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THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., must have experienced more than the usual amount of pleasure at meeting his Officers and brethren at Barnsley at the recent half-yearly communication of his Prov. Grand Lodge. The year, if it has not been exceptionally brilliant, has been one of steady and substantial progress. The work that has been done has been good honest work, of which even a larger Masonic community might in reason be proud. The lodges have discharged their duties to the satisfaction of their respected chief and to their own credit, and if the Province has not signalled itself in any special manner, we must bear in mind that even strong bodies such as West Yorkshire is rightly held to be cannot be always distinguishing themselves; it is enough for us to know that it has acquitted itself well and loyally to the principles of the Craft.

The last occasion on which Prov. G. Lodge met at Barnsley was in the year 1879, when the late Bro. Sir HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by his Deputy—and subsequently his successor in office—the late Bro. T. W. TEW, J.P., and in the very interesting address which he delivered, Bro. JACKSON took the opportunity of giving a brief historical sketch of Masonry in the town. From this it appears that the present Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, under whose auspices the meeting was held, was the third of its name, the first Friendly Lodge having been warranted in 1816, and erased from Grand Lodge roll in 1832, having made no payment of dues since 1825. The second was warranted on the 1st October, 1842, a few months prior to the death of H.R.H. the Duke of SUSSEX, M.W.G.M., and was erased on 3rd December, 1857. The third and present Friendly Lodge, which was warranted as No. 1513, in December, 1874, has had greater good fortune, and it must be a source of satisfaction to Bro. ENSOR DRURY, who installed the first W. Master, Bro. JOHN SUTTON, one of the founders, and Bro. HENRY SMITH, Past D.P.G.M., who was present at the consecration, to realise that the lodge then inaugurated is in so prosperous a state, with a Royal Arch chapter attached, which the Prov. Grand Master congratulated on being so well furnished with members.

Having thus complimented the Barnsley brethren, the Prov. G. Master reviewed the events of the year, referring in the first place to the important function which had taken place at Leeds,

when the Earl of WARWICK, Dep. G. Master, did the Province the honour of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall now in course of erection in that city, and then to the mark of esteem and respect shown to Bro. W. C. LUPTON, when the brethren presented him, on his appointment to office as J.G. Deacon of England, with his Grand Lodge clothing. In referring to this, the Prov. G. Master dwelt at considerable length on the important services which Bro. LUPTON had rendered to the Province, more especially during the years he had presided as Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. JACKSON also referred in terms of sympathy to the sad accident which had befallen his Deputy, and which for the time being incapacitated that officer from discharging the duties of his important office. However, it must have been some consolation to the brethren to hear that Bro. WILSON was progressing satisfactorily. Complimentary reference was also made to the admirable manner in which Bro. W. WATSON is performing his work as Honorary Librarian of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and to his recent acquisition of yet another valuable copy of the "Old Charges."

As regards the further proceedings we are pleased to note that Bro. W. BLACKBURN was in a position to report satisfactorily of the work done during the year by the Charity Committee of which he is Chairman. He mentioned that the contributions to the Central Charities reached £2881, against which, however, he urged them to bear in mind that the Province had received in the shape of benefits from those Institutions £2725, so that he considered it their duty to subscribe even more liberally than they had done in the past. They had also contributed £467 to the Transvaal Fund, and £185 to the West Yorkshire Fund, the latter sum being, in his opinion, far below what it should have received. That Bro. BLACKBURN'S opinion, as that of the brother who is intimately acquainted with the needs of West Yorkshire both locally and generally, is one which it behoves the brethren to follow is beyond question. Still, we consider that a Province which has disbursed upwards of £3500 in a single ordinary year has, as we have already said, acquitted itself well and loyally, and we heartily congratulate the lodges and brethren of the Province on this latest evidence of their good work.

MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Until recently there was not a Masonic Veteran Association in England, though several of these excellent Institutions have been formed and widely patronised in the United States of America during the last 25 years. The first of the kind was organised in the State of Connecticut on June 17th, 1871, the originator being Bro. Robert C. Naramore, now of Sing Sing, New York, and the "King Hiram," No. 12, of Birmingham, Conn., was the lodge under whose auspices the premier meeting was held. This memorable gathering was attended by a number of aged brethren, the combined ages of the oldest seven being 583 years, so that it was a most fitting commencement of one of the most remarkable Masonic Societies of this century; American in origin, but destined also to be popular on this side of the "big pond," as its peculiar merits and advantages become better known.

The founder, when Master of "King Hiram" Lodge, was present in an official capacity at the funeral of a lamented brother, and read the solemn burial service in the presence of some veteran Freemasons who had asked to be allowed to attend, though not in a lodge for 30 years. Bro. Naramore seems to have thought as much about the living as the dead, and determined that long and honourable service in the Craft should be recognised whilst the Veterans are with us, as well as when "they have joined the majority," so it was then and there that the "Connecticut Veteran Association" was born.

"Twenty-five years' standing as Master Masons" is still required for eligibility to membership in this the parent Society.

The second Association was started in New York by Bro. Daniel Sickles (a well-known and esteemed Craftsman), the date stated of the first meeting

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being January 25th, 1872. It seems likely that to this brother is due the organisation of the Association on the present lines, as the idea of the original promoter evidently did not go beyond a special meeting of the lodge.

In the bye-laws of the New York Society, the aims of the "Fraternal" is thus ably set forth—

"To perpetuate existing friendship; to form new ones; to keep alive and fructify the zeal of brethren; to place before the younger Craftsmen an example of long continued devotion to the cause and of a zeal not to be affected by the changes and vicissitudes of times and seasons; to assist in developing and preserving the history of the Fraternity; to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed members of the Association, and to preserve in its archives a memorial of their lives and services."

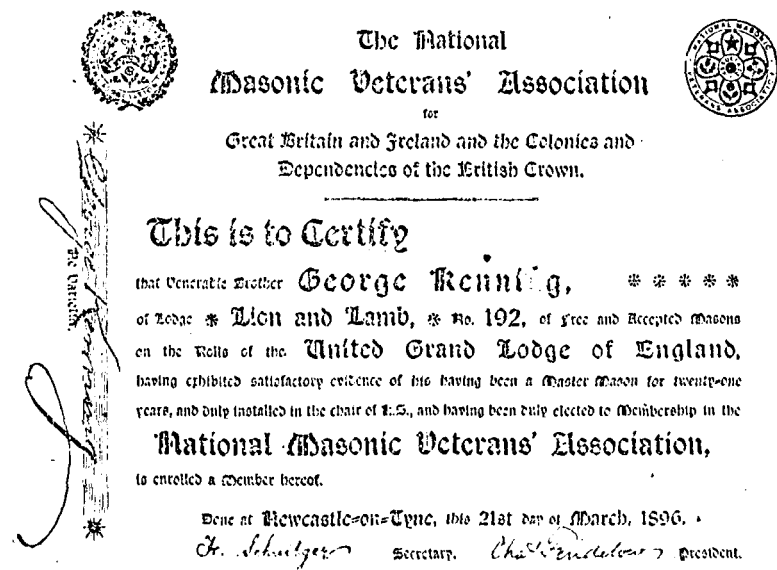
Other Associations have been formed in the same State, the total membership in the State of New York probably reaching 2000, about half that number belonging to their venerable parent.

Ohio has the credit of forming the third Association on October 15th, 1872, and for a time required 24 years of Masonic life as a qualification for membership, but of late has reduced the age to 21 years, as with most Societies. Its first proceedings, issued in 1891, contain an interesting account of the meetings from 1872, with portraits. My honorary membership—much valued—dates from 23rd October, 1895.

The fourth embraces a most extensive jurisdiction, including 12 States and Territories, together with Mexico, British Columbia, and the Hawaiian Islands, entitled the Pacific Coast. "It is a living force, and its badge is a passport to all things Masonic in that part of the Union." Its active members number over 300, and its honorary roll is also large, "including the names of distinguished Masons throughout the world." The start was made on 27th December, 1878, but perfected and completed 8th January, 1879.

Mine for Maryland was granted me in 1897, accompanied by an artistic Certificate, which is valued all the more by me, because of the numerous friends of that Jurisdiction, who so efficiently conduct its proceedings.

An Association was launched on May 24th, 1879, for Central New York (Syracuse), and one for the District of Columbia, August 24th, 1879. The latter I have long been familiar with through my beloved and lamented friend, General Albert Pike, who was the first President, and continued in that honourable capacity to his regretted decease. The first volume of its Transactions, 1879 to 1887, is very valuable because of the many addresses delivered by the President, and the second published was entirely devoted to his addresses in 1888, 1889, and 1890.



The Veterans of Pennsylvania associated at Philadelphia June 3rd, 1881, and is the 7th on Dr. Metcalf's interesting list, from which I quote the dates of origin, being the only one of the kind known to me. The miniature badge is very appropriate, and I hope is as much prized by all the members, as it is by the writer, who was admitted on September 30th, 1884.

Its new Bye-Laws and List of Members for 1900, has been ably edited by Bro. Charles W. Packer.

Many of its lists of members, published annually, have been of quite an artistic character, and its influence has been most beneficial in and beyond this truly Masonic State. There is also an Organisation for Western Penn'a Veterans, founded at Pittsburg, November 30th, 1885.

One of the best known, and certainly the most popular of all, is the "Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois," established January 13th, 1886, at Chicago, M.W. Bro. Dewitt C. Cregier being the first Venerable Chief, and my dear friend, General John Corson Smith, P.G.M., the first Assistant Chief. The second annual reunion was held at the Mansion of the then Venerable Chief (General J. C. Smith), 65, Sibley-street, Chicago, the circular being adopted from the form of Summons issued by the extinct "Grand Lodge of all England" held at York (England), and has since been continued, only in many varieties of antique-looking paper and styles.

The place of meeting is facetiously described on the invitation circulars as "SMITH'S INN." Not a few of the guests, from time to time, when they arrived to meet hundreds of members and ladies assembled, were surprised to find it was Bro. Smith's own Happy Home they were privileged to visit, and that their Hostess was his beloved wife, whose hospitality, grace, and dignity brighten the memories of her life-long subjects.

The printed Transactions of the Association make quite a little library, and are of considerable interest and value, owing to the Venerable Chief having been such a traveller, and able to so graphically describe so many of the sights he has witnessed, as well as enumerate the grand functions he has attended in most of the countries of the world, the troop of friends he has made also coming in for their share of fraternal attention.

There are now 14 parts published, commencing with the first issued in 1887, of only 12 pages to the last for 1899, those from the seventh Report being bulky volumes and most lavishly illustrated. There was no Report for 1889 published.

The annual gathering in "Smith's Inn" is one of the Masonic events of the year. "Brothers and Dames from the four quarters of the globe, from

almost every nation, and nearly every State of our own God-given country, have congregated here and mingled as one happy family knowing no nation and no creed," as General Smith stated in his address at the 11th Assembly. There are hundreds of members, and many honorary members, distinguished as Craftsmen in their own Grand Lodges, who are proud to be thus connected with such a very Pleasant Masonic Organisation. The roll of the latter begins with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England, who not only accepted the compliment of honorary membership in 1893, but subsequently sent his portrait to the General (having the autograph of H.R.H.), and also a most happily-expressed letter of thanks.

I had the honour of being elected October 23rd, 1889.

One special feature of these handsome Reports is the number of letters printed from active and honorary members, unable to participate in the meetings, from all parts and in various languages, so that the volumes are of considerable importance in many ways.

I must not stay to mention the other Associations that have been formed of late years, save to note the one for Brooklyn, formed in 1888, which, as one of the largest and most important, published a noble volume in 1894, as well as its bye-laws and roll of members, in various editions to 1897. The esteemed compliment paid me of honorary membership dates from 1898, and I hope to refer at length to this society ere long. Their badge is both artistic and appropriate.

Another Masonic Veteran Association must be mentioned, viz., that for Minnesota, organised June 23rd, 1892, over which Dr. George Reuben Metcalf has presided from then to now. The published proceedings of this body are of general interest, and contain many important addresses, not the least being the one delivered by the esteemed President at the Session of 1894, with a full and accurate account of all the Associations formed to date, which I have found most useful in the preparation of this paper, in fact, could not have written it without my friend's aid. Dr. Metcalf may well be entitled the historian of the movement, and is in close touch with all the Associations wherever located. The eighth Annual Report exhibits a list of 317 active and 24 honorary members. Dr. Metcalf spoke most kindly of "the organisation of a Veteran Association at Newcastle-on-Tyne, as an institution of purely an American origin gaining a foothold on English soil." The badge is distinctly Masonic and most suggestive.

There is also a National Association of the Veterans of America for all the Societies at work in the several States, but whether such an institution is needed remains to be seen, each Grand Lodge being well able to look after its own organisations.

The formation of the National "Masonic Veterans Association" for this country, is an accomplished fact; the first Annual General Meeting having been held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 21st March, 1896. The Society, however, had a prior existence as a local Institution.

The qualifications for members are 21 years, as a Master Mason, and an Installed Master of a regular Lodge. Associates may be elected who have the first, but lack the second of these qualifications, but in either case only brethren will be accepted "of standing, and who have shown their permanent interest in the Craft." The head-quarters for the time are at the Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The special Members' and Associates' jewels are of choice designs. The life subscription is one guinea, and special certificates are issued on vellum or imitation parchment as desired. The international character of these Institutions cannot fail to be of advantage, and aid in promoting the feeling of Brotherhood between members of all Grand Lodges.

"The Scottish Masonic Veterans' Association" was instituted on 8th June, 1897, and is a real live organisation. These two Societies may be referred to, before long, in a separate article, so that justice may be done to our own Associations.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTER-SHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., and was attended by an exceptionally large number of brethren from all parts of the province. At the last moment, and to the deep regret of all present, owing to the serious illness of the Countess Ferrers, the Prov. G.M., the Earl Ferrers, found it impossible to attend, and Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. P.G.M., took the chair, Bro. Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.C., acting as D.P.G.M.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes showed that the number of lodges remained the same as in the previous year, viz., 14; 52 initiates and 13 joining members had been admitted; whilst 12 brethren had died and 22 resigned. The total number of subscribing brethren was 809—an increase of 32 on the year.

A very satisfactory year's work was reported by Bro. NEIGHBOUR, P.P. S.G.W., the Hon. Secretary to the Charity Committee. The contribution to the Girls' School amounted to £362 5s.

The Boys' School this year will receive the support of the province, and Bro. R. B. Starkey, P.S.G.W., was elected as the Provincial Steward.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., who had kindly attended, made a very earnest and eloquent appeal on behalf of the Central Charities in general, and for the Boys' School in particular.

Bro. Charles Bennion, P.M. 279, was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and was heartily thanked for his services.

Before proceeding to invest the officers for the ensuing year, the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER spoke in most grateful terms of the tokens of regard presented to him at the last Prov. G. Lodge by the brethren of the province. He said that it was the proudest moment in his life when the brethren unanimously decided that his portrait should be hung in that hall, and that he was entirely at a loss to express what he felt with respect to that, to him, memorable event. Whilst he was glad to notice that the number of brethren in the province was gradually increasing, it must never be forgotten that numbers were not always a criterion of progress; he hoped and believed that the gradual increase which was taking place was a proof of the great care it was always necessary to exercise in selecting candidates. He much regretted that the report of the "Kelly Memorial Fund" Committee was not more encouraging; the Fund was not only a necessity for dealing with local claims which could not be met

by the Central Charities, but was also a memorial of Bro. W. Kelly, whose name would ever be held in the highest regard by the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and though many calls had been made upon the brethren, in connection with the South African troubles and other matters during the past year, he earnestly invited the brethren not to forget the Kelly Memorial Fund. He was delighted to be able to congratulate each lodge in the province on its prosperous condition, and the province generally on the harmony and good feeling which always prevailed.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then invested:

Bro. Richard Ball Starkey, P.M. and Treas. 1391 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" George Bullen, P.M. 432, Treas. 779 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" the Rev. James Wilson Alexander Mackenzie, M.A., P.G. Chap. ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" the Rev. John Henry Mitchell, B.A., Chap. 2428 ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Charles Bennion, P.M. 279 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Farmer, I.P.M. 779 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Edward Holmes, P.M. 279, 2429, P.P.S.G.W. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Richard James Lulham, P.M. 523 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Henry John Blakesley, F.R.C.S., P.M. 1560 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" George Barker Chalcraft, I.P.M. 50 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Henry Howe, P.M. 1391 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Walter Firth Carnley, P.M. 2428 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Walter Tyler, I.P.M. 1007 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" William Richards, I.P.M. 1330 ...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John Furley, I.P.M. 1265 ...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John George Collis, P.M. 2028 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Ambrose Foster, I.P.M. 2081 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Giles Eli Barton, P.M. 1391 ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" William Finn, I.P.M. 279 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" William Thomas Colman, I.P.M. 523 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Samuel Barnes Weaver, W.M. 1130 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Samuel Cleaver, W.M. 1330 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Harry Strong Elliott, I.P.M. 1560 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Horace Walter Dymock, I.P.M. 2028 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" James Tanser ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. R. J. Lulham, Prov. S.G.D., and Bro. James Tanser, Prov. G. Tyler, were both absent owing to serious illness.

Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., I.L.M., P.P.S.G.W., was again unanimously elected as the nominee of the province for election on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and his great and long continued services, both in London and the province, on behalf of the Masonic Charities were very warmly acknowledged by the Dep. Prov. G.M. and other brethren.

The sum of 10 guineas was voted for the South African Masonic Relief Fund.

A very large number of telegrams and letters expressing regret at inability to be present were received from distinguished brethren in different parts of the country, and also from many brethren of the province.

At the close of Prov. Grand Lodge, the Dep. Prov. G.M. presided at the banquet which immediately followed, and which was numerously attended.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 2nd instant. In the absence of the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught) and of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Sir William Marriott), Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie (Dean of Battle), P.P.G. Chap., presided. There was a good attendance.

The finances were reported to be in a very satisfactory condition, and the roll of membership well maintained.

The balance-sheet having been adopted and the usual routine business transacted,

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER delivered an appropriate and brief address to the brethren. He apologised for the absence of the Prov. G. Master, and expressed warm sympathy with H.R.H. in his great bereavement. Regretting the absence of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, he said that Bro. Sir W. Marriott was detained by his official duties in Egypt. He then invested the following officers:

Bro. E. A. T. Breed, P.M. 811 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. A. Pocock, P.M. 1411 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. G. Jameson, W.M. 2676 ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. F. M. Hilton, S.W. 2591 ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. M. Reed, P.M. 732 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. E. Young, P.M. 1842 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Bungard, P.M. 315 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. W. Smith, P.M. 851 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Upton, P.M. 1636 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. M. Langdale, P.M. 2450 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. A. Field, P.M. 732 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. F. Trydell, P.M. 2434 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Gates, P.M. 1303 ...	Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
" C. M. Wilson, P.M. 1619 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. J. McCormick, P.M. 40 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. H. Bull, P.M. 311 ...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" C. J. Fletcher, P.M. 341 ...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Crapps, Org. 1947 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. J. Carpenter, P.M. 1829 ...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. F. Field, P.M. 1726 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. H. Beeny, P.M. 1797 ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" C. R. B. Knight, P.M. 38 ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. E. Haydon, P.M. 50 ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" C. B. Richardson, P.M. 271 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. R. Terson, P.M. 1110 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. Carr, P.M. 1466 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Percy Beer, P.M. 2692 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. H. Hughes ...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" A. Coe ...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" T. Howell ...	Prov. G. Tylers.

The business proceedings being concluded, the brethren partook of a sumptuous repast in the banqueting room, the pleasure of which was greatly enhanced by an excellent musical programme.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual convocation was held under the auspices of the Grosvenor Chapter, No. 938, at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, the Principals' chairs being occupied by Comp. George Beech as G. Superintendent, Comp. Fridlander as Prov. G.H., and Comp. Dr. Denne as Prov. G.J.

Prov. G. Chapter having been opened and the Grand Officers saluted, the summons convening the meeting and the minutes of the last annual convocation were read, as well as letters of apology for their inability to be present from Lord Leigh, G. Superintendent, the Earl of Warwick, Grand H., and others.

The roll of Prov. G. Officers and that of the chapters in the province having been called, PROV. G. SCRIBE E. read his report, and also the Prov. G. Treasurer's statement of account.

Three companions having been nominated for the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, a ballot was taken, when it appeared that Comp. Tolladay was elected by a majority of votes, and was accordingly declared Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following were then appointed and invested as Prov. O. Officers, namely:

Comp. T. E. Shaw ...	Prov. G.J.
" J. C. Stackhouse ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Bate ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Tolladay (elected) ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Harcourt ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Dr. Davidson ...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Pearsall ...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Berlyn ...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Adie ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Hans Graff ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. B. Morgan ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. J. Dingley ...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" E. A. Smith ...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Collins ...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Dalley ...	Prov. G. Janitor.

On the proposition of Comp. FRIDLANDER, seconded by Comp. Dr. DENNE, the sum of 20 guineas was voted from the funds of the chapter for the purchase of a jewel or other token of esteem for presentation to Comp. Swinden on his retiring from the office of Prov. Grand Scribe E. after nine years most valuable services.

PROV. G.H. referred in feeling terms to the death of Comp. Wood, late Prov. Grand Treasurer, and several other companions.

It was resolved on the proposition of the Prov. G.H. to form a general chapter of instruction for the province, and the First Principals of the several chapters were appointed a committee to carry out the arrangements. The name of Comp. Bladon was suggested as Preceptor, and he promised to do all that he possibly could to further the scheme.

Prov. G. Chapter having been closed, the companions dined together. An excellent musical programme was provided, the principal items of which—the harp solos by Comp. French Davis—were very greatly appreciated.

There were present over 60 companions, including Comps. Beech, Collins, Fridlander, and Swinden, all four of whom are Officers of the G. Chapter of England. Among those in attendance in addition to the companions already named were

Comps. Dr. Turner, Dr. Wright Wilson, Major Glover, S. C. Cowan, Bladon, W. Short, Boddington, Mason, Cockrane, White, Slingsby, Palk, Lake Taylor, Lloyd, Kendall, Meiklejohn, Haines, Nicholls, Allcock, Cotton, Adams, Wrigton, Myers, Fowler, J. Pool, J. C. Pool, Attwood, Pritchard, Ballington, Hudson, Jacobs, Morris, Charles, Cheatle, Nathan, and Millwood.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Monday afternoon in the fine old Masonic Hall belonging to the Weymouth brethren, and under the banner of the All Souls' Chapter, No. 170, and under the presidency of Comp. M. J. Guest, G. Supt.; Comp. Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., as Prov. G.H.; Comp. Zillwood Millidge (in the absence through illness of Comp. Dr. Sawton) as Prov. G.J. A numerous body of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, and many representative companions were present.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the roll was called, and all the chapters in the province were found to be represented.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G.S.E. produced and read his report, which showed that the Degree was fully maintaining its excellent position in the province, 23 members having been added to the different chapters in the province during the year.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's account was of a highly satisfactory character, a sum of over £60 being in hand. It was regretted the Prov. G. Treasurer, Comp. the Rev. W. M. Heath, was unable to be present, but his place was ably filled by Comp. W. J. Fletcher.

The Prov. G. Treasurer was unanimously re-elected.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT addressed the Prov. G. Chapter on the state of R.A. Masonry generally, and appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., P.Z. 417 (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G.H.
" W. Davis, P.Z. 137 ...	Prov. G.J.
" W. B. Morgan, P.Z. 170 (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. E. Crickmay, P.Z. 170 ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rev. W. M. Heath, P.Z. 662 (re-elected) ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. P. Kitson, P.S. 707 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Rayner, P.Z. 170 ...	Prov. P.G. Soj.
" H. Crisp, 1037 ...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.

Comp. S. Pile, J. 707	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.
" R. H. Groves, J. 662	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Hellier, J. 1146	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. Davidson, J. 1037	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Groves, S.E. 170	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Old, Janitor 170	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Thus every chapter in the province has a representative in the officers appointed for the opening of the new century in the Provincial Grand Chapter.

As no notice had been given it was impossible to vote any money to Charities but in the Provincial Grand Chapter, Comp. Col. BRYMER suggested the province, or rather those members who were present, should send something for the Lord Mayor's Fund for the refugees in South Africa, but left the matter to be discussed at the banquet.

This took place at the Imperial Burdon Hotel, where Bro. Sefton Smith had provided an excellent repast, which was graced by the presence of the Three Principals and a large number of the companions.

In speaking on Masonic Charity, Comp. ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE, P.Z. 170, Prov. G. Charity Steward, referred to the question of the Lord Mayor's Fund for the refugees in South Africa, and on a collection being made the sum of £12 was obtained, which was at once telegraphed to London.

Thus ended a very successful gathering.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT announced he should hold his next meeting at Chapter No. 707, Beaminster.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSET.

In fine weather this Prov. Grand Lodge was held on the 8th instant, under the Presidency of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., and his Deputy, Bro. H. Tizard George. There was a full attendance of officers and members, together with a number of Past Provincial Officers. The members of All Souls, Weymouth, No. 126, under whose banner the meeting was held, exhibited their usual hospitality, and the arrangements made were all that could be desired.

The Treasurer's accounts were presented, and showed a satisfactory balance in hand, and on the proposition of Bro. S. R. BASKETT, P.P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. WHILEY BAKER, P.P.G.S.W., they were received and adopted.

This province for some two years has been without a Register of Marks, which by some reason has got lost or mislaid. At the meeting at Wareham last year, Bro. Sidney Spark Milledge, 126, P.G.M.O., offered to compile and present at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge a Register of brethren advanced to the Mark Degree in the Province of Dorset since the introduction of that Degree into that province. This he did on the 8th instant. The list is contained in a superb volume especially prepared under Bro. Milledge's direction, and contains what to all intents and purposes is a history of every Mark brother in Dorset from the earliest times to the present.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in suitable terms, acknowledged the valuable gift, and the kindness exhibited by Bro. Milledge in his usual way in compiling and presenting so valuable a gift to the province.

Bro. G. Habgood, 99, was re-elected Treasurer, the Audit Committee was appointed, the Tyler was re-appointed, and the Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers as follows:

Bro. H. Tizard George, 126 (re-appointed)	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Rev. F. Monney, 126	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" D. J. Lwason, M.D., 133	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. A. Miller, B.D., 126	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. T. Dowdeswell, 133	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" F. P. Oakley, 132	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" B. Morris, 126	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" G. Habgood, 99 (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Rayner, 126 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Sidney Spark Milledge, 126, P.P.G.M.O.	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" J. M. Luff, 99	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. L. W. Chave, 126	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. Saunders, 132	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" G. E. Turner, 99	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Gregory, 133	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. Short, 132	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. A. Hurdle, A.R.A.M., 126	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. B. Gray, 133	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" A. Harris, 99	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A vote of thanks to the W.M., officers, and brethren of All Souls' Lodge for the manner in which they had received and entertained Provincial Grand Lodge was moved by the PROV. G.M., seconded by the D.P.G.M., and carried.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where Bro. Bowes had provided a first-rate dinner, under the genial presidency of the Prov. G.M., many of the musical brethren contributing to the harmony of the evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED SERVICE LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 69.

The consecration of the above lodge was held at New Brompton on Wednesday, the 7th instant. An Ark Mariners Lodge having been opened at 4 p.m., the Prov. Grand Mark Master of Kent, Lord Dungarvan, was admitted and saluted in due form.

Eight brethren of the United Service Mark Lodge were then elevated by Bro. J. Percy White, P.C.N. 364, acting as N.; assisted by Bros. R. J. Beamish, P.C.N. 364, J.; E. B. Wilks, W.C.N. 364, S.; E. Lake and I. R. Morgan, Deacons; and J. Kearney, G.

The R.W. the P.G.M.M. then accepted the gavel, and appointed as his Assistant Grand Officers Bros. R. J. Beamish, as J.; E. B. Wilks, as S.; J. Percy White, as Chap.; Francis Powell, as D.C.; Mill, G.T. Eng., as Deacon; and J. Kearney, as G.; whereupon the new lodge was consecrated and dedicated in a most impressive manner; and on completion of the ceremony, W. Bro. J. Percy White enthroned Bro. Charles Woodger as W.C.N. of the lodge for the coming year; the latter then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Elias Lake, J.; J. R. Morgan, S.; S. W. Hurst, Treas.; J. Kearney, Scribe; J. Smart, S.D.; J. D. Hull, J.D.; W. Hughes, D.C.; W. Jenkins, Org.; W. Corbett, G.; H. G. Croneen, Stwd.; and J. Heath, W.

Hearty votes of thanks were tendered to the R.W.P.G.M.M., and to W. Bro. J. Percy White for the valuable services they had rendered.

The Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge, and after propositions for elevation had been given for the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Balmoral Hotel where, after a good dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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Acanthus Lodge, No. 2715.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. F. FENTON-JONES.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., on the 6th instant, when the W.M., Bro. W. A. Finch, P.M., was well supported by his officers and a large number of the members. There were present Bros. W. Finch, I.P.M.; W. F. Fenton-Jones, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Fenton-Jones, J.P., J.W.; W. R. Jeffray, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Bathgate, S.D.; C. G. Diamond, J.D.; H. H. Finch, D.C.; A. S. Croome, Org.; R. A. Osman, Stwd.; W. J. Davenport, J. T. W. Rous, Dr. J. J. Gordon, F. C. Rous, C. T. Lambert, R. T. Lang, E. Stoner, A. E. Palowker, S. G. Goss, W. J. Clark, G. T. Bagnall, E. A. Beckett, W. C. Croome, Ashton Gill, and W. H. Martin, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. L. S. Wilks, 73; Roberts, J.W. 2029; W. Cameron, H. Slater, 1805; W. Fisher, J.W. 2411; Alex. Jardine, P.M. 2029; Will Davies, 340; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge and two emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance in hand, was received. Bro. W. Finch, I.P.M., then occupied the chair, and raised Bros. R. T. Lang and E. T. Stoner to the Third Degree, the working being carried out in an excellent manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones, was then presented and installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. W. Finch, I.P.M., who subsequently gave the customary addresses in a manner that was faultless, and his services were much appreciated. The following were appointed the officers, and with the exception of three absentees, were invested: Bros. W. A. Finch, P.M., I.P.M.; Jno. Fenton-Jones, J.P., S.W.; J. M. Bathgate, J.W.; Chas. Steel, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Jeffray, P.M., Sec.; C. G. Diamond, S.D.; R. Evans, P.M., J.D.; H. H. Finch, I.G.; Ashton Gill, D.C.; A. S. Croome, Org.; R. A. Osman, G. T. Bagnall, and W. J. Davenport, Stwds.; and W. H. Martin, P.M., Tyler. In investing his officers, the W.M. paid a well-deserved tribute to the



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past services of the energetic and genial Secretary, Bro. W. R. Jeffray, P.M. The W.M., in presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. A. Finch, I.P.M., stated that his next task was a very important and pleasing one, and he hoped the small token would ever remind the I.P.M. of the high esteem and regard in which he was held by them all and that he would accept the jewel as a slight return for his great services to the lodge. He had well earned it, and they were sure it could not be bestowed on one more worthy to wear it, as he had fulfilled everything they expected of him and his efforts for the lodge were greatly appreciated. In acknowledging the jewel, Bro. W. A. Finch, I.P.M., stated that the little he had done for the lodge was his very best, and to receive the thanks of the W.M. and the members was the greatest honour he could wish.

Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, which fully maintained the great reputation of the Great Eastern Hotel, and it was well served under the superintendence of Bro. H. Ward.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. W. A. Finch, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones," and said they had installed that evening a most enthusiastic Mason, and no one was more zealous. He was master of the ritual, and had the interest of the lodge at heart, was a very good fellow, and it would be difficult to find anyone better to occupy the chair, and they all wished him every happiness and a very prosperous year of office.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones, W.M., on rising to respond. He said that he was exceedingly obliged to them for the hearty way the toast had been received. It was a great honour and pleasure to be the Master, and in attaining the chair he had reached the ambition of his life. Being installed reminded him that before he became a Mason a friend of his prophesied that when he joined the Craft it would not be long before he was in the chair; that had now come true, and he was a proud man, and hoped to prove worthy of that position, and that no one would ever have any cause to regret that they had elected him. In having five gentlemen proposed that evening for initiation he thought, it he might say so, that he had started well, and although he would like to have a good many initiates during his

year of office, he only wanted those of the right sort, and those that they could be proud of. He earnestly trusted that his officers would all do their work well, and if they did, as he thought they would, it would make him a happy man.

In giving "The Installing Master, Bro. W. Finch, P.M.," the W.M. stated that it was a toast they would do justice to. That was the second installation meeting of the lodge, and Bro. W. Finch had acted as Installing Master on both occasions, and all who had seen his good work appreciated it, and he (the W.M.) felt very much the able way he had performed the ceremony that evening. He was the father of the lodge, and they all loved him, and he trusted he would have a long association with the lodge.

Bro. W. Finch, P.M., received a hearty greeting on rising to respond. He stated that he was not entitled to all the good things said of him. His duty was a pleasure, and it was a great honour to have had the privilege of installing the W.M., who was a very old friend of his, as was the W.M.'s father. He was glad the lodge was a success; they could have had it much larger in number, but what they had was quality and not quantity, and might it ever be so. The W.M. had many abilities, and they had no doubt that he would have a successful year of office in every way.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and said they were always welcome, and the lodge was honoured with their presence. He was especially pleased to have Bro. Alexander Jardine, P.M., there, as he was his mentor in Freemasonry, and as a Preceptor he was one of the very best, and he (the W.M.) was indebted to him for putting him through his paces. The W.M. also made special mention of several others of the visitors, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. Alexander Jardine, P.M., W. Cameron, W. Fisher, L. S. Wilks, and R. T. West.

Bro. Alexander Jardine, P.M., responded. He had watched the W.M. all through his Masonic career with much interest; he had been a diligent student, with the result that he was perfect in the ritual, and would be able to do everything required of him. Bro. W. Finch, P.M., had done the ceremony of installation splendidly, with which he and the other visitors were pleased, as they were for the manner they had been received and lavishly entertained.

Suitable responses were also made by Bros. W. Cameron, W. Fisher, and L. S. Wilks, complimenting the W.M., and eulogising the work they had witnessed.

Bro. R. T. West also acknowledged the toast.

The next toast was "The Charities," which the W.M. gave in very eloquent terms. In submitting "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. remarked that they all regretted the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, Bro. Charles Steel, P.M. He was favoured on going into the chair with a good balance in hand, which was mainly due to the efforts of the Treasurer and Secretary, who were both excellent officers, and their great services were appreciated, and he coupled with the toast the name of the Secretary, Bro. W. R. Jeffray, P.M.

Bro. Jeffray, on rising to respond was received with much warmth. He said that the Treasurer was not able to be present owing to his public duties at Hackney. They had had two prosperous years and the lodge would go forward. He thanked them for their appreciation of his small efforts as Secretary, and said that during the W.M.'s year of office he hoped to serve with satisfaction to him, as the two previous W.Ms. had been kind enough to say of him. The lodge was a unique one, and the members were all good, and he felt it was their earnest wish that their good W.M. would have a very happy year of office.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," observing that an apology was due from him for not having submitted such an important toast earlier in the evening, which he ought to have done. The I.P.M. had come to the end of his tether as W.M., and he regretted that they had lost him as W.M., but they would have his great services as I.P.M. during the next 12 months. The W.M. also referred in happy terms to Bro. W. Finch, P.M., who was the first W.M. and the first Past Master of the lodge.

In response, Bro. W. A. Finch, I.P.M., stated that during the past year they had heard his voice sufficiently, and at that late hour he would not inflict upon them the torture of a long speech, but would content himself by thanking them and his officers for their great assistance during his year of office. He left the chair with much regret; but still he was delighted to see his old friend the W.M. as his successor.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" in terms of eulogium, and he joined with it the name of Bro. J. Fenton-Jones, J.P.

Bro. J. Fenton-Jones, J.P., S.W., responded, remarking that he felt his position with fear and trembling, and he wished he could carry out his duties as well as the I.P.M. had done. If it had not been for his great friendship with the members he would not have undertaken the office; but he would do his very best to discharge his duties, and he hoped the officers would always merit the kind things said of them that night.

Bro. J. M. Bathgate, J.W., also acknowledged the toast in appropriate terms.

Bro. H. H. Finch, I.G., also responded, and said the lodge had been in existence since October, 1898, and he thought the time had arrived for them to support the three Institutions. If they referred to the ceremony of initiation it was imperative that all lodges should give freely to the Charities, and the sooner the lodge started the better. He did not intend that his remarks should reflect upon the first two W.Ms., but he hoped they would all agree that no time should now be lost in supporting their splendid Institutions.

Bros. A. S. Croome, Org., and W. J. Davenport also acknowledged the toast in brief but happy terms.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very enjoyable evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

The musical entertainment was excellent. Miss Elsie Steadman charmed the company by her clever rendering of "Hello, ma Baby," for which she received a well-deserved encore, as also she did for "The Drum Major," and we hope to see more of her in Masonic circles. Special mention should also be made of Bro. Will Davis, principal tenor of St. Paul's Cathedral, and late of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, who was in splendid voice, and his efforts were much appreciated. The following well-known artistes also contributed to the harmony: Madame Clara Leighton, late of the Carl Rosa Opera Company; Miss Ethel Wilford, Mr. Bert Graham, Mr. Bernard Russell, and Mr. Will Bentley. Bros. Willie Rouse and A. S. Croome ably presided at the pianoforte, and the unanimous verdict was that the artistes were excellent, and the entertainment was one of the very best.

The W.M., Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones, was born in 1861, and for many years was a sideman at South Hackney, at which church he was from boyhood upwards a chorist and deputy organist. Having obtained an hereditary desire for public work, he took up the work of a guardian, being elected at the head of the poll for the Hackney Ward, and has been a guardian for nearly six years; has done much for the workhouse children in the way of improving their education, and been the means of getting them taught skilled trades and music, and for four years consecutively has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Childrens' Committee of the Hackney Union. Our brother was initiated in the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, of which he has been the Organist for some years, and was made a Mark Mason a year after in the King Solomon Mark Lodge, No. 385, and was appointed Organist and D. of C. This was followed by his entering the King Solomon Chapter, and taking the office of Organist. The Acanthus Lodge, No. 2715, of which he is now the Master, was the outcome of the efforts of Bros. W. Finch, P.M., and W. A. Finch, P.M., and himself, of which he was one of the founders and the first J.W. Bro. W. F. Fenton-Jones has gained a thorough mastery of the ritual; he is very enthusiastic, has the highest interests of Freemasonry at heart, and, in conclusion, we beg to tender our hearty congratulations to the members upon their good fortune in securing the services of so eloquent a W.M., and the lodge, we feel sure, is quite safe in his hands.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.

The regular monthly meeting of this important lodge was held at Frascati's on the 7th inst., and proved an impressive and brilliant function. There was a large gathering of members and many visitors, among them being the new Mayor of Finsbury, Bro. Enos Howes, J.P.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Louis Verdier, P.P.G.S., who was ably assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. G. Herbert-Burns, and by the following officers: Bros. E. J. Mills, S.W.; W. H. Butler, J.W.; W. Adams, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Duck, S.D.; A. Herbert-Burns, J.D.; W. Maskell, I.G.; W. Shaw, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Holmes, A.D.C.; Cavalieri Tito Mattei, Org.; and H. Baldry and Dr. Bond, Stewards.

The usual routine business of the lodge having been concluded, most impressive entrance was given to three initiates by the I.P.M., at the request of the W.M. The

initiates were Messrs. Frederick Meyers, H. Hawkes, and Albert German. "Hearty good wishes" were then tendered by Bros. W. Frankland, 1706; W. Shorter, 1705; E. H. Raven, 2255; C. Courtney, 2255; R. M. H. Griffiths, 1677; W. Parker, P.M. 1857; B. Crumplin, 2397; H. Saunton, 1423; and Captain M. H. Hall, P.M. and Sec. 27.

The lodge was then closed, the visiting brethren admitting to Bro. G. Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., the great pleasure they had derived from his singularly impressive working of the initiation.

At the banquet which followed, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured,

Bro. G. Herbert Burns, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master" in his usual graceful manner. Bro. Louis Verdier was, he reminded them, a thorough Mason in every sense of the word, and no man could have the interests of Freemasonry or his lodge more at heart than he. Bro. Louis Verdier would, he was sure, carry out the duties of W.M. during his term of office to their complete satisfaction. (Applause.)

Bro. Burley sang "Who carries the gun?"

The W.M. acknowledged with gratitude the kind reception given to the toast. It was quite true that he did enter into the spirit of Masonry with a full appreciation of its beautiful ritual. To him it was a religion sufficient in itself. His only regret was, and he felt it acutely, that English not being his mother tongue, he was sometimes nervous of his ability to render the ritual—as he considered it ought to be rendered. He felt as a foreigner that he spoilt the beautiful ritual. ("No, no," and applause.) In conclusion he assured the brethren he would do his best to uphold the great reputation of the Rothesay Lodge. (Applause.)

After a clever parody by Bro. Noel,

The W.M. proposed, in appropriate terms, "The Health of the Initiates."

Bro. Bentley having given a very fine rendition of the "Holy City,"

Bros. Meyers, Hawkes, and German briefly responded.

Bro. Thos. J. Bolton, P.M. and Secretary of the Rothesay Lodge, then rose, by permission of the W.M., to propose the important toast of "The Joining Members," and was received with loud applause. In an eloquent speech he referred to the many good traits and attributes of Bro. Enos Howes, J.P. and Mayor designate of Finsbury (since elected to the Mayoral chair). It was his pleasure and pride to have been associated with him for many years past in other walks of life, and to have worked shoulder to shoulder with him in local government spheres. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Within those peaceful walls of Masonry they knew no race, no creed, no politics, but, at the same time, as citizens of this great Empire, they could not be insensible of what was going on around them and it was, therefore, with the keenest pleasure he asked the brethren to join with him in welcoming to the Rothesay Lodge a Mason of whom his fellow citizens were so proud that they felt justified in asking him to accept the high and responsible position of first Mayor of Finsbury. (Loud applause.) Of Bro. H. William Mellor he (Bro. Bolton) could also say that their friendship had extended over many years and in him the lodge would have another member of whom it would be proud.

After a song by Bro. Noel,

Bro. Enos Howe, J.P., responded in a graceful speech. He asked Bro. P.M. Bolton and the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge to accept his grateful thanks for the very kind and happy manner in which the toast had been proposed and accepted. The Rothesay Lodge had won such a high position in the Masonic world that he felt a special pride in being elected to it. (Applause.) It was also a source of pleasure in so far that he knew so many of the brethren that he was quite at home among them. The Rothesay Lodge, true to the principles of the Craft, knew no race, for its members hailed from all parts of the world, and it richly deserved the great reputation it had achieved, that of being one of the highest lodges in the kingdom. (Loud applause.) Referring to Bro. P.M. Bolton's eulogistic prophecy as to the Mayorship of Finsbury, whilst he sincerely thanked him for his very kind appreciation he would remind them that the event had not happened, and it was not proper for him to make further allusion to it more than to say that if the high office of Mayor of Finsbury should be conferred upon him he would use every effort to reflect honour upon the borough, which honour, he felt assured, would also reflect upon the Rothesay Lodge. (Applause.) In conclusion, Bro. Howe paid a sincere tribute to the assistance and guidance which he had received from Masonry during a long life of municipal work. (Applause.)

Bro. H. W. Mellor also responded.

Bro. Tito Mattei having given an enjoyable piano solo in his usual gifted style,

The W.M. proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Visitors."

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Capt. Hall, Frankland, Parker, Shorter, and Saunton.

The toast of "The I.P.M. and P.Ms." was next given by the W.M., and replied to in suitable terms by Bros. G. Herbert-Burns and J. H. Catten.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" were enthusiastically honoured, and acknowledged by Bros. Walter Adams and Thos. J. Bolton respectively.

"The Officers," very kindly put by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. E. J. Mills, S.W.

The Tyler's toast concluded an enjoyable evening.

Amongst those who contributed to an excellent musical programme not already mentioned were Bro. Catten, with a very good rendering of "A Dream of Paradise," and Bro. Bentley, who sang, with fine effect, "In Years to Come."

The following brethren were present in addition to those already referred to: Bros. George Eade, G. A. Bentley, E. Bolton, J. R. Campbell, R. Ballinger, T. A. Hooper, R. Madewell, T. R. Grierson, A. Hugo, G. J. Riley, J. F. Shiers, S. A. Broomhead, H. A. King, W. C. Stratton, F. G. Smith, G. Mentasti, J. Lusty, W. H. Peacock, J. Mitchell, A. Nasten, F. C. Pearce, J. Page, W. Rouse, R. Edward, and W. Garrett.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. E. Simpson, W.M.; E. Hirst, I.P.M.; T. J. Smith, S.W.; B. Maskill, J.W.; E. Donkin, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; W. W. Peacock, S.D.; T. R. R. Marsdin, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; T. Barber, D.C.; J. Acaster, I.G.; F. Fine, Tyler; G. Eland, P.M.; and C. H. Woodhouse, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Cole and W. Ord.

The new furniture, consisting of beautiful sets of solid oak and light blue rep, had been placed in the room, and with another small addition or two, the lodge will possess one of the prettiest and correct rooms in the province.

After full discussion on several Masonic matters, the brethren adjourned to the club room for light refreshment.

Hudson Lodge, No. 2791.

The third regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst. in the Masonic Rooms, Wolsingham, co. Durham. The officers in attendance were Bros. R. W. Wraith, P.M. 2019, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; W. J. Anderson, P.M. 2019, P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; E. Milburn, P.M. 2019, P.P.S.G.D., S.W.; W. H. Telford, J.W.; W. Shaw, Sec.; Dr. T. V. Devey, S.D.; W. C. Smith, J.D.; G. W. Egglestone, Org.; A. Wooler, I.G.; J. J. Devey, D. of C.; J. T. Stobbs and C. S. Roberts, Stwds.; and J. G. Bainbridge, Tyler. Bros. W. Addison, I.P.M. 2019, and Mazzucchi were visitors.

After the opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, which contained some interesting items, and were somewhat lengthy, a ballot was taken for Messrs. William Coates and Thomas Lacey, who, having been approved, were, with Mr. John Hy. Dent Dowson, duly initiated in a most impressive manner. On the conclusion of this ceremony the lodge proceeded to pass Bros. the Rev. T. H. E. C. Espin and C. E. Akeroyd, R. E. Stobbs, R. Rowe, J. D. McCallum, and W. T. Knaggs, which was performed in a highly satisfactory manner. Three new members were proposed.

After the arduous duties of the lodge had been completed, an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, and during the evening suitable speeches were made by several of the brethren, the musical talent being represented by Bros. Milburn, Egglestone, and others.

A long toast list, including "The Initiates" and "The Visitors" having been duly honoured, a pleasant gathering was brought to a close by the solemn and impressive Tyler's toast.

Bro. J. M. KLENCK has returned from the Continent much improved in health by the rest he has had.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1900.

Masonic Notes.

Apropos of this consecration of the Devonian Lodge, it may not be out of place to remind the members of the lodges in the Province of Devon that a concert given by children, mostly of Masons, in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund will be held in the Plymouth Guildhall on Wednesday, the 5th December. A dispensation to wear their Masonic clothing has been granted to brethren present at this gathering, and, from what we have heard of the intended programme, we have very little doubt that the concert will be a great success.

