481; T. H. Shotton, 481; E. Scullid, 2674; J. Howe, W.M. 424; W. F. Phillips, I.P.M. 424; T. A. Mollit, P.M. 424; J. Burrell, P.M. 424; T. R. Short, P.M. 424; J. Wright, J.W. 424; G. P. Graham, 424; J. Davidson, 424; D. Hodkin, 424; J. G. Lobbett, 481; G. Forster, W.M. 2723; H. A. Malcolm, 2723; G. A. Malcolm, 2823; J. W. Kent, 2674; J. A. M. Collier, 2680; and others.

After the preliminary business, Bros. N. D. Cookson and Bendiscon, 2557, were advanced to the Second Degree by the W.M. Bro. R. H. Holme, P.J.G.W. Northumberland, delivered the annual lecture in connection with this lodge. The subject selected by the lecturer was "A Lesson from the First Tracing Boards," which was listened to with intense interest by all the brethren present for the space of half an hour. The address was clear and lucid, and the points were clearly defined to the satisfaction of the audience. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Holme, who suitably responded. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the W.M. having received the good wishes of the brethren, the proceedings closed, and those present adjourned to the refreshment board.

York Lodge, No. 236.

The regular meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday evening, the 15th inst. The following were present: Bros. J. A. Askew, W.M.; E. S. Robinson, S.W.; O. G. Taylor, J.W.; G. Potter-Kirby, Treas.; the Dean of York, Chap.; T. C. Thompson, Sec.; J. S. Shannon, S.D.; A. G. Rayner, J.D.; F. Cull, I.G.; W. Hirst, Org.; J. H. Wray, D.C.; F. W. Loughton, I.P.M.; D. Carter and D. C. Larg, Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; J. Sykes Rymer, P.M. (Lord Mayor of York); A. Jones, P.M. (Sheriff of York); S. Border, P.M.; G. Garbutt, P.M.; J. Melrose, P.M.; C. M. Forbes, P.M.; J. B. Sampson, P.M.; H. Foster, P.M.; A. Procter, P.M.; J. G. Butcher, Q.C., M.P.; Morgan Barron, Hemphill, J. S. Robinson, Lockwood Inglis, Sharp, Rogers, Oakley, Fletcher, H. W. Thompson, Parker, Blakey, and Scott. There were also present as visitors Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.G. S.B. Eng.; G. H. Stott, P.M.; C. Garrood, W. J. Rudgard, W.M. 2328; A. G. Stevenson, and others.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. R. D. C. Rose, who was duly elected; after which Mr. George Denison Faber, M.P. (who had been elected at the previous regular lodge), was initiated into the Order by the W.M., the working tools being given by the J.W., and the charge by the S.W. The whole ceremony was ably and impressively performed, and reflected great credit on the W.M. and his officers.

After the lodge, the W.M. and brethren adjourned to refreshment and the following toasts were honoured: "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M.; "The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. Rymer, P.S.G.W. N. and E. Yorks (Lord Mayor of York); "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. J. G. Butcher, Q.C., M.P., and responded to by Bro. J. Melrose, P.P.S.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; "The W.M. of the York Lodge," proposed by the I.P.M.; and "The Newly-Initiated Bro. G. D. Faber," proposed by Bro. Border, and responded to in a very happy speech.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors" and "The Officers of the York Lodge." The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening: Bros. Faber, Loughton, Hirst, and Dashwood Carter.

Burgoyne Lodge, No 902.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEO. JOSEPH BROWN.

A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, held at Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Monday, the 22nd inst. Bro. J. J. Fifield completed a prosperous and enjoyable year of office as W.M. by installing Bro. Geo. Joseph Brown as his successor. The members in attendance included Bros. J. J. Fifield, W.M.; Walter Bean, P.M.; G. J. Brown, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Richmond, J.W.; Geo. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Oscroft,

D.; H. Haycraft, J.D.; R. H. Marchbank, I.G.; Chas. Butcher, P.M.; S. Rashleigh, P.M., D. of C.; C. Cowland, P.M.; J. Beddoes, P.M.; E. W. Pillinger P.M., and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. Carman, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Simeons W.M. 193; W. A. Williams, J.W. 101; G. Spice, 193; E. Gatfield, 55; L. Fleck 172; R. B. Bluntish, 243; W. H. M. Burgess, S.D. 2191; A. W. Briggs; W. R. Francis; A. Moore; A. Eades, P.M. 2332; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314; A. E. Remington W.M. 2754; T. Alderman, J.W. 1326; G. Paker, 861; A. Woods, J.D. 1853; H. J. Gabb, P.M. 812; A. B. Butt, P.M. 753; G. B. Gabb, 463; D. Saines, J.W. 2563; A. E. McCamley, I.P.M. 1535; A. G. Dodson, P.M. 188; C. B. Todd, P.M. 27; F. Mead, Riche, Sycamore, W. W. Lee, P.M., and several others.

The preliminary business in the lodge comprised the confirmation of the minutes, the adoption of the Audit Report—which showed an increased balance in hand, and the passing of Bros. Brearley and Morton. The principal item on the agenda was then proceeded with, and Bro. Geo. Joseph Brown was installed as W.M., the ceremony being ably carried out by Bro. Fifield, assisted by Bro. S. Rasleigh, P.M., as D. of C. The newly-installed officers were Bros. J. J. Fifield, I.P.M.; F. Richmond, S.W.; J. Oscroft, J.W.; G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; H. Haycraft, S.D.; R. H. Marchbank, J.D.; I. H. Stanley, I.G.; J. E. Pillinger and H. Crumbleholme, Stwds.; S. Rashleigh, D.C.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and a well-served banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

The W.M., in proposing "The Grand Officers," said he had had little experience of them personally, but he knew they did a great deal for Freemasonry in general. He had been struck by the ability displayed by them in Grand Lodge, and the great amount of time it must have taken them to reach their high positions.

Bro. H. Carman, P.G.S.B., expressed his pleasure at responding to the toast. The Grand Officers always had the interest of the Craft at heart. Any time they devoted was given up with great cheerfulness, and they were rewarded by knowing they were not forgotten by the brethren at their festive gatherings. He wished to congratulate the W.M., whom he had known for many years. It had been one of his greatest pleasures to see so worthy a brother installed into the chair in so excellent a manner. He was particularly gratified to hear the very satisfactory state of the lodge, and he hoped the W.M. would increase rather than diminish the substantial balance in the Treasurer's hands.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Fifield, I.P.M., who said he had known the W.M. for some time as a good and true Mason. Bro. Brown, W.M., was always "hail fellow, well met," with a kindly word for all; but what impressed them most in his personality was his straightforwardness. He always said what he meant, please or offend; but his remarks were always kindly meant. The W.M. was a hard worker in the lodge—in fact one of the hardest—and his perseverance had been rewarded. The brethren could, therefore, heartily drink to the W.M.'s successful year of office and long life and prosperity.

Bro. G. J. Brown, W.M., warmly thanked the I.P.M. and brethren. It was a very great pleasure to him to see such a large gathering and so many old friends around him—some of whom he had known for 30 years. He was proud to hold the high office of W.M. He had lost no time in gaining that office although there were several Past Masters who were junior to him in the lodge. He was gratified at the splendid balance sheet presented by the Treasurer, and hoped to leave a similar amount in hand at the end of the year and win the compliments bestowed upon the I.P.M. that evening. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. The next toast he had pleasure in submitting was that of "The I.P.M.," which was received with satisfaction in the Burgoyne Lodge. He congratulated the I.P.M. on his splendid year of office, both as regards financial results and the beautiful manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted. Bro. Fifield must have worked very hard to have been so letter perfect, and all present would agree that the installation ceremony that evening was a treat to listen to. He (the W.M.) had pleasure in decorating Bro. Fifield with the handsome Past Master's jewel which was presented "as an emblem of respect and in appreciation of valuable services," and hoped he would be spared to them for many years to come.

Bro. J. J. Fifield, I.P.M., in reply, said the W.M.'s remarks were too flattering, but during his year he had certainly done his best. It had always been a joint with him to take everything in hand in earnest and do his best to the utmost of his ability. No matter if it took a little hard study or a little spare time, they should look it in the face and do it. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony one brother remarked that it was well finished. He concluded that brother meant the termination of his year of office, for he was not by any means finished in respect to Freemasonry. He should always strive to go forward in Masonry as the ritual taught them. One feature of his year was an unbounded success, and that was the ladies' night. It enabled the ladies to join them at the festive board and enjoy themselves. If he had satisfied the Past Masters and brethren by his efforts he was quite satisfied, for he had commanded the respect of the members and he hoped to enjoy it for many years to come.

Bros. Ewington, Spice, and Butt (Preceptor of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction) answered for "The Visitors."

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters'" toast afforded Bros. Gabb, P.M., Treas., and Byng, P.M., Sec. (the father of the lodge) an opportunity of further enlarging upon the very prosperous condition of the lodge, and of assuring the brethren of their continued efforts to maintain this prosperity.

"The Officers" was duly honoured before the proceedings terminated. Bro. Arthur W. Briggs directed the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Bros. H. Marchbank, W. A. Williams, Collier (bassoon solos), Booker (humorous), and H. Carman.

Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY CORNFORD.

The installation meeting of this influential and highly successful lodge took place at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on the 18th inst., which thoroughly maintained its prestige. Present: Bros. Walter King, W.M.; Hy. Cornford, P.M., S.W. and W.M. elect; W. T. Tempest, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Tucker, S.D.; Alb. Heskeliel, J.D.; P. Twitchen, I.G.; J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; R. Brown and C. Martin, Stwds.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; Aug. Le Cren, P.M.; Thos. Hobley, I.P.M.; G. Pike, P.M.; T. R. Cass, P.M.; H. W. Parker, II, Windsor, F. Houlton, R. Weller, P.M.; D. Birbeck, and C. Taylor. The visitors were Bros. E. G. Steers, W.M. 1507; G. G. Tompkins, W.M. 1622, P.M. 1744; Frank Swinford, W.M. 2024, P.M. 2272, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; H. Buckeridge, P.M. 1658; F. H. Ames, 101; P. F. Block, 1622; W. Crosson, P.M. 1658; S. Meech, P.M. 2766, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; F. W. Trotter, 2182; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; Chas. Wm. Stone, P.M. 507; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 1911; Thos. Grummitt, P.M. and Sec. 1559; T. W. Chapman, S.D. 101; A. C. Huddart, S.W. 15; H. C. Turner, P.M. 1602; Woolmer Williams, P.M. 1275; F. G. Rice, 1194; A. Philcox, 1194; J. B. Higgs, 1622; Alban Bradgate, 1622; Arthur Grover, 101; Jas. Pointing, 1622; Wm. Dawson, P.M. 1622 and 788; Thos. Ireland, 90; Harry Wood, P.M. 101; F. G. Messent, 1922; Wal. E. Jeffery, P.M. 1622; W. West, J.W. 172; J. Horncastle, 1343; Hy. Dawson, 1178; Arthur Taylor, 317; S. G. Holt, 2362; J. Andy, 1987; and Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641, P.M. 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Hy. Cornford, was next presented by Bro. J. Hooper, P.M., to the W.M. to receive from him the benefit of installation, which was most ably carried out in a full Board of 27 Installed Masters, almost a record in the lodge. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers in a capable and perfect manner as follows: Bro. W. R. King, I.P.M.; W. T. Tempest, S.W.; F. Tucker, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M.; H. A. Stunt, P.M.; A. Heskeliel, S.D.; P. H. B. Twitchen, J.D.; R. Brown, I.G.; Frank Swinford, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org. Middx.; J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; C. Martin and H. W. Parker, Stewards; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably and effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Walter King. The next very pleasing incident was undertaken by the W.M., Bro. Hy. Cornford, who in a few well-chosen and praiseworthy remarks presented the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Walter King, which had been so unanimously voted by the brethren. All knew his worth, and the able manner he had discharged his duties, and it was their earnest wish that he might live long to wear the same in the Blackheath Lodge. In reply Bro. Walter King, I.P.M., in very appropriate remarks suitably acknowledged the high compliment paid him, and highly appreciated their handsome testimony, the Past Master's jewel. It was the first jewel he had received for services rendered, and hoped he should be the recipient of many others. He most heartily thanked them. The balance-sheet was presented and adopted, which showed

he lodge to be financially sound. A proposition was handed in for initiation, which augurs well for the coming year. The sum of two guineas was voted to the Harper Memorial Fund (an act of benevolence characteristic of the lodge) on the motion of Bro. T. R. Cass, P.M.; seconded by Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M.

The lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided and personally superintended by Bro. Callingham, the proprietor.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in most becoming terms, which were most royally received.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Earl Amhurst, the Right Worshipful Dep. Grand Master, Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in excellent terms, which also were most cordially received.

The I.P.M., Bro. Walter King, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said his sun had set that evening, but there was one function left him which it was the privilege of the I.P.M. to propose. To him it was a distinct pleasure, and he could assure the brethren that in the annals of the Blackheath Lodge no brother had ever been installed who was more highly appreciated than the W.M. that evening, for in him were embodied every attribute which constituted a perfect Master. He was an excellent worker and true friend, as he could personally testify, and possessing those qualities the success of the lodge was fully assured. He had begun well, and everything augured for its future continued prosperity. He asked the brethren to drink to the health in bumpers.

The W.M., on rising received quite an ovation, and thanked the cordial I.P.M. for such kind and eulogistic terms, and also for the manner in which the toast had been received by the brethren. He certainly had the love of Freemasonry at heart, and was only happy when he was performing those duties. He tendered his thanks to the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge for electing him to that honourable position, and he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his worthy predecessors in the chair. He had belonged to the lodge but six years, and it was indeed a proud moment to him to be its Master, and he would do his utmost to emulate the Past Masters, and carry out the duties in the same excellent manner. He hoped that good men and true would be introduced so that he could prove his capabilities, and he most cordially thanked them.

