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NEXT YEAR'S BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

Christmas is now so near at hand, and when the holidays are over the interval that will then be available for organising effective help will be so short, that it does not seem too early to have our usual look round and take stock of the prospects awaiting us during the approaching Festival campaign. We remarked some while since in one of our Articles or Notes that in one respect all three Institutions stood at the outset of this campaign upon an equal footing. Each of them was fortunately in a position to announce, at a comparatively early date during the past summer, that it had succeeded in enlisting the support of a distinguished Mason as its Chairman for 1901; that each of these brethren had already rendered important services at more than one Festival; and that, consequently, so far as they were concerned, we might reasonably anticipate that next year would witness at least as large an aggregate of big returns as we have known in past years. Our present concern, however, is with the 59th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 27th February next, under the auspices of the Right Hon. the Earl of WARWICK, Dep. Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of Essex. His lordship has done a like service for each of our Scholastic Institutions—for the Girls' School in 1884, not very long after his appointment to office, when the total of the Returns exceeded £13,000, inclusive of the sum of £1000 raised by Essex, which then mustered only 22 lodges; and for the Boys' School, in 1893, when the Returns reached £21,840, out of which "the Chairman's Province," which the previous year had raised £2318 for the Benevolent Jubilee, contributed £2155, the number of its lodges having in the interval increased to 33. It now musters 45 lodges and, therefore, we are hopeful that in honour of his lordship's third Chairmanship, Essex will prove as loyal to its chief as it did at the Festivals we have mentioned. Moreover, he is now not only Grand Master of the Province, but Deputy Grand Master of England, and nothing will prove more incontestably the great and increasing respect and affection they feel for his lordship than a Return that will exceed in amount its former figures. That such an amount of support will be appreciated by his lordship cannot be doubted, nor have we ourselves any misgiving that the Province will prove its loyalty towards him by helping to the best

of its ability to promote next year the success of this Festival at which he has undertaken to preside. Moreover, from inquiries we have ascertained that the Secretary of the Institution, who is night after night visiting lodges and chapters both in town and country with a view to enlisting their support, has thus far had the good fortune to enrol some 200 ladies and brethren as Stewards for February next, a number not so very far inferior to what he had enrolled at the corresponding period of last year, when an unprecedentedly strong Board of Stewards gave their services in behalf of the Old People. Hence on this and on the grounds previously mentioned, the prospects of a successful issue to the labours now in progress are, to say the least, encouraging, and if lodges and chapters will appoint representatives at the earliest possible date, so that the latter may have ample time for canvassing, we have no hesitation in saying that the outlook will be more encouraging still.

It is almost unnecessary to point out that the support needed for our Benevolent Institution is as great as ever; in fact, even greater than ever it was before. In 1899, the Festival proved so successful, that the Committee of Management created five male and three widow annuities, while early in the present year they made a further increase by creating three male and five widow annuities. Thus the fixed establishment of the Institution is now greater than it was in 1898 by eight male and eight widow annuitants, the total sum required to meet these additional claims being £576 per annum. If our readers will refer to the Report which the Committee submitted at the annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution on the 18th May, they will find it therein stated that the total number of annuitants on the two Funds is 463, inclusive of the additions just mentioned, namely, 210 on the Male Fund at £40 per annum each, and 253 on the Widows' Fund at £32 per annum each, the total sum required annually to provide the annuities being £16,496. But in addition there are—or were at the time the Report was presented—26 widow half-annuitants receiving each of them £20 a year, thereby increasing the annual outlay for annuities alone to £17,016. To this must be further added the expenses of management and for the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon, with the result that year by year the Committee is under the necessity of providing some £20,000 in order to meet the outlay to which the Institution is committed, and all it has in the shape of permanent income in order to meet this outlay is the annual grants of £1600 from Grand Lodge and £150 from Grand Chapter, and the interest on its invested capital, amounting, it may be, to between £4000 and £4500. In short, while the permanent expenditure is about £20,000, the permanent income is about £6000, and to meet the deficiency, and at the same time to leave a small margin for any contingent expenditure, a sum not far short of £15,000 is required, and the Festival proceeds are the principal, if not the only, source from which it can be obtained. Again, notwithstanding the efforts which the Committee of Management have made from time to time to keep the number of candidates for the benefits of the Institution within manageable compass, it is on record that at each recurring annual election, there is always a formidable number of old brethren and widows for whom it is impossible to make the provision they so urgently stand in need of. At the last election the figures were rather more favourable than we have known them for many years, the numbers elected being 20 men and 29 widows respectively,

