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THE PORT ELIZABETH EDUCATIONAL SCHEME

It is gratifying to know that, notwithstanding the difficulties caused by the War in South Africa and the demands to which it has led on the pockets of the brethren, the Port Elizabeth Masonic Educational Scheme has gone successfully through the past year. The annual general meeting of its supporters was held on the 17th August, when the Managing Committee presented their report. It is not surprising to gather from this that "the Financial Statement shows a considerable falling off in the amount received as 'Subscriptions and Donations,' but on the other hand, we are given to understand that "the expenditure for School Fees has been less." The result is that "the total assets have increased to a very pleasing extent," while the number of Grey Institute Scholarships has been increased to four by the addition of the Fraser Scholarship. Two plans had, it seems, been proposed by which it was hoped that a substantial increase would have been made to the funds at the disposal of the Scheme. One of these was for a Festival to be held this year and the other was a reported promise on the part of Bro. W. W. RIDER to deliver another lecture in its aid, but both plans have had to be abandoned "owing to the War and the consequent many calls" upon the brethren. However, 16 children were benefited during the year and the number is, undoubtedly, creditable to the supporters, considering how comparatively few they must be, even if every subscribing Mason in Port Elizabeth were enrolled as a contributor. It is also worthy of note and may be looked upon as some compensation for the unavoidable abandonment of the proposals for increasing the funds just mentioned that in acknowledging the vote of thanks unanimously passed to the executive for their services during the year, Bro. A. WALSH, after remarking that a good many calls had latterly been made on the friends of the Charity, and expressing his belief there would be a good many more in the coming year "after the war trouble," proposed that with a view to strengthening the Scheme by bringing in an additional income of about £100 a year, and so "placing them in a position to meet all demands without anxiety," a "Special Fund" should be started by Life Governorship Donations. This proposal was so favourably received that seven such donations were given before the meeting separated, while several subscriptions were also handed in or promised. A response like this speaks volumes for the benevolence of this small Masonic community.

The Statement of Account shows a total on the right side, including a balance brought forward from the previous year, amounting to £199 18s. 9d. Of this £151 5s. was actually received, the principal item being £55 10s.—interest on a loan of £550 to one of the lodges. The total would have been still higher, but a donation of £26 5s., voted by No. 711, had not been paid over on the 30th June, when the financial year comes to an end. The expenditure reached £166 19s. 6d., of which £63 14s. was paid for School Fees, and £3 5s. 6d. for Printing and Bank charges, while £100 was paid to the P.O. Savings Bank to the credit of the Scheme, the balance remaining to be carried forward to the next account being a few pence short of £33. The Assets amounted to close on £1035, of which over £425 is lodged in the Savings Bank and £550 is on loan to one of the lodges, together with the lodge donation voted but not yet received, and the cash at bank. In addition, there are the four Perpetual Scholarships at the Grey Institute, of the estimated value of £800.

The figures we have been dealing with are on a small scale, but we have purposely gone into greater detail in treating of this Educational Scheme, because the Masonic body by which it has been established and is maintained is necessarily small. There are only two lodges in the town—the Lodge of Good Will, No. 711, and the Lodge of Good Hope, No. 863—to the former of which is attached the Port Elizabeth Royal Arch Chapter. In addition to these are the Spes Bona Mark Lodge, No. 253; the St. Croix Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 81; and the Vasco de Gama Knight Templar Preceptory, No. 151. But here, as elsewhere, it is the Craft Masons we must reckon in estimating the numerical strength of a Masonic community. It is to these that the chapters, Mark lodges, and other bodies look for the raw material of their membership. Hence it is that we have laid such stress on the excellent work that is being done by our Port Elizabeth brethren through the medium of their "Masonic Educational Scheme." During the year ending 30th June, 1900, they provided free education for 16 children out of its income, and since its foundation, in 1884, have accumulated a capital which, if we include the value of the Grey Institute Scholarships, exceeds £1800. We consider the English Masons in this rising town are worthy of the highest praise for exercising their benevolence to such good purpose.

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

One of the most interesting sections of the Volume contains brief biographical accounts of the gentlemen who were admitted into the lodge in the 17th century, the earliest cases being those of Lord Alexander, his brother Sir Anthony Alexander—in reference to whose appointment as General-Warden and Master of Work to the King was written Charles I.'s letter to the Scottish Exchequer, which we quoted in our article of last week—and Sir Alexander Strachan, who were admitted as fellows of Craft on the 5th July, 1634, or some 12 years previous to the date when Elias Ashmole and Col. Mainwaring were made at Warrington in 1646—these being the earliest instances on record of gentlemen Masons in England. Among the most

* "HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL), No. 1."—Embracing an account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland. By David Murray Lyon, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Corresponding Member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, M.M., Ayr St. Paul, P.M. Ayr St. James. "Tercentenary Edition." The Gresham Publishing Company. London: 25, Farringdon-avenue; Glasgow and Dublin. 1900.

noteworthy of those subsequently admitted may be mentioned Alexander Hamilton, General of His Majesty's Artillery and Master of his Ordnance and Ammunition, who fought under King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, in the 30 years' war, and who was admitted "fellow and Mr." on the 20th May, 1640, his collateral descendant being the present Earl of Haddington, who was Grand Master Mason of Scotland 1892-93; and Robert Moray, Quarter Master General of the Scots army which defeated Charles I.'s troops at Newburn, and subsequently occupied Newcastle, where he was admitted a member of No. 1 on the 20th May, 1641. Of this Moray, or *Murray* as the name is spelt by historians and in judicial registers, Bro. LYON remarks that "his subsequent public career, not less than his character as a private gentleman, was such as to reflect honour upon the Fraternity. In Burnet's estimation he was 'the wisest and worthiest man of the age.' He was the son of Sir Robert Murray, of Craigie, by a daughter of Halket of Pitferran. He served in the French army under Richelieu, prior to his appointment to the post which he held when admitted to the Lodge of Edinburgh. He was with the Scottish army to which Charles in 1646 delivered himself, and designed a scheme for the King's escape, which failed through his Majesty's irresolution. He took a prominent part in the negotiations in Church matters between Charles II. and his Presbyterian subjects. Possessing the Royal confidence, he was made a Privy Councillor, Justice Clerk, and a Lord of Session, and was subsequently associated with the Duke of Lauderdale in the direction of Scottish affairs. He was one of the founders of the Royal Society, and promoted its objects by delivering lectures and exhibiting experiments—the geology of Scotland being a favourite branch of his studies. He died in June, 1673, and was buried in the Canongate churchyard." A peculiarity about the admission of Robert Moray which is noted by Bro. LYON, is that it is one of two notable instances of making Masons outside of the lodge, of which this was condoned, while in the other, John Fulltoun, who was chiefly concerned, having "taken upon him to passe and enter sevrall gentlemen without licence or commission from this place," brought upon himself severe censure and was not reponed—*i.e.*, restored to his rights and privileges—until he had made due acknowledgment of his fault and paid to the Warden of the lodge "fourtie punds Scots." We are told that "traces of the custom of granting written licences to enter mesons at a distance from the Lodge are found in the minutes of the Lodges of Kilwinning, Dunblane, and the now extinct village of Haughfoot (Peeblesshire)." Had such things happened in these days the expenditure of pens, ink, and papers in demonstrating the monstrosity of such invasions of lodge jurisdiction would have been something terrible to contemplate.

We have dwelt on these personal accounts of the early gentlemen members of Lodge No. 1, and the instances quoted by the author of Masons being made at a distance from the Lodge, not because it is new matter, but because of the interest it cannot fail to excite in the readers of the volume. But much as we should like to dwell on the matters of importance which are dealt with in the following chapters, to wit, the Old Charges—with which Bro. HUGHAN has made us so familiar, and to whose valuable efforts in bringing them to light and classifying them according to their dates and peculiarities, Bro. LYON pays a warm tribute of admiration—and the visit of Dr. Desaguliers to the Scottish capital and his conference with the office-bearers and members of the lodge, we must rest content with commending to the readers the information vouchsafed us by the author on these and other matters which have necessarily claimed a large share of his attention. Thence we pass to the period when the Grand Lodge of Scotland was inaugurated, and the differences which subsequently led up to the secession of Lodge Kilwinning from the general body of Masons. There is indeed no reason why we should touch upon these matters, seeing that the Masonic body generally has become familiar with them not merely through the medium of the former edition of this work, but likewise from numerous other works of a cognate kind which have been published at intervals since 1873. As to the career of the lodge since the commencement of the Grand Lodge era, and the vicissi-

tudes of fortune it has experienced, these have been already most fully described by Bro. LYON, nor need we say more than that the history of the lodge, which terminated in the former edition shortly after H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been installed as Grand Patron of the Fraternity in Scotland, and was affiliated to No. 1, has been continued to the present time, the narrative being marked by that completeness and accuracy which are the leading characteristics of whatever has come from Bro. LYON'S pen. But the facts he has so carefully chronicled have happened within our own time, and it must suffice if we say that he has made a special feature of the Tercentenary Festival which was held in the summer of last year in commemoration of the earliest records extant of this, or, indeed, of any lodge in existence. The account given of this unique event in Masonic history leaves nothing to be desired as regards fulness of detail, and the author has spared no pains in his endeavours to do justice to the efforts of those in charge of the arrangements. There is also a full record of the service held early in February of the present year in St. Giles's Cathedral in aid of the War Funds, and an all-too brief memoir of Bro. LYON himself, included in the Appendix and compiled by the Committee to which that portion of the volume was entrusted. There are also lists of the Grand Master Masons of Scotland from 1736 to the present year; of those who have presided year by year—so far as it was possible to make it complete—over the Lodge of Edinburgh; of the Ticket holders to the Tercentenary banquet, and of the original subscribers to this Tercentenary Edition of the History. We reserve the further comments we have made for a third and concluding article, which will appear next week.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

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QUALIFICATION OF A CANDIDATE.

The antient charges tell us that persons made Masons or admitted members of a lodge must be "good and true men, free born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgment; no bond men, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report" . . . "having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art." The Constitutions (Article 187) add that he must be unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, and that he must be prompted by a favourable opinion preconceived of the Order and the desire of knowledge, and all illiterate persons are expressly excluded. Tradition, as well as Article 186, stipulate further that a candidate shall be, at the time of his initiation, in such reputable circumstances and of such means as will enable him to incur the necessary expenses without unduly straining his resources.

In enumerating the qualification of a candidate, Oliver (Jurisprudence, p. 24) very fitly quotes the XVth. Psalm: "He that leadeth an uncorrupt life and useth no deceit in his tongue . . . if he swear unto his neighbour he disappointeth him not."

In 1763 it was laid down that the worthy candidate was one who "to a well informed and accomplished mind added elegance of manners and a conduct guided by principle . . . who contracted no debts that he could not pay . . ." (Oliver, *ibid*). That a Freemason should be a free man is axiomatic, but previous to 1847 it was necessary that he should be a free man born of a free woman. But by the Emancipation Act a good many persons became free men who yet were not born of free mothers, and on September 1st, 1847, Grand Lodge decided to abolish the disqualification, and now the only reference to parentage is in the IVth Section of the Antient Charges, where "honest" parents are spoken of.

The older Constitutions retain, of course, in the candidate's declaration "I . . . being free by birth . . .," and the lectures have references to the "degrading habit of slavery," although it is fair to say that in practice modifications are made.

The older Constitutions did not specify the age of the candidate, but simply required him to be of mature and discreet age. Article 187 defines mature age to be the legal age of manhood, 21 years, and this requirement fits in with the definition of a "free" man. In present times there is no question of slavery, and, therefore, a free man may well mean a man who is free to act independently of the consent of his legal guardians, a freedom which he only attains at the age of 21.

There is much misconception as to the conditions under which minors may be initiated. Oliver says that it has been a

tradition among Freemasons from time immemorial that a Lewis may be initiated at the age of 18 provided that his father be a party to the O.B. But the present Constitutions make no reference to this privilege of a Lewis.

All that is said about minors is to be found in Article 186 and the case of a Lewis would have to be considered along with that of any other minor. The tradition referred to might possibly influence the Grand Master's private judgment; but as far as the law is concerned, his discretion is absolute. A Lewis has privileges, but not of this kind. A Lewis would claim privilege under the following circumstances: If there were more candidates for initiation than permitted by Article 192, a Lewis could claim to be included in the first batch. If the lodge memberships are limited by its bye-laws, and there were more candidates than vacancies, he could claim precedence at the ballot. These, we believe, exhaust the privileges of a Lewis.

The further qualifications requiring the possession of a sound judgment and a moral character beyond question scarcely need any reference. It may be, however, suggested that the possession of a moral character beyond question cannot be assumed unless the question has been asked, and in this respect a heavy responsibility is with the W.M. as well as with the proposer and seconder.

A profession of belief in a Supreme Deity is an essential qualification—and not only a belief, but a trust in His goodness. This has been held by Grand Lodge to include Mahometans, Parsees, and Hindus.

One of the first Mohammedans ever made a Mason was the Ambassador of the King of Oudh. He was initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, on April 14th, 1836, the W.M. being a clergyman. (*"Freemasons' Quarterly Review"* for 1836, p. 192.)

The services of an interpreter, Bro. Miya Ibrahim, were utilised, and the M.W.G.M., the Duke of Sussex, sent a copy of the Qúran, on which the candidate was obligated. In fact, the charges begin—

"Let a man's religion be what it may . . . , he is not excluded from the Order provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality."

The late Bro. H. J. Whympers has exhaustively dealt with the religious qualifications of candidates (*Religion of Freemasonry*). The conclusions he arrives at are, of course, personal opinions. But, as our task is to discuss Masonic questions from a purely legal standpoint, we cannot very well enter into his arguments, which tend to show what should be rather than what actually is. And the present situation is that the possession of a religion at all is a satisfaction of that requirement in a candidate that we are now discussing. No. 20 of Mackey's list of landmarks adds "a belief in a future life," but an expression of such belief is not called for during the ceremonies, although it is laid down as a doctrine.

The candidate for admission is required to sign a declaration as to his motives. He must have preconceived a favourable opinion of the Order. How is he to have formed that opinion? This question is answered in the well-known address to the brethren generally at the conclusion of an installation, "when the world knows a man to be a Freemason. . . ." In other words, every member of the Order ought to be a living advertisement of its excellences.

He must be unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends. The limitation seems to admit the inference that a certain form of solicitation may not be improper, but we are inclined to think the term was added in order to emphasise the impropriety of any kind of solicitation. At the same time it cannot be denied that many are inclined to seek admission to our Order by solicitation, and therefore adopting the former inference, an improper solicitation would be one which promised commercial advantages or social benefits. A solicitation whose inducement was the promise of an extended sphere of usefulness and a wider field for cultivating knowledge, could not, of course, be condemned except in that it contravened the strict letter of the law.

The reason of the prohibition is that any such proceeding tends to make Masonry cheap, and that which is cheaply acquired or pressed on a man's acceptance will never be so highly valued as that which has been attained with difficulty.

As the candidate cannot yet tell in what way he can increase either his knowledge or his usefulness, his declaration in these two respects must be treated as an affirmation that his motives are of the best and purest kind. Until the time of his initiation, the candidate is entirely in the hands of his proposer and seconder, who may, if they suspect an unfriendly feeling, withdraw his name.