Bro. H. Cornford, W.M., next proposed the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master." The lodge had had proof of his abilities, and the brethren were highly satisfied with the manner he had performed the duties for the past year. Whatever he had to do was always carried out most enthusiastically, and the brethren hoped that he might live for many years in the honourable position of a P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. W. King, I.P.M., in reply, tendered his hearty thanks for their kind expressions towards him, and it was one of the greatest pleasures to him to be the I.P.M. of such a lodge. Whatever he could do in and out of the lodge would be done to the best of his ability. He had been invested with the jewel which had been bestowed upon him for services rendered to the lodge, and which was one of the greatest honours which he could receive. The past year had eminently been a most successful one, and he considered there was a brilliant future before the lodge. For their kindnesses he most cordially thanked them.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next presented by the W.M. with great cordiality, and ably responded to by Bros. Steers, W.M.; Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M.; E. J. S. Ware, W.M.; Geo. Thompson, W.M.; Ireland (from Australian Lodge); and Wm. Dawson, P.M., the worthy Preceptor of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction, one and all acknowledging the splendid work and hospitality of the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in high words of commendation by the W.M., among whom were Bros. Morson, Treas., and H. A. Stunt, Sec., two valuable officers, who performed their duties to the entire satisfaction of the lodge.

This was duly responded to by Bros. King, I.P.M.; T. R. Cass, P.M.; J. Hooper, P.M.; and Stunt, Sec., who stated it was the 12th year he had held the position, which he was proud to hold. It was to him a great pleasure to serve under such worthy Masters, and the present W.M. would to him prove a most perfect one. He also thanked the brethren on behalf of Bro. Morson, Treas., who had been obliged to leave, and congratulated the brethren on the subscriptions to the Charity box, which had been the means of adding £73 9s. to the Benevolent Fund. He was only pleased to carry out the duties of Secretary, and the more work he had to do the better he liked it.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Officers," and congratulated himself and the lodge upon having so capable a body.

This was duly responded to by Bros. Tempest, S.W., and Tucker, J.W.

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

A capital programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., the artistes being Miss Massie Riversdale (soprano), and Bros. Jas. Horncastle (tenor), Arthur Grover (baritone), Frank Swinford (bass), and Fred Stephens (humorist). Bro. F. Swinford was the able accompanist.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

The election meeting was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. Bright, W.M.; E. Tompsett, S.W.; F. Bonney, P.M.; J. W.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; G. Dobson, S.D.; F. A. Foes, acting I.G.; G. Hertslet, Stwd.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; E. W. Davis, P.M.; A. B. Brown, P.M.; and W. Fisher, P.M., P.A.G.P. Eng.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Howkins was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. The sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the Transvaal Masonic Relief Fund. Bro. E. H. Tompsett was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Fisher, P.M., Treasurer, *vice* Bro. J. T. Briggs, F.M., P.P.G.D., resigned in consequence of ill-health; and Bro. G. Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. H. Bright in recognition of his services. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Briggs for his long and excellent services as Treasurer, and the Secretary gave a notice of motion that his zealous efforts should be recognised. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Briggs, P.M.; A. O. Hemming, J.D.; G. Hertslet, D.C.; and others.

The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed.

After the customary loyal toasts, Bro. W. Fisher, P.A.G.P., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a neat speech.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G.C., acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The toast of "The W.M." was submitted by the I.P.M. in brief, but pertinent, terms.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his regret that his health had been far from satisfactory of late, and the duties of the chair had suffered in consequence. He particularly wished to thank the Past Masters and the officers generally for the great support that they had given him during his year.

The W.M. next gave "The Master Elect."

Bro. Tompsett replied.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1650.

The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Grayhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 10th inst. Among those in attendance were: Bros. D. A. Rose, W.M.; A. John, J.W.; J. H. Gaunt, J.W.; H. Bond, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Std. Fr. Eng., Sec.; J. Jacob, S.D.; J. Pains, J.D.; H. Hatfield, I.G.; W. J. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O., and W. G. Woodward, Stewards; Frank Figg, Org.; H. C. Crozier, P.G.W. Egypt, I.P.M.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. W. Sampson, P.M.; R. W. Rice, P.M.; and W. R. Flack, P.M. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. S. Abell, P.M. 2032; T. Nichols, J.W. 144; W. H. Arnold, J.D. 1318; J. Chilcott, 1512; and G. A. Rice, 2724.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Albert Gower was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. H. J. Pailhurst, Bedford Lodge, as a joining member. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Two propositions for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed.

A dinner followed.

Bros. H. Bond and W. J. Peat responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Flack. In submitting the toast he said that the W.M. had been a very excellent officer, and a frequent attendant at lodges of instruction. He also held the position of Secretary to an important London lodge. They had all seen how well he had performed the duties of the chair that evening. There was every probability of the W.M. having a busy year of office, and he (the speaker) believed that the W.M. would be equal to discharge any amount of work.

This toast having been heartily received, the W.M. briefly replied, and then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Abell and Nichols responded.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. spoke of the valuable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Flack, who had occupied the chair during the past year in the absence abroad of Bro. Crozier, W.M. Another old Past Master, Bro. Featherstone, who had held the position of Treasurer for many years, was worthy of every praise. He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Flack, Crozier, and Rice, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. John and Gaunt, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. F. Figg, J. Chilcott, J. M. Carthy, and J. Abell entertained the brethren instrumentally and vocally.

Weald Lodge, No. 2707.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ARTHUR T. G. WOODS.

By dispensation from the P.G.M. of Essex, the installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Drill Hall, Brentwood, when there were present the following brethren and visitors: Bros. A. S. Gardiner, W.M.; Arthur T. G. Woods, S.W.; S. Frazer, J.W.; E. Grove Johnson, Sec.; R. Blunden, J.D.; John Edwards, Org.; J. W. Armour, P.M., first W.M.; J. B. Bell, H. L. Pope, A. Shephard, O. C. Cramphorn, J. A. Carter, Samuel Turner, A. Prichard Croft, W. Warren, J. Witton Lees, D. T. Russell, Arthur J. Rippin, and Ernest Lloyd, P.P.A.G. Sec. Visitors: Bros. W. Mackie, 407; F. Urch, 715; John C. Creswell, 276; J. Belton, 1536; Henry L. Chaplin, 2545; C. A. Woodcock, W.M. 1437; A. W. Garrod, 1024; S. Rippin, 102; W. D. Child, P.M. 1437; Fred Spalding, I.P.M. 276; Capel Lambe, 1567; R. T. Thornton, 168; and W. Brown, 1555.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, and the reception of the Auditors' Report, Mr. Henry Lavercombe Pope was initiated into the mysteries of the E.A. The retiring W.M., Bro. A. S. Gardiner, in his well-known excellent manner, then proceeded to instal Bro. Arthur T. G. Woods, S.W., P.P.G. Stwd., into the chair so ably occupied by himself, for the ensuing year. The appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows: Bros. A. S. Gardiner, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; S. Frazer, S.W.; J. Edwards, J.W.; the Rev. Canon W. Quennell, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Col. F. Landon, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Grove Johnson, Sec.; T. Piper, S.D.; R. Blunden, J.D.; Capt. G. H. Stoyly, D. of C.; E. J. Holland, I.G.; and H. Harriss, J. B. Bell, and O. C. Cramphorn, Swds. In this connection we may mention that Bro. H. Harriss, one of the Stewards, is away doing his country's work in South Africa. The three addresses were rendered by the Installing Master in a most fervent and impressive manner, which was greatly appreciated by his attentive listeners.

At the subsequent banquet on the Lion and Lamb, the toast of "The Queen and Craft" having been enthusiastically responded to, the W.M. referred to the dastardly attempt on the life of our well-beloved M.W.G.M. in the next toast.

The W.M. then proceeded to give "The M.W. the Pro G.M., Earl Amhurst; the R.W. Dep. G.M. the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," and commented on what a great influence the Earl of Warwick had exercised in extending Freemasonry in the Province of Essex.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The W.M. next gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; the Dep. Prov. G.M., Col. Lockwood; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," and observed he could not say too much of the Earl of Warwick, who had got in the funds for the Charities in Essex as bountifully as any in the United Kingdom, and was most grateful to Col. Lockwood as Dep. Prov. G.M. for his work and influence. He coupled the names of Bros. Child, Hammond, and Armour with the Earl of Warwick and Col. Lockwood.

These three brethren responded briefly, Bro. Armour (first W.M. of the lodge) reminding the members that the Earl of Warwick came all the way from Warwick Castle to be present at the first meeting of the lodge.

Bro. Gardiner then proposed "The Health of his old friend the W.M.," and said he was sure he would prove an ideal Master, as no one could answer to requirements like Bro. Woods, who was "true and trusty."

The W.M., in reply, said Bro. Gardiner was too flattering, but he intended to fulfil his duties as far as ability would permit.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M.," and said words were quite inadequate in expressing his thoughts of Bro. Gardiner, who during his term had initiated nine members and nine had joined. He was the embodiment of Masonry. He had very great pleasure in presenting the jewel to his old friend.

In reply, the I.P.M. said he had had a prosperous year, but success was due to united efforts. The lodge was on a good financial basis; between £55 and £60 had been subscribed to the Charities, a record of which they might reasonably be proud, considering that in their first year there was a deficit of £10 3s. 7d.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," of whom there were 13 present, said that it was Bro. J. W. Armour, the first W.M., who conceived the idea of starting the lodge, and he thought in the short time since it was founded—July, 1899

—it had become a fairly good structure, numbering 30 odd paying members, and the outlook was good.

The remaining toasts having been proposed and responded to, the pleasant evening came to an end.

Bro. E. Grove Johnson was elected Secretary for the third time.

The proceedings were rendered all the more pleasant by the songs contributed by Bros. Edwards, Thornton, and Lyons.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. FREDERICK G. JOY.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 13th inst. There were present Bros. Jas. Boyton, W.M.; Fredk. G. Joy, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Parton, J.W.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Halliwell, S.D.; H. E. Maynard, J.D.; F. W. A. Parker, I.G.; Fredk. R. Hopkins, Org.; C. C. Greenwood and W. Featherstone, Stwds.; R. Potter, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; G. W. Blackie, P.M., acting D.C.; Robert Brookman, P.M.; G. M. Frazer, P.M.; J. H. Guyton, P.M.; John Seex, P.M.; Frank E. Bailey, P.M.; Wm. F. Kibble, P.M.; Robert Greening, P.M.; J. B. Hartley, jun., St. Clive L. P. Bliss, C. F. Carrick, S. Beck, H. S. Nazer, M. B. Perry, F. S. Barrett, John Phillips, R. Lawson, Wm. Edwards, H. W. Gissing, J. R. Gissing, J. H. Hartland, F. W. Gale, W. G. Piper Smith, John G. Robbins, Conquest J. Stanley, Samuel Nash Tiplady, and Thos. H. Fiddy, P.M. 807. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Halliwell, 208; R. F. Halliwell, jun., 1089; H. B. Perkin, 476; B. Foster, 2381; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; H. T. Davies, 2127; E. G. Harcourt, 704; G. M. Spring, W.M. 2059; W. Young, 2518; C. Nightingale, 1362; F. W. Bleckerton, 1362; R. A. Harris, 1421; A. R. Hipwell, 192; Chas. Garton, 192; J. W. Stark, 29; F. J. Hood, 2256; J. B. Indan, 2021; and C. S. Muller, 167.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, confirmed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Samuel Nash Tiplady and Conquest John Stanley, and it proving favourable in each case they were initiated by the W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Fredk. G. Joy, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Guyton, P.M., by Bro. G. W. Blackie, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the W.M. elect was obligated, invested, and placed in the chair of W.M. by the Installing Master. The W.M. invested his I.P.M., Bro. James Boyton. The W.M. was saluted by the Installed Masters present. The Board of Installed Masters was closed. The brethren were readmitted, and saluted the W.M. in the three Degrees, under the able direction of the D. of C., Bro. C. C. Greenwood. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers: Bros. W. Parton, S.W.; T. Halliwell, J.W.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Maynard, S.D.; F. W. A. Parker, J.D.; R. Simpson, I.G.; C. C. Greenwood, D. of C.; F. R. Hopkins, Org.; W. F. Featherstone and T. M. Gale, Stewards; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were impressively delivered by the Installing Master. The Secretary read the correspondence. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren. The lodge was closed.

After a sumptuous banquet in the Great Hall, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said it was a great pleasure to propose that toast. Their beloved Sovereign was the Patroness of the Craft, and she had endeared herself to the hearts of all her Masonic subjects.

"God save the Queen" was sung by Mr. Ernest Shoptand.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next given.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung.

"The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," having been given,

"The Health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Boyton. He said a natural feeling of sadness he experienced on leaving the chair was relieved by the fact that he was freed from heavy responsibilities. The present W.M. had deservedly won the hearty goodwill of his brethren. He hoped he would have plenty of work during his year of office and good health to perform it.

The W.M. replied. He said it was a safe plan not to commit himself to say little or nothing as to the future. He knew full well that he had the good wishes and sympathy of the brethren; that among W.Ms. there were some who knew little, others who knew less; as for himself, he must confess he knew nothing. He was, however, well assured that the lodge would forgive all his shortcomings. They should have his best efforts to fulfil the duties of his high office; he could not promise more than that.

In giving "The I.P.M., Bro. James Boyton," the W.M. said the I.P.M. had earned for himself the record of the lodge. He was truly a most excellent worker. As a tangible mark of the estimation in which he was held he had the extreme pleasure of presenting him with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge. He hoped he might live long to wear it.

The I.P.M., in responding, said that he had been active as W.M. in his Masonic career, and he was determined in the cool shade of the Past Masters not to be laid upon the shelf. He had no doubt he might be of service to the brethren hereafter; he should at least strive to be of use.

"The Initiates" were proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M. He gave them, on behalf of the lodge and himself, a hearty welcome into Freemasonry, and the initiates replied, each in a few well-chosen words.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. extended a hearty greeting and fraternal welcome to those brethren who that evening had visited The Great City Lodge.

Bros. Halliwell, Perkin, and Garton responded.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters." He said they were the pillars which supported the structure of the lodge. He spoke in glowing terms of their worth, and the valuable services they had rendered in the past and their willingness to continue to do so in the future. Bros. Seex and Bailey acknowledged the toast.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and received due recognition.

The successful evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

Weyside Lodge, No. 1395.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. VISCOUNT CRANLEY.