and the numbers not elected 26 men and 30 widows. These latter figures have been reduced by deaths, but at the moment of writing there are still 24 men and 26 widows remaining from the May election, while petitions from 15 men and 14 widows have been since accepted, so that the candidates now seeking election are 39 men and 40 widows—in round figures 80 old people who are without the means of supporting themselves, and with few or no relatives or friends to help them. Moreover, between now and the end of the year, further petitions will be received and dealt with by the Committee, and to judge from what has happened in the past, there is every likelihood that when the lists are finally settled, they will be found to include fully 100 applicants—all aged and indigent, and all of them persons whose claims to election upon the Funds have been most carefully examined and approved. What makes the case still worse is that there are absolutely no vacancies at all on the Widows' Fund at the present time, the Committee having only just been able to fill up the last of the three deferred annuities of the last election; while on the Male Fund there are some two vacancies. Hence, even if the lists of candidates are smaller than they have been in recent years, the number of vacancies is smaller still. Thus, what between the number of candidates and the paucity of vacancies, the position is one of great difficulty, and all that remains for us to do is to urge upon lodges and brethren the importance of rendering all the help they can in a quarter where help is so imperatively needed. If the proceeds of next year's Benevolent Festival are even approximately anything like what they were in February last there may, perhaps, be a chance of something favourable turning up for the candidates; at present, the chances of many of them being elected are the reverse of hopeful.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 5th instant:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September for confirmation.
2. To read acknowledgement of a resolution of Grand Lodge from the M.W. Grand Master on the occasion of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.
3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
7. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the months of September, October, and November, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, London	£75 0 0
A brother of the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, Witney	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, Windsor	75 0 0
A brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Dunmow	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Sutton Bridge	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, Feltham	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, London	50 0 0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board begs to report that the subscriptions to the South African Masonic Relief Fund, received by the Grand Secretary, pursuant to the resolution of Grand Lodge, and announced from time to time in *The Freemason* newspaper, amount to £10,114 10s. 10d., of which the sum of £9000 has been transmitted to South Africa, where it is in the course of distribution by a committee, the composition of which has been approved by the Board.

The Board further reports that, it having been brought to the notice of the Premises Committee that a freehold stable in New Yard, situate between freehold premises the property of Grand Lodge, and let on a yearly tenancy at a rental of £32 per annum, was to be offered for sale by public auction, two members of the Committee and the Grand Secretary had, on their responsibility, purchased the property at such auction for the sum of £760.

The Board recommends that Grand Lodge avail itself of the offer of the purchasers to make over the purchase to Grand Lodge for the amount so agreed to be paid.

The Board further reports that, for the protection of the building of Freemasons' Hall and its contents, it has authorised the engagement, at a salary of £2 a week, of a night-watchman, formerly a member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade who will be also charged with the responsibility of keeping in working order the fire-extinguishing apparatus throughout the building.

The Board also reports that, on the recommendation of the Officers' and

Clerks' Committee, it has approved the increase of the salary of Bro. Palmer, a clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, from £150 to £200 per annum, with a further increase of £10 a year until it reaches £250, and the increase of the salary of Bro. Leonard Cook, another clerk, from £150 per annum by annual increments of £10 until it reaches £200 a year.

The Board has received a communication from the Hon. Secretary of the City and Borough Clerks of the Peace Society, directing attention to the fact that the requirements of the 39th Geo. III., c. 79, under which lists of members of all lodges have to be annually filed with Clerks of the Peace, have in many cases been disregarded, notwithstanding that forms of return are sent annually by the Grand Secretary to every lodge.