We learn with regret from the report we publish in another column of the proceedings at the recent annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire that Comp. F. G. Swinden, P.A.G. D.C. of Supreme Grand Chapter, has resigned the office of Prov. Grand Scribe E. Comp. Swinden had served in this capacity for nine years, in addition to that of Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and by his retirement the Provincial Grand Chapter has lost one who has rendered it most important services. That the meeting fully recognised this is clear from the fact of their having unanimously voted a sum of 20 guineas with which to purchase him a jewel or such other mark of their respect and goodwill as he may prefer. This is an encouragement to other members of Provincial Grand Chapter to follow in the footsteps of Comp. Swinden, whom we sincerely congratulate on the well-merited recognition his services have thus received.

Besides this there was another resolution passed by the Provincial Grand Chapter which cannot be too highly commended, showing, as it does, that the Province of Warwickshire has made up its mind to do all in its power to promote the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry. The resolution was to the effect that a general Chapter of Instruction should be formed for the whole Province, the First Principals of the several chapters being constituted a Committee to carry out the necessary arrangements. Comp. Bladon was suggested for the post of Preceptor, and that companion promised he would do all in his power to promote the success of the scheme.

We have been requested to announce that Thursday, the 6th instant, is the latest day by which petitions for children to be placed on the list of candidates for election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in April, 1901, must reach the offices of the Institution, No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. It is highly desirable, however, that all such Petitions should be received "as much before that date as possible."

At the meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on Thursday, the 18th ult., it was unanimously agreed, at the instance of the M.W.G. Master, that a Special Committee should be appointed with instructions to advertise for applicants for the office of Grand Secretary, which will shortly be vacated by Bro. D. Murray Lyon; that the brother appointed to the office shall devote his whole time to its duties and receive a salary of £400 per annum in full of all duties devolving upon him, including those of the Annuity Fund; that the election shall take place, from a list of candidates submitted by the said Committee, at a special meeting of Grand Lodge on Thursday, the 13th December, and that Bro. D. Murray Lyon's resignation shall only take effect "from and after the date of the election of his successor."

The Special Committee thus appointed is composed as follows: The Hon. James Hozier, Grand Master; Lord Saltoun and Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., Past Grand Masters; John Graham, of Broadstone, Grand Master Depute; Captain Thomas Hope, of Bridgecastle, Substitute Grand Master; J. Berry, Prov. Grand Master Forfarshire; the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, S.G.W.; Major F. W. Allan, Past S.G.W.; A. A. Speirs, of Elderslie, J.G.W.; W. Munro Denholm, S.G.D.; James Caldwell, Past G.D.; William Officer, Chairman of Foreign and Colonial, and Petitions, Complaints, and Appeal Committees; Col. W. Irwin Macadam, Chairman of the Visitation of Metropolitan Lodges Committee; and Dr. George Dickson.

Among the "class" lodges, as they are called, which have of late years been founded in London, none have fared better than those which from time to time have been organised for the benefit of brethren hailing from the Provinces who permanently reside in, or more or less frequently visit, the Metropolis. Cases in point are the United Northern Counties Lodge, the Lancastrian Lodge, and the Cornish Lodge, all of which may be said, even in the brief period of their existence, to have established themselves on a firm basis, and with a fair prospect of growing stronger every year. The number of these lodges was still further augmented on Thursday of last week, when the Devonian Lodge, No. 2834, was consecrated by the Grand Secretary, and entered upon its career under the presidency, as first W. Master, of the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of England and Past G. Warden of United Grand Lodge. That the

new lodge will emulate the success of its predecessors cannot be doubted. The auspices were in all respects favourable, and more important still, before the proceedings in lodge terminated, a long list was read out of candidates for initiation and joining.

Our Lurgan brethren had a memorable field day on Friday, the 2nd instant, when his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., M.W.G. Master of Ireland, attended by several of his Grand Officers, visited the town for the purpose of dedicating the new Hall, which has just been erected for the accommodation of Lodges Nos. 24, 134, and 151. There was a large attendance in honour of the occasion, and the new building, both as regards its handsome external appearance and the excellence of its interior arrangements, was very generally admired, the architect and the builder being heartily congratulated on the manner in which the design and construction had been carried out.

At the luncheon which followed the ceremony, his Grace the M.W. Grand Master, in responding for the toast of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, took the opportunity not only of thanking those present for the cordiality of their reception, but also of congratulating the brethren on the prosperous condition of the Craft in Ireland. Not only were they constantly receiving additional members into their ranks, but the generous support that was being extended towards their Masonic Orphan Schools for Girls and Boys was most gratifying. These Institutions were most ably conducted, and it must be a source of satisfaction to them all to know that at the present time there were 106 girls and 80 boys who were being maintained, clothed, and educated in such a manner as to give them every chance of acquitting themselves honourably in their after-career. Our Irish brethren are, indeed, to be congratulated on the prosperity of the Society, and the Girls' and Boys' Institutions which it has established.

A lecture, entitled "Four Months in Beleagured Ladysmith," and fully illustrated by magic lantern enlargements from sketches by the lecturer and others, will be given—for the first time in London—by Mr. W. T. Maud, Special Artist of *The Graphic* and late A.D.C. to General Ian Hamilton, at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place—kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Robert Newman—on Thursday, the 29th instant, at three p.m., in aid of the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, of which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.W. Past G. Master, is the Patron. Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., who had the honour of raising the siege, will preside, and in the interval, between the first and second parts, a few words of sympathy with the object of the lecture will be addressed to the audience by Bro Charles Wyndham.

The entertainment will be under the special patronage of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., Bro Viscount Wolseley, the Duke of Beaufort, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Bro. Viscount Powerscourt, Bro. Sir Fred Milner, Bart., M.P., Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P., and others. Tickets for seats ranging from 10s. down to 2s. 6d. each, to be had of the Entertainment Committee (consisting of Captain A. Hutton, Chairman; Bros. Lennox Browne, A. Calkin Lewis Percy Jakins, Thomas Carmichael, Dundas Grant, and from the Secretary at the Hospital, while tickets for the Prize Drawing, at 2s. 6d., may be had from some members of the Committee. We hope the lecture will be the means of raising a substantial sum for this most deserving Institution.

Death has lately been causing sad havoc among the Past Officers of United Grand Lodge, the most recent who have passed away being Bros. C. H. Driver, Past G. Supt. of Works, and Howard H. Room, Past G. Std. Br. Both these brethren had for a long time past been prevented by illness from taking an active part in Masonry, but both in their day had done splendid service, which in the case of Bro. Driver was recognised in 1887 by his appointment as Past Grand Supt. of Works, while Bro. Room was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in 1895. Moreover, the former had won distinction in every branch of Masonry with which he had become connected, while Bro. Room will probably be best remembered as having for years discharged with marked ability and courtesy the arduous duties of Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex. A short while since we described briefly the work they had done, but we must not allow the opportunity to pass without expressing our sincere condolence with those who are now grieving over their death.

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.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to W.G. (South Africa) in your last issue, an article on the subject of Official Visitation is in preparation.

In reply to Bro. Prince—

1.—As a general principle I have tried to avoid a personal opinion. It will be found that the great majority of statements made, are supported by references to Constitutions—to cases decided by Grand or District Grand Lodges, or by opinions expressed by brethren of eminence.

Where otherwise, I have been careful to explain that the opinion is a personal one. It is quite possible that in isolated cases I may have omitted this, and if Bro. Prince, or any other brother, has noticed such cases, I shall be glad to have attention drawn to them so that corrections may be made when the articles are re-issued in book form.

2.—The meaning of Confirmation of Minutes—seeing that the Constitutions are silent as to the principles or motives which should govern a motion for non-confirmation—I think it is an exceedingly fair inference to include all that can be included and the only two I could think of as sufficiently important to merit notice were the correctness of the record, and a revision of the proceedings. I am afraid I cannot add to this.

3.—I admit that it is nowhere specifically declared that "there are three classes of question, &c." But the three classes referred to are mentioned in various places in the B.C., and I have simply brought them together.

4.—It is, I think, an exceedingly fair assumption, that since the greater includes the less, directions which are laid down to guide the procedure of Grand Lodge, Boards, and Committees, may without impropriety be referred to, when doubts arise as to procedure in private lodges.

5.—The question of anonymity is entirely within the discretion of the Editor. —I am, yours fraternally,

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with great interest the series of articles under above title which have appeared in the *Freemason*, and hope to see them issued in book form, with author's name, when completed.

With reference to the letter of Bro. E. Prince in issue of to-day, I think Bro. Prince has overlooked one or two important points. First, *re* Rule 130 of Book of Constitutions—he certainly is wrong in saying *re* confirmation of election of W.M., "nothing can interfere with his installation at the next regular meeting of the lodge," as the rule distinctly provides a procedure for cases of non-confirmation of election in the words "Should the minutes of the election of Master not be confirmed, &c.," which I take it clearly gives power to the lodge to rescind the election if considered necessary.

With regard to Rules 184, 185, and 190 of Book of Constitutions it appears certain that the election by ballot of a candidate cannot be upset by non-confirmation of minutes as the minutes of such business only record an unalterable fact, and in many cases the candidate has been initiated immediately after the ballot, thus bringing such business into a very different position to election of Master, grants of money, and alteration of laws. Further, I believe in all lodge by-laws provision is made that no alteration can be binding until confirmed at next lodge meeting, and in most cases grants of money are under the same requirement.

I am of opinion that something more than merely agreeing that the record is correct is meant by confirmation of minutes, *re* the three kinds of business named and, as the point is an important one, I hope to have the pleasure of reading the opinion of the Grand Registrar or of a Past Grand Registrar thereon.—Yours fraternally,

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The work in the Army must still be carefully fostered on account of the many changes and transfers both of regiments and individual soldiers; which has induced the Association to send their Secretary, Mr. Clare White, to visit the branches in Africa.

As the Government has hitherto declined to increase the assistance given, on account of the limited amount of support given by the public, it is to be hoped that the contributions may now be increased.

When it is borne in mind that the soldiers themselves contribute upwards of £10,000 a year to the temperance work in the Army, the sum of £700, received last year in subscriptions from private sources seems hardly an adequate response for a cause which is said to be so vital to the interests of the soldiers we wish to honour and help.—I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

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INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. MOORE.

The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Buildings, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. Arthur Moore, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed as Master of this old, strong, and influential lodge. Bro. Edward M. Taylor, W.M., was the Installing Officer, and did his work grandly. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. M. Taylor, I.P.M.; J. G. Tucker, S.W.; J. H. Bull, J.W.; Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., Chap.; C. Coupland, P.M.; P.J.G.W. Kent, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Treas.; W. C. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; W. Sanders, Asst. Sec.; F. Hoar, S.D.; B. Hammond, J.D.; Dr. J. Clarke, I.G.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; W. H. Lewis, T. J. Nell, and C. H. Stone, Asst. D.Cs.; S. Horton, P.M., Org.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., F. G. White, H. Vicars, E. W. Sampson, and J. M. Kirkman, Stewards; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Coupland was re-elected to serve on the Prov. Charity Committee.

Bro. Taylor was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, and thanked for his services that day as Installing Officer, and other minor matters being disposed of, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Hotel Cecil, W.C., and among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Busbridge; J. O. Cook, P.M.; J. J. Murphy, P.M.; J. Farrier, P.M.; I. Turton, P.M.; G. Roberts, P.M.; T. K. Summers, P.M.; G. Letton, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. W. Sampson, C. Peplow, K. Broadbridge, J. Daniels, W. Brian, J. Swaisland, A. Tasker, J. Kirkman, S. Hardy, W. Folkard, W. E. Champion, W. Richard, G. F. Frankling, S. Back, J. H. Allen, Jas. Stratton, L. Nebel, B. Bertram, A. D. Capon, J. Taylor, R. Turrell, A. Hiscock, G. Lockwood, R. Genman, T. Turton, B. Littlewood, G. Frost, W. Sallenger, H. Vicars, F. Mitcham, L. Mills, W. Chaney, M. Bonnet, W. Legg, W. H. Pryce, W. Squires, J. Frankling, H. Grafton, R. B. Saunders, W. G. Newton, J. Messent, W. Wren, G. Denton, C. Swiss, G. Hall, C. Hager, D. Sedgley, G. Laurance, J. Mitchell, R. C. Pollard, T. Oliver, G. W. Rahtz, C. James, W. Lomax, and A. Watts, of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Chambers, W.M., W. Harris, S.W., E. Carter, J.W., W. Lawson, P.M. and Sec., A. Sanderson, P.M., S. E. Southgate, P.M., and G. R. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., of 700; L. Webber, S.D. 706; A. Burnett, P.M. 706; E. D. Vallon, W.M. 615; W. Tailby, P.M., H. Jacobs, W.M., and I. Dixon, of 13; J. Plume, J. Rowland, and H. Knowles, of 700; R. Rawlinson, W.M., R. Steer, S.W., J. Wheatley, P.M., and R. Worthington, of 2399; the M.M. 2499; J. Davis, W.M. 77; H. Tufnell, P.M. 700; W. Bull, W.M. 829; J. D. Brooks, W.M. 1973; Capt. R. J. Wishart, P.M. 1789, and a District Grand Officer; H. Pearce, W.M. 299; W. Forder, P.M. 1138; G. Gannev, J.W. 663; R. Klyne, P.M. 2266; Frank Summer, 73; J. Dowdall, 1708; J. Bills, W.M. 158; W. Payne, W.M. 20; F. Gorinson, 1017; A. Wheeler, J.W. 1305; W. Claydon, 1449; Jas. Collins (unattached); A. Burton, 25; M. Jacobs, 117; the Hon. Peel, 2603; J. Pattison, 2615; F. Downie, 1604; G. Stevens, 19; J. Fenn, 1960; G. Loe, P.M. 1604, P.D.J.G.W. Malta; G. H. Graham, J.W. 2041; C. Gray, 297; L. Futil, P.M. 1982; and others.

Waveney Lodge, No. 929.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ARTHUR DENNY BOTWRIGHT.

The installation ceremony of the above lodge was held on the 7th instant at the King's Head Hotel, Bungay. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Harry Martin, P.M., P.G.P., and the visiting brethren present were Bros. R. F. B. Colen, P.M. 1983; R. Barker, 388; A. Foreman, J.W. 996; A. G. Goddard, 996; W. G. Burrell, 272; W. H. Carter, 305; R. J. K. Robinson, 85; J. M. Edwards, 85; and J. M. Outlaw, 85. Letters were received from several brethren of the province regretting their inability at being unable to be present. Bro. Arthur Denny Botwright, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. H. Mann, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. Harry Martin, P.M., P.G.P., I.P.M.; J. Temple Scriven, S.W.; W. C. Crowfoot, J.W.; J. W. Minns, Treas.; T. Feltham, Sec.; W. H. Sturgess, S.D.; W. G. Heffer, J.D.; J. E. Sales, D. of C.; F. J. Roper, Org.; R. W. Hudson, I.G.; John Wittrick and Chas. E. Owles, Stwds.; and John Norman, Tyler. The W.M., addressing the I.P.M., Bro. Harry Martin, in a few well-selected words said he had great pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the brethren, with a Past Master's gold jewel on the termination of his year of office as Master of the Lodge Waveney.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where dinner was served by Bro. Philpott. The W.M. presided, with Bro. C. M. Roberts in the vice-chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

Bros. Sturgess, Crowfoot, Coker, Martin, and C. E. Owles added to the harmony of the evening.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. S. GREEN.