The annual festival of this distinguished lodge was celebrated with more than ordinary *clat* on the 10th inst. The meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, the regular home of the lodge, and there were present Bros. the Rev. J. H. Robson, P.P.G. Chap., W.M.; Viscount Cranley, S.W.; S. S. Boorman, J.W.; Gilbert H. White, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; J. H. W. Cleave, J.D.; P. H. White, Org.; H. H. Phipps, I.G.; the Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M.; A. W. R. Sowman, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Mossop, P.M.; S. C. Knight, P.M.; W. E. Robinson, P.M.; F. C. Gayton, P.M.; R. Nevill, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; R. E. H. Giffin, P.M. 1572; Spence, Burnell, H. C. Hope, Barton, and J. Smythe. Visitors: Bros. Brigadier-General John Davis, P.D.G.D.C., Prov. G.M. designate; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Rev. E. R. Parr, P.G.C., W.M. 379; A. G. Hutchins, W.M. 2120; H. A. Whitburn, W.M. 2317; E. Soutter, J. Soutter, John Cleve, W. A. Worlock, W.M. 777; H. J. Bidwell, P.M. and Sec. 2120; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M. and Sec. 2317, P.P.G.S.B.; W. A. Latham, P.A.G. Sec.; and W. A. Chalmers, 2550.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Viscount Cranley, was presented in the usual way. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. H. Robson, acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Gilbert H. White, P.M., as D. of C. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. J. H. Robson, I.P.M. and Chap.; S. S. Boorman, S.W.; J. H. W. Cleave, J.W.; Gilbert H. White, P.M., Treas.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., Sec.; H. H. Phipps, S.D.; J. Smythe, J.D.; P. A. White, Org.; H. Curling Hope, I.G.; and J. Chapman, Tyler. The Report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, after which, there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet which had been provided for them.

"The Health of the Prov. G. Master Designate" was given at a comparatively early period of the evening, to permit of Bro. General Davis leaving by a particular train, and in the course of a brief response, he assured the company present that his highest ambition in succeeding to the rule of the province would be to follow worthily in the footsteps of the noble brother who was about to retire from the office of Prov. G.M.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual toast list was proceeded with.

In well-chosen words the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," after which came "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Earl of Warwick, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., and the Rev. E. R. Parr, P.G.C. (vicar of Chertsey), each of whom made a suitable response.

The next toast was "The Prov. Grand Master of Surrey," and when the applause had subsided,

Bro. the Earl of Onslow, in graceful language, acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the great pleasure it would always afford him, on his retirement from office, to look back upon the loyalty and support which he had invariably received from the Freemasons of Surrey.

After this came "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." followed, and was received with much enthusiasm, a result which also ensued at the conclusion of Lord Cranley's very eloquent speech in reply.

Other toasts succeeded.

Bros. H. J. Bidwell and W. A. Worlock returned thanks for "The Visitors," and Bros. S. S. Boorman, S.W.; J. H. W. Cleave, J.W.; and C. T. Tyler, P.M. and Sec., for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable evening to a close, and the sentiment met with universal acceptance, that under the new Master and officers, the Weyside Lodge had entered on a fresh lease of prosperity with the current Masonic year.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. SIMPSON.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, W. Yorks. Present: E. Hirst, W.M.; G. Eland, I.P.M.; E. Simpson, S.W. (W.M. elect); T. J. Smith, J.W.; E. Donkin, Treas.; J. Constable, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; B. Maskill, S.D.; W. W. Peacock, J.D.; Theo. Barber, P.M., D.C.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; J. Dugdale, S.B.; J. Acaster, I.G.; G. E. Hardcastle and F. Budds, Stewards; F. Pine, Tyler; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.G. Std. Br.; H. A. Fenton, P.M.; and C. H. Woodhouse, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. Langbridge, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Morrison, W.M. 2078; C. Letch Mason, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Hainsworth, W.M.; J. Shires, S.W.; T. W. Turner, I.P.M.; F. H. Buckland, I.P.M. 242; M. Tomkins, 25 (Quebec); W. Wood, 1232, P.P.G.P.; H. L. Burtonshaw, P.M.; M. Dowson, S.W.; W. W. Scholey, P.M.; W. Pickering, S.W. 1482; R. Alcock, 458; C. D. Swale and H. Columbine, 1221; A. T. Bacon, 121; O. Hudson, 2668; G. Pashley, 904; and W. D. Lancett, 2608.

The lodge being opened, Bro. C. Letch Mason, P.P.S.G.W., with other provincial officers, was saluted, and Bro. Mason acted as Installing Master. Bro. Simpson was presented by Bro. Buckland, and the ceremony was beautifully rendered throughout. Bro. Constable was re-elected Charity Steward after eleven years' service. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers: Bros. E. Hirst, I.P.M.; T. J. Smith, S.W.; B. Maskill, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; J. Constable, Sec. and Dep. Chap.; E. Donkin, Treas.; J. Acaster, Asst. Sec.; W. W. Peacock, S.D.; T. R. R. Marsdin, J.D.; Theo. Barber, D. of C.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.G. Std. Br., S.B.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; G. H. Hardcastle, I.G.; F. E. Budds and W. Dugdale, Stewards; and F. Pine, Tyler. Hearty congratulations were given by all the brethren present.

The banquet which followed took place in the Red Lion Club Room, which was tastefully decorated by Bro. Host Acaster, who produced a splendid menu.

After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proceeded with, the most conspicuous being "The W.M." "The Installing Master," "The Veteran Secretary," and "The I.P.M."

Songs were given by Bros. Jackson and Hudson, and a unique original recitation by Bro. Tomkins, entitled "The Working Tools of the fourth Degree." It was splendidly rendered, was both instructive and amusing, and delighted every one present.

The National Anthem brought one of the most successful installations of 2259 to a close.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2671.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. A. COCKS.

The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Saturday, the 20th instant, the members present being Bros. E. C. Broquet, P.M. 209, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; W. A. Cocks, P.M. 2163, P.P.G. Steward, S.W.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 382, J.W.; E. Marshall, P.M. 771, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. Prince, P.M. 209, 2671, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; A. A. Hardy, P.M. 382, 2163, S.D.; F. W. Turner, J.D.; W. T. Harvey, P.M. 382, D.C.; W. A. Hardy, W.M. 87, I.G.; A. W. Hall, jun., Org.; A. W. Hall, sen., P.P.G. Org., J. J. Simcox, P.M. 1501, P.P.G. Treas. Bucks, and C. A. Starkey, Stewards; H. Burton, Tyler; A. C. Layton, P.M. 771, P.P.G.S.B.; W. L. James, A. Moors, J. M. Payne, W. H. Burney, W. Bell-Kempton, E. G. Carter, E. A. Stickland, A. E. Judd, S. E. Young, and F. C. Reed. Visitors: Bros. F. F. Penruddock, S.W. 771, P.P.G.C.; C. R. Thomas, W.M. 1566, Prov. G. Reg.; W. D. Shuard, W.M. 1894, P.P.S.G.D. Bucks; C. Bating, P.M. 1566, P.P. A.G.D.C.; T. S. Cambridge, W.M. 2760, Prov. G. Org.; F. Johncock, P.M. 1501, P.P.G. Org. Bucks; C. H. Dodd, W.M. 414, Prov. G. Steward; A. J. Hanson, W.M. 382; G. Gray, W.M. 771; Dr. F. H. Hawkins, W.M. 2043; L. H. Walker, W.M. 2163; W. E. Allaway, S.W. 209; T. D. Bounsall, P.S.W. 36; Chas. Smith, J.W. 209; J. H. Brooks, J.W. 771; S. W. Bowles, Stwd. 771; F. Clinton, Asst. Sec. 2163; Dr. G. B. Currie, 228; T. Elven, 1677; F. C. Harper, P. C. Pellatt, and W. Ottwell.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. presented to Bro. W. A. Hardy, I.G., a Charity jewel, awarded to him by the Prov. G. Lodge of Berks; and it was announced that on the occasion of the W.M. representing the lodge as Steward at the Annual Festival of the Boys' Institution in July last his list amounted to £35 14s., including a donation of £10 10s. from the lodge, which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The usual preliminaries having been completed, Bro. Simcox, acting throughout as D. of C., presented Bro. W. A. Cocks, S.W., W.M. elect, to Bro. E. C. Broquet, W.M., who most ably and impressively performed the ceremony of installation, in the course of which the anthem, "God is a Spirit," was rendered with pleasing and appreciative effect by Bros. Starkey, Turner, Pellatt, Ottwell, A. W. Hall, sen., and A. W. Hall, jun., Organist. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follow, viz.: Bros. E. C. Broquet, I.P.M.; W. H. Reed, S.W.; E. Marshall, J.W.; A. A. Hardy, Treas.; E. Prince, Sec.; T. W. Turner, S.D.; W. T. Harvey, J.D.; W. A. Hardy, D.C.; A. W. Hall, sen., I.G.; A. W. Hall, jun., Org.; J. J. Simcox, C. A. Starkey, and J. M. Payne, Stwds.; and H. Burton, Tyler. The three customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the I.P.M. in a praiseworthy manner. A handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, previously voted to Bro. Broquet by the lodge, was presented by the W.M. to him, and he suitably acknowledged the same. The W.M. signified his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, and some routine business having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered by the visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, who numbered 47, proceeded to the White Hart Hotel, where a banquet was provided for them and a pleasant evening was spent.

The usual toast list was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, performed with considerable talent by Miss Minnie Griffiths, Miss Marion Savage, Bros. F. W. Turner and W. Ottwell, according to a programme arranged by Bro. A. W. Hall, jun., Organist, who acted as accompanist with his customary ability.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The Installing Master" met with a particularly cordial reception, and were most happily responded to; and those brethren who were called upon to respond to the various other toasts, amongst whom were Bros. Thomas, Bating, Dr. Hawkins, Shuard, Walker, Bounsall, Harper, Gray, and Rev. F. F. Penruddock, did so with marked fluency, expressing their high estimation of the admirable way in which the duties of Installing Master were discharged by Bro. Broquet, and the work in the lodge afterwards performed by the newly-installed W.M. and his officers, and the applause which followed their remarks clearly showed that they were thoroughly endorsed by all present.

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Masonic Notes.

There is not one of our readers who will not sympathise most deeply with the family and friends of our late Bro. A. Stewart Brown in the loss they have sustained by his death in the prime of his manhood. At the same time their sympathy will be accompanied by a sense of admiration at what one of our evening contemporaries has described as the "fatal heroism" which caused his death. Bro. Brown had sustained some injuries to his spine through a carriage accident, and was *en route* for the Continent in order to recruit his health and strength, when on arriving off the quay at

Boulogne he saw a man fall into the water. Without a moment's thought for his own injured condition, he descended into the sea, got the man out, and then, in his wet clothes, set to work to restore animation. In this he succeeded after two hours, but the effort cost him his life. He became so alarmingly ill that he was compelled to return, and died of pneumonia on the 17th instant. That Bro. Brown was greatly respected, and his abilities as a medical practitioner as greatly appreciated in the neighbourhood of his home, only adds to the general sorrow that is felt at his death, but let us hope that this respect and the admiration which his noble self-sacrifice has evoked, will not be without their effect in assuaging somewhat the grief of his family.

Nor will the grief be restricted to the home and his numerous circle of friends. Bro. Brown was as much respected by his brethren in Masonry as by his non-Masonic friends and those to whose ailments he ministered so successfully. He was one of the most active and energetic members of our Society. In 1897—the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee—he had conferred upon him the rank of Past Grand Deacon in Grand Lodge and Past Asst. Grand Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter. Moreover, he had won distinction in every branch of Freemasonry with which he had become connected, and the news that some fresh honour had been bestowed upon him was always most cordially greeted, not only by his immediate and most intimate friends, but also by the general body of brethren who knew him only by repute as a thorough Mason in every act and deed of his life. His loss will be a serious one more especially to the lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies of which he was a member, nor will they readily find such another to occupy his place. For ourselves, we can do no more than tender our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends and brethren in Masonry of our deceased brother.

The Lord Mayor was exceedingly happy in one part of the speech he made at the recent Masonic meeting at the Mansion House in responding for the toast of his health. As his lordship very truly pointed out, the members of the Order are not animated by political, religious, or party feelings, nor by any feelings of mere personal aggrandisement. Their belief is that "as Masons they could perform a great duty to their country and their countrymen, and it was these feelings which so earnestly and vigorously animated everyone of them." Under these circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that Masons should be proud of the position which the Society has assumed, and which, so long as they remain actuated by the same feelings, it will retain. Their first and most important charge was not to seek to aggrandise themselves or to advance their own interests, but to do all in their power to promote the well-being of Freemasonry. Those who have followed the career of Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, Bart., during his Mayoralty must have remarked that his practice in office has been in complete harmony with the precepts he so briefly, and yet so eloquently, enforced at this meeting.

There is a trite old saying about truth being oftentimes stranger than fiction, and this was abundantly illustrated at the meeting referred to in the preceding Note. In the first place, the Lord Mayor, though the host on the occasion, did not occupy the principal seat at the festive board, but only a place of honour not far removed from the chair, just as his lordship would have done at any other lodge meeting. Again, it was not the father, but the father's son, who presided in the very presence of his father, not only in the lodge room by virtue of his office as W. Master, but also at the banquet and after when the toasts were being honoured. Throughout the whole proceedings it was the son who ruled the father, not the father the son; and to crown all, father and son are brothers—in Masonry.

With reference to the letter on "Visiting W.Ms." which appeared in our issue of the 13th instant, there is perhaps greater difficulty than at first sight appears in formulating an opinion on the point by which our correspondent has become "Perplexed." There is no mention of "Honorary members" in the Book of Constitutions, while as to the wearing of collars Article 303 prescribes that "the collars of the Officers of private Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges, or when representing their Lodges as Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge, or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges." There is nothing here about a W.M. wearing his collar when officially visiting a Private Lodge.

We believe, however, there is a custom that when the W.M. and Wardens of a lodge are officially invited as such to visit a lodge it is permissible for them to wear their collars. When a W.M. visits a lodge "in the ordinary way," it is in accordance with etiquette as well as with the Article we have quoted that he should appear without his collar, and an honorary member who happens to be W.M. of another lodge would, in our opinion, be in the same position. But the point raised by "Perplexed" is slightly more complicated. The brother in this case is not an honorary member of the lodge through any service he may himself have rendered it, but because he happens to be the W.M. for the time being of a particular lodge. He is not a visitor in the ordinary sense, and being, of course, a subscribing member of some lodge, he has the privilege of *entree* to the lodge of which he is an honorary member.

Carrying the case a step further, if he attends lodge A. as an honorary member, it appears to us that he cannot be described as officially visiting it as W.M. of Lodge B. On the other hand, he would not be honorary member at all of Lodge A., if it were not for the fact of his being the official representative of Lodge B. On the whole, we incline to the opinion that he had better present himself without his collar of office, but as we have not met with a case on all fours with this before, we shall be glad if any of our readers will favour us with an opinion.