But the lodge should not act on the bare recommendation of the proposer and seconder. It is incumbent on the Worshipful

Master to see that inquiries are made both as to the candidate's position in life and his character. Before the ballot is taken the Worshipful Master reads out his description in full from the printed summons, and the lodge has a right to expect, when this occurs, that the Worshipful Master has caused these requisite inquiries to be made and is satisfied.

One month must elapse between the proposition and the ballot, and the old regulations go on to say "in order to make due enquiry into the reputation and capacity of the candidate." Article 185 allows this period to be shortened in case of emergency, which emergency must, in the W.M.'s opinion, be real.

There are one or two variations from English procedure which are to be found in some Foreign jurisdictions, and these deserve notice. In some American Grand Lodges considerable emphasis is laid on physical fitness as well as on mental and moral qualifications. Thus it has happened that a candidate has been rejected because he has lost a finger, and, with more show of reason, because he was deaf.

It has also been insisted by some American Grand Lodges, that a candidate shall apply for admission to the lodge nearest to him; the presumption being that, if a candidate sought to be received by a lodge at a distance, and where he was not known, there must be some unworthy reason. In any case inquiry has to be made from some lodge in the town in which he resides.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has the following: "All petitions for initiation shall be presented by a Master Mason and recommended by two other Master Masons at a regular meeting of the lodge, which petition shall be held over until the next lodge when, if the Committee appointed for that purpose shall make a favourable report thereon, the ballot shall be taken, and if unanimous in his favour the petition shall be granted."

Two other classes of disabilities may be noticed in conclusion. A military lodge may not initiate any person residing in the town in which the lodge may, for the time, be holden.

And no lodge may initiate a private soldier, except in the capacity of serving brother. The presumption is that a private soldier has not that freedom from control which would allow him to be described as a freeman. But there is no restriction upon the private soldier joining a lodge. In fact the writer knows of a sergeant who was, for service reasons, degraded to the ranks in the interval between receiving the First and Second Degrees. He received his other Degrees in due course however and retained his lodge membership.

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND ITS MASONIC LIBRARY.

As Masonic students well know, Bro. William Watson, P. Prov. G.W., has been the Honorary Librarian of the Masonic Library and Museum of West Yorkshire, ever since it was started mainly through the munificence of the late R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, so long the esteemed Prov. Grand Master. The collection has increased by leaps and bounds through Bro. Watson's fostering care and zealous services, the result being that the province has one of the most valuable Masonic Libraries in the World, and especially in relation to the "Old Charges," of which it contains more original Rolls or Scrolls than any other Library, not even excepting the British Museum.

All these copies of the "Old Charges" have been carefully transcribed and published under Bro. Watson's competent Editorship, excepting the one recently discovered and known, in brief, as the

"Beaumont MS."

Hitherto it has been known only by a transcript made of recent years, which Bro. Watson had reproduced in the *Freemason*.

Now, however, this Manuscript is to be exactly reproduced, with a photo facsimile of a portion, so that ere long we shall be favoured with a typographical reproduction of this old and important MS. It is to be edited by Bros. W. Watson and W. L. Wilson, and in the excellent manner which has characterised all the previous publications in connection with this truly magnificent Library.

Bro. W. L. Wilson was appointed Assistant Librarian, so as to aid Bro. Watson in his onerous and honorary labours, and, undoubtedly, a better appointment could not be made. The R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, Prov. G.M., announced the honour he had thus conferred on a young but zealous Craftsman at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Barnsley on the 26th October, 1900.

The Assistant Librarian is a son of the respected Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D. of England, (who was, we believe, initiated by Bro. Wm. Watson in the Lodge of

"Fidelity," No. 289, in 1873), and as Bro. Wilson, junr., is Senior Warden of the "Mother Lodge of the Province" (No. 289, Leeds), and likely soon to have other honours conferred upon him, the Province may be congratulated on thus having secured the services of such a competent brother to follow in the footsteps of Bro. William Watson, who has done so much and so well for West Yorkshire.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

At the annual Prov. G. Lodge at Camborne, on the 23rd ult., there was a very large attendance. The town put on quite a festive appearance, and the procession to church was watched by a large crowd of people. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master, presided, supported by Bro. P. Colville Smith, Dep. Prov. G. Master.

The Prov. G. Officers for the year were as follows:

Bros. J. Bedford Kerswill, 1164, Prov. S.G.W.; W. Andrew, 789, Prov. J.G.W.; the Revs. C. F. Mermagen, 131, and W. R. Gilbert, 330, Prov. G. Chaps.; F. A. Rawling, 1071 and 1164, Prov. G. Treas.; T. B. Tresise, 1136, Prov. G. Reg.; B. F. Edyvean, 330, Prov. G. Sec.; B. Spray, 450, and B. C. Matthews, Prov. G.S.Ds.; T. W. Shepherd, 789, and S. Walters, 2747, Prov. J.G.Ds.; S. Trehane, 970, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; W. Symons, 557, Prov. G.D. of C.; R. H. Williams, 510, Prov. Dep. G.D. of C.; W. Boxer, 1151, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; W. R. Wilton, 893, Prov. G.S.B.; S. M. Abbott, 589, and R. P. Coath, 2166, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; M. Thomas, 1954, Prov. G. Org.; W. A. Sandoe, 330, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; W. Vial, 1554, Prov. G. Purst.; G. Williams, 1272, Prov. Asst. G. Purst.; J. A. George, 131, Jos. Smith, 1006, G. Burrow, 1529, Mitchell, 977, W. Pidgeon, 318, and C. T. Worth, 699, Prov. G. Stwds.; C. R. Crews, Clerk, Asst. to Prov. G. Sec.; and Burt, 789, Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. G. Officers unable to attend were Bros. Kerswill, Mermagen, Spray, Shepherd, Thomas, George, and Pidgeon.

After the calling of the roll the PROV. G. MASTER congratulated the lodge on the wonderful appearance they presented there and the trouble many of them had taken to come such long distances. It was now his duty to carry out their wish, and present Bro. Edyvean with the clothing of his rank in Grand Lodge. His lordship renewed their congratulations, and expressed a hope that Bro. Edyvean would live long to wear the clothing. (Applause.)

Bro. EDYVEAN returned thanks for their handsome present. He need not assure them that his work on behalf of the Charities of the province had been done with all his heart and soul, and as long as he lived he should do what he could for the province. (Applause.)

Bro. EDYVEAN reported that there had been 148 initiations, against 161, and 31 joining members, against 20, the total subscribing members, 1894, being the largest recorded in the annals of the province. The decrease in initiations showed that the lodges were beginning to appreciate the fact that Freemasonry should be regarded as a luxury, and not as a benefit society. Foundation-stones of new Masonic temples had been laid at St. Austell and Calstock, and a new and beautiful Masonic temple had been solemnly dedicated at Camborne. They had contributed £473 to the Masonic War Fund.

The PROV. G.M., in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the province on two lodge-rooms begun and one finished—the very beautiful building which he inspected at Camborne on the previous evening. He had to thank Bros. Edmund Carlyn and Colville Smith, who had acted for him (the P.G.M.) during the year. Bro. Carlyn was one of the oldest Past Masters in England, and in Bro. Colville Smith he (the P.G.M.) knew he had someone to rely on whenever he could not himself be present. (Applause.) He hoped the brethren did not think he was wrong in taking up the War Fund, and he hoped he had the approval of the brethren generally in appropriating £100 out of the sum subscribed, in response to the proposal of Grand Lodge, to assist their brother Masons who were in distress in the Transvaal. (Applause.)

The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. F. A. RAWLING) also presented his report, which was adopted.

Bro. Milford reported on the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The total, £362, fell short by about £30 of the amount received last year. They paid seven annuitants £150; nine widows £132; and eight educational grants £100; total, £382. Their income from investments was £234.

In reply to Bro. Colenso, who thought the income of the Fund justified further expenditure, Bro. MILFORD said they were obliged by their constitution to invest a certain amount of their receipts to meet the annuities, and he assured Bro. Colenso that no worthy case brought before the committee was ever refused.

The report of the Committee of Relief recommended grants to the Masonic Charities as follows: Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, 50 guineas; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 30 guineas; Boys' School, £10; Girls' School, £10.

The Secretary presented the report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association for Bro. Gilbert Pearce, who was unable to attend; and Bro. E. A. Broad made his statement as manager of the votes for the great Masonic Charities.

About half-past 12 the brethren formed in procession, and, headed by Camborne town band, made a circuit of the town to the parish church. The procession was a very long one, and with the banners of the lodges, the regalia of the Order, and the open Bible borne by four Lewises, or sons of Masons, before the Prov. G.M., made an impressive sight. The large church was completely filled.

The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. G. B. Hooper), who also played the harmonium; Rev. W. E. Erskine read the lesson, and the sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. W. R. Gilbert, Prov. G. Chap. His text was I. Peter ii., 17—"Love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the King." These words, he said, written for all men, might be particularly applied to members of the ancient Order of Freemasons. They were taught to be true men, to study the sacred law, and treat it as the standard of truth and justice and the guide of their lives—they were a religious brotherhood. While all their proceedings in lodge were dedicated to God, the love of their fellow men was a permanent feature of Freemasonry. He was told the other day by a man just returned from South Africa that it was wonderful how ready our enemies were to recognise a Mason, and many a

man's life was made more easy when taken prisoner if it was known he was a Mason. Theirs also was a loyal brotherhood; they were charged to be true liege men of the Throne. They found in Freemasonry an admirable system of morality which embraced all the best religions of mankind. He had been in lodges with Roman Catholics, Jews, Mahometans, Hindoos, Parsees, and with Chinese, Japanese, and others, and he had received the sign of Masonry from a peasant in one of the Greek islands at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. Their predecessors built the great Cathedrals and churches of Europe, their aim was spiritually still higher and nobler, namely to turn every heart into a temple of the living God. The most massive walls of material buildings would crumble to dust; the building they had it in their power to erect would live for ever. Let them look forward to the time when different societies of men would no longer be required, when wars should cease, and the whole world should be united in one brotherhood, full of love and peace.

On the re-assembling of the lodge, the Prov. G.M., at the door of the lodge, presented each of the "Lewises," who had carried the Volume of the Sacred Law in the procession, with a Bible. His LORDSHIP said he was sure they had esteemed it an honour to have done that duty. They had heard in the sermon that the principles of the Brotherhood to which their fathers belonged, were based entirely on that Book. Whether they ever became Freemasons or not, he (Lord Mount Edgcumbe) trusted they would always take the Bible as their guide, and as a reminder of that occasion he presented them each with a Bible, in which he had written their names and signed his own.

The names of the boys were Duncan, Benallack, Barke, and Beringer.

On the proposition of Bro. CHIRGWIN, seconded by Bro. COURTNEY, Bro. E. H. Broad, the present Charity Representative, was elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the year. Bro. Broad was also re-elected Charity Representative, on the motion of Bro. COLVILLE SMITH, D.P.G.M.

The P.G.M. announced that the collection in church was £10 7s. 6d.; which was divided as follows: £4 3s. to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; £4 3s. to the Camborne Nurses Fund; and £2 1s. 6d. at the disposal of the rector.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest the officers for the year as follows:

Bro. G. H. Chilcott, 331	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. M. Carne, 75	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. K. Southwell, 330	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. G. Kerr, 331	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. A. Broad, 450	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. W. Walters, 1544	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. F. Edyvean, 330	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" F. J. Lee, 1544	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" J. Tonkin, 131	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Crossman, 970	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. A. Taylor, 1272	...	...	...	Prov. Dep. D. of C.
" F. J. Gardener, 1544	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. Downing, 589	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. J. Webber, 2747	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. R. Brown, 856	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Andrew, 977	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Smith, 1006	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" P. C. Jeffery, 1136	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" C. H. Whetter, 496	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. E. Roach, 967	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. Goodfellow, 340	...	...	...
" G. Anderson, 1954	...	...	...
" A. Bowhay, 2166	...	...	...
" R. Colenso, 121	...	...	...
" C. Mitchell, 510	...	...	...
" P. Blake, 1785	...	...	...
" W. Stephens, 893	...	...	...
" J. Brooking, 1071	...	...	...
" J. V. Bray, 450	...	...	...

In investing Bro. the Rev. H. K. Southwell as Prov. G. Chaplain, the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE mentioned that Bro. Southwell had recently returned from South Africa, where he had been serving as a volunteer chaplain on the march from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. (Applause.)

When Bro. Lee came up for the collar of Prov. S.G.D., his LORDSHIP said he had, on behalf of the brethren of the Camborne Lodge, to present Bro. Lee with a gold watch and chain and also a Past Master's jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held for his valued services as Secretary of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge for eight years, and for services in connection with the building of the new premises. (Applause.)

The PROV. G.M. said he had intended to give a collar to Bro. Lieut. Hugh Smith, brother of the D.P.G.M., but that brother was still serving his country abroad.

The PROV. G.M. also acknowledged the presence of Bro. Col. Edyvean, Prov. S.G.W. Devon, and brother of the P.G. Sec.; and of Bro. Mason, a member of the Grand Lodge of England.

Invitations for the next Prov. Grand Lodge were received from Padstow, Bodmin, Truro, and Looe.

Bro. JOHN BREWER said he wished to acknowledge, on behalf of himself and other visiting brethren, the kindness of the Camborne Lodge in providing the brethren refreshment on their arrival. (Applause.)

This was done in the supper-room of the new Masonic Hall, the ladies assisting being Mrs. and the Misses Nicholls, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Laurence, and Misses Trythall, Newland, Thomas, Turner, Middlin, and Burdge.

Luncheon was afterwards held at the Commercial Hotel, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe presiding.

After "The Queen and the Craft," the Prov. G.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales." It was difficult to estimate, he said, what the Prince of Wales had done for Masonry. His name being associated with the Boys' Festival had no doubt helped to raise that £142,000 collected at the Centenary banquet, a sum never reached before in any effort of the kind. (Applause.) His lordship coupled with the toast also the name of the Duchess of Cornwall.

The name of Bro. Mason, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., was coupled with the toast of "The Grand Lodge." He enforced upon the brethren the duty of giving more support to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, which was paying £17,000 in annuities.

Bro. F. HARVEY, acting P.S.G.W., proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Master." They were delighted, he said, to see his lordship amongst

them once more. Above all other men Lord Mount Edgcumbe had a place in the hearts of all Cornishmen—(applause)—and to all of them he set a grand example of devotion to public duty. He trusted his lordship might live long to come among them. (Applause.)

The PROV. G.M., in reply, said they always showed him the greatest cordiality when he was able to come among the Brotherhood. There was a time when he thought he would no longer be able to carry out his public duties as heretofore, but he was happy to say that now he felt quite equal to it again. (Loud applause.) It was a pleasure to see such a large number of Masons taking an interest in the Provincial Grand Lodge. He could not help feeling that such a body of Freemasons as they were ought to have a good effect upon the life of the county. Whatever differences of opinion there might be among them, they ought to spread a large leavening of good, and the Craft ought to tend to a unity of feeling, whatever their political or other divisions might be.