The above well-known lodge held its installation meeting and festival at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 8th inst.—a happy and enjoyable occasion that will not soon be forgotten by those privileged to be present. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. J. Roberts, W.M., and the minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Louis May, and, being unanimous in his favour, he was initiated. The W.M. then proceeded to install his successor—Bro. T. S. Green, S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. H. Taplay, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. Green to the Installing Officer, and in due course and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters Bro. Green was placed in the chair of K.S., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. J. Roberts, I.P.M.; W. Viney, S.W.; D. Ringrose, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ware, P.M., Sec.; A. Cooper, S.D.; E. W. Wormold, J.D.; J. W. Cooke, I.G.; H. C. Weight, D.C.; H. Bates and C. L. Vasey, Stwds.; H. C. Wormold, Org.; and A. Tuberville, Tyler. The Installing Officer then gave the usual addresses splendidly, and for the excellence of his work he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks—the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as an evidence of the brethren's full appreciation of his work as Master and of their esteem for him, for which he returned his thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren banqueted, among those present, not above mentioned, being Bros. J. Tytheridge, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M.; B. Spencer, C. J. D'Oyley Mears, P.M.; A. T. Dale, P.M.; J. F. Oates, P.M.; C. R. Higgins, P.M.; T. H. Maple, P.M.; F. C. Ward, P.M.; J. Spacey, A. Rosenfeld, A. P. Blaxter, J. A. Ware, J. W. Cooke, T. Piner, C. Bose, G. F. Higgins, S. W. Badger, R. Brown, G. W. House, and G. Delprat, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Brock, P.M. 299, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. and Sec. 2134, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; A. T. Ives, P.M., D. Ross, W.M., and C. Powling, P.M. 1472; H. Bayne, P.M. 2750; F. Islip, P.M. 1278; W. H. Turton, P.M. 13; J. Pointing, 1622; F. Manistye, 2278; F. Keonig, 28; C. Creech, 1421; W. Cooper, 152; N. Wormold, 1110; F. Taylor, 2006; G. Wye, 1716; J. Harper, 13; T. Tucker, 1320; A. Eager, 299; A. Carter, 2806; A. Denton, 813; A. Aldrich, 2107; J. Westley, 193; H. Cohn, 1360; W. Stark; 29; J. Loppit, 147; E. Cohen, S.D. 1327; H. Johnson, 2409; G. Edmonds, 1287; S. Poddley, 1293; C. Ward, 1973; J. Harwood, 2205; G. May, 2741; F. Orchard, 198; F. Fagg, 957; W. Farady, 2601; W. Fisher, and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Roberts, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in the course of a witty and brilliant speech, and after referring to the mottoes attached to the toast list (some of which were in very small type and some in large type), he thought the one attached to the W.M.'s toast was very appropriate; it said "The Master he is a good one, and his worthiness doth challenge much respect"—that, he thought, was just what it should be, and in excellent taste; evidently the composer of that list knew something of their W.M., or, perhaps, there he would only suggest, that their W.M. had told the composer something; it was certainly, as he had before said, a grand identification of the merits of their esteemed W.M. They all knew—those who had watched the working of Bro. Green in the various offices he had filled—how ably and

conscientiously he had discharged the duties entrusted to him, and how well he had, at their lodge of instruction, worked the ceremonies in the different Degrees, which was a surety for the able working of them in the lodge, so that the prosperity and prestige of the lodge were safe in the hands of the W.M. Bro. Green had been 27 years a member of that lodge, and they now had the pleasure of congratulating him on his achieving the object of his Masonic ambition—the Mastership of his mother lodge. He felt sure Bro. Green would make an excellent Master. He cordially, and in their name as well as his own, wished their W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and predicted that it would be one for the benefit of the good old Capper Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Green, who was received with great warmth, thanked the I.P.M. for proposing, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and said he should not detain them by making a long speech, but as reference had been made to the time he was initiated in that lodge, it was 27 years ago, and he was proud to see the W.M. at that time, their esteemed Bro. Holliday, P.M., who initiated him (Bro. Green) into Masonry, present with them that night. If he had not arrived at the chair before, it was his own fault; but now he had arrived at it, he trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to discharge the duties attached to it to their satisfaction, and that at the end of his office they would find the lodge at least no worse than he found it.

The Installing Master received a hearty reception as he rose to respond to the toast of his health, nor were the high eulogiums passed upon Bro. Roberts by the W.M. unwarranted. It was a splendid piece of work, and Bro. Roberts, in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of it.

Bros. Brock, Jolly, Turton, Ross, Wood, Barber, Armitage, and Harper responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Holliday, Taplay, and Higgins for "The Past Masters."

Miss Mary Horton, Miss Edith Markwell, Bro. Harry Hawkes, and Messrs. Webb and Lane sang some excellent ballads and comic songs. Bro. V. A. Wormold presided at the piano.

"The night was filled with music, and the cares that filled the day
Folded their tents, as the Arabs do, and as silently stole away."

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. INSTALLATION OF BRO. CONDER.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 8th inst., being the festival of its Patron Saints. There were present Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B., W.M.; C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., I.P.M.; E. Conder, jun., S.W.; G. Greiner, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; E. J. Castle, O.C., S.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, I.G.; G. L. Shackles and E. Armitage, Stwds.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M.; W. H. Rylands, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; C. Kupferschmidt, P.M., A.G.S.G.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.M.; and F. H. Goldney, P.M., P.M., P.G.D.; also 55 members of the Correspondence Circle and 13 visitors.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. J. T. Thorp, Leicester; Dr. Chetwode Crawley, Dublin, P.G.D. Ireland; Admiral Markham, P.D.G.M. Malta; Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; E. Macbean, P.M., Glasgow; W. J. Hugan, P.G.D.; and F. J. W. Crowe, Torquay.

Bro. John Thomas Thorp, Leicester, author of "French Prisoners' Lodge" and other Masonic works, was admitted a member of the lodge.

Three lodges and 30 brethren as follows were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: Manica Lodge, No. 2678, Umtali, Rhodesia; Lodge Level, No. 702 (S.C.), Kirkee, Bombay; the Western Mason, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Bros. John Bowers, W.M. 316, Poona, India; G. A. Stuart, 734 (S.C.), Mackay, and J. O. Baildon, 677 (S.C.), Rockhampton, Queensland; W. B. Bamford, 5, Trenton, New Jersey; E. A. Braithwaite, G. Reg. Edmonton; in Rhodesia, H. J. Scott, F. E. Briers, E. Stecker, W.M., W. K. Morrison, C. W. Tuke, and A. Thomas, all of No. 2479, and F. R. Rayner, 1792, Salisbury; and H. B. Watkins, H. G. Pearce, C. M. E. Zobel, J. Meikle, W.M., and L. F. Augutins, all of No. 2678, Umtali; W. D. Sweeney, P.M. 1712, Newcastle-on-Tyne; J. E. Fawcett, W.M. 974, Bradford; C. G. L. Law, 607, Wansford; W. Metcalfe, P.M. 2372, Cheshunt; Dr. T. G. Brodie, 11, Surbiton; and in London, J. Lena, 11; Dr. W. H. Cummings, P.G.O.; Sir J. A. Cockburn, J. H. Bishop, 2823; L. Harfeld, 2705; L. M. Biden, 90; R. Greening, and W. A. Wayland, 2444.

The Secretary called attention to the following exhibits: By Bro. W. S. Furze-Morrish, an old Masonic jug, Liverpool transfer ware, formerly belonging to his great-grandfather, and about 1780 or earlier; by Bro. H. Evenkink, Zutphen, Holland, the half of the shell of an alligator pear, beautifully carved with Masonic emblems; by Bro. F. A. Powell, a gift to the lodge museum, an embroidered white satin apron and scarf to match, probably of Spanish origin. Bro. Whytehead then installed his successor, Bro. Bywater giving the addresses. The new Master, Bro. Conder, appointed the following officers: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, I.P.M.; G. Greiner, S.W.; E. J. Castle, J.W.; Sir Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Admiral Markham, P.D.G.M. Malta, S.D.; Rev. W. J. Horsley, J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; G. L. Shackles, I.G.; E. Armitage and F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., Stewards; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. A handsome illuminated vote of thanks and the Past Master's jewel of the lodge were presented to the retiring Master. The W.M. delivered an inaugural address, reviewing the progress of Masonic literature during the last two centuries, and suggesting various fields of research which still awaited the tiller. The address will appear in full in the transactions of the lodge, and will prove a useful paper for reference to future students. A vote of thanks was warmly accorded.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant, the toast of the new W.M. being, as usual, made the opportunity for a biographical review of his career, a task most interestingly performed by Bro. Whytehead.

Papyrus Lodge, No. 2562. INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. HY. EDWARDS.

This highly interesting ceremony took place at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. F. W. Robinson, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. F. E. R. Becker, who was on the Continent on important business. The acting W.M. performed the duties of the chair in a very able and graceful manner. He was supported by Bros. W. Hy. Edwards, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. B. Gisborne, J.W.; J. Nixon, P.M., Sec.; D. McMaster, S.D.; J. Ebersteins, J.D.; G. P. Bunbridge, I.G.; T. C. L. Becker, Stwd.; W. B. Martin, Org.; T. Bowler, Tyler; S. C. Phillips, P.M.; C. B. R. Maltby, P.M.; J. A. Nordberg, T. J. Dwyer, E. Lowenstein, C. M. Syer, G. J. Ralph, G. S. King, E. H. Hayman, A. Atkinson, J. A. During, R. J. Beasley, G. Zethrin, R. Eriksen, F. S. Southgate, M. Fuller, S. B. Smith, A. B. Whittle, and T. Falkenheim. The visitors were Bros. M. F. Cadman, J.W. 177; P. H. Garner, P.M. 217; H. K. Lewis, P.M. 140; W. C. S. Burney, P.M. 140; Wm. Gorrie, P.M. 217; J. Palmer, P.M. 1063; E. Sykes, 357; H. Marfleet, P.M. 217; Max Mendlesohn, P.M. 212; H. P. Parrott, Major Hamilton Geary, P.M. 1383; J. E. Gill, 20; Rd. Poore, P.M. 1949, P.Z. 1423, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; J. Hatch, 1538; A. F. Dennis, 1937; A. Brown, 1987; J. J. W. Todman, 1663; A. Mossman, 65; C. W. Knight, 169; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; H. Horscroft, 211; L. D. Strelitski, 1635; D. J. Jolley, J.W. 1936; Thomas Powell, S.W. 2182; C. Strong, 2182; Jas. Bailey, 1641; W. L. Ford, 1533; S. K. Bowden, 2164; and Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641, P.M. 507, and others.

The minutes of the regular meeting and also of the emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. S. C. Phillips, P.M., presented Bro. W. Hy. Edwards, S.W. and W.M. elect, to Bro. F. W. Robinson to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in an admirable manner in a Board of 17 Installed Masters. The chair of S.W. was occupied by Bro. P. H. Garner, P.M. 217; and that of J.W. by Bro. Charles Henry Stone, W.M. 1641. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year in a most highly creditable manner as follows: Bros. F. E. Becker, I.P.M. (deferred); J. B. Gisborne, S.W.; D. McMaster, J.W.; S. C. Phillips, P.M., Treas.; J. Nixon, P.M., Sec.; G. Busbridge, S.D.; J. Ebersteins, J.D.; T. O. L. Becker, I.G.; E. B. Westman, G. J. Ralph, and S. B. Smith, Stewards; W. B. Martin, Org.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M. 1641, P.M. 507, acted as D.C., and was very highly commended. The three addresses were very ably rehearsed by the Installing Master. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. F. E. Becker, I.P.M., for valuable services rendered the lodge during the past year.

Two candidates were proposed for initiation, which is a happy augury, and then the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which was much appreciated by the brethren.

The W.M. afterwards proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in a most praiseworthy manner, which were cordially received by the brethren.

"The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," received its just meed of praise.

Bro. C. B. R. Maltby, P.M., in presenting the toast of "The W.M., Bro. W. Hy. Edwards," said it was the most important one of the evening, and fell to his lot to propose in the absence of Bro. Becker, I.P.M., but none the less it gave him an immense pleasure in so doing. The W.M. was one of the founders of the lodge, and had performed his various duties from the beginning in a highly creditable manner. He heartily congratulated him upon attaining the position, and hoped the brethren would follow the W.M. in the same assiduous way. He wished him plenty of work and a most successful year of office, and asked the brethren to unanimously drink to the health of Bro. Edwards, W.M.

Bro. C. B. R. Maltby read congratulatory telegrams from Bros. Dash, P.M., and J. Jenkins, P.M.

On rising to respond, the W.M. had a most cordial reception, and said he was most grateful for the greeting and also for the glowing terms in which the proposition had been made and received by the brethren, and to his mind not deserved. However, he had taken a very deep interest in the lodge, and should continue to do so. It would be his aim to regularly attend and perform the duties to his utmost, and to uphold the prestige of the lodge, and he trusted he should do this to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. F. W. Robinson," and said the lodge was under a deep obligation to him for having so kindly undertaken the duties in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Becker, I.P.M. The ceremonies had been performed in an admirable manner, and those who were privileged had listened with rapt attention. He had the greatest pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Robinson, and also thanking him for having done his duty so excellently.

In reply Bro. F. W. Robinson, the Installing Master, said he was only too glad to respond to the request and work the most beautiful ceremony of installation, and he was delighted in so doing. His advice was most hearty to the brethren to attend a lodge of instruction in order to attain proficiency in the splendid ritual. That lodge had had a lodge of instruction attached to it, and if the brethren desired its resuscitation he should only be too pleased to undertake the duties and give the benefit of his experience.

The W.M. next proposed one of the most important toasts of the evening, that of "The Visitors," to whom the brethren of the Papyrus Lodge always gave a most cordial greeting. There were many distinguished brethren among them, and they were all most heartily welcomed.

Bros. Sykes, Jelley, Marfleet, Burney, Poore, and Stone most ably replied, paying a high tribute to the work and hospitality.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was next given by the W.M. in most appropriate terms.

In reply, Bro. Maltby, acting as I.P.M., said he felt very gratified to respond to the toast of the P.M.s of the Papyrus Lodge. He was one of the founders, and he felt it a great privilege to see his old friend installed into the chair, and also to have the honour of replying as I.P.M. for Bro. Becker, who was unavoidably away. He was confident that the W.M. would look after their interests during the coming 12 months. They might congratulate themselves upon having so worthy a Master, and he hoped it would be a most successful year. On behalf of the P.M.s. he thanked the brethren for such a hearty reception.

Bro. S. C. Phillips, P.M., also replied that the lodge was dear to his heart, and said that the present time was most auspicious, inasmuch as two worthy brethren had reached the highest pinnacle in their respective spheres, viz., the W.M. in the lodge and also Bro. McKinley, the President of the United States. He (Bro. Phillips) was born in America, and he could not but help speaking of the election, the result of which was echoed throughout England with pleasure. In connection with the paper trade he had formed part of a deputation to wait upon Bro. McKinley, and he met them most graciously, first as brethren, and afterwards as trade representatives. He also mentioned that one of the P.M.s. of the lodge was nobly serving his Queen in South Africa. On behalf of himself he was deeply sensible of the trust reposed in him as their Treasurer, and pledged himself to safely guard the funds of the lodge.

The toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and the Officers" having been duly proposed in eloquent terms, was replied to by Bro. Nixon, P.M., Sec., and the S.W. and J.W. most cordially.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy and successful evening. An excellent programme was arranged under the direction of Bro. W. B. Martin, Org., ably assisted by Bros. Thos. Powell, C. Strong, F. S. Southgate, H. Horscroft, and Strelitskie (violinist). Bro. W. B. Martin ably presided at the piano.

Delaval Lodge, No. 2568.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALBERT RICHARDSON, P.G.S.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Central Masonic Hall, Pilgrim-street, Newcastle. There was a large attendance of officers and brethren of the lodge and visitors. Bro. Fred W. Holmes, W.M., the Installing Master, duly performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Albert Richardson, P.G.S., W.M. elect. The appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year then took place as follows: Bros. Fred W. Holmes, I.P.M.; E. H. Reed, S.W.; J. W. Cutter, J.W.; Jas. McGregor, P.M., Treas.; W. Graham Routledge, Sec.; George Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.R., Asst. Sec.; Wm. Raine, S.D.; James Keir, J.D.; W. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; G. W. Richardson, Org.; Thos. Harrold, I.G.; Wm. Bond, Wm. Ross, John McGregor, and T. Eyre Macklin, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, P.G.T., Tyler.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Edw. J. Graham, W.M. 481; Morris Marks, W.M. 2557; Jos. T. Pragnell, W.M. 48; W. M. Lyon, P.M. 406, Sec. 1427, P.P.S.G.D.; Henry Bartlett, S.W. 406; John Walton, P.M. 124; S. A. Carpenter, Sec. 1334; George Hannay, W.M. 1664; Joseph Rickerby, W.M. 124; J. Wharrier, I.P.M. 1712; W. J. Jobson, P.M. 48; J. Sutcliffe, W.M. 2680; A. Hollingsworth, I.P.M. 124; Cornwell Smith, P.M., Sec. 481, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. Chapman, J.D. 124; Jno. Douglas, S.W. 541; George Forster, W.M. 2723; F. G. Thompson, I.G. 2680; James Turnbull, Stwd. 991; A. Barr, Stwd. 481; and others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the annual festival took place, at which the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Albert Richardson, presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

During the evening, the I.P.M., Bro. Fred W. Holmes, was the recipient of a splendid silver vase from the officers and brethren of the Delaval Lodge as a mark of their esteem. Bro. Holmes suitably responded.