The Board has to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks—

TITLE AND OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Proceedings of Grand Lodge Prince Edward Island (1875-1885)	The Grand Secretary of Prince Edward Island.
Masonic Addresses by A. Bellamy Brown	W. H. Stone, D.G.M., Japan.
Four Masonic Medals	J. W. Squires, P.M., Wisconsin.
A German Masonic Firing Glass	Ernest M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.
Freemasonry, British, Continental, &c...	J. H. Thompson, Prov. S.G. Warden, co. Down.
Prestonian Lectures in Manuscript	James Terry, P.G.S.B.
Rules, &c., Sup. Council 33°, 1899	Captain W. Portlock Dodson, P.G.D., &c.
A Moorish Coin	W. T. Christian, P.P.G.S. Wks. Essex.
Anderson's Constitutions, 1756	Dr. Maitland Coffin, P.M.
Medal of the Three Pillars Lodge	F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O. Devon.
A Massive Silver Snuff-box	Charles Lacey, P.P.G. Deacon.
Gould's History of Freemasonry	John Smithers, A.G.D.C.
An Old Masonic Silver Medal	M. Spiegel, P.M.
Three Old Prints	F. G. Swinden, P.A.G.D.C. (R.A.).

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £9183 19s. 6d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
November 20th, 1900.

9. Names of brethren nominated to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence: Bros. David Dixon Mercer, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; and Henry Garrod, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.

10. Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros. James Block, P.M. 1158; William B. Caton, P.M. 1365; John Ellinger, P.M. 2222; S. H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; G. N. E. Hamilton, P.M. 1446; Fredk. W. Hancock, P.M. 548; William Kippis, P.M. 1275; Edwd. Nightingale, P.M. 87; E. W. Pillinger, P.M. 902; J. S. Pinton, P.M. 1861; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 507; and Robert Wallwood Ker, P.M. 191.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W.G.M. since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- No. 2830, The North of Gogra, Gonda, Bengal.
- 2831, The Koil, Alizarh, Bengal.
- 2832, The Excelsior, Dagshai, Punjab.
- 2833, The Alfred Milner, Muizenberg, Cape Colony.
- 2834, The Devonian, London.
- 2835, The Basutoland, Maseru, Basutoland.
- 2836, The Yoruba, West Africa.
- 2837, The Sir Walter Raleigh, Liverpool.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday next, the 4th instant:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 4th September.
2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.
4. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.
5. Recommendation arising out of the report:
 - (a) That the thanks of Grand Lodge be offered to R.W. Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan for his valued and valuable services as Deputy Grand Master during the seven years ending June, 1900, and that he be asked to accept the clothing of his rank.
 - (b) That the following lodges be erased: Victoria, No. 301; Henniker, No. 314.
 - (c) That Bro. Edward Terry, Ruspini Lodge, No. 363, be confirmed in the rank and privileges of a Past Master.
 - (d) That the thanks of Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Imre Kirally for the gift of specimens of ancient Japanese armour and a Zulu Kaross.
 - (e) That the sum of £20 be voted to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 28.
6. A motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.
7. Nomination of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.
8. Nomination of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

The annual meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 12th ult., when there were present Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.M.; Charles Belton, D.G.M.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec., P.D.G.M.; R. L. Loveland, P.D.G.M.; Major C. W. Carrell, P.G.W., as S.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.W., as J.G.W.; A.

Woodiwiss, P.G.W.; the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.G. Chaplain; Gordon Miller, G. Treasurer; J. H. Barrow, P.G.D.; T. P. Dorman, P.G.D.; William Briant, P.G.D.; William Vincent, G. D. of C.; Robert J. Voisey, P. Asst. G. D. of C.; John Smith and A. Molony, P.G. Stewards; E. J. Mills, G. Tyler; representatives from many subordinate councils, and many private members.

Grand Council having been opened, and the M.W.G.M. saluted, the minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, and, on motion duly proposed and seconded, confirmed.

The following report was read by the GRAND SECRETARY:

The Grand Secretary has the pleasure to report that during the past year the energy and activity of the various councils on the roll have been maintained, and in the majority of them has resulted in a large increase in our roll of registered members. Among these councils may be honourably mentioned the Concord, at Liverpool; the Four Kings and the Stewart, at London; the Veran, at Reading; the St. Lawrence, at Pudsey; the Old York, at Bradford; the W. M. Sewell, at Cocker-mouth. The thanks of the Grand Council are due to these councils, and to those brethren whose untiring energy has achieved this happy result.