Other toasts followed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held at Southampton, on Friday, the 26th ult., when there was an unusually large attendance of the brethren. Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., presided, and amongst the Grand Officers present were Bros. Le Feuvre, P.G.O.; G. F. Lancaster, P.G.O.; Rev. Norman Lee, P.G. Chap.; Capt. G. Hearn, P.A.G.D.C.; Capt. Giles, R.N., P.G.S.B.; L. Steele, P.A.G.I.G.; and several P.G. Stewards.

The Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, held at Gosport, having been confirmed, and the routine business of the Prov. Grand Lodge being completed, the P.G.M. addressed the brethren. Alluding most feelingly to the great loss he had personally sustained, the province in particular and Mark Masonry in general, by the untimely death of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Richard Eve, a motion was subsequently put that it be recorded on the minutes of this Prov. Grand Lodge, the great loss they had sustained by Bro. Eve's death.

This, needless to say, was carried, the brethren all rising.

Continuing, Bro. BEACH said that notwithstanding the trying times, this peculiarly naval and military province had gone through during the last year, they were numerically slightly stronger than what they were last year, and their funds were in a satisfactory state.

Before investing the officers for the ensuing year, the P.G.M. said he did not purpose at that meeting appointing a Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The following were the Prov. Grand Officers appointed:

Bro. T. Bourcher-Chilcot, 62	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. Cross, 63	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" R. H. Platten, 305	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" G. W. Ball, 140	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" W. E. Soltan, 17	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. Stewart Still, 349	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Boughton-Smith, 63	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Col. J. W. Pickance, 349	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" D. O. Hobbs, 63	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Homewood, 381	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. J. Jackson, 54	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. G. Collis, 17	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" John Pardan, 305	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Morley Harris, 2	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. J. Osborne, 320	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Edwin Pratt, 17	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Mitchell, 140	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Jevvey, 63	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. J. Bone, 305	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" J. Exell, 17...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A vote of congratulation was carried by acclamation to Bros. the Rev. Norman Lee, P.G. Chap., and Capt. G. Hearn, P.A.G.D. of C., on their safe return from active service in South Africa, the former having served in the Orange Free State, and the latter in Ladysmith during the siege, where he was the Master of Mark Lodge in that town that met throughout the siege and advanced eight candidates.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and some 40 odd brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the Prov. G. Master presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on the 24th ult., under the united banners of the Royal Cumberland and Royal Sussex Lodges, at the Masonic Hall, Bath. Bro. R. C. Else, J.P., Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by a goodly number of P.G. Officers, Present and Past.

The attendance book was signed by the following:

Bros. W. Leaker, P.S.G.W.; Rev. R. F. Fraser Frizell, P.G.C.; B. H. Watts, P.G. Treas.; F. T. Elworthy, P.G. Sec.; A. E. Fuller, P.G.I. of W.; Geo. James, P.G.D.C.; T. H. Chaffin, as P.G.O.; W. Warner, P.G.I.G.; R. B. Cater, P.G.S.; A. J. Slater, P.G. Tyler; W. J. Nosworthy, I.P.M. 162, P.P. G.W., P.G.O. Eng.; Thos. C. Manning, P.M. 128, P.P.S.G.W.; S. P. Davie, I.P.M. 128, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Parker, P.M. 128, P.P.S.G.O.; Wm. C. Thomas, W.M. 102, P.P.G.S.B.; S. J. Sellick, P.M. 102; E. Huntley, M.O. 102, P.P. G.S.; P. Edinger, W.M. 155; Lawson Howes, P.M. 11, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. E. A. Purvis, W.M. 117, P.P.G. Chaplain; J. T. Hood, 11; S. Bigwood, Tyler, 11; Rev. J. D. Dunlap, S.O. 171; R. T. Gwyn, J.W. 171; A. W. Dalby, S.W. 155, P.P.G. Std. Br.; O. W. Wiltshire, W.M. 119, P.P.G.P.; H. C. Ewens, 218, P.J.G.D. Glos. and Hereford; Thomas Colenutt, J.W. 119, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Dancer, Sec. 155; Alf. Gates, S.W. 162; Rev. H. L. Barnwell, W.M. 191; T. G. Coggan, M.O. 191, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; E. C. Adams, 177, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Sumsion, 177, P.P.J.G.W.;

W. L. Dames, S.W. 177; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 11, P.P.J.G.W.; W. F. Cooling, S.D. 11; W. Peach, Chap. 11, P.P.G.R.; W. Rice, P.M. 11, P.P.J.G.W.; E. W. Loveless, P.M. 11, P.P.G.R.M.; C. J. Baldwin, P.M. 11, P.P.J.G.W.; J. P. Capel, I.P.M. Else, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Everitt, J.W. 11; J. Burnett, P.M. 191, P.P.G.M.O.; T. Baggs, W.M. 171; R. Scott, S.W. 171; J. Rubie, P.M. 11, P.P.G.M.O.; C. Curd, I.P.M. 11; and R. Findley, 11.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened,

The P.G. SECRETARY called the roll of lodges, and all those in the province were found to be represented.

The P.G. Treasurer presented the Provincial Grand Lodge accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £80 19s. 11d.

The statement of account was adopted on the motion of Bro. LAWSON HOWES.

Bro. J. BURNETT seconded.

The P.G. TREASURER proposed "That the sum of 20 guineas be granted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the South African Relief Fund."

The proposition was seconded by Bro. T. H. CHAFFIN, and carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "That a sum of 15 guineas be granted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and placed upon the list of the brother who undertakes the office of Prov. Steward at the 1901 Festival."

Bro. LAWSON seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M., invested the following Prov. G. Officers for the year:

Bro. the Rev. E. A. Purvis, W.M. 117	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. Baggs, W.M. 11	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" S. J. Sellick, P.M. 102	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. L. Dames, P.M. 107	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. P. Capell, P.M. 102	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" the Rev. F. F. Frizell, Chap. 191	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" B. H. Watts, P.M. 171	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. T. Elworthy, P.M. 348	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" P. Edinger, W.M. 155	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. W. Dalby, S.W. 155	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. H. Chaffin, W.M. 348	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Geo. James, I.P.M. 348	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Huntley, J.W. 102	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Gates, S.W. 162	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. J. Nosworthy, I.P.M. 162	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Frank Everitt, J.W. 11	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. F. Cooling, S.D. 11	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. J. H. Scott, S.W. 171	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Alf. J. Slater, Tyler 171	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The National Anthem was sung during the collection of alms, which were voted to a local institution.

After business, the banquet was served in the Masonic Hall, the Prov. G. Master presiding, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 7th instant:

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.

To read acknowledgment of address from Grand Chapter to H.R.H. the First Grand Principal, on the occasion of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th July to the 18th October, 1900, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£256	3	0	" Disbursements during the			
" " Unappropriated				" Quarter	...	...	£361 17 0
" " Account	35	10	5	" Balance	...	...	40 16 6
" Subsequent Receipts	366	4	1	" " Unappropriated	...	...	255 4 0
				" Account	...	...	£657 17 6
	£657	17	6				

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

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

1st. From Comps. Thomas Atkinson Argles, as Z.; Richard John Nelson, as H.; Thomas Taylor, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Ambleside Lodge, No. 2745, to be called the Wansfell Chapter, and to meet at the Queen's Hotel, Ambleside, Westmorland.

2nd. From Comps. John Wyatt Court, as Z.; Allan McIntosh, as H.; George Band, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096, to be called the Granville Chapter, and to meet at the Foresters' Hall, Walmer, Kent.

3rd. From Comps. Felix Sumner Knyvett, as Z.; Rev. Oliver C. Cockrem, as H.; John Pearce Taylor, as J.; and 14 others for a chapter to be attached to the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, to be called the Clarendon Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Watford, Hertfordshire.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a memorial with extract of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapter: The Royal Preston Chapter, No. 333, Preston, from the Castle Hotel to the Masonic Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

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Election of a member of the Committee of General Purposes in the place of the late Comp. George Graveley, A.G.D.C.

Comp. Henry A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br., the only companion nominated.

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Masonic Notes.

None will feel a deeper sympathy with our venerable Sovereign in the latest sorrow that has befallen her through the death of her gallant and much-loved grandson Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, than the members of the Society of which Her Majesty has been Patron for so many years, and of which her son and the heir to her throne, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is, and has been for over a

quarter of a century, the M.W.G. Master. Throughout the whole of her long reign our gracious Queen has shown such tender solicitude for the welfare and happiness of all her subjects, to whatever station of life they may have been called, rejoicing with them in their joys and grieving with them in their griefs, that there is not one of her people, man, woman, or child, who does not look upon his Queen's afflictions as his own and her losses as his losses. May the Great Architect grant to Her Majesty the strength to bear with her accustomed fortitude the bereavement with which it has pleased the Almighty in His inscrutable wisdom to visit her.

A more enthusiastic welcome could not have been given to the City Imperial Volunteers on their return home from the war in South Africa. At the same time it is difficult to imagine how the authorities could have blundered more thoroughly over the arrangements that were made for the march of the regiment along the chosen route. The Cunard Company's officials did their part in landing the troops at Southampton and the Railway Companies conveyed them safe and sound to Paddington. After that—Chaos. The C.I.Vs. had hard enough work set them to do in South Africa, but the hardest of all must have been their march through London on Monday. We congratulate them on having survived the ordeal.

The installation meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday—not Friday, as stated in the summons—the 8th instant, the W. Master elect being Bro. E. Conder, jun. After the appointment and investiture of his officers for the year Bro. Conder will deliver the inaugural address which is customary in No. 2076 on these occasions, after which a vote of thanks will be moved to the retiring Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Past G.S.B. England. The usual dinner will follow at Holborn Restaurant.

There is the usual modest paper of Agenda to be submitted at the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, which will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 7th instant. There will be, firstly, an acknowledgment of the address voted by Grand Chapter to his Royal Highness the First Grand Principal on the death of his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh in the peerage of the United Kingdom); then the Report of the Committee of General Purposes; and, lastly, the election of a member to serve on the Committee of General Purposes, in place of Comp. George Graveley, P.A.G.D.C., deceased, Comp. Henry A. Tobias, Past G. Std. Br., being the only candidate nominated for the vacancy. This business will not occupy Grand Chapter for long.

Warrants for three new chapters, all of which will be located in the Provinces, are recommended by the Committee. One of these is for the Wansfell Chapter, to be attached to the Ambleside Lodge, No. 2745, Ambleside, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland; the second for the Granville Chapter, to be attached to the Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096, Walmer, in the Province of Kent; and the third for the Clarendon Chapter, to be attached to the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, Watford, in Hertfordshire.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, which was held at Camborne on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., under the auspices of the Mount Edgumbe Lodge, No. 1544, appears from the report of the proceedings, which we publish in another column, to have been well attended, and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master, who presided, must have been much gratified by the encouraging reports that were presented on the subject of membership, the finances, the Provincial Charitable Organisation, and other matters. The Provincial Grand Secretary had the pleasure of announcing that the aggregate membership of the 31 lodges in the Province was 1984, this being the highest number ever recorded for Cornwall, and giving the excellent average of 64 members per lodge. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement was also a most satisfactory one, while Bro. Gilbert Pearce's Report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association—which, in the unavoidable absence of that brother, was read by the Provincial Grand Secretary—showed that good work was being done by it for the Province, and Bro. E. A. Broad was in a position to furnish a good report of his work in dealing with the votes for the Central Masonic Institutions.

As regards the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, Bro. Milford, though he had to acknowledge that the amount (£362) received in the way of contributions was less by about £30 than the total of the previous year, was able to show that good work was being done by the Fund. The amount expended—being £150 in respect of seven annuitants, £132 for nine widows, £100 in eight educational grants—reached a total of £382, while the income arising from investments was £234. The recommendations of the Committee of Relief for grants to the amount of 100 guineas, of which one half was to the Annuity and Benevolent Fund and the other half for distribution among the Central Charities, were endorsed by the meeting. Thus, both locally and generally, the Province was able to give an excellent account of its work during the past year.

There remains just one incident that occurred during the meeting which, as it has reference to one of the ablest and most energetic members of the Province, must not be allowed to pass unnoticed. We allude to the presentation by the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, on behalf of the Province, to Bro. B. F. Edyvean, Prov. G. Secretary, of his clothing as P.A.G.D.C. of United Grand Lodge. In doing this his lordship laid stress on the great amount of good, solid, and successful work which Bro. Edyvean had done for Cornwall during the years he had held the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, and the equally successful work he had done in behalf of the Central Charitable Institutions of the Society. The laudatory remarks of the Prov. Grand Master were heartily applauded by the brethren, who fully realise how admirably Bro. Edyvean has fulfilled his duties both officially and as an individual Mason, and we take leave to congratulate him on the estimation in which he is held throughout the Province and of which this gift of the Grand Lodge clothing of his rank is the latest evidence.

There is yet another lodge to be added to the roll of Warwickshire—the Seymour Lodge, No. 2804, which will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Ipsley, Redditch, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 2.30 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. George Beech, P.G. Std. Br. England, D.P.G. Master, assisted by the Grand Officers of the Province. The principal officers designate are Bro. Lord Ernest Seymour, P.M. No. 301, P. Prov. G.W.—after whom the lodge is named—W. Master, and Bros. Thomas Evans and Herbert R. Lloyd (W.M. No. 301), S.W. and J.W. respectively. A banquet—tickets 5s., exclusive of wine—will be held at five p.m.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Volume IX. of "Quatuor Coronati Antigrapha, Masonic Reprints of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge" is now ready, and we have no doubt will attract the notice of all Masonic students. It contains "the full list of a valuable and hitherto unedited MS. in the British Museum, 'The Book of the Fundamental Constitutions and Orders of the Philo-Musicæ et Architecturæ Societas, London, 1725-1727,' twenty-two pages of facsimile and a treatise on the history and Masonic importance of this Society, from the pen of W. Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., Past Master." The importance of this MS. lies in the fact that it presents "the first evidence of three separate Degrees in Freemasonry, and a glimpse of the way in which Freemasonry was carried on only a few years after the foundation of the Grand Lodge by brethren imbued with the methods in vogue immediately before that event."

We are further informed that, notwithstanding the many difficulties which have presented themselves in its compilation, the promised work on "British Masonic Medals" is now approaching completion, and its publication may be looked for about Christmas. We are given to understand that it will contain "exquisite photographic reproductions of every Masonic medal of a commemorative character ever struck in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies. Both sides will be given, natural size," and accompanying each will be a full description of the medal itself as well as of the event or person it was meant to commemorate, while in the case of the rarer specimens, reference will be made to the collections in which they are preserved. The work is being produced by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the number of copies printed will be regulated by the number of subscriptions.

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.