An excellent programme of harmony was rendered.

Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. D. WARD.

The installation of Bro. D. Ward as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on the 9th inst, the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. Ward afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. E. Dunn, I.P.M.; H. Hills, P.M., S.W.; M. Armes, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., P.G.C., D.P.G.M., Chap.; J. George, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; T. Bates, P.M., Sec.; S. Baker, S.D.; J. O. Stead, J.D.; B. Hurst, I.G.; W. G. Normandale, P.M., Org.; M. Reid, P.M., D.C.; H. C. Calcott, Stwd.; and F. Jennings, Tyler.

A banquet was held in the evening at the Rose and Crown Hotel, the W. Master presiding.

The following were present: Bros. F. E. Dunn, I.P.M.; H. Hills, J.W.; W. G. Normandale, Sec.; W. M. Armes, S.D.; J. O. Stead, J.D.; M. Reid, D. of C.; B. H. Hurst, Org.; H. C. Calcott, Stwd.; T. B. Ardley, P.M.; G. F. Hawkins, P.M.; F. Bates, P.M.; R. Orlewell, P.M.; F. Wheeler, P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. E. Mauldon, P.M.; R. S. Joy, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.B.; W. Gosling, C. H. Wells, P. A. Wilson, J. Jeffries, F. R. S. Cross, W. C. Kipling, C. J. N. Row, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Sewell, T. W. A. Hayward, A. T. Walford, N. Aprile, and F. Jennings, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. E. Barnes, 1823, P.P.G.T.; F. W. Miller, W.M. 441; Rev. J.

M. R. Vatcher, 1823, P.P.G.C.; H. H. Tebbutt, 441; T. E. Bailey, 441; B. Bloomfield, 959; W. Wells, 1331; W. H. A. Barnes, 1039; T. Stokoe, 1823, P.P.G.P.; J. Cowlin, 1823; and J. Bardwell, 1823.

A long toast list was gone through.

Bro. C. E. Mauldon, P.M., proposed "The V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C." "The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Wheeler, P.M., P.P.G.R.

Bro. T. Bates, P.M., Sec., proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. R. S. Joy, P. M., "The I.P.M., Bro. F. E. Dunn."

A capital musical programme was rendered.

St. Audrey Lodge, No. 2727.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. A. GUYATT.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Bell Hotel, Ely, on the 14th instant, and the following are the officers for the year: Bros. T. A. Guyatt, W.M.; H. Kempton, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. G. Dunwoody, S.W.; C. Lacey, P.G.S., J.W.; Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, Chap.; J. M. Harvey, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, Treas.; P. S. Allen, Sec.; J. C. Laxon, S.D.; J. S. Barnett, J.D.; Major O. Papworth, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., D.C.; H. S. Boyden, Org.; A. Burton, I.G.; S. Creake and W. Hawkes, Stewards; and J. Lewis, Tyler.

Bala Lodge, No. 1369.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. DR. EVAN WILLIAMS, P.M.

The annual installation in connection with the above lodge took place on the 7th instant, in the Masonic Hall, at the Plas Cock Hotel, Bala, when Bro. Dr. Evan Williams, P.M., was installed as W.M., Bro. Ben. E. Chadwick, P.M., being the Installing Master. Bro. Captain John Jenkins having been invested as I.P.M., the W.M. appointed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. C. Evans, S.W.; Dr. White Jones, J.W.; E. R. Jenkins, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. North Wales, Treas.; Llew. ap G. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. W. Tanquerary, P.M., P.P.G.P., Charity Representative; L. Jones, P.M., Org.; W. Hughes, S.D.; Herbert R. Heap, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. North Wales, J.D.; T. J. Freme, I.G.; and E. Edwards, Tyler. Visitors were present from many of the lodges in the province.

At the conclusion of the proceedings a banquet was held, the W.M., Bro. Dr. Evan Williams, presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and honoured in the customary manner.

Swinburne Lodge, No. 2680.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

The second anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Pilgrim-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 6th instant, when there were present a very large number of visitors and members. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. John Sutcliffe, S.W., W.M. elect., Bro. J. T. Stark, for the second time in this lodge, being the Installing Master, and in a most creditable manner he fulfilled his duty. The following brethren were amongst those present: Bros. Counsellor A. Scott, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Cornwell Smith, P.M. 481, P.P.D.G.D. of C.; R. W. Cummins, P.M. 1676; M. Marks, W.M. 2557; E. Graham, W.M. 481; F. D. Holmes, W.M. 2508; H. A. Waud, W.M. 541; G. Forster, W.M. 2723; A. C. Messer, W.M. 991; C. Hodgson, W.M. 659; J. T. Pragnell, W.M. 48; R. Plumptre, I.P.M. 481; A. Richardson, W.M. elect 2568; F. W. Richardson, W.M. 2571; H. Bartlett, S.W. 406; J. Nicholson, S.W. 1664; J. B. McKenzie, S.W. 659; R. G. Richardson, S.W. 2723; W. Raper, J.W. 1664; J. Anker, S.D. 1664; R. H. Russell, 541; R. W. Douglas, Sec. 406; T. McCormick, 1342; T. Baty, 481; G. C. Sanderson, 2568; W. Warwick, 1676; T. H. Hall, 1676; W. Davison, 481; J. W. Hudson, 541; and J. Mitchell, 158; and the following officers of the lodge: Bros. R. J. Holloway, W.M.; J. T. Stark, I.P.M.; J. Sutcliffe, S.W., W.M. elect.; G. Copeland, J.W.; H. Gregg, Sec.; A. M. Clarkson, Asst. Sec.; W. R. Whitehead, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; T. Purviss, P.P.G. Reg., D.C.; R. B. Jackson, I.G.; G. H. Erskine, Org.; and F. G. Thompson, Stwd.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, as also those of the lodge of emergency. The ballot was then taken for three gentlemen for initiation and one as a joining member, when all were approved. The Treasurer then read over the finances of the year, which showed the lodge to have in hand, after paying all debts, the handsome balance of £104 13s. Bro. T. Purviss, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D.C., then presented Bro. J. Sutcliffe, W.M. elect., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. T. Stark, I.P.M. After bowing fidelity to all the necessary questions, he was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and duly installed as Worshipful Master. The brethren were then admitted, and saluted the new-installed Master in the Three Degrees under the direction of Bro. J. T. Stark, I.P.M. The W.M., Bro. J. Sutcliffe, then invested his officers for the year: Bros. R. J. Holloway, I.P.M.; J. Copeland, S.W.; H. Gregg, J.W.; F. G. Isaacson, Treas.; A. M. Clarkson, Sec.; W. R. Whitehead, Asst. Sec.; H. Clark, S.D.; R. B. Jackson, J.D.; T. Purvis, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D.C.; G. H. Erskine, Org.; F. G. Thompson, I.G.; S. J. Thompson, J. Boggon, C. F. Assmann, and T. W. Tomlinson, Stwds.; and J. Culey, P.G.T., Tyler. The addresses of the Installing Master were given in a most impressive manner by the Installing Master. The names of three candidates were then proposed, and the "Hearty good wishes" of a large number of visiting brethren having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren wended their way to the banqueting hall.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received in a hearty manner.

The toasts of "Her Majesty the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge," "Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; Bro. Ald. R. H. Holmes, J.P., W.D.P.G.M.; and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland;" and "Bro. Canon Tristram, W.D. P.G.M., and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham," were heartily responded to.

Bro. Counsellor A. Scott, P.P.G. Std. Br., replied on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and said he hardly expected being called upon to reply that evening. He said there was nothing new he could say, and he felt sure the Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers were all highly appreciated for their arduous labours by the brethren not only of the Province of Northumberland, but also that of Durham.

Bro. J. T. Stark then gave "The W.M., Bro. J. Sutcliffe." He said he was proud of having been asked for the second time to be the Installing Master of the lodge, and he advised all officers to do their very best during the ensuing year for Bro. Sutcliffe as they had done in the past. The way the work had been done during the last two years augured well indeed for Bro. Sutcliffe's year of office. He only hoped that the W.M. would have good health to fulfil that position, and he would always be prepared to assist him if he (the W.M.) found it necessary.

The W.M. suitably replied, and then proceeded to propose "The Installing Master." He said in Bro. Stark they had one of the hardest working Masons possible to be found. He was always ready to assist anybody, and willing to fill any position in the lodge. It was mainly owing to his instrumentality that, although this was only the second anniversary, the funds of the lodge were on the soundest basis of any lodge in Northumberland, when, after paying all debts, they had to their credit in the bank over £194; and he only hoped Bro. Stark would be long spared to keep his eye, not only on the work of the lodge, but also on the finances.

Bro. J. T. Stark said he thanked the W.M. for his remarks, and that it had always been his desire to make Swinburne Lodge one of the most successful in the Province of Northumberland, and he was glad to notice that they had many brethren of quality. He believed in quality—not quantity. He had a most capable I.P.M. in Bro. Holloway, and he only hoped he would ere long be back again in Newcastle to fulfil his Masonic duties. He would not keep them any longer, but thank them for the kind manner in which they had received it, and repeat that he was always ready to assist any member of the lodge in Masonry.

For "The Visitors" Bros. R. Plumptre, I.P.M. 481; White, I.P.M. 406; A. Richardson, W.M. elect 2568; F. W. Richardson, W.M. elect 2571; A. C. Messer, W.M. 991; and C. Hodgson, W.M. 659, all suitably replied.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful meeting.

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. D. Taylor, W.M.; C. Nicole, S.W.; J. Horstead, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; T. Brown, S.D.; M. Relph, J.D.; H. J. May, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; E. Lucas, E. P. Fischer, H. R. Bower, T. A. Spencer, A. Williams, A. Noel, D. Meredith, J. Jackson, and W. B. Griffiths.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Fischer being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bower, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lucas being the candidate. Bro. J. Jackson was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

The usual weekly meeting was also held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Nicole, W.M.; J. Horstead, S.W.; T. Brown, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas., acting Sec.; M. Relph, S.D.; H. J. May, J.D.; E. P. Fischer, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; D. Taylor, S. Cload, E. Lucas, D. J. Witte, J. Jackson, and T. Bore.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lucas being the candidate. The lecture on the tracing board was given. The ceremony of raising was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. Bros. D. J. Witte and T. Bore were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Horstead was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th instant, at the Salisbury, Strand, when there were present: Bros. W. Rapley, Preceptor; J. Thomas, W.M.; C. Pastorelli, S.W.; Thos. Welham, J.W.; A. Sparkes, S.D.; E. B. Kibblewhite, J.D. and Sec.; W. D. Nott, I.G.; Hunting, Goff, and Blake.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. then announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of the Third Degree, Bro. Hunting acting as candidate; this was proceeded with. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the initiation ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Blake acting as candidate. The Secretary announced that the following members had presented jewels to the lodge: Bros. Edwards, Thomas, Pastorelli, Nott, Goff, Lisle, Penn, Kibblewhite, and Bro. Welham a cushion. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to those brethren, and stated that the lodge was now in possession of nearly all the furniture required. Bro. Rapley moved, and Bro. Welham seconded, a resolution that the Secretary be asked to write to Bro. Haw congratulating him on being elected a second time Mayor of Arundel. Carried unanimously. Bro. Goff was elected as W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation.

EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-square, W., when there were present Bros. J. Worth, W.M.; J. W. Facey, S.W.; G. C. Stafford, J.W.; F. Langford, Preceptor; J. W. Facey, Treas.; Albert J. Taylor, Sec.; J. H. King, S.D.; W. S. Lyon, J.D.; Albert J. Taylor, I.G.; H. O. Sanders, Stwd.; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; W. Binfield, F. W. Smethurst, B. S. Thompson, F. B. Barford, and several others.

Lodge opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge being opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, and after resuming the lodge to the First Degree the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. This being officers' night, the brethren of the mother lodge took up their respective offices, and the W.M. congratulated all on the good working and careful attention to all the various details in the ceremonies. The Secretary read a letter from the Grand Secretary approving of the alteration of the night of meeting, and it was agreed that the lodge meet in future on Thursday evenings, commencing with the 15th instant. This alteration has taken place in consequence of many members of the mother lodge and also other members being unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, who are desirous of gaining their instruction in this lodge of instruction under the very able direction of Bro. J. Worth.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF THE LADYSMITH MARK LODGE, No. 528.

The consecration of this now historical lodge took place at Ladysmith on Monday, September 3rd, by R.W. Bro. Thomas Cook, Dist. G. Master. The Dist. G. Master had originally fixed October 21st, 1899, for the consecration of the lodge, but owing to the outbreak of hostilities it had to be postponed.

The 33rd half-yearly communication of the Dist. G. Mark Lodge of Natal was held immediately before the consecration, when there was a very good attendance. The most interesting feature of the consecration being that it was the first time the new Masonic temple (which R.W. Bro. Westley Francis, Dist. G. Master of the Craft, laid the foundation-stone of, with much pomp and ceremony, just before the war—the walls of which did not escape from Boer shell) had been used.

The beautiful ceremony of consecration having been carried out, Bro. Douglas De Fenzir, P. Dist. G. Sec., then most impressively installed the W.M. elect—that good Mason and veteran citizen of Ladysmith, Bro. Charles J. Jones, who appointed as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren: Fraser, S.W.; Fleming, J.W.; Clegg, M.O.; Miller, S.O.; Baillie, J.O.; W. Jay Browne, Treas.; J. Campbell, Sec.; Harburn, S.D.; Surgeson, J.D.; Wells, I.G.; and Harward, Tyler.

Of the above mentioned officers the following were present in Ladysmith throughout the siege: Bros. C. J. Jones, Clegg, Miller, Baillie, Harburn, and Surgeson.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The following are the names of the founders: Bros. Capt. Hearn, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Robert King, Lieut. A. C. McLachlan (18th Hussars), G. Stwd. Eng.; Capt. Pearson (Leicester Regiment); Jno. Birch, J. Wallace Bradley, Dist. G. Sec.; Henry McMillan, Henry Buxton Brown, Henry Rutherford, J. Franklyn Bartlett, and J. Padget Carter.

Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. PARKINSON.

The installation meeting of this well-known English lodge took place at the lodge rooms, Royal Standard Theatre, Castlereagh-street, Sydney, N.S.W., on the 3rd ult., in the presence of a fair attendance of visitors and members.

Bro. Knight opened the lodge in the absence of the W.M., and then vacated the chair to Bro. Robinson, P.M., who installed Bro. Parkinson, P.M. The officers were appointed and invested as follows, Bro. John Bustard, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, acting as

D.C.: Bros. H. S. Land, S.W.; G. Ellis, J.W.; W. J. Boyes, Chap.; C. J. Lanyon, Treas.; G. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; A. A. Tomlin, S.D.; F. D. Madden, J.D.; A. D. Ross, I.G.; F. Fuller, Org.; J. Davies and T. Wilson, Stwds.; and M. Smillie, Tyler.

A number of apologies were received for absence before the lodge was closed. In the banquet room the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the remarks of the visitors being particularly well received, and a pleasant meeting closed at about 11 p.m.

Royal Arch.

Unity Chapter, No. 1151.
INSTALLATION OF COMP. F. J. DAVISON.