We have much pleasure in announcing that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has been pleased to appoint the Earl of Radnor, Past G. Warden of England, to be Prov. Grand Master of Wiltshire in succession to his father the late Earl of Radnor. We are also in a position to announce that the office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Durham, rendered vacant by the death of Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., has been conferred by his Royal Highness the M.E. Grand Z. on Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 31st instant, the hour fixed for the commencement of the proceedings being 3.30 p.m. At five p.m. the customary banquet will take place, tickets for which, at 6s. each, should be applied for not later than tomorrow, Saturday, the 27th instant. The paper of Agenda is, as usual, a full one, and will include the consideration of the Reports of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes and the Charity Committee, and that of the Kelly Memorial Fund, as well as a recommendation from the General Committee to vote a sum of 10 guineas to the South African Masonic Relief Fund.

As regards the third annual report of the Kelly Memorial Fund, we quite agree with the Committee that "the duty of supporting our local Benevolent Fund ought to receive more prominent support." They, therefore, urge "that lodges should make a point of annually contributing, so that from the present small beginning a Fund may at no distant time be provided sufficient to deal with all local cases that may arise." At present the assets of the Fund amount to £470, of which £300 is invested in Corporation Debentures, £104 is balance in bank to Capital Account, and £66 to Relief Account. There is, we regret to say, a falling off in the contributions during the past year as compared with the year preceding it, but perhaps we ought not to be surprised at this, having regard to the numerous claims that have been made upon the brethren. We hope the appeal of the Committee will be productive of a larger amount of receipts in the future.

Our Kentish brethren and more particularly those located in Ashford have sustained a great loss by the death of Bro. Benj. Kelley Thorpe, Past G. Std. Br. Bro. Thorpe had been a member of our Society for 43 years, and had been awarded Provincial honours in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry, his best services having been rendered to Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter in the office of Treasurer to which he was annually re-elected for a long succession of years. His services to Kent were worthily recognised at the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, when Bro. Thorpe was made Past Grand Standard Bearer of Grand Lodge and Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter to the gratification of the whole Province. We tender our respectful sympathy to the family, friends, and brethren of the deceased worthy and trust that his long and meritorious career may not be without its influence on the younger generation of Masons and induce them to follow in his footsteps.

Correspondence.

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

THE ADVANTAGE OF ATTENDING LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It cannot be too often and too seriously impressed upon the brethren of the Craft to make it, as true Freemasons, their primary duty to gain a perfect knowledge of and insight into the secrets and mysteries of the Order by attending as regularly as possible at least one lodge of instruction, and thereby making themselves conversant with the tenets and ritual of the Craft, so essential in order to fulfil their Masonic duties to their own satisfaction and to the honour of the lodge to which they belong.

It is often found that officers in lodges know little or nothing of their duties, and thereby not only cast ridicule upon themselves, but also lessen the fervour of other more zealous brethren, who, although of much younger standing, have yet, through their industry, achieved a full knowledge of such duties, but are kept back through the faulty and derogatory system of rotation, which in itself is totally un-Masonic.

It must, therefore, be readily admitted that this state of affairs calls for a thorough reform in the interests of Freemasonry in general and the welfare of individual lodges in particular.

Let the brethren who possess the necessary merit and ability take the lead; and only those can ultimately lead who, in the laudable desire to succeed, make untiring efforts to perfect themselves in the ritual of the Craft by attending regularly a lodge of instruction and gaining thereby that complete knowledge of Freemasonry which should form the essential recommendation and qualification of any incoming Master, enabling him with pride and sincerity fearlessly to pledge his sacred word that he is well able to undertake the duties and fulfil the obligations appertaining to the Mastership of his lodge.

May this appeal, therefore, awake in the hearts of junior officers and the brethren generally a firm resolution to follow the laudable footsteps of the countless worthy and Worshipful Past Masters and Masters! May it induce them to go to work thoroughly, energetically, and promptly!

A full list of lodges of instruction is regularly published in the *Freemason*, but the writer is personally interested in the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, meeting every Wednesday at the City Scotch Stores, 27, Knightrider-street, E.C., at seven p.m. punctually, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. F. P. Weinel, P.M. 1828, S.W. 1745, P.Z. 1745, and brethren desirous of joining will be heartily welcomed.—Yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of this date, under the heading "Masonic and General Tidings," you state that in Glasgow, Lodge No. 103, the officers of that lodge have had under consideration the propriety of brethren becoming "life members." I should like to recommend them not to do so. During my connection with lodges extending over 39 years (I was initiated in 1861), I have met Masons who, fortunately, were *not* life members. In one case a member—one they would call "a jolly good fellow," and would have been a life member if such a law existed—became a felon. He managed to evade the police, and got abroad. Another "jolly good fellow," who would have been selected for life membership, was charged with felony; he was convicted, and got penal servitude. These two men were ordinary members, and were written off the books. Fancy either of them coming back to their lodge as *life members*!—Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN.

Burleigh, 4, Garlies-road,
Forest Hill, S.E.,
October 20th.

VOLUNTEER FORCES BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,—

May I venture through your columns to draw the attention of Volunteers, and those interested in their welfare, to the Volunteer Forces Benevolent Association, which was established 14 years ago?

The patron of the Association is Field Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., &c., the president being General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c.; and it has for its objects the relief or maintenance of past or present Volunteers or their widows, and the care and advancement in life of their orphan children.

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Further information will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, 3, Cursitor-street, E.C.; or by

Your obedient servant,
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Beadon Lodge, No. 619.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORENZO A. J. FAULL.

This lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. Charles A. Hunton, W.M. There was a good sized paper of business to be got through, but it was disposed of by the W.M., who took upon himself the whole of the work. He was strongly supported by members of the lodge and by visitors. Of the former there were present Bros. Lorenzo Faull, S.W.; M. Beedle, J.W.; James C. Hayes, P.M., Treas.; Charles Norrington, P.M., Sec.; W. Greenway, S.D.; James Swallow, J.D.; Samuel J. J. Wise, I.G.; Charles Meierhoff, D.C.; W. H. Lilly, Stwd.; Henry Massey, P.M.; Carl T. Fleck, P.M.; Albert E. Austin, P.M.; Moss Chapman, P.M.; E. Croft Wise, P.M.; George Perry, John H. Chapman, J. Taylor, George J. Randall, Edwin Still, A. E. Bodge, J. C. Ohlschlager, A. Caley, Arthur Johnson, J. D. Rose, S. H. Murray, M. Fannen, G. Campbell, J. W. Harrison, F. J. Rawle, W. M. Foster, H. C. Phillips, G. W. Barnard, C. J. Jones, A. G. Gataedel, J. Cowling, R. Henchley, and James R. Kent. The visitors were Bros. A. A. Grill, J.D. 766; J. Wright, S.W. and W.M. elect 2760; J. A. Fleck, 172; D. W. Fleck, 172; T. Levey, 1886; A. G. Lennox Robertson, P.M. 2329; J. W. Avery (late 619); H. Levy, 1659; C. H. Withycombe, 169; H. Harbord, P.M. 901; P. M. Faull, Org. 1625; George W. Beste, P.M. 507; A. P. Fleck, 172; Charles E. Milnes Hey, S.W. 1657; Edgar H. Bowyer, 2264; C. J. Thornton, 2466; S. Levy, 1158; and Henry Almond, P.M. and Sec. 2622.

The W.M., after the minutes of the regular lodge of August 15th and of the lodge of emergency of September 19th had been read and confirmed, raised Bro. J. Henderson Chapman to the Third Degree. Bro. J. C. Hayes, P.M., Treas., gave the traditional history. After the ceremony of raising had been completed, Bro. C. A. Hunton, W.M., installed Bro. Lorenzo A. J. Faull, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, Bro. Charles Meierhoff, P.M., D. of C., having presented Bro. Faull for that distinction. The new W.M., having been duly installed, invested Bro. Charles A. Hunton as I.P.M., and after the W.M. had received the congratulations of the Board of Installed Masters, and been saluted in the Three Degrees, the following brethren were invested: Bros. M. Beedle, S.W.; W. J. Greenway, J.W.; James C. Hayes, P.M., Treas.; Charles Norrington, P.M., Sec.; J. Swallow, S.D.; S. J. J. Wise, J.D.; Charles Meierhoff, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. Lilly, I.G.; C. J. Jones, S.W.; and Thomas Bowler, P.M., Tyler. The I.P.M. delivered the addresses, and completed his year's work in capital style. The Auditors' Report, which showed a balance of £214 1s. 1d. to the credit of the general fund of the lodge, and £52 5s. to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, was adopted. Bro. C. Norrington, P.M. and Sec., informed the brethren that he was going to be Steward for the Girls' School at its next Festival, and invited the assistance of the lodge and the brethren. The lodge hitherto had subscribed only 15 guineas to the Girls' School, although it had voted altogether 110 guineas to the Old People, and 70 guineas to the Boys' School. He hoped to get 25 guineas from the lodge to his list. Bro. Hunton, I.P.M., proposed 20 guineas, and Bro. Carl Fleck, P.M., seconded the motion; but the motion was postponed until the January meeting. The W.M. said he was going to represent the lodge as its Steward at the Festival of the Aged Institution, and he hoped the lodge and the brethren would support him. Bro. James C. Hayes, the Treasurer, said the lodge had funds to support these two lists. Bro. Faull, W.M., brought forward his motion—"That the warrant of this lodge be used to start a Beadon Lodge of Instruction, with Bro. L. Faull as Preceptor, at the Britannia Hotel, High-street, Peckham, S.E., Bro. Williams, J.W. of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, proprietor." The motion was seconded by Bro. W. J. Greenway, J.W., but the consideration of it and the voting upon it were postponed until the next meeting.

The W.M. afterwards closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

A musical entertainment under the direction of Bro. Blewett Faull, Org. 1625 and 1269 Lodges, 101 and 1216 Chapters, &c., was given by Miss Eugenic Faull, and Bros. Walter Churcher, H. Cribb, H. Langton, and the Ariel Quartette.

The usual toasts were proposed and honoured.

Bro. C. A. Hunton, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." For himself he might say he had been dethroned that day by a brother with whom he had run neck and neck in Masonry. They had both been made Masons years ago. They might not know as much as some of the old P.Ms., but he thought he might say the W.M. had learned his lesson exceedingly well, and had done his work worthily of the good old Beadon Lodge. They also meant to rule, and they hoped the younger members of the lodge would support him. He asked the brethren to wish him a year of success and happiness, so that when he had to give up his office he might say the members of the lodge had been good brothers to him.

Bro. Lorenzo A. J. Faull, W.M., in acknowledging the toast (which was most heartily drunk), said he had always been curious about Freemasonry, which was not to be learned from the outside. He knew someone who got a little smattering of it, but it was such as to provoke roars of laughter, because of the grotesque side. He (the W.M.) enquired, but he found out very little; some people told him one thing, and some another, and consequently his notions were hazy. He therefore resolved to become a Mason, and now that he had found out what it was he should endeavour to do his duty to it to the best of his ability.

The Charity box yielded two guineas.

Bro. Faull, W.M., proposed "The I.P.M." During the past year Bro. Hunton had taught the principles of the Craft, and expressed a host of sentiments for the guidance of the brethren of the lodge. If any misunderstanding might have occurred it was obliterated by his kindly disposition, and what all the brethren admired was that the work had been admirably well done. He presented Bro. Hunton with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. C. A. Hunton, I.P.M., in reply, said he had tried to the best of his ability during his year of office to do the lodge work as he had been taught, and if he had made mistakes he hoped the brethren would not blame him. They had had a very happy year, and there had been no friction whatever. As soon as he had the great honour of being Worshipful Master of the Beadon Lodge, he felt he would be remembered by the brethren with kindness. He had a great amount of diligence when he took the chair, but he found that with the help of the Past Masters and the officers he could carry on the work. He had not had the advantage that the new W.M. had had. He hoped that during the W.M.'s year of office he would satisfy the brethren. If he (Bro. Hunton) had satisfied the brethren he was satisfied himself. He thanked the brethren for the jewel; he did not think he was worthy of it; but he could assure the brethren it would be transmitted to his children pure and unsullied as he now received it.

Bro. J. Wright, S.W. and W.M. elect 2760, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said he hoped to be Master next year of the Aldermaston Lodge, of which Bro. C. E. Keyser was the first Master. That lodge had a ladies' day and all the members brought their wives. He hoped to see some of the brethren there.

Bro. A. G. Lennox Robertson, P.M. 617, 2329, Buenos Ayres, said he represented lodges 7000 miles away, in the capital of the Argentine Republic. He could testify to the good fellowship of the brethren wherever they met.

Bro. George W. Beste, P.M. 507, and other brethren responded, and the other toasts followed before the brethren separated.

Nelson Lodge, No. 700.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

The wonderful progress in Masonry made by the brethren of the Woolwich and Plumstead districts, was fully evinced on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when the handsome and spacious lodge room of the Masonic Buildings, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, was crowded by the brethren of the lodge and visitors from far and near to witness, or assist, at the installation of the W.M. elect of the above flourishing and prosperous lodge.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Long, who commenced his arduous task by passing Bros. Northam and Marden. He then proceeded to the all important ceremony of installation, and Bro. William Chambers, S.W. and W.M. elect, having been presented, was, in accordance with ancient rite, placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Long, I.P.M.; W. J. Harris, S.W.; E. Carter, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; W. Lawson, P.M., Sec.; J. Warren, P.M., Consulting Sec.; H. Tufnell, P.M., D.C.; F. S. Folkes, S.D.; W. Reynolds, J.D.; H. Sanford, I.G.; W. J. Bidgood,

Org.; F. Wright, 1st A.D.C.; C. O. Kitley, 2nd A.D.C.; and G. H. Porter, P.M., C. W. Benstead, and R. Taylor, Stwds. Bro. Long made his mark in delivering the addresses; he was earnest and impressive, and certainly did good work in a good manner. He was awarded a vote of thanks for his services as Installing Officer, and was presented with a handsome "Nelson" Past Master's collar and jewel for good and faithful services rendered the lodge during his year of office, which jewel he certainly well deserved.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded by special train to the Hotel Cecil, London, where the annual banquet awaited them, and which was fully enjoyed.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Order" having been duly honoured,

The W.M. proposed that of "The Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," saying they were honoured that night by the presence of Bro. McLeod, a P.G. Officer and the Secretary of the Boys' School. They were proud to have him amongst them and with his name the toast would be couleed.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., who was heartily received when he rose to respond, said it was always a great privilege to respond to the toast of those who occupy such grand positions in the Order. At the head of it was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and two grand Masons in the persons of their Pro and Deputy G. Masters, than whom, for the last 40 years, no better officers had occupied their respective offices. After referring to the late lamented Lord Lathom, and to the energy and splendid work of his successor, Earl Amherst, he then said their Grand Master had looked across the river, and found there the Earl of Warwick, who had and would carry out his duties as their Dep. G. Master with honour to the grand position he occupied. Then there was Lord Roberts and many others, whose recommendation for the position they occupied was their abilities and Charity, among whom he felt proud to have his name associated. It was the duty of a G. Officer to visit the lodges, and so encourage the young brethren and take counsel with the elder ones. He was sorry and regretted that on account of the pressing nature of his duties he could not be present at their lodge, and see the good work done in it that afternoon. He congratulated their splendid lodge on its strength and Charity, and felt sure their W.M. would have, as he deserved, a good and successful year of office. He then spoke of the good work done by the Charities of the Order, and called himself a "Pilgrim of Love"—they had just heard that song sung, and it reminded him that he travelled among the lodges in the cause of the Institution with which he was more particularly occupied, and it was with him indeed a "pilgrimage of love." He spoke highly of the Charity of the lodge, which in that direction was one of the foremost in the Metropolis. If there were any complaints he should always feel it his duty to investigate, and, if in the wrong, put them right. He spoke of the Charities and of the Order in brilliant and effective language; the Order as one of the greatest and most Charitable in the world, and trusted it would so continue until they went down to the grave. He concluded by thanking them for their hospitality, and "Well done, good old Nelson Lodge."