VISITING WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was a little surprised on reading your "Notes" in last Saturday's *Freemason* upon "Perplexed's" letter on the subject in the previous week's newspaper of the existence of 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" in the lodge visited. Such a custom if prevailing in the London district, does not, so far as I am aware, hold in the northern provinces. Interchange of lodge visits are of frequent and regular occurrence; but I do not remember a single instance of the custom referred to; indeed, the terms of Rule 303 of the Book of Constitutions clearly renders such a custom as you refer to irregular, besides there certainly ought to be only one W.M. and two Wardens in a lodge wearing their collars and jewels of office at the same time. In a few isolated cases I have seen a W.M., and occasionally a Warden of a lodge, when visiting wear the collar of his own lodge, but I have attributed it to the brother's ignorance of the Constitutions, and when Rule 303 was privately brought to the attention of the brother he was readily convinced of his error, and ceased the practice. I do not see that the fact of the W.M. being an "honorary" member of the lodge makes the slightest difference.—Yours fraternally,

J. T. LAST, P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to your Notes on the 27th instant upon the question raised by "Perplexed" in your issue of the 13th instant, as to whether it is correct for a W.M. when visiting another lodge as an hon. member—such membership being by virtue of his office only—to wear the collar and jewel of a W.M., I submit that the word "only" in Article 308 of the B. of C. is conclusive. That Article states explicitly: "The collars of the officers of private lodges are to be worn only in their own lodges," (i.e., of the lodges of which they are officers), "or when representing their lodges as Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges." There are three places therefore, and only three, where a W.M. may properly wear his collar, viz., the lodge of which he is the actual Master, and the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, if any, where he represents his lodge. There can only be one Master in a lodge; and it would be as unbecoming as, I submit, it is unconstitutional for the Master of, say Lodge A, to wear his collar in, say Lodge B, which he is visiting, either officially as a guest, or as an honorary member, whether by virtue of some service which Lodge A has rendered to Lodge B, or even of his own past services. As well might the I.G. of Lodge A wear his collar in Lodge B.

Another and more debateable point is this. Should a P.M. of a lodge wear his collar in another lodge which he is visiting? Article 306A states distinctly that he may; but the rule is of modern date, and, although it is perfectly legal to do so, it is considered by many to be "bad form." It will be observed that, in previous Articles, it is provided that present and past Grand Officers "wear" (i.e., shall wear) certain collars; but Article 306A only says that P.Ms. "shall be entitled to wear," not that they "wear" the P.M. collar. The same remarks apply to P.Zs. of the Royal Arch.—Yours fraternally,

WILFRED A. BOWSER,
P.M. and Sec. 2000.

"Haslemere," Amhurst Park,
Stamford-hill, N.
29th October.

OLD FREEMASONRY.

Early last century (i.e., the eighteenth) it was customary for brethren to assemble in lodges, without any authority apparently save that of the usages and customs of the Craft as their guide. Certainly they had no warrants, as we understand the term, though evidently certificates were required under certain circumstances, as we know from the "New Articles" in the "Harleian MS., 1942," and a few other copies of the "Old Charges."

In Scotland, to the year 1736, there was no general authority, but then a Grand Lodge was formed, and some 33 lodges, under the old régime, united in forming that body, but, for a time, still more held aloof. Many of these lodges had records of their meetings preserved dating back to the seventeenth century, and the senior of all, the Lodge of Edinburgh, has minutes, which are still preserved, beginning so early as the year 1599, particulars of which are to be found in my friend, D. Murray Lyon's "History of No. 1," published in 1873, and a new edition is just now ready for circulation. In Ireland the Craft was at work in the seventeenth century, as Dr. Chetwode Crawley has proved, and a Grand Lodge was formed in 1725, or earlier, prior to the Dublin organisation of 1729-30.

In England we have records of lodges from 1646, when Ashmole was initiated, until the premier Grand Lodge was inaugurated, in 1717, by four or more old lodges.

Now, this means three sources for America to obtain a knowledge of the Fraternity, of the two systems, one dating chiefly before and the other after the Grand Lodge era. On this point an interesting and valuable article by Bro. S. D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary and P.G.M. of Massachusetts, should be consulted, published in the "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders" (Boston and New York), having the suggestive title "The First Glimpses of Freemasonry in North America." It is one of the best and most concise statements on the subject ever circulated, and deserves most careful reading, and though there is yet wanting actual minutes of lodges which assembled prior to 1730, still there is no reason really why such should not be looked for and found, for several brethren left Great Britain and Ireland for New England and other parts of America, and were as fully entitled to open and work in lodges as any who succeeded them, even though they had no warrants to empower them so to do. As time went on, however, there arose two classes of Freemasons, the one under the old system and independent, and the other composed of lodges constituted by Grand Lodges. The latter became known as *Regular* and the former as *Irregular* Lodges and brethren, but so far as a knowledge of the Craft was concerned, the one was as much entitled to work as the other.

Under the old system, apparently, lodges assembled in Pennsylvania from 1731, or earlier, and so elsewhere. However, the only minutes preserved of such organisations are those of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, from 1731, in what is known as "Libre B." The "Libre A" has yet to be found and made public. This is the lodge in which Benjamin Franklin was initiated, and which developed into a Grand Lodge, just as the old York Lodge did, in England.

Quite recently another book has been discovered and described as "Leidger A and B," which is of a most interesting character, and contains Bro. Benjamin Franklin's personal account against the "Lodge of Masons at B. Hubards," in his own handwriting, 1734-37. I consider this a remarkable find, and when taken in connection with the newspaper references to the Craft and other evidences, bring us in touch with the old Fraternity to an extent never hitherto possible.

It appears from this old tome that the reprint of the "Book of Constitutions, 1723," in 1734, by Franklin, was sold at 2s. 6d. each, and not only were three sent to "Lancaster" in 1734, but also "eight by Reynells to Lancaster," and the large sum is noted of £11 17s. 6d. for "seventy sent to Boston," and 25 to "Carolina." Now, these figures would lead one to suppose there were lodges, or a lodge at least, at each of these places, and we know there was one (or more) in Philadelphia and another at Boston. The account is not carefully entered, and the sum for the eight copies is omitted, but evidently intended to be corrected in the margin by the insertion of 15s. That amount, however, would only be for six copies, whereas the number is eight, beyond question.

A copy described as "a gilt Mason book" cost 5s., but unbound only half that, as already noted. The lodge, of course, had one of the former. I wish I had one also! Would not mind paying even more for it!

There is one entry of "Postage and Commission, etc., 11s. 4d. and 2s. 8d. = 14s." It is easy to surmise what this was for, as we know of the correspondence between Franklin and Henry Price. But whatever it may mean, the lodge (or lodges) in Philadelphia at that time, was not placed on the English Register, though later on the Grand Lodge of England acknowledged the legitimacy of the members, and as a matter of fact, the one had as good a right to work as the other, only the lodges which emanated through the Grand Lodges became "regular," and, in time, the "irregular," or independent lodges, died out or were absorbed. This lodge at Bro. Hubards is, so far, the oldest of which we have any account for America, and all particulars about it interest me much. The St. John's Lodge, Boston, is the oldest of regular lodges in America, but the one at Philadelphia was under the old system and thus the senior.—*Keystone*.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Craft Masonry.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN E. CHEESE.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Colchester on the 25th ult., and was in every way a success.

The lodge was opened at 5.30 by Bro. Willoughby John Bean, and three joining members having been duly elected, Bro. Bean said he would like to take the opportunity to thank the brethren, and especially the officers, for the loyal support they had given him during the past year, rendering it to him one of unalloyed satisfaction and pleasure. As a crowning pleasure he was glad to have the opportunity of doing honour to a brother who was held in the greatest esteem by all the members of the lodge—he alluded to Bro. Ives. (Applause.) This brother, at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, received at the hands of Lord Warwick the appointment to the highest office in the province, that of Senior Grand Warden. (Applause.) The brethren felt that this was not only an honour to Bro. Ives, but was also an honour to the lodge generally. (Hear, hear.) And they had thereupon taken the opportunity to show to Bro. Ives their satisfaction at the well-deserved honour he had received, and also their appreciation of the earnest efforts he was always making for the welfare of the lodge. Bro. R. Haward Ives, who was heartily applauded, said he hardly knew how to find words to express his thanks for the honour the brethren had done him, and the kind feeling that had prompted this presentation. When the Prov. Grand Master appointed him to the high position of Senior Grand Warden of this great province he felt very deeply the honour that his lordship conferred, but that had been greatly enhanced by the satisfaction that had been expressed to him by his brethren of the Angel Lodge. (Applause.) His heart was full of gratitude to his brethren for this mark of their esteem; and the fact that this presentation had been made to him in open lodge, and in the presence of so many distinguished visitors, was one that he should always remember. The principal business of the day was then proceeded with, viz., the installation of Bro. John E. Cheese, headmaster of St. John's-green Board School, as W.M. for the ensuing year; the ceremonies appertaining to which were most ably performed by Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. At the conclusion the officers for the year were appointed as follow: Bros. Rev. C. C. Naters, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; Arthur J. O. Turner, J.W.; Rev. C. Pierrepont Edwards, Chap.; A. S. B. Sparling, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; Philip G. Laver, S.D.; W. R. Seabrooke, J.D.; Fred. Nash, I.G.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., Prov. S.G.W., D.C.; Chas. Wood, Org.; Chas. W. Denton, H. P. Gadsdon, and C. W. Denton, Stewards; and Arthur Wright, Tyler.

Between 60 and 70 brethren afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the host, Bro. Har. A feature of the menu was a haunch of venison in prime condition, presented by Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green.

A most enjoyable programme of music was arranged by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Charles Wood, those taking part being Bro. Abel Hustler, Bro. H. J. Baynton, Bro. W. H. Heal, Mr. E. Genders, Mr. Hughes, and Masters Slade and Alders, of St. James's Choir.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOB IRLAM, P.M.

The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. The following were present: Bro. Walter Cockerham, W.M.; J. T. C. Blackie, S.W.; Sam Richards, J.W.; J. Schofield, I.P.M.; O. M. Jones, P.M., Treas.; Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Brownhill, S.D.; A. Bentley, J.D.; E. Zoebell, P.M.; H. M. Massingham, P.M.; Job Irlam, P.M.; J. R. Ashworth, P.M.; C. Vlies, P.M.; J. W. Moss, P.M., P.P.D.G.S.B.; W. Clewlow, C. G. Balls, T. Thrutchley, E. A. Harriss, G. J. Critchley, W. Arnold, G. H. Tyler, Samuel Rains, and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Chadwick, 992; S. Beolym, 1387; J. Cunningham, P.M., and H. Morland, of 129 (S.C.).

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, Bros. Thrutchley and Arnold were each raised to the Degree of M.M. The two ceremonies were performed by Bros. J. Irlam, P.M., and O. M. Jones, P.M., in a most impressive manner, and in a style we have seldom seen equalled. The adoption of the balance-sheet for the previous year was put and carried. Bro. Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D. of C., then pinned on the breast of Bro. Job Irlam, P.M., a beautiful 18-carat gold Past Treasurer's jewel, and spoke at length, in a most flattering and eulogistic manner, of the work done by Bro. Irlam on behalf of the lodge, and of the very high esteem in which he (Bro. Carr) and all the brethren of the lodge held Bro. Irlam; and, in conclusion, he hoped, and he felt sure that he was speaking for all the brethren, that Bro. Irlam would live a

long time to wear the jewel. The reverse side of the jewel, which was of the locket style, bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Job Irlam, P.M., by the brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161, as a token of their esteem and in recognition of his services as Treasurer 1890 to 1900. Oct. 17th, 1900." Bro. Irlam, in reply, said he appreciated the great kindness of the brethren in presenting him with the very handsome jewel, and he should always be proud to wear it. The W.M., Bro. Walter Cockerham, reluctantly, and with deep regret, accepted the resignation of Bro. J. M. Moss, P.M., P.P.D.G.S.B., as Secretary of the lodge, and appointed Bro. Joseph Schofield, I.P.M., to the vacant position.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

Isaac Newton (University) Lodge, No. 859. INSTALLATION OF BRO. REV. A. L. BROWN.

The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. the Rev. A. L. Brown, M.A., P.G.C. (Selwyn College), W.M.; A. S. Bell, B.A., P.S.G.D. (Trinity Hall), I.P.M.; W. J. Armitage, M.A., P.G.P. (Emmanuel College), S.W.; H. G. Comber, M.A. (Pembroke College), J.W.; Rev. C. G. Griffinhoofe, M.A. (St. John's College), Chap.; W. G. Bell, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (Trinity Hall), Treas.; Rev. D. Hall, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Sec.; W. Dudley Ward, P.G. Steward (Trinity College), S.D.; L. F. Crane (Trinity College), J.D.; J. H. Widdicombe, M.A. (Downing College), D.C.; S. R. Van Duzer (Trinity College) and O. D. Hampson (Trinity Hall), A.D.Cs.; F. D. Bruce (Trinity Hall), I.G.; Sir Hugh Crofton, Bart. (Trinity College), Org.; J. H. Dalton, M.D., P.P.G. Stwd. (Trinity College), R. H. Adie, M.A., P.G. Stwd. (Trinity College), R. M. Berkeley (Emmanuel College), Sir Arthur G. Hazlerigg, Bart. (Trinity College), T. W. S. Hills, B.A. (Downing College), A. J. Prichard (Queen's College), and A. Stone, B.A. (King's College), Stewards; and C. H. Ellis, P.G. Tyler, and G. Allen, Tylers.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 18th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. Gale, W.M.; C. F. Davis, S.W.; H. Webster, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; W. Hill, S.D.; C. Boyce, J.D.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; E. Aspinall, Org.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C., Stwd.; C. Wheatley, I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Hopkins, P.M., P.G.P. Middx.; Schultze, Fox, and Rieff, Stwds.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken on behalf of two gentlemen for initiation, and they being in attendance, were duly admitted to the Order by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The petition of a distressed P.M. of the lodge praying to be recommended as a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was signed. The Secretary reported the death of Bro. Austin, M.M. of No. 1512, and a P.M. of a Colonial lodge under the English Constitution, when it was unanimously resolved to support the petition of his widow to the Board of Benevolence. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., P.A.G.P.; P. Cronin, P.M.; G. Tagg, P.M., P.P.G.P., and others.

Refreshment followed labour. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in a speech of some merit, and in which he gave an interesting *resumé* of the progress and history of the province since he was initiated in the Hemming Lodge in 1874.

"The Health of the W.M." was submitted by the I.P.M. In the course of his speech he said that he thought the W.M. was going to have a maiden year of office, but, fortunately, two candidates had presented themselves that evening, and well and worthily had the W.M. discharged his duty. Bro. Gale was an old initiate of the lodge, and had steadily worked his way up to the topmost rung of the Masonic ladder.

This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. briefly replied.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed.

The initiates, in their respective replies, expressed their acknowledgments for the warmth of their reception, and stated how impressed they had been with the ceremony of induction. They also each thanked their respective proposers and seconders for the trouble they had taken on their behalf.

"The Visitors" toast followed, and it having been duly acknowledged,

"The Health of the Past Masters" was given in flattering terms by the W.M. Among other kind expressions he particularly desired to convey to them his thanks for the cordial support and advice that they had always extended to him during the period that he had been an officer of the lodge and as W.M. He was pleased to see there that night the oldest initiate and one of the oldest Past Masters in the person of Bro. Ockenden, whose response on behalf of the province that evening had been so eloquently expressive. He should couple the toast with the names of Bros. C. Wheatley, G. Ransford, and W. Hopkins.