The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall, when there was a very large gathering of members and visiting companions. This chapter a few years ago was in a moribund condition, but since then it has made rapid strides, and is now in a very prosperous state.

Craft Masonry.

St. Eleth Lodge, No. 1488.
INSTALLATION OF BRO. R. E. PRITCHARD.

On the 6th instant the officers and members of the above lodge commemorated the 25th anniversary of its existence at Amlwch, when Bro. R. E. Pritchard was duly installed in the chair. The lodge was consecrated on Thursday, September 3rd, 1874, in the presence of the then P.G.M., the late Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Goldsbrough, who installed the following brethren, viz.: Bros. R. T. Phillips, W.M.; B. Rose, S.W.; C. Hills, J.W.; James Treweek, Sec.; Henry Lloyd, Chap.; Edward Morgan Jones, S.D.; Chas. S. Dyer, J.D.; John Hughes, I.G.; and Thos. Pritchard, Steward. The lodge meetings were held at the Castle Hotel for about 22

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the chair of M.E.Z. was, at the request of the First Principal, taken by Comp. Major J. G. Shanks, K.M., P.Z. and Scribe E., who then proceeded to that most important function the installation of the Principals for the ensuing year, and they, having been presented in rotation, were duly installed into their respective chairs, the beautiful ritual being rendered in such an impressive manner as to give great pleasure to all present. The following are the officers of the chapter for the ensuing year: Comps. F. J. Davison, M.E.Z.; R. H. Denison, H.; W. Symons, J.; W. J. Samble, I.P.Z.; Major Shanks, Scribe E. and Treas.; J. Wellington, Scribe N.; F. A. Searle, P.S.; G. W. White, 1st A.S.; J. Retallick, 2nd A.S.; and G. Trembeth, Janitor. Comp. Shanks then, by desire of the new First Principal, undertook the exaltation of two candidates to the Royal Arch Degree, performing the ceremony most ably, and receiving a cordial vote of thanks for the admirable manner in which he had done the whole of the work of the meeting.

Unity Chapter is to be congratulated on its present position, which is owing more to the quality than to the quantity of its membership, and upon having on its roll so zealous and capable a companion as its present Scribe E., who has done yeoman's service for the chapter since he became a member. A very noticeable and agreeable feature of the meeting was the fact that the Principal Sojourner and his senior Assistant—though very young Royal Arch Masons—were perfectly acquainted with their very interesting work, and performed it admirably.

care bestowed by them during the erection of the hall. This resolution was carried unanimously and with acclamation. Bro. Thos. Mills, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., took a photograph of Bro. John Hughes and the new hall at the opening ceremony, and sent them to the *Freemason* for publication.

The installation ceremony on the 6th instant was conducted in an able and effective manner by Bros. the Rev. James Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., and J. M. Gunn, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., the following brothers being the officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. R. E. Pritchard, W.M.; W. J. Grued, I.P.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; O. P. Jones, J.W.; the Rev. James Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Wm. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; John R. Roberts, Sec.; J. M. Gunn, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., D. of C.; D. Garrick Roberts, S.D.; Richard Pritchard, J.D.; William Fisher, I.G.; Samuel Evans, Org.; Owen Thomas, T. P. Leche, and W. R. Hughes-Hunter, Stwds.; Hugh Pritchard, Almoner; and Capt. R. Griffith, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. R. E. Pritchard, is 33 years of age, and has an extensive practice as solicitor in Holyhead. He has been clerk to the Holyhead School Board since 1893, is a member of the Holyhead Urban District Council, and a so of the St. Cybi and St.

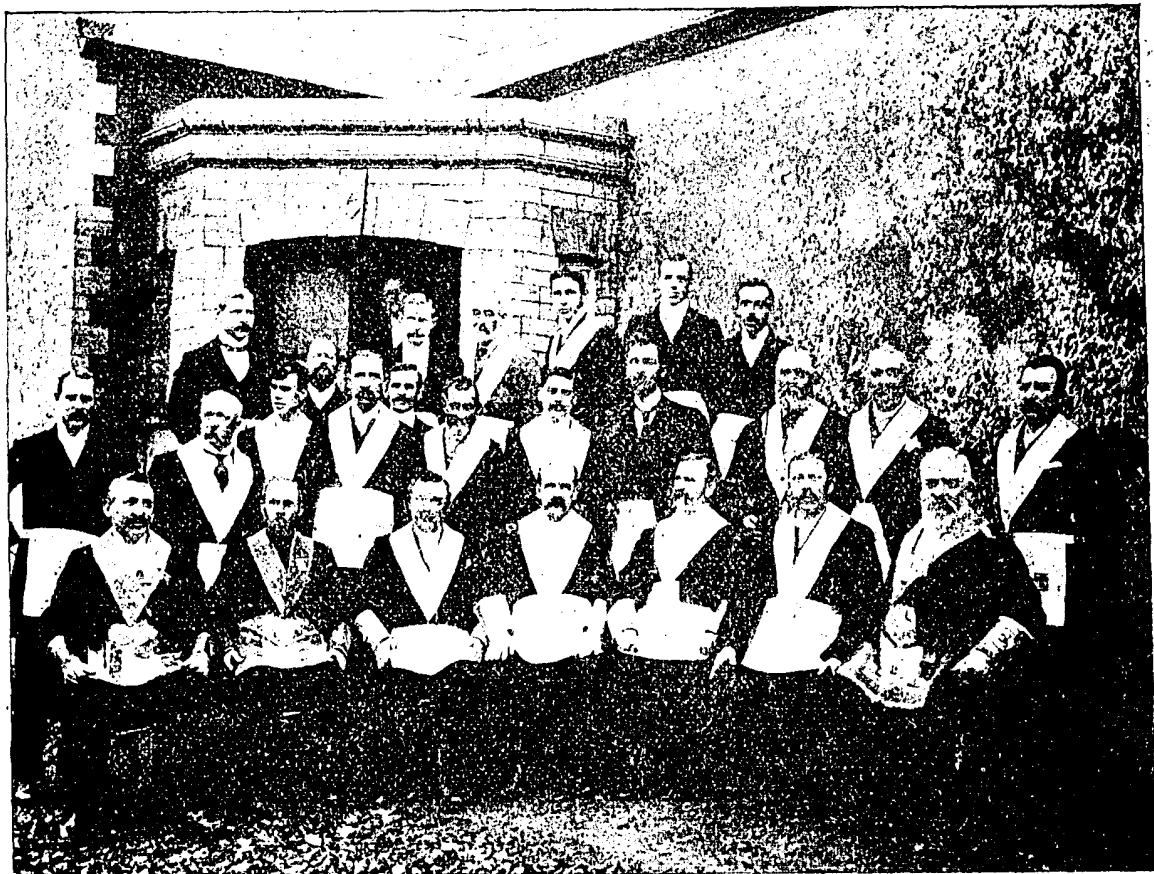


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years. A few years ago a number of influential brethren, under the able leadership of Bro. John Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., and Bro. W. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas., succeeded in purchasing a suitable building site and erecting a commodious Masonic Hall, at a cost of about £400, which was opened January 5th, 1867, during the Mastership of Bro. John Hughes. While the responsibility and principal part of the burden fell on the broad shoulders of the two brothers named, they were faithfully supported by Bros. Rev. James Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. M. Gunn, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Robt. Roberts, P.M.; H. J. Gruer, P.M.; John R. Roberts, the indefatigable Secretary, and others. At the opening of the new hall it was proposed by Bros. the Rev. James Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., and seconded by Thos. F. Jones, P.M., that the hearty thanks of the lodge be accorded to Bros. John Hughes, then W.M. of the lodge, and Wm. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas., for the great trouble and

Eleth Lodges, and of St. Eilian Mark Lodge, in connection with which he has on two occasions been the recipient of provincial honours. We wish him every success.

The banquet was held at the Dinorben Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was served under the able supervision of the genial proprietor, Bro. T. P. Leche.

Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. R. W. Pearson, S.D. 597; Isaac Evans, 597; J. Evans, 597; Phil E. Jones, J.W. St. David's; and Thomas Mills, P.M. St. David's, P.P.G.S.B.

After the banquet the usual toasts were drunk, and all separated highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

As a commemoration of the 25th anniversary a photograph of the officers and brethren present at the installation was taken by Bro. Thos. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Bangor, from whom copies may be had.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. SIR GEORGE MARTIN, the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, is preparing special music for the forthcoming Peace Thanksgiving.

BRO. T. W. R. WHITE, a member of the Sherborne District Council, and Governor of Forster's Grammar School, died at Sherborne, Dorset, on the 12th inst., aged 55 years.

THE PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE will be held at Cambridge on Friday, the 7th prox. Possibly the Prov. Grand Chapter may be held there on the same day.

A MEETING of the supporters of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall in his candidature for the Grand Treasurership will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when the Earl of Halsbury will take the chair at 5.30 p.m.

THE MARRIAGE of Bro. Herbert J. Allcroft, J.P., of Stokesay Court, Shropshire, and Miss Margaret J. (Cissy) Russell, the only daughter of the late Lieut.-General Sir William Russell, Bart., C.B., will take place at St. Stephen's, Rochester-row, Westminster, on Saturday, the 15th prox.

THE MAYORALTY OF MAIDSTONE.—Bro. F. J. Oliver has accepted the invitation to occupy the civic chair of Maidstone for the ensuing year. He is the son of Alderman Dr. J. Oliver. He is a lance-sergeant in the Maidstone troop of the West Kent Yeomanry, and the W.M. of the Belvedere Lodge, No. 503.

AT A MEETING of Rothesay St. John's Lodge, held on the 5th inst., the accounts of the recent bazaar were submitted, and showed a surplus of £655 4s. 8d., which was considered by the brethren to be very satisfactory, and they recorded their warmest thanks to all who had assisted by donations and otherwise to bring the bazaar to a successful conclusion.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY has forwarded to Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, the late Lord Mayor, the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Medjidieh, which his Highness the Khedive has conferred upon him as a souvenir of his visit to the City, and has informed Sir Alfred that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to give him permission to accept and wear the decoration.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Durham will be held at the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Saturday, the 1st prox., instead of on Saturday, the 24th inst., as previously arranged. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having appointed Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., to be the Grand Superintendent of the province, the installation of the reverend Canon will take place at the meeting on the 1st prox.

IT IS proposed to perpetuate in some useful and practical manner the name of the late Mr. Sims Reeves. Bro. W. H. Cummings, Mus. Doc., F.S.A., Mr. George Fox, Bro. Sir Henry Irving, Mr. August Manns, Sir Herbert Oakeley, Mr. Charles Santley, and Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan have consented to act on the committee to carry out this object. The London and County Bank will receive subscriptions at any of their branches.

MASONIC "AT HOME."—The first "At Home" of the season, arranged by the directors will be held at the Freemasons' Club, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, on Tuesday evening next, commencing at 8.30. There are 10 dances on the programme, and during the intervals songs will be given by Miss E. Sawyer, Miss Walters, and Messrs. E. Cook, R. B. Fabian, and W. Bate, Mr. G. Washington Allen being down for a recitation.

THE EARLSWOOD ASYLUM.—The board of management of this charity have issued an appeal to a number of the City companies for special grants towards the heavy expenditure about to be incurred at the Asylum in carrying out sanitary, heating, and ventilating improvements. The signatories include: Lord Rothschild, Alderman Sir George Faudel Phillips, Bart., Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P., Alderman Sir Marcus Samuel, and Mr. A. L. Cohen, the vice-presidents; together with several members of the board of management.

MISS KATHLEEN HAYDN GREEN, who will act as Lady Mayoress for her father during the next 12 months, is a writer of graceful and pleasing verse. The *Sphere* prints a short poem, from which we quote:

In the night on the restless town
Those eyes of God, the stars, look down
With thousand pitying beams divine
Tireless those tender star-orbs shine,
And whisper: "Sleep, world-children, sleep;
God on His throne doth vigil keep"

PREACHING at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair said all knew how admirably the City had been governed for many a century. They rejoiced in the impartial justice, its freedom from corruption, and its unrivalled generosity. It was a glorious thing for the outgoing Lord Mayor to take home with him the recollection that he had been the means of collecting £1,600,000 for the great war and the great famine. For the new Chief Magistrate the best wish was that he might rival the greatest of his predecessors in justice, uprightness, and integrity; and that he might do his utmost to drive out of the City the spirit of reckless speculation and the lust for undue profits.

BRO. THE REV. CANON TRISTRAM, D.D., who has been appointed G. Superintendent of Durham, is one of the best known and most accomplished naturalists in Europe, his famous collection of birds, which found a resting-place some years ago in the museum at Liverpool, being probably unsurpassed. In the course of his travels in foreign lands the Canon has had adventures which would have unnerved many a man who is far less used than he to the "creeping things of the earth." On one occasion, for instance, he espied something in the sand which he believed to be a lizard, but which to his horror turned out to be a viper of a deadly kind. His Greek boatman simply shivered with fright and, of course, did nothing; but quick as thought the doctor seized an empty soda-water bottle which happened to be at hand, and forcing the reptile's head into the neck, thus uncoiled it from the deadly grip of his hand.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, Captain-General and Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company, presided on the 9th instant at a regimental banquet given at the headquarters, Finsbury, to those members of the regiment who served with the City Imperial Volunteers in South Africa. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Our Returned Comrades," the Prince said it was especially gratifying to find that they were able to send to South Africa a larger number of trained men than any other Volunteer corps. When the City Imperial Volunteer battalion was formed 126 were selected from those who volunteered from the Honourable Artillery Company, and there were 83 of the regiment among those who constituted the admirable battery which did such excellent service under Major McMicking. His Royal Highness proceeded to speak in terms of warm recognition of the manner in which the officers and men of the regiment had acquitted themselves during the campaign. Major McMicking responded to the toast, and "The Health of the Prince of Wales" was afterwards proposed by Colonel Mackinnon.

BRO. W. H. LOVELL was installed as W.M. of the Chicheley Lodge, No. 607, at the White Hart Hotel, Thrapston, on the 12th instant. After the ceremony a banquet was partaken of. There was a large gathering of the Craft.

THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.—On the 10th instant the chairman and members of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Committee met at Guildhall and distributed among some 150 poor and deserving persons the fragments of the previous day's festivities, for which the recipients expressed much gratitude.

MOST APPROPRIATE.—The late Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir A. Newton, has been decorated by the Shah with the highest Persian Order, the Lion and the Sun, doubtless in recognition of Sir Alfred's British-leonine capability, and of—well, his son's prowess in Southwark during the election.—*Punch*.

BRO. THE REV. STEPHEN BARRASS, rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, and chaplain to the regiment, preached at the church parade held by the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Essex Regiment at the Hackney Parish Church on the 4th instant. The service was attended by the contingent supplied to the Lord Mayor's Own by the regiment.

THE FREEMASON may be obtained from any newsagent or bookseller. Where any difficulty is found, copies will be posted regularly direct from the Publishers, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., on the following terms: Twelve months (home), 13s. 6d.; six months, 6s. 9d.; and for abroad, twelve months, 15s. 6d.; six months, 7s. 9d., post free.

WE UNDERSTAND that at the last meeting of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, at Ashby, of which Bro. Canon Denton is the senior Past Master, a presentation of a very handsome and costly gold Masonic decoration, beautifully enamelled, was presented to Bro. Canon Denton in recognition of his long services to the Ashby Lodge, and of the distinguished position he holds in Masonry in the Province of Leicester and Rutland.

DINNER TO BRO. SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE.—The inhabitants of Cornhill Ward were largely and influentially represented on Monday at the dinner given at the Albion Tavern in celebration of the election of Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, M.P., as one of the members of Parliament for the City. The chair was occupied by Sir Henry Seymour King, K.C.I.E., M.P.

AT THEIR LAST MEETING the court of the Grocers' Company, on the proposition of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Miller, passed unanimously and with heartiness the following resolution: "The master, wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Grocers' Company offer their hearty congratulations to their colleague, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, upon his election to represent the City of London in Parliament."