The concordat established between this Grand Council and the Grand Council and Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor has resulted in the utmost harmony, and all friction appears to have most happily ceased.

The Grand Secretary has to report the death of Bro. Issachar Zacharie, who was the first Grand Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor. He was well known to several members of this Grand Council, by whom he will be greatly regretted.

The M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant for a new council at Widnes, under the style and title of the Lathom Council, No. 30, and it has been arranged that the consecration shall take place on the 26th October, when the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Charles Belton, will perform the ceremony, and a large number of brethren well known in the other Degrees of Freemasonry will be admitted under the auspices of Bro. G. Hammond-Danby, the first W.M.

The Grand Master has also been pleased to grant a warrant for a new council at Cairo, Egypt, to be called the Ragheb Council, No. 31. This council will have the advantage of being presided over as its first W.M. by the M.W. Bro. Idris Bey Ragheb, the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, and the R.W. District Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for North Africa, and this Grand Council may have every confidence that our M.W. brother will in every way support the honour and dignity of the various Degrees.

The Grand Master has also been pleased to grant a warrant for a new council at Brisbane, to be called the Duke of York Council, No. 32, which will have the active supervision and the earnest assistance of the R.W. Bro. H. Courtenay Luck, District Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for Queensland, and it is confidently expected that a large number of brethren will be received into the various Orders and Degrees of our system.

A council at Capetown is under consideration, and the Grand Secretary hopes ere long to report the application for a warrant.

It is greatly to be regretted that the unauthorised Bodies in Devonport and Plymouth have not approached this Grand Council with a view of receiving warrants to enable them to carry on their labours in a legitimate manner, and the edict of non-intercourse must therefore remain in force.

In token of his high appreciation of many services to the Grand Council and to the various Orders and Degrees the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to confer the rank and dignity of Past Grand Warden on R.W. Bro. H. Courtenay Luck.

The Grand Master has the greatest pleasure in thanking the R.W. Bro. Charles Belton for all his eminent services in the arduous position of Deputy Grand Master, and sincerely hopes that, although his term of office is completed, he may have for many years the benefit of his counsel and advice.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts have been audited, and show as follows:

Balance forward ...	...	£139 4 1
Receipts to date ...	...	109 12 3
		£248 16 4
Cr.		
By Expenditure ...	...	£91 15 2
Balance ...	...	£157 1 2

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) W. VINCENT, G.D.C.
J. J. WILKES.

12th November, 1900.

Bro. J. H. BARROW, P.G.D., then moved "That the minimum fee for the admission of a candidate in any Council shall be two guineas," and Bro. W. GOODACRE having seconded, a discussion followed, in which Bros. WOODIWISS, VOISEY, BONNEY, Captain HEARN, and others expressed their views, the result being that Bro. Barrow altered his motion to read as follows: "That the minimum fee for the admission of a candidate in any Council shall be one guinea for the Degrees for which any Mark Master Mason may be eligible, viz., St. Lawrence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, Grand Tyler of King Solomon, and Secret Monitor; and half-a-guinea each for the Degrees of Red Cross of Babylon and Grand High Priest. This resolution not to apply to the Colonies."

Bro. Goodacre also agreeing, the motion was put and declared to be carried by a large majority.

A communication relating to the suspension for 12 months of a member of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine having been read by the G. Secretary, Bro. CARRELL, P.G.W., proposed and Bro. HEARN seconded the re-election of Bro. Gordon Miller as Grand Treasurer, and there being no other candidate nominated, the M.W.G.M. declared Bro. Gordon Miller duly elected as Grand Treasurer.

The M.W.G. MASTER said he had the pleasure to appoint as his Deputy R.W. Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, P.G.W., and Bro. Woodiwiss having advanced to the pedestal, was obligated and proclaimed.

The Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Grand Officers:

Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.	...	G.S.W.
" J. J. Wilkes ...	...	G.J.W.
" Charles FitzGerald Matier ...	...	G. Sec.
" Gordon Miller ...	...	G. Treas.
" Rev. V. P. Wyatt ...	...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. C. Atkinson, D.D. ...	...
" William Bonny ...	...	G.S.D.
" John Smith ...	...	G.J.D.
" William Vincent ...	...	G.D.C.
" F. A. Powell ...	...	A.G.D.C.

Bro. A. Molony ...	...	G.S.B.
" J. A. Braik ...	...	G. Std. Br.
" Alfred King, Mus. Doc. ...	...	G. Org.
" G. Hammond-Danby ...	...	G.I.G.
" Charles Sheppard ...	...	} G. Stwds.
" John Hayes ...	...
" E. J. Mills ...	...	G. Tyler.

Grand Secretary having read a letter of regret at his inability, through illness, to attend from Bro. Richard Clowes, then suggested that a small Committee, consisting of the G. Master, the Dep. G. Master, R.W. Bro. C. Belton, Past Dep. G. Master, and G. Secretary should be appointed to revise the Constitutions and report to the next Grand Council.

Bro. LOVELAND seconded, and it was declared carried.

An honorarium to Grand Secretary for his services having been voted unanimously, Grand Council was closed, and a banquet was subsequently held at the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey was held on the 24th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Surbiton, when Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. Grand Master, installed Bro. Col. John Davis, A.D.C., as his successor. The number of brethren present was about 250, and included many Grand Officers, Prov. Grand Officers, and distinguished visitors. Amongst the latter the Corporation of London was well represented by the two Sheriffs and their Under Sheriffs. Amongst the Grand Officers were:

Bros. the Earl of Onslow, P.G.W.; Col. John Davis, A.D.C.; Fredk. West, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Major A. H. Bowles, P.G.D.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.D.G.D.C.; G. L. Eyles, P.G.S.B.; James, Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee, P.G. Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas.; T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. H. W. Turner, G. Chap.; and F. G. Ivey. Prov. G. Officers: Bros. C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; Walter Dennis, Prov. G. Treas. G. F. Roumieu, P.P.G.W.; W. T. Roberts, P.P.G. Treas.; J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D.; A. W. Smith, Dep. Prov. G.D.C.; J. B. Lancaster, P.G.S.B.; and many others.

The Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Earl of Onslow, entered the Prov. G. Lodge, attended by the Provincial and Grand Officers. Prov. G. Lodge was then opened, and the roll of lodges was called.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow then addressed the brethren. He said that H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master had been pleased to appoint as Prov. G. Master of Surrey Colonel Davis, A.D.C. to her Majesty the Queen, and the brethren had met together for the purpose of installing that eminent brother into the position of ruler of the Craft in Surrey. As they were doubtless aware, it was usual for that ceremony to be performed by one of the Grand Officers of England, but in accordance with the wish of his Royal Highness, and also of the Prov. G. Master designate, he had been invited to instal him as his successor. He, therefore, asked their assistance that evening for the purpose mentioned.

The Prov. G. Master designate was announced, his patent was read, and he was duly obligated, invested, installed, and saluted as Prov. G.M. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., officiated as D.C., assisted by Bro. A. W. Smith, P.M. 463, Dep. Prov. G.D.C., whilst the following W. Masters formed the deputation to escort the Prov. G. Master into Prov. G. Lodge: Bros. Bathurst, Cowan, Edis, Grundy, Hancock, and Longworth.

Bro. Fredk. West, P.G.D., was re-appointed Dep. Prov. G. Master and saluted, and Bro. C. T. Tyler was re-appointed Prov. G. Secretary.

The newly-installed PROV. G. MASTER then rose, and said it was impossible for anyone of feeling or thought to take his position in that chair in the old County of Surrey without a high feeling of pride and gratification that his Royal Highness should have chosen him. He only sincerely hoped that he should during his term of office be able to perform his duties in a manner that would please his Royal Highness and that those in the province would feel they had no unworthy successor to the exalted nobleman whom he succeeded. He had known Lord Onslow for a long time and had heard from many his high devotion to duty, and, therefore, it would be no light task to follow in his footsteps. However, no effort on his part would be spared to worthily occupy that historic chair and advance their grand and magnificent Order of English Masons.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

After luncheon, the PROV. G.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and said they all looked up to her Majesty with love and reverence. By her embodiment of all domestic virtues, and by the high feeling of duty that had actuated her life, she had proved herself the greatest ruler this country had ever had.