These brethren having responded, the toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Aspinall, Singer, Chilcott, Bolton, and others entertained the brethren.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WM. MILES.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at St. James's Restaurant on Monday evening, the 22nd ult. There were present Bros. J. Genese, W.M.; Dr. Oppenheim, I.P.M.; H. Passmore, S.W.; W. Miles, J.W.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; and L. Weil, P.M., Sec.; and a large gathering, including Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. Thomas, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Imroth, Johannesburg; F. Brazil, W.M. 1924; G. Bratt, W.M. 1851; W. Arter, W.M. 1572; A. Kemp, P.M. 1924; F. Jenkins, P.M. 860; W. Roots, P.M. 2589; E. Petley, P.M. 1672; C. G. Lindo, 59; F. Bridge, 2699; P. Mahendorff, 1969; J. R. Hosker, 2528; C. Combie, 162; Carl von Buch, 235; and D. Bril, 2060.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Mr. H. Vaughan Purvis was a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was conducted in a very impressive manner. The Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Bailey, P.M., installed Bro. Wm. Miles, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., kindly officiating as D. of C. The officers were Bro. Alfred Barclay, S.W.; A. F. Serjeant, J.W.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; Leopold Weil, P.M., Sec.; J. Polak, P.M., D. of C.; the Rev. S. J. Roco, P.M., Chap.; S. Russell, S.D.; E. H. Parry, J.D.; Wm. Cooper, I.G.; Gervas Cooper, Org.; W. E. Geddes and G. Leonard Jones, Stwds.; and A. Young, Tyler.

Lodge was closed, and after a choice banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., replying to "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," in very witty language, thanked the members of the Chaucer Lodge for the prominent part they had always taken in the Charities of the three Masonic Institutions. He hoped that they would not stand back this year, and would enable their W.M. to present a substantial list for "the Old People," of which he (Bro. Terry) had the honour to be Secretary. He mentioned that the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick, was this year taking the chair, and where he was there could not fail to be a success.

The I.P.M., Bro. Genese, suitably proposed "The Health of Bro. W. Miles, the W.M.," and complimented him on having presided over the largest gathering ever assembled of the lodge.

Bro. Miles replied, and briefly referred to the quinqucentenary of Chaucer to be celebrated in a few days in St. Saviour's, Southwark, and added that, as this year was the 25th anniversary of the Chaucer Lodge, he felt that the coincidence was a happy one for him and his officers.

The W.M. referred in happy terms to the initiate, and said the lodge warmly welcomed his advent into Masonry.

Bro. Purvis thanked the brethren, and said he felt it an honour to be counted as a brother among Masons.

In proposing "The I.P.M.," the W.M. said that Bro. Genese's zeal for Masonry

had been strongly marked in no ordinary way, and that every brother who aspired to the high position he held and appreciated, must envy the I.P.M.'s success as the W.M. of the lodge. In presenting him with a Past Master's jewel from the brethren of the lodge, Bro. Miles added that that privilege he considered a great one, for on every side very high encomiums had been deservedly passed on the way the ceremonies in the lodge had been conducted.

The Installing Master, Bro. Bailey, replied to the toast of "The Past Masters." "The Visitors" was ably responded to by Bros. Thomas, P.P.S.G.W., and Bril, 2060.

The W.M. next proposed "The Officers," and said that he was to be congratulated on having a zealous body of brethren to officiate with him, and that he confidently looked forward to a successful year of office with their good help and assistance.

Bro. Barclay, S.W., responded, and assured the W.M. on behalf of his colleagues that nothing would be wanting on their part to gain the terms of praise accorded to the toast.

The musical arrangements, under the able guidance of Bro. Gervas Cooper, Org., comprised solos from Miss Florence Ogilvy, Miss Nicholson, Bros. Cooper, G. Leonard Jones, Mr. Walter Hengler, and a conjuring entertainment by Bro. Baron von Buch, all of which were much appreciated.

Altogether the installation night of the Chaucer Lodge was most successful, and if, at the end of the proceedings, the brethren unanimously thanked the W.M., they themselves are to be congratulated on having at their head for the ensuing 12 months such a popular and earnest Mason as Bro. W. Miles.

Special mention must be made of the programme, upon which the name of each officer was followed by a quotation drawn from Chaucer, referring to his duties, as may be seen in the following reproduction: W.M.—"And gladly would he learn and gladly teach;" I.P.M.—"A better envied man was nowhere named;" S.W.—"He was a very perfect knight;" J.W.—"Not a word spake he more than was need;" Treasurer—"For gold in phisic is a cordial, therefore he loved gold in special;" Secretary—"Nowhere so busy a man as he;" D. of C.—"That first he wrought and afterwards he taught;" S.D.—"He was a philosopher;" J.D.—"A better fellow should a man not find;" I.G.—"To do the gentle deeds that he can;" Org.—"He could songs make and well endite;" Stwds.—"So was our jolly whistle well wetted;" Chap.—"Well could he read a lesson or a story."

The Unity Lodge, No. 1637.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. CHUBB.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th ultimo, at Gayton Reception Rooms, Greenhill-parade, Harrow. There were present: Bros. W. Hillier, P.M. 1366 and 2099, the W.M.; J. Chubb, S.W., M.E.; W. E. Jefferson, J.W.; Rev. F. J. Greenwood, Prov. G. Chap. Middx., Chap.; J. Woodmason, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Middx., Treas.; F. S. Priest, P.M., W.M. 2816, Sec.; W. C. Tebbitt, P.M. 2045, S.D.; J. Whiteway, J.D.; H. A. Moore, I.G.; C. Penny, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., M.E. 1818, D. of C.; Tom Huntington, Org.; W. H. Saunders and H. Woods, Stewards; J. W. Smith, P.M., Tyler; J. Bartlett, P.M.; J. T. Haly, P.M.; Stephen Hussey, P.M., W.M. 2045, Prov. G.D. Middx.; Dr. Goodchild, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; H. Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Middx.; Arthur Jones, P.M.; Dr. Ralph Dimstan, I.P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; T. Golby, C. J. Catt, G. Slade, E. W. Margetts, T. W. Leach, M. Gloyne, Max Lichtenberg, C. Biddiscombe, Neville Greenes, H. A. Green, C. F. Brookes, F. Reckin, T. C. Jones, C. J. Mitchell, J. Bartlett, J. A. Stone, S. W. Page, and J. R. Watts; and the following distinguished visitors: Bros. Sir William H. Quayle Jones, P.G.W. Middlesex; H. F. Bing, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; Geo. Chapman, W.M. 2732; A. P. Lowthian, W.M. 1900; Lewis Beale, W.M. 1767; W. B. Neville, P.M. 1767, Sec. 2573; J. N. Whitlock, P.M. 1280; Geo. Weaver, I.P.M. 733; T. R. Fry, P.M. and Sec. 1259; W. Alex. Thomson, 1642; W. Brown, 2266; E. Hutt, 2536; G. F. Gage, 2807; C. Spencer, I.G. 1306; W. G. Cave, 1767; F. Cave, 1767, I.G. 2816; T. Haly Jones, S.D. 1818; and F. Lewis, 2816.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee presented a very satisfactory statement of account, which, considering the heavy expenses of some new furniture and removal, showed a balance of £82 19s. 6d. carried forward. A ballot took place for three candidates for Freemasonry—Messrs. G. J. Poultnier, J. D. Cleaver, and R. S. Townly—which resulted unanimously in their favour. The ceremony of installation was performed by the W.M., Bro. William Hillier, and Bro. J. Chubb was duly installed W.M. of the Unity Lodge, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Hillier, I.P.M.; W. E. Jefferson, S.W.; W. C. Tebbitt, J.W.; Rev. F. J. Greenwood, Chap.; J. Woodmason, Treas.; F. S. Priest, Sec.; J. Whiteway, S.D.; H. A. Moore, J.D.; W. H. Saunders, I.G.; Arthur Jones, D.C.; H. de Lima Woods, A.D.C.; Tom Huntington, Org.; C. J. Catt and T. Golby, Stwds.; and J. W. Smith, as Tyler. The Installing Master gave the three addresses in a very able and eloquent manner. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Two of the candidates, Messrs. Cleaver and Townly, being present were duly initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. in a very able manner.

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

The brethren then adjourned to a very excellent banquet provided in the large hall lighted by the electric light, by Bro. J. Wright Cooper, the proprietor.

After grace and the usual Masonic toasts, a very enjoyable musical programme was provided by the brethren of the lodge, which was greatly appreciated, and among those assisting we must not forget to mention Bros. Geo. Chapman, J. Bartlett, T. Golby, T. H. Haly, Stephen Hussey, and F. Lewis.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CHARLES H. KEMPLING.

The installation meeting of this musical lodge, which has been the origin of the Eurydice, the Sterndale Bennett, the Thomas Ralling, and the Mendelssohn Lodges, was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday last. There was a numerous attendance of brethren under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. Charles G. Sadler, including the names of James Gawthrop, I.P.M.; Chas. H. Kempling, S.W.; F. H. Merton, J.W.; R. J. Hennings, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Wimbolt, J.D.; H. Walmsley Little; George Ackerman, I.G.; R. Carrington Little and Charles H. Greet, Stewards; R. A. Kemp, P.M.; Albert Fox, P.M.; Sutton Shepley, P.M.; F. Cambridge, P.M.; W. Stevenson Hloyte, P.M.; Eaton Fanning, P.M.; Henry Guy, P.M.; Ernest N. Cullum, Henry P. Ralling, Herbert F. Langton, James Bates, Thomas Ward, William Frankland, William Shorter, C. M. Gray, James Ellis, C. W. Paine, W. H. Cox, James Brand, James J. Drew, William Fell, S. Noble, W. J. Tull, Ernest J. Smith, Dyved Lewys, Charles Ackerman, E. M. Woods, A. J. Wood, P. W. Gilliam, S. Payne, John Curran, M. Stodart, H. W. Richards, Charles Lewis, G. L. Haddon, W. Hiles Smith, Mark Hubbard, W. H. Cook, J. H. Holmes, Arthur Smith, Sidney Giley, David Strong, R. J. Hawkins, A. J. Maltster, and Harvey Lör, members of the lodge. The visitors were: Bros. C. Johnston Bust, S.W. 2695; E. J. Southern, J.D. 2696; Samuel Thompson, 2683; George Jameson, W.M. 2683, P.P.G. Org. Bucks; J. W. Sanderson, J.W. 2096; A. Goverding, 2182; F. H. Browne, P.M. and Treas. 784; Charles Jones, P.M. 1050; Herbert W. Hanton, I.G. 1063; G. W. Cossons, 2696; Percy Griffiths, W.M. 2508; F. Inskip, P.M. 2661; F. Palmer, 2132; W. H. Pearce, 2698; Thomas J. Dalton, P.M. and Sec. 1637; Frank Cox, 890; Charles Bowden, 73; J. J. Newland, P.M. 1949; Henry Cattermole, P.M. 1839; W. S. Whitaker, A.G.P.; Henry Gaffrey, 81; Charles Strong, 2182; E. G. Eskvint, 2361; James Akers, P.M. 55; Henry Lang, 1734; F. Blake, W.M. 2182; George Eade, 1687; George W. Taylor, P.M. 171; Thomas E. Claret, I.G. 2466; Turle Lee, Org. 2264; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. 51, Prov. G. Sec. Essex, P.A.G.D. of C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Harry Lloyd, 2049; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; Frank H. Bendsey, 79; Walter Hope, P.M. 503; Walter Coward, 1441; Arthur W. Jones, W.M. 2661; W. Manger, P.M. 1314; Rio James, P.M. 1924; and Frank Wills, 1351.

The only work before the lodge was the installation of the new W.M., Bro. Charles H. Kempling, and this was admirably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Charles G. Sadler. Bro. Sadler was invested as I.P.M. The other officers for the year were

Bros. F. W. Murlon, S.W.; H. Gregory Hast, J.W.; Richard Clowes, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Richard J. Hennings, P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. J. Winbolt, S.D.; George Ackerman, P.M., J.D.; Charles H. Greet, I.G.; John Curran, Org.; Sutton Shepley, P.M., D. of C.; R. C. Willis and C. E. Lewis, P.M., Stwds.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Dyed Lewys well rendered the anthem "Be thou faithful." The Audit Committee's Report was adopted, and the Secretary reported the death of Bro. Stokoe, Org., and the letter of sympathy he had written to the widow. He moved the adoption of his action, and this was seconded by Bro. Sadler, I.P.M., and adopted. He then read a letter from Bro. R. Clowes, P.M., Treas., which conveyed the pleasing intelligence that that brother was better. He thanked the brethren for their sympathy. The Secretary was authorised to forward a telegram to him regretting his absence, and sympathizing with him and rejoicing in his improved health. The brethren voted 20 guineas to Mrs. Stokoe towards the education of her daughter. Bro. Kempling, W.M., then presented in the name of the lodge a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Sadler, hoping he might be spared many years to wear it. Bro. Sadler acknowledged the gift, and said it was gratifying to him that his work had been appreciated. He should wear the jewel as a token of the kind feelings of the brethren of the Orpheus Lodge towards him.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet and honoured the usual toasts, between which there was a charming selection of part music under the direction of Bros. Kempling and Harvey Löhr. The W.M. and Bro. Arthur Geverding beautifully performed a duet on the piano and 'cello; and Bro. Harvey Löhr performed a piano solo—"Hochzeitstag auf Trolldhaugen."

Bros. Matthew Clark, P.G.D., and James Terry, P.G.S.B., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

The W.M. announced that he should stand as Steward for the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and several brethren promised to support him, and it was suggested that 10 guineas should be voted by the lodge.

Bro. Sadler, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." Every brother would know him as a useful member of the lodge. Bro. Kempling ranked as the best organist in London, and the brethren looked forward to this year as a year of the best work. He had already been in the chair of another lodge.

Bro. Kempling, W.M., thanked Bro. Sadler for his kind words. It was a great honour to be in the chair of the Orpheus Lodge. He hoped to infuse more grit into the members, and make it resemble the Mendelssohn.

Bro. Sadler responded to the toast of "The I.P.M."

Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said the Earl of Warwick, Dep. G.M., and Prov. G.M. of Essex, would preside at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and Essex was going to lead the way in supporting his lordship, and show what could be done by a small province. The Festival of the Benevolent Institution was the first in the year, and it ought to be the best.

Bro. James Terry also replied. He hoped the brethren would assist the Institution to take more annuitants on to the Fund; and that the brethren of the Orpheus Lodge would rally round the W.M.

Several other brethren responded.