Bro. Long, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke of the perfect manner in which he had invested his officers, "with a pride that they must all have felt. Those who had attended their lodges of instruction knew how ably and faithfully Bro. Chambers worked the ceremonies. He, therefore, predicted a good year of office and called upon them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Chambers, who was well received, thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast. Bro. McLeod said he (Bro. Chambers) ought to be a proud man to have to preside over such an excellent lodge and grand assembly of brethren as were present that night. Well, he was proud and pleased, and trusted they would support him in his endeavours to prove to them that he was worthy of the trust reposed in him, and to make the lodge a grand success. He thanked Bro. McLeod for coming amongst them that night, and promised to do all in his power to assist the Charities during his year of office by standing as Steward at the next Boys' Festival; and for placing him in that proud position, and for their kindness to him in so heartily drinking his health, he thanked them one and all from the bottom of his heart.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," mentioned that there were 57 visitors present, and he selected Bros. Jacobs, Taylor, Howe, Rawlinson, Spencer, and Capt. Thompson, of the Aust. Australian Lodges, and Bro. Chaplain to respond, the latter brother spoke highly of the hearty welcome he had received at the hands of the W.M. and brethren, and on behalf of himself and the Australian lodges generally, thanked them, and wished the lodge every success and prosperity.

Bro. Long was toasted for his splendid working of the installation ceremony, and thanked the brethren for their continued kindness and support during the 15 months in which he had presided over them as W.M.

Bros. Butt, Hobson, Roberts, Southgate, Webber, McCollough, Tufnell, and Taylor responded for "The Past Masters" "off," and Bros. Jolly and King for those "belonging."

"The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by the fine singing of Miss Rosabelle Beste, Miss Edith Blanchard, Bro. Pelham Wilkes, and Messrs. O'Sion, Regan, and Walter Hengler. The Guildhall Glee Singers sang a selection of glee and part songs splendidly, and were much appreciated. Bro. Henry J. Roberts presided at the piano, and accompanied the singers in his own inimitable and masterly manner.

Among other brethren present were Bros. E. B. Hobson, P.M.; T. Butt, P.M.; W. Webber, P.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; S. E. Southgate, P.M.; G. R. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; W. McCollough, P.M.; H. Pamant, P.M.; G. F. Taylor, P.M.; G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Kent; H. King, P.M.; E. W. Carter, P.M.; A. J. Walkling, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M., Sec. 1472 and 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; T. Hammond, L. Cannell, F. Lagoes, R. Taylor, W. Haden, J. Jones, W. Reynolds, J. Rowland, Z. Kitley, R. Kemp, R. March, J. Lloyd, W. Cunningham, E. J. Vallon, W.M. 615; J. Huggins, G. Godfrey, F. Usell, L. Talbot, C. Benstead, A. Webb, W. Holmes, G. Paterson, J. Lanary, D. J. Tees, M.D., H. Roberts, E. Burchell, W. Brock, T. Manning, E. Loneragan, W. Reed, E. Moore, W. S. Goodman, J. Dowlat, W. Odgin, G. Tapp, P. Stephenson, J. Martin, G. L. Martin, J. Plume, E. Robertson, H. Dudman, H. Back, C. Jacobs, C. Thomas, J. K. Price, G. Johnson, J. Waller, A. R. Goodman, J. Higgins, G. Laurance, F. Beardsley, J. Crowe, E. Green, F. S. Blackler, A. Mitchell, G. Shed, A. Wright, W. H. Long, A. Fenn, A. Abby, J. Noakes, J. Hodgson, H. Jarvis, L. Richard, A. Nickalls, G. Mangy-foot, W. Featherstone, J. Baldie, E. Bryant, W. West, T. Bond, A. Wadsworth, J. Chinery, C. Thomas, G. Brown, and J. Brown, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; C. H. Canning, P.M., Treas. 1472 and 2184, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. Spencer, P.M. 1437, P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; the Hon. W. R. Peel, M.P., L.C.C., 2603; W. J. Squire, L.C.C., 913; G. H. Letton, P.M. 615, P.P.G.P. Kent; J. Matvey, P.M. 13; A. T. Ives, P.M. 1472; W. Turvey, P.M. 1472; G. Fishenden, P.M. 766; J. O. Cook, P.M. 913; J. Johnson, P.M. 2205; A. Pringle, P.M. 92; E. Rick, P.M. 500; H. Jacobs, W.M. 13; E. M. Taylor, W.M. 913; R. Rawlinson, W.M. 2399; J. How, W.M. 1539; W. Steer, S.W. 1536; S. Chaplin, S.W., and T. Welsh, J.W. of 1472; A. Chapman, S.W. 829; R. J. Cuckrane, J.W. 1539; F. Mark, I.G. 829; G. Goding, I.G. 1973; H. Tucker, J.W. 913; J. Daniels, J.D. 829; J. Quick, S.W. 13; A. Coates, I.G. 1539; H. Allam, 913; Cap. R. B. Thompson, 95 and 177 (Australia); G. Grant, 183; W. Edmund, 319; H. Shatman, 829; H. Loneragan, 860; T. C. Lawson, 1789; C. Curtis, 829; F. Raby, 615; J. Widing, 615; R. E. D. 312, 815; G. Miron, 829; S. Charlton, 1472; G. Stevens, 19; C. Coopes, 1382; R. Lee, 1719; R. Walker, 27; W. Mackley, 1839; G. Hall, 913, 1571; J. W. Joyce, S.W. 2184; J. Morrow, 13; H. Morris, 124; W. A. Tucker, late 913; F. Collins, 749; F. Ward, 2515; J. Folkes, 147; and others.

Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HARRY W. LOFTS.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Sutton Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 13th instant, when Bro. J. H. Asman was well supported by his officers and a large number of the brethren. The Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.M. and Treas., was unavoidably absent. The W.M. installed his successor and delivered the addresses with marked ability, and was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. The visitors were numerous, amongst whom were Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Aird, W.M. 1892; B. H. Dames, W.M. 1982; Howell, 2494; P. G. Driver, 862; A. G. Sister, 862; W. G. Guthrie, 1481; G. Phillips, 1982; W. G. Poole, 862; P. J. Osman, 2466; J. Radcliff, 183; J. E. Know, 2751; J. B. Cohn, 1362; J. R. Kutter, 1360; O. P. Boret, 1446; W. R. Pole, 88; C. Johnson, 889; T. Powell, 2182; B. C. Kirby, 228; J. R. Bosworth, 2410; C. E. Monkley, 1915; E. G.

Walthew, 1915; L. F. Dury, 765; A. R. Jackson, 4; T. G. Detmar, 2739; and Dennis, 1157.

The W.M., Bro. Harry Willoughby Lofts, invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Imray, S.W.; T. R. Porter, J.W.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; E. D. Frost, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; G. W. Dixon, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Berks, A.D.C.; T. A. Hill, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; D. Napper, S.D.; T. E. Leigh, J.D.; R. R. Ward, I.G.; M. H. Cotton and F. N. Smyth, Stwds.; and N. B. Payne, Tyler.

The brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, when the W.M. was supported by Bros. Tom Cookes, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Hugh Taylor, P.M.; A. Stribling, P.M.; H. Griffiths, P.M.; and about 60 brethren.

An admirable repast was provided by the Masonic Hall Company, which was very generally appreciated.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Tom Hill, P.M., and fully came up to the high standard for which this lodge is noted, many members belonging to the Sutton Orpheus Glee Club. Where all performed so excellently it seems invidious to mention one in particular; but, judging from the rapturous applause with which it was received, Bro. Radcliff's flute solo deserved the encore which was kindly given.

Ashfield Lodge, No. 2412.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. P. J. FENWICK.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 17th instant, the annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield, when there was a good attendance of brethren. The interesting ceremony of installing the W.M. was performed by Bro. G. G. Bunsler, P.P.G. Std. Br., who installed Bro. P. J. Fenwick as the W.M. for the ensuing year, succeeding Bro. J. G. Allsop, I.P.M. The following officers were invested by Bro. Fenwick: Bros. J. Pickard, S.W.; Dr. Nesbitt, J.W.; S. Walker, S.D.; J. McLaren, J.D.; H. J. Hobson, Treas.; A. H. Bunsler, Sec.; J. D. Fidler, D.C.; G. W. Owen, Org.; M. Radford, I.G.; C. H. Kitchen and H. Miller, Stewards; and T. C. Iliffe, Tyler.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Denman's Head Hotel, where the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet served by Bro. R. Keeley, the host.

The usual toast list was gone through, and songs were rendered in the course of the evening, which was harmoniously and enjoyably spent.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, Whitehorn, Dr. Halpin, Dr. Stamford, Stacey, Sanders, and Jolly. Apologies for non-attendance were received from several brethren.

New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1690.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALEX. GORDON McDONALD.

There was a capital attendance of members and visitors at the above lodge on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, when Bro. T. G. Hodges, P.M., impressively invested, as W.M., Bro. Alex. Gordon McDonald, who has every appearance of a brilliant year of office before him. The newly-appointed officers were: Bros. H. Baddeley, I.P.M.; C. Bird, S.W.; W. S. Evans, J.W.; B. J. W. Lone, P.M., Treas.; Thos. G. Hodges, P.M., Sec.; R. S. Cobden, S.D.; W. McGavin Reid, J.D.; E. H. Wilcox, I.G.; R. Heslop, P.M., D.C.; J. Wright, A.D.C.; G. S. Hutchinson, Org.; John Gale, P.M., and W. Lench, Stewards; and S. Ellis, P.M. 1981, Tyler.

The working of the lodge was followed by a charming banquet in the Duke's Room, at the close of which the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and Craft," said this toast at no time requires commendation or eulogium from the giver but I think at the present time a few remarks would be admissible. A year ago when, in celebrating our installation banquet, we were on the eve of important events in South Africa, and since then we have gone through very stirring and eventful times, times that have become and will live to be historic as long as the British Nation is an Empire, well then, the way in which the Queen, head of the nation, has borne the stress and strain of the varying events in South Africa is a matter of congratulation to all her subjects. Then, again, this year was marked by her ever memorable visit to Ireland, a visit fraught with no inconsiderable danger to one so advanced in years, however, she thought it expedient in the interests of her Empire to visit the Irish people and to try with her tact, courtesy and personal charm to foster the love and goodwill that ought to exist between her peoples, and with what success we all know. Brethren, it would be needless to say more except that she has set us an example of the highest qualities and of the noblest virtues of a wife and mother, and nowhere are those characteristics so much appreciated and esteemed as by Freemasons.

In speaking of the Grand Master, Bro. McDonald said: "The next toast I have the privilege to propose is that of 'H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.' Brethren, it is needless to tell you that in the Prince of Wales we have an indefatigable worker and a Mason who is thoroughly enthused in the cause of Freemasonry. The Prince is a great favourite amongst all classes of society, but nowhere is he held in such high esteem as amongst his comrades in the Craft, and as long as we have such a Grand Master at the fountain head Freemasonry will always flourish."

The next toast—"The M.W. Pro. G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past"—was submitted by the W.M. in the following terms: "Brethren, these are names to conjure with in the Masonic world; they are all good and true Masons, and have the honour of the Craft at heart, and are a body of men of whom we ought to be proud, as they spare neither time, trouble, nor expense in furthering the interests of the Craft, and we in our humble sphere of Freemasonry ought to be grateful."

In replying to "The Worshipful Master," proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. McDonald said: "Brethren, I am very grateful to you for the hearty and cordial manner in which you have drunk my health; the warmth of your greetings has almost deprived me of the power of speech. This, brethren, I assure you is one of the happiest moments of my life, and I hope, by a strict observance of the Constitutions, to do justice to the honourable position in which you have placed me. However, I fully recognise that no Master can be successful unless he has the co-operation and support of the brethren; but I think I am perfectly justified in assuming that I possess the goodwill of the brethren in the highest degree, and I assure you I will do everything in my power to maintain and uphold the prestige of the lodge, and I hope that in my year of office to add fresh laurels to its crown."

Giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said: "Brethren, the next toast I have the privilege to propose is one that is a source of pleasure to any Master or Chairman of any gathering, and one that you, brethren, will respond to most heartily. The toast is 'The Visitors.' The New Finsbury Park Lodge has always been noted for its warmth of welcome and hospitality to brother Masons when they appear amongst us, and I as Master will not suffer the fair fame we have earned to suffer. The interchange of hospitality and visiting other lodges has the sanction and approval of the Grand Lodge; by that means you see how the work is carried on in different lodges, and thus widens the horizon of your mind in Masonic matters; and I am delighted to see such a large muster of visitors here to-night, amongst whom are many near and dear friends of my own of many years' standing."