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GOLDSMITHS AND JEWELLERS' ANNUITY AND ASYLUM INSTITUTION.—President, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel George Lambert, V.D., F.S.A.—The 32nd annual dinner in aid of the funds of the above institution, will take place in the Crown Room at the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, W.C., on Wednesday, the 28th inst., when Bro. the Hon. W. F. B. Massey-Mainwaring, LL.B., M.P., will preside. Tickets, 10s. 6d. Dinner at 6.30 for 7 o'clock precisely.

LORD MAYOR AT PLAY.—The new Lord Mayor devotes all his spare time to Freemasonry. Few men in England are such ardent Masons, and his memory for Masonic ritual excites general admiration in his lodge. He cares, says "M.A.P.," for neither shooting nor pictures. His sole thought, apart from his business as a great stationer, is for Freemasonry. His charity is enormous, but most unostentatious, being usually quite anonymous.—*Daily Express*.

THE SOCIETY OF YORKSHIREMEN IN LONDON.—Bro. Sir Walter Peace, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for Natal, presided at a concert held under the auspices of the above society at the Holborn Restaurant last week. Addressing the gathering before the commencement of the musical programme, the Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. The company having joined in the National Anthem, the concert was proceeded with. The artistes included Mr. Eben-Powell, R.A.M., who rendered a song "Our Gallant Men," specially composed by Mr. Thwaites, F.R.S. On the president vacating the chair Mr. Stephen Miall, LL.D., presided.

SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.—The Grand Secretary of Scottish Freemasonry has issued a circular reminding lodges that at their meetings on St. John's Day they must, in terms of a resolution of Grand Lodge, make a collection on behalf of the Annuity Fund. He mentions that the Grand Master trusts that in its consideration the Craft will be favourably influenced by the knowledge of the great good that since its establishment in 1889 the Annuity Fund has done to many deserving brethren, their widows, and orphans. There are at present on the roll of annuitants 61 members of lodges, 48 widows, and 32 orphans, involving an annual expenditure of £1305. In annuities Grand Lodge has spent upwards of £12,000. The collections of last year realised £445, and for the years 1899 and 1900 the subscriptions have amounted to £951.

Knights Templar.

Gwent Preceptory, No. 115.

The election meeting of the above preceptory was held on the 31st ult., date altered by dispensation, at the Masonic Hall, Newport. There was a goodly number of members present.

The sir knights having formed the arch of steel, Sir Knight E. C. Newby, E.P., entered, and took his seat. He was accompanied by the I.P.E.P., Sir Knight Captain W. H. Williams, Sir Knights S. G. Homfray, P.E.P.; J. H. Taylor, P.E.P.; A. E. Fuller, P.E.P., Prov. Reg.; and Alfred Taylor, P.E.P. The officers present were Sir Knights R. A. Forsyth, 1st Cons.; E. J. Whitley, 2nd Cons.; Sam Dean, Prelate and Treas.; T. P. Garrett, Reg.; F. J. Roberts, Marshal; Dr. De Vere Hunt, 1st Std. Br.; F. Martin, 2nd Std. Br.; and C. Carlsen, Capt. of Guard. Apologies were sent from the candidates for non-attendance. The next business was the election of the E.P. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight R. A. Forsyth was unanimously elected. Sir Knight Sam Dean having proved himself such an invaluable Treasurer, was again elected to that important office. The bye-laws were, with some slight alterations, adopted, having been revised and brought up to date since the last meeting. The alms having been collected, the priory closed.

Then a priory of the Knights of Malta was held, and four sir knights were inaugurated into that Sublime Degree, after which the knights adjourned to the supper-room, where light refreshments were partaken of, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

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Lindisfarne Lodge, No. 2762 ...	10,030	19	7
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Starkie Lodge, No. 1634 ...	6	9	9
Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572 ...	5	5	0
W. Bro. Sir George Harris, P.G.D. ...	5	5	0

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 24, 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 18

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

CRaft LODGES.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.
720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
861, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Cafe Royal.
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
1694, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal.
2489, Willesden, St. Andrew's Schools.
2545, Iris, Hotel Cecil.
2563, Justicia, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGE and CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
Brondesbury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.
Dalhousie, 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, Fenge-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.
Walthamston, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamston, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Orie Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
C.ewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

CRaft LODGES.

39, United Mariners, Frascati Restaurant.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2022, Haven, Public Buildings, Ealing.
2408, Hampstead, Vestry Hall, Haverstock Hill.
2500, Old Days, Criterion.
2742, Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, Finchley-road.
2771, Yorick, Queen's Hotel, Leicester-square.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

45, Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1017, Montefiore, Holborn Restaurant.
1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.

ROSE CROIX.

45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

LODGE and CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Clapper, 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 and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Kemble's Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
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.
Westbourne, 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 21.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 5.
Grand Stewards' Lodge.

CRaft LODGES.

7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
169, Temperance, Tower Bridge Hotel.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1044, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings, Lavender-hill.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1278, Burdett-Coutts, Great Eastern Hotel.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1362, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1571, Leopold, Holborn Restaurant.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
1673, Welcome, Cafe Royal.
1677, Crusaders, Holborn Restaurant.
2140, Huguenot, Criterion.
2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
2272, Rye, Holborn Restaurant.
2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common.
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2361, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
2501, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel.
2589, Borough, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
2601, Holloway, Beale's Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

2489, Willesden, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

195, Croydon, Greyhound Hotel.

ROSE CROIX.

79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-square.

LODGE 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.
Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, 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, Killo-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, Knighttrider-st., E.C.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 6.
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 22.

House Committee Girls' School at 4.30.

CRaft LODGES.

34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.

858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green.
861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
871, Royal Oak, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal.
1608, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
1974, St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
2012, Chiswick, Criterion.
2319, Scots, Holborn Restaurant.
2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
157, Bedford, Mark Masons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—

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

LODGE and CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 345, 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.
Earl's Court, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-sq., W.
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.
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.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRaft LODGES.

197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
509, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
2312, London Irish Rifles, Hotel Cecil.
2648, Marciars, Trocadero Restaurant.
2693, Pellipar, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGE 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, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and and 4th Friday, at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-rd, 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.
Grand Masters' Mark Lodge, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m. sharp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

CRaft LODGES.

1584, Loyalty and Charity, Frascati Restaurant.
1679, Henry Muggerdridge, Anderton's Hotel.
1700, Orpheus, Holboen Restaurant.
2472, Walthamston, Great Eastern Hotel.
2647, Aileyn, Crown and Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.
2700, Old Masonians, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1185, Lewis, Holborn Restaurant.
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGE and CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 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, Killo-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

COTTON-SEED OIL.

(Continued.)

In England, when an attempt was made some years ago to popularise cotton-seed oil, the effort failed, the want of success being largely due, it is said, to the uncleanly methods of a certain class of public caterers, who were by no means slow to recognise the suitability of the new oil for the requirements of their own particular business. There are, in London, and most provincial towns as well, institutions rejoicing in the suggestive name of "Fried-fish shops," or "Fried-fish establishments." The enterprising caterers who thus minister to the requirements of a large section of the lower stratum of society, in the matter of a fried-fish diet, are much addicted to the use of cotton-seed oil as the oleaginous medium in which they fry their fish. Now, the oil itself is wholesome and odourless, and possesses not a single objectionable property, and is capitally suited for the purpose. Unfortunately, however, the profits attached to the running of a fried-fish establishment are not of the colossal order. Competition, too, in this walk of life is keen, and thus rigorous economy is absolutely necessary. Thus the oil employed is utilised again and again, and hence the combination of "ancient and fish-like smells" which compels the wayfarer to protect his olfactory nerves from their contact. In spite, however, of the bad odour into which cotton-seed oil has fallen on this account, it is slowly, but surely, gaining popular favour. "Cottolene," a lard-like preparation from the oil, is stated, by those who have tried it, to be quite equal to the ordinary lard of domestic use. Much of the oil manufactured in the States is exported to the various Mediterranean ports, more especially to Marseilles, Genoa, and Naples. It is not difficult to tell what becomes of it. Some of it is, of course, used by the poorer classes as a substitute for the dearer olive oil. The bulk of it, however, is sold as that oil, being first of all mixed with the pure product, or else "prepared," and then sold right out as olive oil. But the inhabitants of the United States do not escape all consequences from the trade fraud, which, innocently or otherwise, they are the means of perpetrating upon the citizens of Italy or the countries adjacent. The population of the great North-American Republic, includes many subjects who claim Italy, France, or Spain, as the land of their birth. They are large consumers of olive oil, and that from their fatherland is, of course, the best. Sad, however, to relate, much of the olive oil exported from Marseilles, Genoa, or Naples, to the United States is just cotton-seed oil, shipped, originally, from North-American ports, doctored a little, perhaps, up the Mediterranean, and then sent back as the product of native olive yards. Much cotton-seed oil is also exported to Antwerp, some of the vessels engaged in carrying it having been specially built much on the lines of a petroleum tanker, to carry the oil in bulk. Dutch and Belgian enterprise has discovered dozens of methods in which cotton-seed oil may be utilised, and it is an open secret that it enters very largely into the composition of a variety of products, whose principal constituents are, generally, supposed to be animal fat. Regrettable as these frauds may be, they serve to indicate the usefulness of the oil as a food stuff. When the public recognition of this fact increases, cotton-seed oil products will be better able to stand upon their own merits, and there will no longer be the necessity or temptation to disguise this useful article of food under other names. The future which awaits the oil industry is certainly a great one. It is already an important factor in determining the income of the cotton-planter, and while the staple itself continues at its present price, must be of the greatest importance to him. The mills pay well, and the 27 crushing establishments situated in South Carolina dealt in 1894 with no less than 75 000 tons of seed valued at 800,000 dollars. From this seed 60,000 barrels of oil, 26,000 tons of cotton-seed meal, 5000 bales of lint—these the fine cotton attached to the seed—and 25 000 tons of holls were obtained. And yet it is not many years ago that the commercial value of cotton-seed, apart from its use in propagating its kind, was almost entirely unsuspected.

MINIATURE PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

Lanzi asserts that Giulio Clovio painted portraits in miniature for particular persons; but that it was not his usual practice. "Per privati lavoro ritratini in gran numero (nella qual arte è dal Vasari ugualinto a Tiziano) ed anche qualche quadretto. Questi però sono rarissimi nelle raccolte." Whoever has well examined the works of Giulio Clovio will perceive that he was able to represent giants in miniature, as in his painting of their combat with the gods, from Ovid. There are now in England three specimens of his matchless talent—(1) The Book of Psalms (dated 1537), which had belonged to Lord Arundel, from whom it passed to the Duchess of Portland, and at her sale was purchased for £169. This same Book of Psalms, at a sale in 1842, was purchased by the Earl of Waldegrave for 420 guineas. It has thus been described by Horace Walpole—"The Book of Psalms, with 21 inimitable illuminations, by Don Julio Clovio, scholar of Julio Romano." If anything can excel the figures it is the execution of the borders, which are of the purest antique taste, and unrivalled for the lustre and harmony of the colours, as well as for the preservation, which is allowed to be more perfect than that of any of the few works of this "extraordinary master." (2) An illumination on *pecorella* (abortive vellum) representing a cardinal sitting before a table with St. Andrew and other tutelar saints, at Kensington. (3) Several folio sheets (formerly part of a larger MS.) upon the same material, containing Scripture history, purchased from the Continent by the late John Townley, Esq.; not inferior to any of Clovio's known works. Pittiot, whose enamels have exceeding merit, perhaps owed a little of the beauty of his works to the happy nature of the composition; we, ourselves, have nobody to put in competition with Oliver, except it be our own Cooper, who, though living in an age of freer pencil and under the auspices of Vandyck, scarce compensated by the boldness of his expression for the truth of nature and delicate fidelity of the older master. Oliver's son, Peter, alone approached to the perfection of his father. Oliver, after studying under Hilliard, had some instruction from Zuccherro. Vertue even thought, from the variety of his drawings after the great masters, especially Parmegiano, that he had been in Italy. Among many masterpieces in this country is the portrait of Oliver, painted by himself. This picture alone would justify all that has been said in his praise. The art of the master and the imitation of nature

are so great in it that the largest magnifying glass only calls out new beauties. But the first, at least the best preserved of all his works is the head of Lady Lucy Percy, mother of Venetia, Lady Digby; she is in black, with a large hat of the same colour and a very large ruff, the whole painted on a lilac ground. This was purchased, with many exquisite pieces, by his son Peter, of whom we shall speak hereafter.

(To be continued.)

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

The piece now playing at the above theatre, entitled, "The Price of Peace," is a new and original drama of modern life. The author, Cecil Raleigh, has introduced in his production some realistic scenes, which are extremely well arranged and are most effective, such as "The Terrace of the House of Commons," "Niagara Skating Rink," "Westminster Abbey" (the interior), "The House of Commons," in session, this is the best. The plot for the first two acts is tedious and lacks action. In the third act, however, an episode takes place which is of most thrilling interest, it is introduced in Scene 2, the attention is arrested, increasing in intensity in Scene 3, culminating in Scene 4—"The House of Commons." The climax is here reached—the fourth act continues and concludes the story—this, of course, is necessary, however, we cannot but feel it is an *anti-climax*. The hero, if he may be so called, is the Earl of Derwent, M.P. The rôle is taken by Mr. Henry Neville, who, by his admirable well-finished acting, sustains, with appropriate dignity, the important character he assumes; there is a graceful courtliness in his manner, which is very appropriate; his last speech in the House of Commons, when he alludes to the fatal necessity of the deed, justifying its commission, shows him to be a consummate master of his art. The other characters are of minor importance compared with that of the Earl of Derwent. The chief of these are entrusted to Messrs. Chas. C. Allan, Frank Atherley, Chas. M. Lowne, and Alfred Bucklaw, who render full justice to their respective parts; the gentlemanly villain falls to the lot of Mr. H. Cooper Cliffe, whose urbanity almost tempts us to condone his evil deeds. The lady artistes have not much opportunity of distinguishing themselves. We may, however, mention Miss Lettice Fairfax, who looks pretty and unaffected as the hospital nurse, and as Lady Kathleen, in her noble father's mansion, she has, by the way, one or two chances which she does not neglect. Mrs. Raleigh, as the Baroness Manola Blanco, and Miss Vane Featherstone, as Lady St. Azuline, look very handsome in their beautiful dresses. We think all should see the piece for the realistic scenes and the powerfully dramatic third act.

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A lecture was delivered here last week by Mrs. E. Main. The subject, a most interesting one, "Some of the Cities and Sights of Spain"; these were illustrated by limelight views. Having on one or two separate occasions visited the North and South of Spain, we were delighted to renew acquaintance with places we had previously visited. The lady lecturer drew our attention to the cities of Burgos, Avila, and Tegovia, in the north. The views shown us were photographs taken by Mrs. Main herself. Madrid was also noticed, and allusions made to the chief places, the famed picture gallery, Royal Palace, Puerta del Sol, the Escorial, &c. Then we went to the south, visiting Gibraltar, Cordova, Granada (the Alhambra), Seville, Cadiz, &c. Mrs. Main traced the rise and decadence of the various architectural orders, and the important influence they had upon the people generally. Mrs. Main strongly urged tourists to visit Spain; there would be much that would repay the journey. Mrs. Main has written a guide for tourists, which will be found to be of great practical utility.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Adelphi, under the new management of the syndicate having Mr. T. Davis at its head, is to be constructed anew as regards its auditorium, with an entrance to the stalls on the street level. Next Easter, under the name of the New Adelphi, the house will be re-opened with a musical comedy.

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Mr. Beerbohm Tree will be the guest of the evening at the inaugural dinner of the new O.P. Club, to be given at the Hotel Cecil in January. The O.P.s. are late members of the Playgoers' Club, prominent among the seceders being Mr. Cecil Raleigh, who, on the 18th instant, is to read a paper to his fellow clubmates on the subject of "The Commercial Drama."

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Madame Sara Bernhardt has received for her 234 performances of "L'Aiglon," at her own theatre in Paris, £90,000. For her ensuing tour in America the great actress is to receive a nett sum equivalent to £300 a day.

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