Bro. Hennings, P.M. and Sec., responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been briefly replied to, the brethren separated after honouring the Tyler's toast.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Friday, the 26th ult., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors to witness the excellent working. The W.M., Bro. W. Turner, is absent in South Africa, but his place was ably filled by Bro. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M. The lecture of the Third Degree was the work chosen, and resulted in a capital display by all concerned. The members present included: Bros. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M.; H. T. Taylor, S.W.; A. D. Jones, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G.O., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; J. Davidson, S.D.; F. M. S. Lewin, J.D.; W. W. Szlumper, I.G.; H. L. Sarson, Steward; J. Pollard, P.M.; R. C. P. Gardner, P.M.; E. A. Hughes, P.M.; R. Lake, P.M.; E. Henry Taylor, W. L. Barrett, G. Budd, H. Parkin, F. E. Bartlett, J. H. Dallas, R. J. Probyn-Williams, A. C. Probyn-Williams, W. A. Bird, C. Ryall, G. B. Flux, M.D., G. I. Schorstein, J. F. W. Silk, H. M. Allom, A. R. Woodbridge, and Thomas Bowles, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. J. Smith, W.M. 171; C. O'Hass, W.M. 1777; Sir W. Quayle Jones, P.G.S.W. Middx.; H. C. Houndle, P.P.G.W. Surrey; A. Ball, P.M. 5, P.G.S.; Fountain Meen, P.M. 1920; W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381; T. H. Openshaw, P.M. 2528; G. H. Garrard, J.D. 1537; J. C. Imray, J.D. 2047; J. Roll, 481; C. H. Leaf, 859; R. H. Cole, 2033; and G. May, 2741.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. C. Fox, P.M. 90; J. C. F. Naumann, M.D., and J. D. Pattullo, 172, were elected joining members. A very interesting letter was read from the W.M., who is in charge of one of the army hospitals in South Africa. The Third Lecture was then very ably worked as follows: 1st Section—Bros. W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec., and H. T. Taylor, S.W. 2nd Section—Bros. R. Lake, P.M., and A. Dawson Jones, J.W. 3rd Section—Bros. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M., and J. Davidson, S.D.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was enjoyed under the presidency of Bro. Fairbank, I.P.M., who subsequently proposed the usual toasts.

Bro. Dr. J. Pollard, P.M., proposed "The Health of the absent W.M.," who had gone out to fight the Empire's battles and look after the Empire's sons, which he had found pretty hard work. They all hoped Bro. Turner, W.M., would be back in time for the February meeting, for they did not anticipate his return in time for the installation. Perhaps some mystic influence would that evening convey to their W.M. on the velvet fact that his brethren at home were drinking his health. In drinking to the W.M.—absent in body but present in spirit—they would ask the I.P.M. to respond on his behalf.

Bro. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M., said he felt in rather an invidious position, for they had missed a great deal in not having the W.M. in the chair. It was a most unfortunate thing that Bro. Turner, W.M., had to go to South Africa a week after his installation. He (the I.P.M.) could not help feeling that he was not the right person in the chair and that he had done badly compared with what Bro. Turner would have done. They had that evening endeavoured to give the brethren something that seldom occurred in London lodges—one of the lectures. These were very interesting and threw a lot of light especially to the junior members, that could not be obtained in the ordinary working of the lodge. He could not say much for his own part. The chief honour was due to Bro. Bowser, P.M. and Sec., and the Wardens and S.D. In Masonry they were obliged to accept things as they occurred and they were all so brotherly and kind that they had accepted him (the I.P.M.) in the place of Bro. Turner. Speaking for Bro. Turner, he was delighted to find that the feeling of the lodge was with their W.M. in everything he did. They all sincerely hoped the W.M. would return safe and sound and be with them at their first banquet next year.

"The Joining Members" was then heartily given, and replied to by Bro. C. Fox. Bro. Dr. J. Pollard, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Fairbank," who for the second year had occupied the chair. They had thoroughly enjoyed themselves under his presidency, and wished him health and prosperity to be with them in the ranks of the Past Masters.

Bro. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M., in response, said that whilst in office he had had a very successful year, which was entirely owing to the kindness of the Past Masters and officers. He could not tell them all that Bro. Bowser, P.M., had done for the lodge, supported by Bro. Pollard, P.M., and others. He gave them the toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the names of these two brethren.

Bros. Pollard, P.M., and Bowser, P.M., Sec., briefly replied, the latter remarking that they had established a record that evening by working the Third Lecture, which was a matter he had had at heart for the past 12 months.

Bro. Sir Wm. Quayle Jones, Prov. S.G.W. Middx., acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and expressed his admiration for the working they had witnessed.

Bro. C. O'Hass, W.M. 177, also replied.

"The Officers" was next given by the I.P.M., who referred in eulogistic terms to the working of the officers, a specimen of which had been shown by Bros. H. T. Taylor, S.W.; Dawson Jones, J.W.; and Davidson, S.D., that evening.

These brethren returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast followed.

During the evening Bros. May, Parkin, and Taylor sang several trios in excellent style. Bro. W. L. Barrett contributed a couple of flute solos in his usual brilliant manner, and Bros. H. Rose, P.G. Org., and Fountain Meen, P.M., presided at the piano/orte.

Shirley Woolmer Lodge, No. 2530.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. R. CREASEY, P.M.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at St. John's Hall, Sidcup, on the 24th ult., when, in the presence of a large attendance of the members of the lodge, Bro. J. R. Creasey, P.M., was raised to the office of W.M. Bro. Creasey succeeds in this office Bro. Charles Sheath, who very ably installed his successor in the chair. Subsequently the new W.M. invested his officers in the usual form, and also, on behalf and in the name of the lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition and in acknowledgment of his services in the past year. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are as follows: Bros. Charles Sheath, I.P.M.; Tyron Crawford, S.W.; F. Baddeley, J.W.; C. E. Shirley Woolmer, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Edward Monks, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; A. E. Leonard, Sec.; John Fryer, S.D.; W. Bulworthy, J.D.; J. H. Baker, I.G.; F. Dawsbury, P.M., D.C.; M. Hewitt, A.D.C.; E. Henley and W. Leet, Stwds.; Charles T. Knight, Org.; and E. Whomes, acting Org.

The installation banquet was held in the evening at the Charing Cross Hotel, the brethren travelling to town by a train stopped specially at Sidcup at 6.15 (by the courtesy of the South Eastern Railway Company). The W.M. presided, and some 60 members and guests sat down.

The toast list was as follows: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c.;" "The M.W. the Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst; the R.W. the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W. the Prov. G. Master of Kent, Earl Amherst;" "The Worshipful Master of the Shirley Woolmer Lodge," proposed by Bro. C. Sheath, I.P.M.; "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. C. Sheath;" "The Past Masters;" "The Treasurer and Secretary;" "The Visitors;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" and the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Montague Borwell, whose quartet party delighted the company by their talented and pleasing rendering of several quartettes; while Mr. Arthur Melrose (humorous) was a host in himself. Bro. E. Whomes was at the piano.

Lodge Temperance, No. 2557.]

The new lodge banner of the above lodge was unfurled at the last regular meeting of the lodge, at the Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle, in the presence of a large assembly of brethren, by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. Ald. R. H. Holmes, P.G.D. Eng. Bro. Morris Marks, W.M., presided, and among those present were: Bros. C. H. Pemberton, I.P.M.; A. Gourley, S.W.; R. E. Womphrey, P.M.; John Armstrong, P.M.; J. W. Gibson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; P. Milner, P.P.G.O.; A. De Buriatte, I.P.M. 127; J. W. Sutcliffe, W.M. elect 2080; E. H. Reed, J.W. 2568; C. Jackson, P.M.; A. Measer, P.M. 991; C. Smith, P.M. 481, P.D.D.C.; Dr. Jameson, P.M.; W. C. McCartney, I.P.M. 591, Kimberley; E. Hooper, I.P.M. 2039; T. Naisbitt, P.M. 2039; J. G. Scott, 1389; E. Graham, W.M. 481; R. Plumptre, I.P.M. 481; E. Allinson, S.W. 481; H. Cheate, 411, Chicago; A. Richardson, W.M. elect 2568; J. Bowman, W.M. 1427; I. W. Cutter, Sec. 2568; T. Hoffman, 466; and J. Anker, 1664.

In connection with the unfurling of the lodge banner, Bro. J. W. Gibson, P.P.G.D., the first Master of the lodge, was called upon by the W.M. to give a brief history of the lodge, which that night completed five years. It was consecrated in October, 1895, with 12 founders, and the returns to Grand Lodge on September 30, 1900, showed the present membership to be 93, during which time the lodge had subscribed about £100 to Charities, having now votes in all the Masonic Institutions and the Northern Counties' Orphanage, and had a similar amount as balance in hand. He asked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. H. Holmes, to unfurl the new banner. The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. H. Holmes, in an excellent address, which was much appreciated by those present, spoke upon the meaning of the banner and its importance in the lodge. A vote of thanks was heartily passed to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. John Armstrong, P.M., Treas., and supported by Bro. Andrew Gourley, S.W., W.M. elect. Bro. R. H. Holmes suitably acknowledged the thanks.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Preceptory (D).

A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 11th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights C. Horst, E.P.; F. F. Bonney, 1st Constable; Major T. C. Walls, P.E.P., P.G.C. of Gds., Reg.; W. Fisher, W. Crombie, J. R. Carter, P.E.P.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.P.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.P.; and C. Slater, P.E.P.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. T. L. Peatress, 1745, but he was unable to attend. Sir Knight F. F. Bonney was unanimously elected Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.P., P.G.S.B., Treasurer; and Sir Knights Capt. Bertram and W. Crombie, Auditors. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Sir Knight George Graveley, P.E.P., and a vote of regret at the loss of Sir Knight William Maple, P.E.P., was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A Past Preceptor's jewel was voted to the E.P. Sir Knight Capt. George Carpenter's request to be a non-dining member from the present was acceded to. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights J. R. Udsell, 2nd Constable; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, T. Wood, P.E.P.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.E.P.; H. Hills, J.P., P.E.P.; Capt. H. Bertram, J. V. Sherrin, and others. The preceptory was then closed.

A banquet followed.

The customary preliminary toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Eminent Preceptor" was proposed by the I.P.E.P.

Sir Knight Christian Horst, in reply, regretted that there had been during his year only one candidate inducted into their ancient and distinguished preceptory. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the best of his ability. He hoped in the position of a Past Preceptor to be amongst them for many years to come. With regard to the jewel that they had so kindly voted to him that night, he should prize it as a souvenir of one of the happiest years spent during his Masonic career.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Preceptors," the E.P. particularly mentioned the name of Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, who had so kindly supported him during the year. The services of the talented Mason mentioned were always at the disposal of his friends, and no one was more highly respected in the Masonic world. They were also indebted to Sir Knights Driver and Slater for their valuable assistance when needed.

This toast having been drunk, the sir knights mentioned duly responded. The toast of "The Treasurer and Recorder" followed. The E.P. spoke in the kindest terms of those officers, and he specially called attention to the long and efficient services rendered by Sir Knight Col. Stohwasser, whose care of their funds was manifested at each annual audit.

The pledge was acknowledged by the Recorder.

The toast of "The E.P. Elect and the Officers" was then given, coupled with the names of Sir Knights Bonney, Fisher, and Crombie.

Sir Knight Prof. F. W. Driver delivered a touching sonnet in memory of the late Sir Knight G. Graveley, which was received in solemn silence.

The proceedings then terminated.

THE CANADIAN FORCES.—With its issue of the 3rd instant the *Army and Navy Gazette*, 3, York-street, London, W.C., will publish a coloured plate showing types of the Canadian Army. Representatives of no less than nine regiments are given in the picture, including the Royal Canadian Regiment, North West Mounted Police, Royal Canadian Dragoons, a gunner in the picturesque winter kit of the Royal Canadian Artillery, the 10th Grenadiers, and others. The colouring and grouping of the figures are very striking, and the plate forms a remarkable reminder of the splendid troops of the Dominion which rendered such signal service in the fight for the flag in South Africa.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

SOME MODERN USES OF GLASS.

(Continued.)

The Infanta Eulalie of Spain was, a short time ago, presented with a wonderful dress by the Libbey Cut Glass Company, of Toledo. "Its foundation," says a lady who has seen it, "is a silk warp, woven with fine strands of glass. In each strand there are 250 almost invisible threads, and to make three-quarters of a yard of this material employs four women one whole day. This curious fabric of mingled silk and glass is arranged as a gored skirt over one of white silk. It is bordered with a flounce of chiffon, partially veiled with a glittering fringe of glass. Above it is a twist of chiffon and plaited glass. The bodice is in silver cloth, woven in with threads of glass, and glass epaulets glimmer above the chiffon sleeves. The price of this ball dress was 500 dollars. The Infanta's is pure white, but the glass can be made in a variety of colours, and can be so woven in the silk as to produce a shot effect. The seams have to be glued together instead of being sewn. The silvery sheen produced by the fine threads of glass is remarkably pretty, especially under the rays of artificial light." And while on the subject of dress we may mention a most foolish and dangerous fashion prevalent a few years back, fortunately not to a very wide extent, and only for a short time, viz., sprinkling the hair, dresses, and flowers at balls, parties, and theatres with powdered glass. The inhalation of these minute particles of glass, one of the deadliest forms of slow poison and perfectly insoluble, sets up serious inflammation in the pulmonary organs, stomach, throat, and other membranes to which it adheres; and, moreover, these grains injuriously affect the delicate structure of the eye. A church bell of green glass, 14 inches high and 13 inches in diameter, was placed in the turret of the chapel at the Grange, Borrowdale, Cumberland, in October, 1859; and now we are told that glass is used as a filling for teeth, especially the front ones, where it will be less conspicuous than gold, and, in fact, indistinguishable from the tooth surface. From time to time glass has furnished the material for scientific toys. At the old-time fairs "Rupert's drops" formed a staple commodity, long pear-shaped drops, on breaking off the tiniest morsel of the surface of which the whole mass shattered itself into a thousand atoms. Charles II. was so delighted with them that he brought them to the notice of the Royal Society, who formed a committee to inquire into their nature. They also provided Butler, in his *Hudibras*, with a simile—

"Honour is like that glassy bubble
That finds philosophers such trouble;
Whose least part cracked, the whole does fly,
And wits are cracked to find out why."

Hooke, in his *Micrographia*, tells of candle bombs, small glasses hermetically sealed, and containing a drop of water, which when placed on hot coals burst with a loud report. Another curious article was the "Bolognaphial," a hollow cup of annealed glass capable, as are also the Rupert's drops before mentioned, of resisting hard strokes from without, but which shivers to pieces on certain light minute bodies being dropped into it. In some glasshouses the workmen show glass which has been cooled in the open air, on which they let fall leaden bullets without breaking it. They then desire you to drop a few grains of sand upon the glass, which shiver it into infinitesimal atoms. The lead does not scratch the surface, but the sharp and angular sand does sufficient to produce the surprising result. One of the most curious inventions of this age of progress is platinised glass. A piece of glass is coated with an exceedingly thin layer of a liquid charged with platinum, and is then raised to a red heat. The platinum becomes united to the glass in such a way as to form a very odd kind of mirror. The glass has not lost its transparency, yet if one places it against a wall and looks at it he sees his image, as in an ordinary looking-glass. But when light is allowed to pass through from the other side, as in a window-pane, it appears perfectly transparent like ordinary glass. By constructing a window of this material, one could stand close behind the panes in an unilluminated room, and see clearly everything going on outside, while passers-by looking at the window would behold only a fine mirror, or set of mirrors, in which their own figures would be reflected, and the person inside remains invisible. In France various tricks have been played. In one a person, seeing what appears to be an ordinary mirror, approaches to look at himself. A sudden change in the mechanism sends light through the glass from the back, whereupon it instantly becomes transparent, and the startled spectator finds himself confronted by some grotesque figure which has been hidden behind the magic glass. What wonders might not a magician of the dark ages have wrought with a piece of platinised glass!