Bros. Cole, W.M. 1446; Harlow, P.M. 65; and MacMaxter, 2319, responded.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Past Masters," the W.M. said: "They are a jolly good lot of fellows, and the backbone and mainstay of the lodge, and some of them can remember when the New Finsbury Park Lodge was not in such a high state of prosperity as it is to-day, but they have the unbending satisfaction of seeing that their efforts to put the lodge on a satisfactory basis has been crowned with success, which reflects greatly to their heads as practical business men, and largely to their hearts as jolly good fellows. In connection with this toast I have a very pleasant duty to perform, and that is to present to Bro. H. Baddeley the Past Master's jewel, and it is indeed a pleasure to pin this on your coat, as it is a tangible token and proof of the goodwill and esteem you have gained from your fellows in the lodge. You conducted your duties in a most excellent manner, and to the satisfaction of all concerned, and you have retired from the position of W.M., knowing that you are a most worthy and popular W.M."

The conclusion of a very successful evening was arrived at after the further toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening an excellent programme was provided, and contributed further to the enjoyment of the evening.

THE Middlesex Hospital have received a donation of £100 from the Worshipful Company of Skinners, being the third yearly instalment of a grant of £500.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Comps. T. Cohu, M.E.Z.; William Baker, H.; J. G. Robeson, J.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; Walter Fisher, P.S.; S. M. Banker, P.Z., acting as S.E.; F. Hughes, P.Z.; W. Haynes Dunn, P.Z.; T. B. Cohu, J. Collins, D. T. Jackson, J. Vaughan Sherrin, G. Wetton, Alfred Carter, J. M. Barclay, John Kent, J. Miller, and G. Couchman, Janitor.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Comps. William Baker, M.E.Z.; John G. Robeson, H.; F. Hughes, P.Z., J.; S. M. Banker, P.Z., Scribe E.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; W. Fisher, P.S.; C. G. Diamond, 1st A.S.; F. Hamlett, 2nd A.S.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., D. of C.; G. Wetton, Asst. D. of C.; J. J. Bassett, Stwd.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. The Audit meeting was arranged for early in December, and in accordance with the new bye-laws, Comp. J. V. Sherrin was elected from the lay members to serve on the Audit Committee.

There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together under the presidency of their genial and beloved M.E.Z., Comp. Cohu.

Willesden Chapter, No. 2489.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. C. J. MARRIAN.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when there was a good attendance. The members are to be congratulated upon the prosperous state of the chapter, and particularly upon the excellence of the working. Each of the three installation ceremonies was performed by the companion vacating the chair, and all were conducted in an able and impressive manner.

The members present included Comps. C. Butler, M.E.Z.; C. J. Marrian, H.; Stanley Machin, J.; Frank W. Marrian, S.E.; C. Stanley Gibbs, S.N.; J. J. Done, 1st A.S.; W. Wellsman, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; E. R. Bartley Denniss, P.Z.; Major T. C. Walls, H. Machin, G. R. Bland, and many others. Visitors: Comps. C. T. Ruthven Murray, 280; H. D. Blake, 813; D. D. S. Skinner, P.Z.; A. G. Neville, 12; H. A. Milne, 40; F. H. Sumner, 1591; H. W. Schartau, J. 2191; and W. W. Lee, P.Z. 1524.

The chapter was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the report of the Permanent Committee adopted. Comps. C. J. Marrian, Stanley Machin, and J. J. Done were then installed into the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively. The officer officers for the year are Comps. F. W. Chant Hobrow, Treas.; F. W. Marrian, S.E.; C. Stanley Gibbs, S.N.; H. Machin, P.S.; E. Ernst, 1st A.S.; J. J. Hanbury, 2nd A.S.; H. G. Marrian, Stwd.; W. Wellsman, P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; and I. Whiteway, Janitor. Comp. W. Wellsman, P.D.G.D.C., was heartily congratulated upon his well-deserved promotion to Grand Chapter rank, and made suitable acknowledgments. Notice of motion was given for the removal of the chapter and alteration of dates of meeting, and the chapter was closed. The companions adjourned to a banquet at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly-circus.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, interspersed with several humorous songs from Comp. H. W. Schartau.

In proposing "The Grand Officers" the M.E.Z. referred to the promotion of Comp. Wellsman to the rank of P.D.G.D.C. since their last installation meeting. They had a well-known Grand Officer present—Major Walls—who was one of the Consecrating Officers, was an honorary member, and had rendered valuable assistance on several occasions.

Comp. Major F. C. Walls, P.D.G.D.C., in response, alluded to the fact that the most prominent representatives of the army, navy, the medical, legal, and other professions were to be found amongst the ranks of the Grand Officers. He congratulated the chapter upon its marvellous progress, its members, and its harmony. They had that evening had an experience of the admirable working of the Principals, which was very praiseworthy coming from young members in a young chapter. The M.E.Z., Comp. C. J. Marrian, was one who had done wonders in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry, and the chapter was to be congratulated on having such a zealous worker in the First Principal's chair.

Comp. C. Butler, I.P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z.," and said that the working would be safe in the hands of Comp. C. J. Marrian, for he was perfect in the ritual, and an enthusiastic Mason.

Comp. C. J. Marrian, M.E.Z., replying, said the members must take him on trust for the coming year, for all he could say was that he would do his best. He certainly had endeavoured to learn the ritual in Chapter of Improvement, and perfect himself as far as possible for the duties required of him. Masonry did not, however, consist solely of learning the beautiful ritual, for there were many other serious duties, and he should endeavour to carry them out in a way satisfactory to all.

In giving "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. referred to the excellent work already done in the chapter by Comp. Stanley Machin, H., in the other offices, and also by Comp. Done, J.

Comp. Stanley Machin, H., said it would be his endeavour to keep up the high reputation which Willesden possessed in the Masonic world. He could not hope to attain the perfection of the present M.E.Z., but he hoped to approach it, and deserve the kind remarks they had heard.

Comp. J. J. Done, J., also expressed his intention of maintaining the reputation of the chapter. This was no easy matter, but whatever a companion's shortcomings he always had the sympathy of the members, and was encouraged to do his best.

"The I.P.Z." was next proposed by the M.E.Z. He said that Comp. Butler, I.P.Z., was one whom they delighted to honour, for he was the first exaltée of the chapter to arrive at the First Principal's chair. Comp. Butler took upon himself to perform all the work of that chair in exaltation and installation, and did it in a thoroughly efficient manner. They, therefore, owed him gratitude, which was but poorly manifested by the P.Z.'s jewel which they asked him to accept.

Comp. C. Butler, I.P.Z., thanked them for their kindness and the beautiful jewel presented to him, which he should value as a mark of their affection. His work had been a labour of love, and he was exceedingly sorry to leave the chair. He had a great love for Freemasonry, and it was one of his greatest pleasures to forward the interests of the Willesden Lodge or Chapter.

Comps. Blake and Sumner answered for "The Visitors," and Comp. Bartley Denniss, P.Z., for "The P.Z.s."

Comp. Frank Marrian, S.E., replied for "The Officers," after which the Janitor's toast brought a very successful and enjoyable gathering to a close.

Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at the Whittington, 5 and 7, Moor-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. J. A. Smart, W.M.; J. Huckell, S.W.; T. Feistel, J.W.; Jas. Smith, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Meadows, P.M., Sec.; R. F. Roche, S.D.; A. F. Jones, J.D.; W. G. Read, I.G.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; William Baker, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; H. J. Harris, P.M.; G. T. Kinipple, P.M.; Jas. Brown, P.M.; J. G. Robeson, P.M.; W. L. Barker, P.M.; B. T. Mills, Maurice, A. J. Rippin, Mills, A. Fergusson, J. J. Moxley, J. Dobbs, W. H. Hillman, W.M. 569; and T. Stokes, W.M. 193.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fergusson acting as candidate. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Dobbs, who had previously answered the usual questions, was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. then opened it in the Third Degree, and Bro. Rippin was raised to the Degree of M.M., the whole of the ceremonies being admirably rendered by the W.M., who is also W.M. of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and after the usual raising, the lodge was closed, the closing hymn sung, and the meeting adjourned. Next Wednesday being Preceptor's night, the chair will be occupied by Bro. D. Harlow, P.M. 65.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd instant at the Oliver Arms Hotel, Westbourne Terrace North, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. E. Lilley, W.M. 733, W.M.; W. Busby, S.W. 733, S.W.; H. H. Bagnall, J.W. 733, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.D. Essex; G. Mogford, P.M. 2362, Sec.; E. Thomas, S.D. 733, S.D.; F. Beesley, J.D. 733, J.D.; C. Halston, I.G. 733, I.G.; G. Weaver, I.P.M. 733; C. T. Brown, P.M. 733; W. Hallett, P.M. 733; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; R. S. Walker, P.M., Sec. 733; A. Arrowsmith, P.M. 733; F. Wortham, P.M. 733; W. H. Faircloth, P.M. 733; T. W. Allen, P.M. 733; T. Mogford, P.M. 2362; T. M. Lambie, P.M. 511; W. H. Handover, P.M. 1642; E. Stevens, 733; J. Middleton, 733; W. Bell, 733; G. Walker, 733; G. Goddard, 733; J. Hearndon, S. Kilvert, 733; E. Pötter, R. J. Barnes, 733; R. F. Whur, J. Wynman, Newman, 73; W. T. Ridgway, L. Wiffenbach, F. Baxter, J. Woodford, 733; J. W. Norris, 733; and P. Wheeler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rose the first, second, and third time, and in a most feeling speech referred to the many sterling qualities of the late Bro. R. J. Rogers, P.M. of the mother lodge, Treasurer and Deputy Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, whose sudden death took place on Thursday, the 18th instant, on his way home from a meeting of the mother lodge. The W.M. continued by saying that the brethren then present who had just returned from attending the funeral (with about a hundred others) had met on this occasion to pass a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives, and in making the proposition spoke of the high estimation they all entertained for Bro. Rogers, his readiness at all times to instruct and assist those Masons who applied to him, his genial manner and good nature would be remembered by all who knew him. His sudden death appealed to the feelings of all and brought home the lessons taught in our beautiful ceremonies. He would be missed by many, both Masons and those with whom he was connected in business. Bro. R. S. Walker, P.M. and Sec. of the mother lodge, in seconding the proposition, said that he had known our late brother from a child to a boy, from boyhood to manhood, always honest and painstaking in whatever he undertook. He (Bro. Walker), during his year of office, initiated him into the Order, and looking back from that time to the present, had ever entertained for him a great personal friendship. He had great pride in having been the means of his entrance into, and deep sorrow at witnessing that day his exit from, Freemasonry. He had held every office in the lodge and gained the esteem of all, as was certainly evinced by the fact that the shops were closed, the roads and cemetery crowded and the very remarkable and unprecedented number of brethren who had attended that day to pay a last sad tribute to one whom only a few days ago in that room the brethren had pressed his warm hand and heard his cheerful voice, and now, alas! they would meet no more. Bro. Dehane, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, paid a warm tribute to the late brother for his many services and assistance as his deputy, and regretted his loss, in the lodge, as well as his friendship out of it, and pointed out the perfection a brother might attain in the work if he only followed his example. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Rev. R. Jamblin for so kindly officiating at the cemetery, and to Bro. Middleton for the pains he had taken to relieve the widow of all trouble regarding the funeral arrangements. The lodge was then closed.

Among the brethren who attended the funeral we noticed Bros. N. Rolles, H. Flower, H. Thompson, M. Hughes, E. White, 733, W. Prior, J. Sadler, F. Saek, C. V. Nicols, F. Chidley, 733, F. Goddard, C. Pratt, F. A. Smith, P. Weaver, 733, E. Young, 733, W. Perrin, T. Kiley, and many others.

DOBIE LODGE, No. 889.

The above lodge of instruction was opened for the first time this session at the Wesleyan School Room, New Malden, on Thursday evening, the 4th instant, when advantage was taken of the occasion to bear testimony to the excellent services rendered to the lodge during the past seven years by its Preceptor, Bro. J. Mark Parsons, P.M. 1564.

The chair was ably filled by Bro. Dr. Geo. Cowen, W.M. 889, who, after having referred to the splendid results attained since the lodge was first opened, said he knew all present would be proud of the honour which had been recently conferred upon Bro. Parsons by the Provincial Grand Master; but as he (Dr. Cowen) was not a Provincial Grand Officer, he would call upon Bro. Montague, P.P.G.P., to address a few remarks to their worthy brother, whose services had been so fully recognised.

Bro. Montague then gave some very interesting details regarding the formation of the lodge and the circumstances in which their Preceptor was elected, and, addressing Bro. Parsons, said: "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master could not have selected a more fitting and appropriate office for you than he has done, viz., Standard Bearer, for it has always been seen that you try to instruct all young Masons in a standard of principle which should at all times characterise Freemasons, and I am requested to ask your acceptance from the members of this lodge of the regalia worn by the officers of that exalted rank as a token of the high esteem in which you are held by them, many of whom you have materially assisted in this lodge to obtain the knowledge that has gained for them the highest honours that can be bestowed on any of its members. Many others are looking forward to the time when it will be their turn, and are desirous of receiving from you the assistance you have so graciously extended to others. We sincerely hope you may be spared and blessed with health for many years to wear the badge with which you have already been invested, and I am sure that whenever you put it on you will remember the many happy hours that have been spent together in this Dobie Lodge of Instruction."

Bro. Parsons, who knew nothing of what was to happen until the articles were actually handed to him, said how deeply he appreciated the good feeling which had prompted the brethren to recognise in such an admirable manner the work undertaken to further the interests of the lodge, and assured them that it would always afford him the greatest possible pleasure to act as their Preceptor, and no effort would be wanting on his part to assist others in endeavouring to win the approbation of the Prov. Grand Master.