MINIATURE PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

Nicholas Hilliard, limner, jeweller, and goldsmith to Queen Elizabeth, and afterwards to King James I., was son of Richard Hilliard, of Exeter, high sheriff of that city and county in 1560. Nicholas, a younger son, was born 1547, and brought up to the business of a jeweller and goldsmith, to which his inclination soon added that of painting in miniature. The want of an able instructor directed him to study the works of Holbein, as he says in a MS. before alluded to, "Holbein's manner of limning I have ever imitated, and hold it for the best." But though Hilliard copied the neatness of his model, he was far from attaining the nature and force which that great master impressed on his most minute work. Hilliard arrived at no strength of colouring; his faces are pale and void of any variety of tints, the features, jewels, and ornaments expressed by lines as slender as a hair. The exact dress of the times he curiously delineated, but he seldom attempted beyond a head; yet his performances were greatly valued; Dr. Donne, in his poem on the storm in which the Earl of Essex was surprised, returning from the island voyage, says:

"A hand or eye
By Hilliard drawn, is worth a history
By a worse painter made—"

And Peacham on *Limning* says: "Comparing ancient and modern painters brings the comparison to our own time and country; nor must I be ungratefully unkind of my own countrymen, who've been and are able to equal the best if occasion served, as old Hilliard, Mr. Isaac Oliver, inferior to none in Christendome, for the countenance in small," &c. Richard Heydock, too, of New College, Oxon, in his translation of *L'Amour*

on *Painting*, published in 1598, says: "Limnings much used in former times in church books, as, also, in drawing by the life, in small models, of late years, by some of our countrymen, as *Shotte, Betts, &c.*, but brought to the rare perfection we now see, by the most ingenious painful and skilful master, Nicholas Hilliard, and his well profiting scholar, whose farther commendations I refer to the curiositie of his works." Blaise Vigenere mentions Hilliard, and the neatness of his pencil, very particularly: "Telle étoit aussi l'écriture et les traits d'un peintre Anglois nommé Oullarde, d'autant plus à émeuiller, que cla se faisait avec un pinceau, fait des poils de la queue d'un esneuill, qui ne resiste ni se soutient pas comme ferait une plume de corbeau, qui est tres ferme." Hilliard's portrait, done by himself at the age of 13, was in the cabinet of the Earl of Oxford. He was still young when he drew the Queen of Scots. Queen Elizabeth sat to him often. Charles I. had three of her portraits by him; one, a side face in the clouds; another, one of his most capital performances, a whole-length of her in her robes, sitting on her throne.

(To be continued.)

THE LONDON SKETCH CLUB.

The fifth exhibition (Autumn) of this interesting club is now held at the Modern Gallery, 175, Bond-street, W. Though, nominally, a collection of sketches, yet it seems to be generally understood that every kind of artistic work possessing merit is admissible. A free hand being thus given, we can easily imagine what a varied sphere of work is exhibited, thus we have, not only sketches, some veritably so, but also many fine examples of finished work. To our minds, this constitutes the chief charm of this delightful exhibition. Here the critic, however captious he may be, must surely make acquaintance with some picture which will meet his style and merit his approval. As on previous occasions, we will notice some of the works which suit our individual taste, leaving future visitors to form their private judgment as we have done. The first of many of his productions we notice is No. 6, "A Reverie," by Cecil W. Quinell. What a fine eye for colour this artist has and what beautiful harmonies he produces. We give the numbers of a few other important examples by the same artist, Nos. 18, *Memories*; 26, *Reflections*, particularly good; 83, *Entre Nous*. Next we commend Innes Fripp for his admirable conscientious work, we would mention 15, *A Wood Nymph*; 32, *The Jester*, possessing much humour; also 34, *Hit*; and 36, *Critics*. Then we have Champion Jones with his country scenes—his perspective is so good—instance, 35, *A yard, Wells, Norfolk*; 38 and 45, *Bits of Norfolk*, very pleasing. Lee Hankey charms us by his interesting pieces. Notice Nos. 4, 51, 63. Frank Jackson has great merit, Nos. 56, 57, 61. Very clever is No. 68, *Head of a celebrated model*, by J. A. Fitzgerald, as are also 174 and 175. Then there is Tom Browne, who well maintains his high reputation, No. 73 and 88, very clever, 94 and 157, are also worthy of notice. No. 79, *The Forbidden Path*, by Edwd. O. Davey, has good tone, 106 and 167, also possesses considerable merit. We have several pictures by Dudley Hardy in his well-known style, we would notice 120 and especially 124. Do not let the works of Cecil Aldin pass unnoticed, those who like a laugh will obtain one by the *Lost Fiddlestick* (the series of four), it reminds us of Gammer Gurton's Needle. One word in closing our report—visit the London Sketch Club.

THE EMPIRE THEATRE.

Among the many theatres of varieties in London, "The Empire Theatre" holds high rank. The reason of this is obvious. The programme is well selected and the artistes engaged well perform what they profess, and render the entertainment provided for the numerous visitors a continuous success. We were present one evening last week. The band gave Massenet's *March, "Heroique"*, in a spirited manner, then there was Carlos Casero, the equilibrist, with his wife, we presume, the latter balancing on her head a large lamp with four glass globes, she then ascended and descended ladders raised to a great height, clever as showing good training and nerve, her husband balanced on his feet a large model of a war vessel; by an arrangement with his feet he was able to furl the sails, illuminate the vessel with coloured electric lights. Then some good war pictures of Pekin and the war there, the Boccacio Quartette, very tuneful; Sam Elton, an eccentric sketch; a ring act by the Three Nightons; Miss Claire with her trained cats, very amusing, who acted in a manner utterly different to the feline tribe in general. After which Granto and Maud, eccentric rope dancers, then Conn and Conrad in a comedy gymnastic sketch; the Kremo Family, premier acrobats of the world—their performances very neat; they introduced their marvellous triple somersault act. This was followed by "Sea Side," a ballet in one tableau. This forms the vehicle for introducing some pretty dances, arranged by Madame Katti Lanner. The groupings of the dancers and the graceful solos and poses of Madlle. Adeline Genée were much appreciated and applauded by the audience. We spent a pleasant evening, and recommend visitors to the Empire Theatre.

GENERAL NOTES.

Novelties likely to be given during next year's opera season at Covent Garden are revivals of "Falstaff," "Salambo," and "Le Cid," as well as a new comic opera, by Mr. Villiers Stanford, founded upon Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing."

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The Grand Theatre (Islington), now being rapidly rebuilt from plans by Mr. Frank Matcham, will open at Christmas with "Robinson Crusoe," with the favourites, Harry Randall, Alexandra Dagmar, and Cliff Ryland.

MR. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE has been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Committee of the London County Council.

THE HOUSING OF LONDON'S POOR.—According to Mr. Alderman H. R. Taylor, L.C.C., fully 14,000 acres of open land are available for building at the present time in the county of London. After allowing for open spaces, roads, shops, &c., 100,000 houses could be built on that land. Allow five, say, to each house, and there you have half a million souls accommodated in healthy quarters on land that is now vacant.

URGENT APPEAL is made in the last annual report of the Central London Throat, Nose, and Ear Hospital for the following special objects: (1) To enable the benevolent work of the hospital to be continued without stress; (2) to repay the loan of £2500 to the bankers which has recently been called in; (3) to provide for the building and equipment of a new operating room so justly considered necessary by the Council of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, and towards which a grant of £150 was made,

Royal Arch.

Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614.
INSTALLATION OF COMP. WALTER HANCOCK.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Criterion, on Thursday, the 25th ult. There were present Comps. Jas. D. Graham, M.E.Z.; Walter Hancock, P.Z.; Henry G. Walker, J.; Fredk. Kedge, P.Z., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.Z., Scribe E.; Edwd. Parsons, P.S.; Carl Orstein, 1st A.S.; Walter J. Thrussell, Org.; Thos. G. Peet, Jas. Rowe, W. C. Tanner, Mardiraz G. Benlain, Jas. Newport, Joseph Jeffries, Jesse Smith, Joseph Jeffries, and Robert F. Potter, P.Z., Janitor. Visitors: Comps. Sebastian Hart, 1851; and Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z. and Scribe E. 742.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The installation of Principals then took place. The M.E.Z. elect, Comp. Walter Hancock, H., was presented by Comp. Geo. Reynolds, P.Z., Scribe E., and installed by Comp. Saml. Hewett, P.Z., who invested Comp. Jas. D. Graham as I.P.Z. Comp. H. G. Walker was presented by the Scribe E., and installed by the M.E.Z. Comp. Saml. Hewett, P.Z., J. elect, was presented by the Scribe E. and installed by the M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Comps. Fredk. Kedge, P.Z., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.Z., Scribe E.; Edwd. Parsons, Scribe N.; Carl Orstein, P.S.; Michael C. Citrean, 1st A.S. (absent); M. G. Benlain, 2nd A.S.; Jas. Newport, Stwd.; Walter J. Thrussell, Org.; and Robert F. Potter, P.Z., Janitor. The ballot was taken for Bros. Fredk. Samuel Lucy, 134 and 1614, and John Allen, 2191. It proved unanimous in both cases. Bro. Jas. Fulford, 1614, already unanimously approved, was exalted in an admirable manner by the M.E.Z. We have been present at many exaltations but we never heard the ceremony better done. The lectures J. and H. were given by Comp. Samuel Hewett, P.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter of condolence was agreed to be sent to Comp. James Woodward, and the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual R.A. toasts were given by the M.E.Z.

"The Queen and R.A. Masonry" having been given, "God save the Queen" was sung.

"The M.E.G.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next presented, "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung.

"The M.E. Pro G.Z., the Earl Amherst; the M.E.G.H., the Earl of Warwick; the M.E.G.J., Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured,

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z. He spoke of him as one of the shining lights in R.A. Masonry. How much indebted the Covent Garden Chapter was to their M.E.Z.; what a brilliant example he was to the companions of the Covent Garden Chapter both to young and old.

The M.E.Z. replied. He said many years ago he was the first M.E.Z. of the chapter—he was pleased that their confidence had been so great that the companions for the second time had now elected him as M.E.Z. He would strive to satisfactorily fulfil the trust they had reposed in him.

The M.E.Z. gave the toast of "The I.P.Z.," to whom he presented the P.Z.'s jewel of the chapter awarded to him, and "The Second and Third Principals."

The I.P.Z. replied in graceful terms, thanking the companions for the P.Z. jewel; it would ever be prized by him.

The Second and Third Principals also responded.

"The Health of the Exalte" was then given. He alluded to those companions who joined thoughtlessly and receded from it hastily. He felt sure that their new companion was not one of those.

The exalte replied very briefly, thanking the companions.

The M.E.Z. gave "The Visitors." He said there were only two.

Comps. Hart and Driver replied.

In giving "The P.Zs., the Treasurer, and Scribe E.," the M.E.Z. alluded to the value of the P.Zs., who were able to infuse life and energy among the companions, and praised most highly the services rendered to the chapter by the Treasurer and Scribe E.

The Treasurer and Scribe E. replied in grateful terms.

"The Officers of the Chapter" was given, and replied to by the P.S. and Organist.

The Janitor's toast concluded a pleasant evening.

Instruction.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held on the 29th ult. at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. A. Collman, W.M. 1425, W.M.; H. C. Martin, S.W.; L. J. Powell, W.M. 2246, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; F. Spink, S.D.; A. Toop, Prov. G.O. Surrey, J.D.; W. H. Beardon, I.G.; T. E. Jackson, Stwd.; A. T. Butters, P.M.; F. Green, W. H. Smith, and J. Wynman. Bro. A. R. Taylor, 1150, was a visitor.

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. Taylor and Green being the candidates respectively. The lodge having been opened and resumed as required, Bro. Taylor was elected a member, and expressed his thanks. A communication was read from Mrs. Rogers tendering her thanks for the sympathy and condolence of the brethren on the occasion of the sudden death of her husband. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ultimo, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, there being present: Bros. A. F. Hardyment, W.M.; D. Taylor, S.W.; C. Nicole, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; H. J. Dunaway, acting Sec.; M. Relph, S.D.; H. J. May, J.D.; J. Horstead, I.G.; M. Miroy, J. Birks, P.M.; C. G. Zander, R. E. Maskall, E. Lucas, E. P. Fischer, and D. Meredew.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Miroy being the candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Lucas as W.M. elect. The investiture of officers and the addresses followed. The lodge was then closed.

CANTON LODGE, No. 1853.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On Thursday, the 25th ult., the fourth annual dinner of this flourishing lodge was held at Carr's, 265, Strand, W.C., the chair being occupied by Bro. Edwin P. Luke, W.M. 1853. Among those present were: Bros. J. F. Beck, P.M.; G. J. Dawson, P.M.; B. Wynne, P.M.; E. A. Jehnting, P.M.; E. Kraus, P.M.; E. Cole, P.M.; J. Sibley, P.M.; R. P. Upton, P.M.; H. Hexter, P.M.; A. Hexter, W.M.; Pringle, W.M.; E. B. Bloxham, P.M.; Walker, P.M.; J. Buchanan, P.M.; A. B. Bayfield, J.W.; Thos. Baker, J.W.; Buckland, S.W.; A. Woods, J.D.; W. Woods, P. O'Byrne, Bauer, Houston, C. J. Taylor, C. Spencer West, Eisenmann, Lloyd, Harris, Best, A. B. Tuck, Pinchin, J. Wyatt, Robert Wilkes, Busby, Richards, G. Dawson, jun., Henry Lulman, P.M., Hon. Sec., and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, the Chairman submitted what he said must be regarded as the toast of the evening—that of "The Caxton Lodge of Instruction." In doing so, Bro. Luke referred to the pleasure he personally experienced in asking those present to drink success to an institution which, in the few years of its existence, had achieved so much good work, and established itself upon so firm a basis. The very laudable ambition of the brethren who inaugurated the Caxton Lodge of Instruction was to introduce some much-needed uniformity in the ritual working of the mother lodge, and, with that object in view, they had for a time kept the lodge rather as a close corporation. After a time, the advent of brethren belonging to other lodges was heartily welcomed, until the membership had arrived at over 140. The average attendance on Thursday evenings was satisfactory, and this might be accepted as testimony that the instruction afforded was appreciated. One of their proudest boasts was that the lodge rendered noble support to the Masonic Charitable Institutions, no less than eight ballots having been held during the period that the lodge had been working. Much of the success alluded to was naturally due to the regular support of a number of brethren who were sincere well-wishers; but praise must also be given to the excellent work of their genial Preceptor, Bro. J. F. Beck, P.M., and to the energetic and courteous Hon. Secretary, Bro. Henry Lulman, P.M., whose names would be associated with the toast. Their efforts in the past were duly appreciated, and the Chairman expressed the hope that such appreciation would stimulate them to renewed energy in the good cause. In conclusion, Bro. Luke appealed to the members to do their best to increase the numerical strength of the lodge, remarking that it was only by the infusion of new blood that the present prosperity could be expected to continue.

Bros. Beck and Lulman having responded,

"The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Bro. Beck in a witty speech, which caused a great deal of amusement to those present.

Bro. Luke, in reply, assured the brethren of the gratification it had given him to preside at so successful a celebration, and paid a high tribute to those who had so materially assisted in carrying out the very elaborate arrangements, notably Bros. H. Lulman, P.M., and B. Wynne, P.M.

The musical entertainment was both ample and of excellent quality. Among those who assisted were Bros. C. Spencer West (flute solos), Walter Grace, Robert Wilkes (coon song, &c.), Messrs. F. Edwards (humorous songs), Walter Kearst, Bros. R. B. Hopkins (solo handbells), A. J. Jordan, and others.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. R. Wright, M.E.Z. 890, M.E.Z.; A. L. Butters, S.N. 890, H.; C. Webster, J. elect 1642, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; J. N. Huish, H. 185, P.S.; H. Foksett, H. 185, 1st A.S.; W. Chapple, M.E.Z. 753; H. Armfield, 1642; E. Smith, J. H. Watts, 903; and A. Taylor.

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. rose as usual. Communications from several companions were read. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Wright for ably presiding as M.E.Z. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. HOWARD HENRY ROOM, P.G. STD. BR.

By the death of Bro. H. H. Room, P.G. Std. Br., which occurred on the 25th ult., the Society of Arts loses an old and faithful servant. He was born in 1842. On both sides he came from a family of artists. His father, Henry Room, was an artist of some reputation, perhaps best known for his series of portraits in the *Evangelical Magazine*. His mother also had considerable artistic powers, and as Miss Lousia Derby obtained a silver Isis medal from the Society in 1828 for her pencil drawing of a landscape by Claude in the National Gallery. Her father, the grandfather of Bro. Room, was a miniature painter, and was employed to make the drawings for Lodge's important work, "Portraits of Illustrious Persons." He entered the service of the Society in 1861 as a junior clerk. At that time Mr. Le Neve Foster was Secretary, and Mr. Charles Critchett assistant Secretary. On the retirement of the latter in 1869, there was a slight re-organisation of the office, and Bro. Room was appointed chief clerk. In 1875, Mr. S. T. Davenport, who had been for many years Financial Officer of the Society, died, and Bro. Room succeeded him with the title of Accountant. The duties of this office he discharged with assiduous care and ability till the commencement, a few months since, of the illness which has now ended fatally. In addition to his work as accountant, he had the charge of the Society's Examinations, a duty affording full scope for the minute accuracy and painstaking care which characterised all his work. His unfailing courtesy and natural kindness caused him to be much liked

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by those of the members with whom he was brought in contact, and the nature of his duties caused him to be well known to many of them. His considerable powers of organisation, his steady devotion to work, and his unswerving rectitude of purpose, gained him the respect and the regard of those under and with whom he worked, while his amiable and kindly nature secured their affection. Bro. Room was Secretary of No. 1159 from 1883, except while he was W.M. in 1888. He was initiated in the Royal Hanover Lodge about 1880 or 1881, and was P.M. of Nos. 1777, 1851, and 2090, P.P.G. Sec. Middlesex, P.A.G.D.C. (R.A.), P.Z. of Nos. 91, 1159 (and S.E.), and 1851. He was extremely popular among the numerous members of the Craft living in the county, and was held by them in very high estimation.

W. BRO. C. H. DRIVER, P.G.S. OF W., P.G.S.B. (R.A.);
F.R.I.B.A., &c.

We regret it should be our painful duty to announce the death of our well-known and esteemed Bro. Charles Henry Driver. Until within the last four years, when he was absent from England at Santo Paulo, near Brazil, engaged on the work of designing and engineering the principal stations on the new Sao Paulo Railway, he was accustomed to take an active part in Masonry, especially in the Mark Degree, of which he was P.G.W. He first saw the light of Freemasonry in the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, about 34 years ago. He was Master of this lodge, becoming afterwards joining member of several other lodges. He was exalted in the Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, of which, in due time, he became M.E.Z. At the Queen's Jubilee year of 1887 he received Past Grand rank as Past G. Supt. of Works (Craft) and P.G.S.B. (Royal Arch). He belonged to nearly all the side Degrees, having filled the chair, and being rewarded with Grand office in each, notably the Rose Croix, 18° and 32°, Great Priory of the Temple, Knight of Malta, the Allied Degrees, &c. He was a generous and liberal supporter of the Masonic Charities, took great interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, of which, by his donations and support, he became Patron. He acquired the knowledge and practice of the various Masonic rituals. He was ever ready to assist in the sacred cause of Charity, and his simple unaffected kindness to distressed Masons will long be remembered. His profession was that of architect and consulting and practical engineer. Amongst his architectural works we may notice the memorial monument to the late Earl of Ellesmere, at Worsley Hall, Lancashire, for which he furnished the design at a competitive exhibition of architects. He also designed the Alameda Masonic Hall at Gibraltar, carried out under his direction; also the enlargement and reconstruction of the Mark Masons' Hall, in conjunction with Bro. R. Berridge, the well-known architect. He carried through many important engineering works at home and abroad, the last in which he was actively engaged up to the time of his fatal illness, was the Sao Paulo Railway at Brazil. He was very artistic in illuminating work, and excelled in the beautiful harmony of colour. The Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family have specimens of his illumination. He was devoted to his profession, and was a true and worthy Mason.

BRO. COL. HEATON, P.M. 1260, P.Z. 1260.

A well-known figure in the railway world passed away on the 25th ult. in the person of Bro. Col. Heaton, V.D., P.M. John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, P.Z. John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, chief London goods agent of the Midland Railway Company, in whose service he had been for more than 40 years. He took a prominent part in the Volunteer movement, working his way from the ranks to the proud position of Colonel-Commandant of the 5th (West) Middlesex Volunteer Rifles. He resigned this commission a little more than a year ago, under the age limit. The funeral took place at Highgate Cemetery on Monday, nearly 1000 friends and brethren and railway men of all grades following their late esteemed chief to the graveside. An impressive service was conducted at St. Paul's Church, Camden-square, and there were beautiful wreaths, not only from almost every section of the staff in London, but also from the headquarters at Derby. Bro. Col. Heaton was in his 66th year.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUCHESS OF PORTLAND has left town for Welbeck Abbey.

ILLNESS OF BRO. RHODES.—A Capetown telegram states that Bro. Cecil Rhodes is ill with fever.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY is to be the Gold Stick in Waiting on the Queen during November, replacing Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar.

THERE is a likelihood of Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, J.P., a past master of the Poulterns' Company, being elected the first Mayor of Greenwich.

H.R. MAJESTY has forwarded, through Colonel Sir Fleetwood Edwards, her annual subscription of £50 to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, of which she is patron.

H.R. MAJESTY the Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order: To be a Commander, George William Buchanan, Esq., C.B., recently her Majesty's Chargé d'Affairs at Darmstadt.

CROUCH END LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2580.—Under the auspices of the Crouch End Lodge, No. 2580, a lodge of instruction is held at the Christ Church School Room, Edison-road, Crouch End, N., at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bro. Gerrish is the Preceptor.

PRINCESS VICTORIA OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN took leave of her Majesty the Queen on Tuesday and left for the South, arriving at Euston the following morning, and subsequently proceeded to Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, to join her mother, Princess Christian.

H.M. THE QUEEN has decided to return from Scotland a little earlier than anticipated. Her Majesty and the Court leave Ballater by special train on Tuesday afternoon, the 6th instant, for Windsor, where the Royal party arrive about a quarter to nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 7th instant.

THE LORINERS' COMPANY.—Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar has been elected the master.

MR. SHERIFF LAWRENCE has given the order for a banner of his arms to be prepared by Bros. George Kenning and Son, of Little Britain.

A SUM OF £50 has been contributed by the South London Auxiliary to the Printers' Pension, Almshouses, and Orphan Asylum Corporation.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR has published a book entitled, "Unto You, Young Men." It is dedicated to the Undergraduates of the Universities.

BRO. THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON, P.G.C., will be the Canon-in-Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral during November, and will preach on Sunday afternoon at the 3.15 service.

BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, Secretary of State for India, has accepted an invitation to attend the annual dinner of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce on December 14.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.—The annual meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall, Durham, at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 1st prox. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel, 5 o'clock p.m., tickets 3s. 6d. each.

BRO. SIR H. WILLIAMSON'S WILL.—The will of Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., of Whitburn Hall, who died recently, has been proved in Durham District Registry. The gross value of the estate is £302,736, and the net value £250,626.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR WILLIAM TRELOAR, who has usually entertained 200 poor crippled children on Lord Mayor's Day, writes regretting that this year the procession will not pass his premises. He happily suggests that owners of premises on the line of route should step into the breach, and invite the children to witness the pageant.

THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.—The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the starving inhabitants of India amounted on the 30th ult. to £382,000. The box outside the Mansion House was cleared a day or two ago, and yielded £10 17s. 6d. The handsome sum of £462 13s. 3d. has been collected in 322 Board Schools in aid of the Fund.

HONOURING SIR REDVERS BULLER.—A number of the generals engaged in the South African campaign will be honoured by the City guilds on their return. We learn that General Sir Redvers Buller will be presented with the honorary freedom of the Skinners' Company, and that he has accepted an invitation to a banquet at Skinners' Hall early in December.

THE FIRST MAYOR OF PADDINGTON.—It is stated that Bro. John Aird, M.P. for North Paddington, has received a letter signed by Sir George Fardell, M.P. for South Paddington, and all the duly-elected Councillors representing Hyde Park Ward, asking him to allow them to nominate him as the first Mayor of Paddington on the new Borough Council. Bro. Aird has consented.

AT A MEETING of the Senatus Academicus of the Ophthalmic College of Canada, held at Toronto on the 1st ult., it was unanimously decided to confer upon Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, of Bradford, their honorary degree in optics. The diploma came to hand this week, and is a very handsome document. It will be remembered that a few months ago the Optical Institute of Canada at Montreal conferred on Bro. Dr. Forshaw a like degree.

CARDIFF Y.M.C.A. CAMERA CLUB.—The annual meeting of this society was held on Tuesday, the 16th ult., when the officers for the ensuing season were elected, Bro. Dr. De Vere Hunt being the president. The club has the advantage of a splendid new building, recently opened, and which contains a spacious electrically lit dark room for the use of members of the club. The hon. sec. is Mr. J. E. Blackburne, 136, Cathedral-road, Cardiff.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Women of Ireland Presentation Fund to Bro. Lord Roberts have been sent in by Irish women and wives of Irishmen, of all classes, most freely. Every sum has been voluntarily offered. It is now proposed to close the lists on the 15th instant, by which time a large amount will be in the hands of Lady Ashbourne, the hon. treasurer. The gift is to consist of a star of the Order of St. Patrick—Bro. Lord Roberts's Irish decoration—in fine diamonds.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Bro. Captain Holford, left Marlborough House on Tuesday morning to visit Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein at Cumberland Lodge, and returned to London in the afternoon. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by Princess Victoria, and attended by Miss Knollys and Vice-Admiral Sir H. Stephenson, arrived at Marlborough House in the evening. The Prince of Wales, with Bro. Captain Holford in attendance, met their Royal Highnesses at Charing Cross Station.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, presiding, on Tuesday, at a lecture on the war by Mr. Winston Churchill, spoke of the British officer as not only the finest specimen of humanity extant, not only the finest fighting man, but a man who was not to be equalled in the armies of the world. The Boer was admirably fitted by training for a soldier. He knew the average Boer fairly well, and he could bear witness to their excellence as hunters on the veldt and to their ability as fighting men, especially as regarded their keen eyesight, which gave them a great advantage over the soldiers in the British ranks.

ANONYMOUS BENEFACTION.—The Committee of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society having been compelled, owing to the effect of the War Funds, &c., to sell £6000 Consols in order to meet the current demands for relief, the Secretary (Mr. G. E. Maude, 26, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall East), has received from a well-known firm of solicitors in Lincoln's Inn Fields a cheque for £500 on behalf of a client, whose name they are not allowed to divulge, to assist the Society in its necessity.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—The annual sermon at Christ Church, Newgate-street, instituted in accordance with the will (dated 1663) of Mr. Thomas Barnes, a benefactor of Christ's Hospital, who desired in this way to commemorate the accession of Queen Elizabeth and the completion of the English Reformation, will be delivered by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday, the 11th inst., at 11 a.m. The Archbishop of Canterbury, it is interesting to note, is the only surviving member of the Schools Inquiry Commission which reported on the constitution of Christ's Hospital in 1863.

DEATH.

ROOM.—On the 26th ult., at 17, Gwendwr-road, West Kensington, Bro. Howard H. Room, aged 58.

IN MEMORIAM.

LEE.—In ever-loving memory of Felicia D. Lee (the only daughter of Bro. Richard and Felicia Lee, of Christ's Hospital), who entered into rest on October 27th, 1899, aged 16 years and 11 months.

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Lodge of Regularity, No. 91	5	5	0
Sondes Lodge, No. 996	4	15	6
St. Albans Lodge, No. 2597	4	6	4
Industry Mark Lodge, No. 293	2	2	0

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 10, 1900.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Logic Club, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., nt 11.15 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

RAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1321, Emblematic, Criterion.
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.
1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park.
1996, Priory Lodge of Action, Berrymead Priory.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools.
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
2030, Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.

MARK LODGE.

139, Panmure, Holborn Restaurant.

RED CROSS.

1, Original or Premier, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

RAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
166, Union, Criterion.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
705, St. James', Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Tavern, Aldgate.
1269, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
1397, Anceley, Clarence Hall.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1602, Beaconsfield, Lord Brooke Hotel, Walthamstow.
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monica.
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.
2524, Train Bands, The Barracks, Finsbury.
2715, Acanthus, Great Eastern Hotel.
2738, Army and Navy, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

92, Moria, Albion, Aldersgate-street.

MARK LODGE.

1, St. Mark's, Mark Masons' Hall.

SECRET MONITOR.

1, Premier, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salut tion, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose an Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Ties., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Moun, Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Kenbles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 92 Strand, at 7.
Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Varborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

RAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.
2484, Second Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall.
2502, Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel.
2615, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.
2739, Verity, Cafe Monica.
2744, Sydenham, Crystal Palace.
2764, St. Olave's, Tower Bridge Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creighton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8
Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, The Whittington, 5 & 7 Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kittero-road, Nunhead, at 7.30
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, 27, Knight-riders-st., E.C.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

RAFT LODGES.

10, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
209, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
293, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
531, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
500, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
870, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1070, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.
1509, Skeinmersda e, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
1705, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.
1701, Creighton, Freemasons' Hall.
1820, Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal.
1957, Strand, Hotel Cecil.

2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.
2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall.
2417, Bolingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.
2509, Barnet, Assembly Rooms.
2754, Thomas a Becket, Thomas a Becket Hotel, Old Kent-rd.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

140, St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath.
172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

1657, Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8
Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.
La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.
Langton, Simpson's Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand Court, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8
Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Highgate Chapter, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

RAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Holborn Restaurant.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.
2399, Ordinance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
2552, Stoke Newington, Assembly Rooms.
2737, Captain Coram, Foundling Hospital.
2749, Comrades, Holborn Restaurant.

ROSE CROIX.

3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.
129, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall.
139, Alceyn, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Chough, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammermith, W., at 8
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington at 8.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

RAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.
1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1416, Mount Edgumbe, Great Eastern Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1580, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
2200, Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel.
2500, Engineer, 33, Golden-square.
2080, Alfred Newton, Queen's-gate, South Kensington.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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