The following brethren were amongst those present: Bros. A. Streeter, P.M.; A. Watkin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Salt, S.D.; C. T. Lewis, S.W.; Busby, J.D.; W. J. Wells, P.M.; Thos. Welham, I.G.; and Knox, all of the Dobie Lodge; and Bro. W. J. Mansbridge, J.W. St. John's Lodge, No. 1564.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 19th instant at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. Chapple, M.E.Z. elect 753, M.E.Z.; R. Wright, M.E.Z. 890, H.; C. Webster, J. elect 1642, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; H. Foskett, H. 185, Scribe N.; A. L. Butters, S.N. 890, P.S.; J. M. Huish, J. 185, 1st A.S.; J. H. Watts, 003; and H. Armfield, P.S. 1642.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Watts acting as candidate. The M.E.Z. having risen as usual, a vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Webster for his able work as J. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. A communication was read from Bro. W. J. W. Ferguson, of Durban, thanking the companions for their condolence on the death of his father, Comp. W. J. Ferguson, P.Z. 1056 and 1507. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held on the 22nd instant at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. F. Spink, W.M.; A. Toop, Prov. G.O. Surrey, S.W.; W. H. Smith, J.W.; G. Read, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Collman, W.M. 1425, S.D.; W. H. Beardon, J.D.; H. C. Martin, I.G.; G. E. Harris, Stwd.; H. Foskett, P.M. 1642, Dep. Preceptor; W. H. Handover, W.M. 1642; H. G. Blackmore, W.M. 2410; G. G. Hiscocks, F. Henderson, W. C. Franklin, J. Wynman, and Press.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Henderson and Hiscocks being the candidates respectively. The lodge having been opened and resumed as required, Bro. Toop was elected W.M. for Monday, the 5th prox. A com-

munication was read from Bro. W. J. W. Ferguson, Durban, Natal, thanking the brethren for their condolence at the death of his father, Bro. W. J. Ferguson. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Bro. Rogers, P.M. 733. The officers were elected for the 5th prox., Bro. Toop, W.M., next Monday being officers' night. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, there being present: Bros. H. J. Dunaway, W.M.; C. S. Hind, S.W.; D. Taylor, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; J. Horstead, S.D.; T. Brown, J.D.; C. Nicole, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; M. Relph, R. E. Maskall, H. J. May, E. P. Fischer, G. Mortlock, W. A. Evans, S. Cload, T. S. Brooks, M. Cohen, R. A. Redding, and H. R. Bower.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Fischer being the candidate. Bros. R. A. Redding and M. Cohen were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Hind was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed. A meeting of Installed Masters was afterwards held.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd instant, at the Salisbury, Strand, when there were present Bros. W. Rapley, Preceptor; J. E. Thomas, W.M.; H. P. Edwards, S.W.; C. W. Goff, J.W.; C. Pastorelli, S.D.; J. C. Hunting, J.D.; J. P. Oliver, I.G.; Chas. E. B. Kibblewhite, Sec.; H. A. Campbell, C. Blake, and R. F. Clarke, S.W. 206.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Hunting acting as candidate. The ceremony of initiation was next rehearsed, Bro. Clarke being the candidate. The Secretary, announced that the lodge had, since the last meeting, received additional presents of furniture as follows: From Bro. Oliver, two columns; from Bro. Loosen, a sword. The lodge thanked these brethren. Bros. Crippa, Cheesewright, and Clarke were duly elected as members, and Bro. Edwards was elected as W.M. for the ensuing meeting and appointed his officers in rotation.

Secret Monitor.

CONCLAVE OF MOURNING IN MEMORY OF THE LATE DR. I. ZACHARIE, P.G.S.R.

On Monday evening we were present at a melancholy, and yet one of the most interesting, ceremonies that have been witnessed in London for a long time—we refer to the memorial service, held by the Order of the Secret Monitor, in memory of their late Grand Supreme Ruler, Dr. Issachar Zacharie. The service was held in the Masonic Temple at the Hotel Cecil, and when we arrived there were between 50 and 60 ladies and gentlemen present.

In the absence of the Earl of Warwick, the President of the Order, who sent a telegram of condolence and regret, the chair was taken by Col. H. W. Kiallmark, and he was supported by the Grand Recorder, W. J. Spratling; A. W. Goodinge, Dr. Mugliston, of Brighton; W. J. Songhurst, J. Stiven, H. Tipper, J. M. Bastone, F. E. Lemon, John Kay, J. Tickle, C. L. Nelson, and many other well-known brethren.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. John Read, while Bro. Jekyll, late Organist of the Chapel Royal, presided at the organ. The soloists were Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Annie Swinfen, Bro. J. Cornish, and Mr. Musgrove Tufnail, A.R.A.M., who are to be congratulated on the effectiveness and pathos with which they rendered the musical part of the ceremony.

A semi-public Masonic Memorial Service is a very rare thing in England, and is not usually attempted even by the Craft. On this occasion no jewels or Masonic clothing were worn, and the whole ceremony was simple to a degree. The raised catafalque in the middle of the room was covered with a purple pall, and on it were deposited photographs of the deceased member, an illuminated and framed testimonial presented to him on the establishment of the Order in England, and a beautifully-illuminated album, presented to him on the occasion of his golden wedding some years ago. Nearly all the members of his family, attired in deep mourning, were present, and everyone else present bore some mark of mourning out of respect to the departed.

The simple service prepared for such sad events is effective to the highest degree. The departed brother is assumed to be Jonathan, whose chair stands empty, while his robe and insignia lie upon it, awaiting his coming.

The conclave, in mourning, is awaiting his presence, and messengers arrive bringing tidings of the progress of the disease, until, at last, it is announced that he is dead. Then the prayers that have been offered are turned into a wail for his departure, but an appeal to Providence is made, and a ray of sunshine enters the hearts of the mourners, who break forth into song, with "Blessed are the departed," and then, in a clear voice, the

sentence "I heard a voice from Heaven" is pronounced. Certain short passages, some in Latin and others from the Holy Scriptures, are recited, referring to the happiness of the good and upright who have departed this life, and, finally, after a recitation of the Lord's Prayer, the service is ended by a solemn address by the President of the Assembly. On this particular occasion a friend of the family, accompanying the Rev. Dr. Ker Gray, at his request, pronounced a funeral oration, which was listened to with rapt attention, and which depicted in very graceful terms some of the most interesting details of Bro. Dr. Zacharie's life.

Under the very able direction of Bro. Jno. Read, P.G.C., the following musical ceremony was impressively rendered: Contralto solo, "O rest in the Lord," Mendelssohn, Miss Annie Wilson; tenor solo, "Blest are the faithful unto death," Mendelssohn, Mr. J. Cornish; quartette, "Happy and blest are they," Mendelssohn, Miss Annie Swinfen, Miss Annie Wilson, Mr. J. Cornish, and Mr. Musgrove Tufnail, A.R.A.M.; soprano solo, "I know that my Redeemer liveth"—Job xix., 25-27, Handel, Miss Annie Swinfen; quartette, "Blest are the departed," Spahr; hymn, "O what the Joy and Glory must be," Hymns A. and M. 235; funeral oration; Dead March in "Saul." Bro. C. S. Jekyll, Past G. Org., presided at the organ.

It has seldom been our lot to witness a ceremony more simple or more impressive. All seemed greatly affected, and the remembrance of the hour thus spent will remain as a bright spot in our memory.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Weymouth Chapter, No. 4.

The installation meeting of this old chapter was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., when S.P. Bro. Sidney Spark Milledge, 18°, was duly installed by Ill. Bro. Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., who for the past 12 months has so ably presided as M.W.S. over the chapter, and to whose liberality is due the beautiful furniture and fittings which he has provided. There was a good attendance.

The Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted, and showed a good balance in hand. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: S.Ps. J. A. Sherson, 18°, Prelate; Jas. Lowe, 18°, 1st Gen.; H. A. Huxtable, 18°, 2nd Gen.; and Jas. Lowe, 18°, Treas. (re-elected); Ill. Bro. Zillwood Milledge, 30°, Recorder; S.Ps. E. L. W. Chave, 18°, Marshal; B. Morris, 18°, Raphael; H. T. George, P.M.W.S., 18°, D.C.; the Rev. J. A. Miller, 18°, Almoner; the Rev. F. Monday, Herald; J. E. Crickmay, Capt. of Guards; and H. A. Hurdle, A.R.A.M., Org. Bro. Jos. Old was obligated as Serving Brother in the manner prescribed by the Supreme Council, 33°. Ten guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A pleasing incident was the presentation (on behalf of S.P. H. A. Hurdle, A.R.A.M.) by Ill. Bro. Zillwood Milledge, 30°, P.M.W.S., of a letter, written and signed by the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, to his publishers, Messrs. MacMillan, in reference to his work on Homer. This letter is framed in oak from Haverdun Castle, and as time goes on will become a very interesting and valuable relic. The thanks of the chapter were given to the P.P.M.W.S. and to the Treasurer for their work during the preceding year.

The members dined together, under the genial presidency, and at the invitation of S.P. Sidney Spark Milledge, M.W.S. The tables were very beautifully decorated with flowers, kindly sent by Ill. Bro. Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., P.P.M.W.S., a most pleasant evening being spent.

Obituary.

BRO. COL. FRANCIS CORNWALLIS MAUDE.

The sudden death of Colonel Francis Cornwallis Maude, one of the Military Knights of Windsor, has brought to a close what in his prime was a brilliant military career. It is not forgotten among soldiers that Colonel Maude took a prominent part in the suppression of the Indian Mutiny, and commanded the Royal Artillery throughout the operations with General Havelock's column in 1857, including the relief and defence of the Residency at Lucknow. He was with Outram's force at the Alumbagh from January till March, 1858, as well as at the siege and capture of Lucknow, and was repeatedly mentioned in despatches; and having been awarded the brevets of major and lieutenant-colonel and the Victoria Cross, he was also made a C.B., and received a medal with clasps and a year's service. I remember meeting Colonel Maude at a gathering held under the auspices of the Gallery Lodge of Freemasons some seven years since, when he was the guest of Mr. J. C. Manning, a veteran journalist, who was then the newly-installed Worshipful Master; and no one who heard him will forget the thrill that passed through all, as in proof of the universality of the benevolence fostered by Freemasonry, he instanced cases where, during the Mutiny, brotherhood in the Craft had saved lives, the mutineer sparing even the hated Feringhee when the mystic sign passed which told that the wounded man was a Mason. His modesty did not enable him to tell, however, what the great Havelock stated in his field force orders of how he won the Victoria Cross; but these were the words: "This officer steadily and cheerily pushed on with his men and bore down the desperate opposition of the enemy, though with the loss of one-third of his artillerymen. Sir James Outram adds that this attack appeared to him to indicate no reckless or foolhardy daring, but the calm heroism of a true soldier who fully appreciates the difficulties and dangers of the task he has undertaken, and that but for Captain Maude's nerve and coolness on this trying occasion the army could not have advanced."—*Birmingham Daily Post*.

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PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SOMERSET AND MONMOUTH.

The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on the 12th instant, under the banner of the Bladud Preceptory, No. 40. The E. Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Saml. Geo. Mitchell, in the chair, during the absence of the V.E. Prior, Sir Knight Col. A. Thrale-Perkins, P.G. Capt. Eng., K.C.T., who is in South Africa with his regiment.

The Prov. Priory was opened in ancient form, the minutes read and confirmed, and the accounts were passed with a favourable balance.

The E. Prov. Sub-Prior then invested his officers as follows:

Sir Knight	Col. A. Thrale-Perkins, K.C.T.	...	Prov. Prior.
"	the Rev. F. W. Macdonald	...	Prov. Prelate.
"	C. Curd	...	Prov. 1st Cons.
"	J. H. Taylor, P.E.P.	...	Prov. 2nd Cons.
"	R. B. Cater	...	Prov. Treas.
"	A. E. Fuller, P.E.P., P.P.G.	...	Prov. Reg.
"	W. L. Dawes	...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
"	E. C. Newby	...	Prov. Marshal.
"	R. J. H. Scott	...	Prov. Almoner.
"	R. J. Dart	...	Prov. W. of Reg.
"	F. P. Goddard	...	Prov. Herald.
"	H. Bevir	...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
"	F. Everitt	...	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
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"	S. Bigwood	...	Prov. Asst. Purst.

A cablegram was sent from the Provincial Priory to the V.E. Prior, wishing him hearty greetings, and a speedy and safe return from the Front.

After some formal business, the knights formed the Arch of Steel, and the Provincial Priory was closed.

The knights adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent menu was gone through.

The usual Masonic and Knights Templar toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Carmarthen on the 17th instant, under the banner of the Mansel Lodge, No. 116. Bro. Sir E. S. Hill, K.C.B., Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bro. Robert Lock, D.P.G.M. There was an excellent attendance of brethren.

The following were appointed as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro.	T. Walters, W.M. 116	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
"	I. Leon, W.M. 28	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
"	S. G. Rogers, W.M. 256	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
"	W. Thomas, 297	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
"	T. W. Barker, 116	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
"	Rev. D. Bowen, P.M. 116, P.P.G.M.O.	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
"	J. Munday, P.M. 28, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
"	Dr. De Vere Hunt, 28, P.P.A.G.S.	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
"	Nelson D. Marks, P.M. 28, P.G.S.B.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
"	H. J. E. Price, 297	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
"	Lewis Thomas, 297	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
"	C. H. Williams, 116	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
"	James John, 116	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
"	J. Lancaster, 28	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
"	W. T. Holt, 256	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.

Bro.	Alfred Keeping, 297	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
"	R. D. Gilbertson, P.M. 256	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
"	John Shearman, 28	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
"	R. F. Morgan	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
"	C. A. Britton	...	...
"	Ben. Winfield, 28	...	...	...
"	Amos Jenkins	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the banquet was held at the Royal Ivy Bush Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings were enlivened by excellent songs and recitations by the brethren.

The Craft Abroad.

Duke of Clarence Lodge, No. 4.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Rua, Saldauha, Bahia, Brazil, on Saturday, the 15th ult., when there were present Bros. Anthony Mitchell, W.M.; Louis George Mackay, I.P.M., R.A.; Henry J. Moon, P.M., M.C. 30; Gerald Messeder, P.M.; Edwin Maskill, P.M., Sec. 30; C. G. Morrice, J.W.; J. Faunt, S.D.; C. F. Swarty, I.G.; J. Donald, Chap.; J. Hartley, Treas.; Watton, Hewett, Fraser, and Margetts. Visitors from Fraternidads Bahima: Bros. Cruz and McAllister. At the above meeting the brethren of her Majesty's Squadron now lying at this port were invited to attend and there were present Bros. Rankin, Athon, Short, Leveritt, and Reuse.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Mr. Thomas Lowman was initiated, and by dispensation passed to the Second Degree. Bros. Fraser and Hewett were also passed to the Second Degree.

After the business of the lodge was over, the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, during which the greatest harmony and good fellowship prevailed, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and most enthusiastically responded to, one among them being that of "The Visitors," which was prefaced by a few appropriate and well chosen remarks by the W.M., and it is needless to say that this toast was most heartily received by the company with right good English "hurrahs," and the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows."

After the toast had been drunk Bros. Alton and Rankin responded.

Great praise is due to Bros. Leveritt, Heartly, H. J. Moon, and L. Mackay for their respective songs, and the W.M. and Bro. Morrice for their recitations, and thus a most pleasant and successful function was brought to a close.

Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656.

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th ult. at the rooms, Sydney, N.S.W., there being a good attendance, which included several visitors recently from England. The room and the brethren were in mourning out of respect to the memory of V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., a photograph of whom, covered with crape, was placed near the Master's pedestal.

In the absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Grant, P.M. The previous meeting having been confirmed, and the correspondence, which was very voluminous, dealt with, Bro. Robinson, P.M. and Sec., moved with keen regret the notice of motion in his name on the agenda—"That this lodge places on record its deep sorrow at the untimely death of our distinguished and veteran brother, the late V. Wor. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas. of Eng., and desires to convey to his relatives its deep sympathy with them in their bereavement. It also bears testimony to the splendid work done by Bro. Eve in protecting the oppressed and promoting the advancement of Freemasonry, and deeply deploras the severe loss the Craft in general, and the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, in particular, has sustained by our brother's death." Bro. Robinson observed that the proposition spoke for itself. They all felt the loss acutely. Bro. Eve's equal they might see, but it was doubtful if ever they would see his superior. Ever ready to assist the distressed, he had left monuments of his good deeds behind him. He truly was "one to whom the burdened heart could pour forth its sorrows," and a *Freemason* in the full sense of the word. Quoting from the *Freemason*, a "life's work well done," summed up the career of their deceased friend. Bro. Lanyon, P.M., in seconding the motion, spoke of the heavy and continuous work done by Bro. Eve in connection with the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, his untiring zeal in the matter which enabled him to overcome most powerful opponents, and accomplish the task that he had undertaken in securing the right of minorities, as set out in the Book of Constitutions. The name of Richard Eve would always be linked with the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, which possibly, more than any other, grieved at his loss. Bro. Grant and others (including Bro. Rose, P.M., of Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 128, Bury, Lancashire), bore kindly testimony. Letters of condolence were ordered to be written to Bro. Eve's relatives, to Panmure Lodge, No. 723; Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and others. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted in Bros. Parkinson, P.M., being elected W.M.; Lanyon (re-elected), Treas.; and M. Smithe (re-elected), Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper-room (which was also draped in mourning), where they spent a quiet hour before dispersing.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE BYE-LAWS of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow are promised before the end of this month. They have been a long time on the way.

THE NORTH LONDON AUXILIARY has forwarded a further donation of £115 10s. to the fund for the permanent endowment of the Printers' Almshouses, Wood Green.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF VAUGHAN MORGAN will lay the foundation stone of the new church of St. Matthew, Willesden, on Saturday, the 3rd prox.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR has sent £5 to the fund being raised on behalf of Mrs Poulter, who lost her husband and three children in the recent fatal fire at Sturge-street Southwark Bridge-road.

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that Bros. Dr. P. G. Lodge and Dr. Chas. Forshaw, both of Bradford, were on Wednesday night last formally admitted by R.W. Bro. Lord Halsbury, F.R.S., G.S.W. (President), Fellows of the Royal Society of Literature at the Society's Rooms, Hancver-square, W.

PRESENT TO THE LADY MAYORESS.—As a souvenir of the year of office of Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, the Lady Mayoress will be presented by the members of the Corporation with a handsome personal ornament on Tuesday, the 6th proximo, the day on which her ladyship will hold her last reception at the Mansion House.

BRO. DEAN HOLE's stirring song, "A Welcome to the C.I.V.," has been set to an equally stirring march tune by Bro. Dr. W. H. Cummings, the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, and will be sung in connection with the civic welcome of the returned heroes to-morrow (Saturday). There is a rousing chorus arranged for the four voices.

THE INSTALLATION of Bro. Lord Barnard as Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Durham, in succession to the late Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., will take place at Durham in April next. It is expected that the ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master.

WE GREATLY REGRET to hear that Bro. Richard Clowes' condition has undergone no improvement, and we are asked by Mrs. Clowes to express her thanks for the many enquiries made. Owing to the great number of same, Mrs. Clowes is quite unable to reply individually, and this opportunity is taken to convey to all her sincere appreciation of the expressions of sympathy sent.

THE W.M. and brethren of St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, Looe, have unanimously resolved to make a presentation to Bro. John G. Henwood, P.G.D., in recognition of his services as Secretary during the past 21 years. Bro. Sholto H. Hare, P.P.G.D., has been appointed treasurer of the fund, and a large number of brethren have expressed their willingness to subscribe. The presentation will take place at the annual installation meeting.

THE NEW MAGISTRATES for Northamptonshire, appointed on the nomination of Earl Spencer, K.G., the Lord-Lieutenant, include the Hon. Adrian Verney Cave, the elder son of Lord Braye, Mr. J. P. Cross, of Calthorpe Towers, whose name is known for his shire horses, and the Rev. W. ntworth Watson, who recently inherited Rockingham Castle and large estates adjoining. He is also brother-in-law of Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour. Bro. Harry Manfield, G. Treas., has also been placed on the commission.

AT THE ANNUAL DINNER, on Founders' Day, of Christ's Hospital, at the Hotel Cecil, the chairman, Bro. I. Phipps Dorman, was supported by, among others, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Rev. Dr. Haig Brown, Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton, Mr. Albert Chancellor, Mr. W. R. B. Briscoe, Rev. J. F. Cornish, Mr. R. L. Franks (clerk of the Hospital), and Mr. A. W. Lockhart (hon. secretary). The toast of "Christ's Hospital," and "The Health of the Duke of Cambridge," president, were cordially honoured; and in the subsequent speeches fitting reference was made to the fast approaching removal of the school from Newgate-street to Horsham, and the confident hope was expressed that Christ's Hospital would in its new surroundings obtain increased power for good.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—The annual meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 19th instant, the chair being occupied by Bro. G. Morgan, P.P.G.D. Bro. J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C., the Hon. Secretary, read the minutes of the previous court, and also the general committee. An annuity was granted to a distressed brother; and the Treasurer was empowered to invest the sum of £1000 with the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board for 14 years at the rate of 3½ per cent. interest. Ten Life Subscribers were appointed on the general committee, the only change being the election of Bro. D. M'Farlane in place of Bro. Tunncliffe, who had resigned. The three auditors, the former medical officers, solicitors, treasurer, and secretary were re-appointed, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Morgan for presiding.

MARMION LODGE, No. 1060—John Horrocks, W.M.—Tamworth, Staffordshire.—Following the meeting of the above lodge on the 17th instant, a banquet was held at the Castle Hotel, Tamworth, when Bro. Henry Scott, 15, responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and in the course of his remarks referred to the Chinese trouble and the secret society of the Boxers. He said that he had made a hobby for years past of collecting statistics of the secret societies of the world, and owing to his connections with the crowned heads—not only of Europe, but of the world at large—he had had many advantages not otherwise obtainable, that had enabled him (Bro. Scott) in obtaining information of a valuable description. In the course of his remarks, he stated that a controversy had recently taken place in the public press as to whether the Boxers were not first in existence, but he (Bro. Scott) was enabled to state from information he had collected that Masonry not only had priority over the Boxers, but was in reality the first secret society of the world, and the Boxers, like all other secret societies, had some signs, token, or word, that was copied from Masonry.

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING FUNCTIONS in the closing days of a Lord Mayor's year of office is the annual ball at the Mansion House to civic dignitaries throughout the kingdom, and Tuesday night's gathering in the Egyptian Hall was one of the largest and gayest that splendid room had ever seen. Bro. Sir Alfred Newton and the Lady Mayoress welcomed nearly 1000 guests, representative of various and distant towns of the kingdom. Besides 182 mayors of England and Wales, there were 12 Scotch provosts, four mayors from Ireland (including those of Dublin and Belfast), and 27 town clerks of the principal centres. Sheriffs and Aldermen, at all times impressive in their robes of office, were largely represented, among them being Bro. Sheriff Vaughan Morgan and Sheriff Lawrence. Sir A. Rollitt, President of the Association of Municipal Corporations, and Mary Duchess of Sutherland, Sir Edward Wittenoom (Agent-General for Western Australia), the Rev. Stephen Barrass, and the Mayors of Manchester, Leeds, York, and Londonderry were among the principal guests. Wurm's Viennese White Band performed a good programme of dance music.

MESSRS. GEORGE KENNING AND SON have been favoured with a further order for colours by Her Majesty's Government.

THE GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY have sent a donation of £100 to the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows at Kingston-on-Thames.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has subscribed another £100 to the Truro Cathedral Fund, bringing his contributions on behalf of the Duchy of Cornwall up to £1100.

BRO. SIR CHARLES WARREN visited St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, and was welcomed by the collegians, who removed the horses from the carriage in which he and Dean Farrar were seated and dragged it to its destination.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE the death of Bro. the Rev. Prof. Shuttleworth on Wednesday morning, at half-past three, at King's College Hospital, after 12 months' illness. He was initiated in the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, of which he was a Past Master.

SIR JOHN STAINER has been elected Master of the Company of Musicians, in succession to Mr. Clementi Goddard. This ancient City Guild, which was refounded about 1472, not only furnished the Court music, but formerly possessed the monopoly of licensing musicians throughout England.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. SIR MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, BART., as Grand Superintendent of the Province of Gloucestershire, has appointed Thursday, December 6th, at Cheltenham, for the annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Gloucestershire. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall, at 6.30 p.m. on the day named.

THE EX-SCHOLARS of the London Orphan Asylum have arranged a warm welcome for their old schoolfellows returning from the front, inviting them to a supper to be given at Carr's Restaurant, Strand, on the 16th prox. Mr. Samuel Miller, 142, Long Acre, Covent Garden, will be pleased to give every information.

THE RAHERE LODGE, No. 2546.—An ordinary meeting was held at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., on the 9th instant, Bro. Walter Gripper, M.B., being in the chair. Bro. W. E. Bennett, F.R.C.S., was passed to the Third Degree, and Mr. R. H. Wellington, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., was initiated. Subsequently some 30 brethren dined together.

BRO. R. THOMPSON, Berwick, secretary and manager of Messrs. Jas. R. Black and Co., is the new Sheriff-elect of Berwick. The Sheriff-elect is one of the oldest Past Masters in St. David's Lodge, No. 393, and received from Bro. Earl Percy, when Prov. G. Master of Northumberland, the rank of Prov. G. Warden, the highest rank in his power to bestow.

AT A MEETING of the brethren of the Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge of Mark Masons, held on the 15th instant at their headquarters, Highbridge, Bro. Dr. Sharpe, of Huntspill was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. the Rev. H. L. Barnwell, of Glastonbury, and Bro. T. Floyd Norris, P.M., of Burnham, was re-appointed the lodge Treasurer.

MAKE YOUR WILLS, friends, and prepare to leave for the happy land. A religious sect in Indiana, known as the Jamrelites, are arranging to migrate to Scotland. One of their prophets has fixed a near date as that upon which the world will cease to exist, and his followers believe that they are to ascend heavenward from the Argyllshire hills. Further evidence of the fact that we are "The Lost Tribes."

OUR ATTENTION has been drawn to the brilliant success of a Merchant Taylor boy. Mr. Langley, son of Bro. G. R. Langley, a modern prompter of the company's school, passed the first part of the preliminary scientific (M.B.) examination of London University in January, and at the same time won an entrance scholarship to St. Thomas's Hospital, and the school's chief science prize. In July he completed the preliminary science examination by passing Part II. (biology). Taking into consideration the severity of London University examinations, and the fact that Mr. Langley only matriculated in June of last year, this surely constitutes a record performance.

WE REGRET TO record the painfully sudden death, on the 19th instant, of Bro. J. Rogers, who has for many years been in business at 205, Harrow-road. Bro. Rogers was a prominent member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, and was present at a banquet of that lodge at the Holborn Restaurant. He was returning home in company with his friends, when he was suddenly taken ill and expired before assistance could be obtained. During the evening he appeared to be in his customary good health. He leaves a widow, who is, naturally, greatly distressed at the sudden decease of a husband who was in the prime of life. Bro. Rogers's father was in business for many years in Harrow-road, and the family are well known and highly respected in the district.

IN the death of Bro. Emile Berger the Craft has lost a devoted member, whose friendly manner, obliging disposition, and ready wit made him a favourite in every circle. His connection with the Craft dates back to 1861, when he was initiated in Lodge Enoch English Constitution, No. 11. In Glasgow he associated himself with the St. Mark Lodge, 102, but in later years he has devoted himself almost entirely to the Prince's Lodge, 507, where he was Organist. He has been Director of Music in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Organist in the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and held similar positions in other grades of Masonry—Knight Templary, Knights of Malta, Royal Order of Scotland, and in the 18th Degree. A number of the members of the Masonic Orders with which Bro. Berger was associated attended the interment at Cathcart on Saturday last, the 20th instant—a last sad tribute of respect.—*The Mallet.*

AT ANDERTON'S HOTEL, Fleet-street, London, has just been completed the re-decorating and re-furnishing scheme in connection with the handsome suite of Masonic rooms which are so much in request among the London lodges. This favourite hotel also enjoys the reputation of harbouring a large number of the best London social clubs—the Blackfriars, the Whitefriars, the Fleet-street among them—all of whom have apartments specially retained for the use of their members. Since the advent of Mr. Wagstaff as manager, the business has considerably improved, so much so indeed that the resources of the hotel have been found to inadequately meet the demand for bedroom and other accommodation. This popularity is largely due to the commanding central position of the premises, though, as a matter of fact, Mr. Wagstaff has done much to enhance its reputation by carrying out many reforms. The dining-room open to the public generally is also much patronised on account of the excellent meal served here.

AT THEIR Auction Galleries in Conduit-street on the 25th inst., Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley sold a collection of old furniture, Hezzotint portraits, &c., including a characteristic Chippendale bookcase 3 feet 10 inches wide, with gadroon borders and decorative ornament, 8½ guineas; a proof engraving before all letters of Sir Joshua Reynolds' Mrs. Hall as Euphrosyne, engraved by James Wyson, 27½ guineas; Rachel Countess of Southampton by McArdell after Van Dyck, proof, 5½ guineas; an interesting portrait of Wm. Pitt the Elder, the large head engraved by Houston, 1766, 11 guineas; a brilliant impression of the well-known print of the Duchess of Manchester and her son, Viscount Mandeville, as Diana and Cupid, from the picture by Sir Joshua, 10½ guineas; Houston's portrait of Mrs. Wodhull after Zoffany, 10½ guineas; a lace collar of Venetian rose point, 19 guineas; a border of point de Venise lace, 85 inches, 15 guineas; &c.

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