In giving "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the PROV. G. MASTER referred to the great interest taken by his Royal Highness in Freemasonry. He was indebted to his Royal Highness for placing him at the head of that important province, and also for the great courtesy shown him on all occasions.

The PROV. G. MASTER next proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master, was a very worthy representative of his Royal Highness and an earnest Mason. He could say more of the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master, having been in his company the previous week as one of a deputation to the Grand Lodge in Berlin. Beyond the Earl of Warwick's qualities as a Mason, he had never travelled with a more genial companion, or one more sympathetic. He was pleased with the mahly and delightful way in which the Deputy Grand Master made his speech in the G. Lodge in Germany in giving his Royal Highness's royal message to those lodges. He was quite delighted to take that opportunity of saying how much they were indebted to the Earl of Warwick for the way in which he represented English Freemasonry on that occasion. Speaking generally, the Grand Officers would not have been promoted if his Royal Highness was not certain they would perform the duties expected of them. There was one officer of Grand Lodge to whom he was indebted for a very great deal, and he would like to say how much he felt the way in which the Earl of Onslow had inducted him, and for the courtesy and kindness shown him whenever they had met. Lord Onslow was not only popular as a Mason and amongst his friends, and a trusted Government servant in a high position, but was also respected as a thorough English gentleman. He

gave them with a great deal of heartiness and cordiality and with all his heart the toast of the Grand Officers, coupling with it the name of the Earl of Onslow, P.G.W., P.P.G.M. of Surrey.

Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, G.C.M.G., said he stood that evening before them to respond for those who had the duty cast upon them of carrying out the executive work of Freemasonry in that country, and right well and right conscientiously did they perform it. It was now many years since he had the honour of holding active office in Grand Lodge, and during that time he noticed the great care and the great time and attention which was bestowed upon the affairs of Grand Lodge by those Grand Officers. He thanked the brethren most sincerely on their behalf for the honour done them. He next passed to a more personal toast which had been proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, who had been good enough to couple his name not only as a Past Grand Officer, but as his predecessor in the chair of Prov. G. Master. He was glad of the opportunity afforded him of taking farewell of those who had been conscientiously loyal and faithful to him in promoting Freemasonry in the Province of Surrey. There were none who would contest the fact that Freemasonry had made steady strides during the past five years in the county, new lodges had been added—not too many, for those added had been good ones. Charity had been augmented, and the Charity Committee had carried out its duties in such a manner that no Surrey candidate had been disappointed at the poll. He ventured to say that he had handed over to his successor the charge of a province which might well satisfy the pride and ambition of any Mason to preside over. He would ask them to drink a toast—that of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master—who so worthily occupied the chair that he until lately filled. Col. Davis was a man well known outside the circles of Freemasonry, and occupied a high and distinguished position as A.D.C. to her Majesty the Queen, a post which carried with it perhaps no onerous duties, but showed at least a record of honourable service. Col. Davis came to them as a Prov. G. Master untrammelled by those ties of duty which unfortunately prevented him (Lord Onslow) from attending to Freemasonry in the province as he would have wished. Col. Davis had rendered good service at a trying time in the nation's history. There were those who had gone out to South Africa to fight the enemies of the Queen—and all honour to them, but there were also those who had stayed at home to undertake those duties of providing for the garrisons of these islands and the training of the soldiers, which was no less necessary for the protection of the country. He regretted that Col. Davis's health had recently not been all he could wish, but all sincerely hoped it would improve. The Prov. Grand Secretary was suffering from a similar complaint, but as he had had a long experience of Masonic entertainments and the Prov. G. Master was just commencing, there was no analogy to be drawn between the two. As he had often said when Governor of a Colony where he was the recipient of the greatest hospitality and kindness, it was an extremely difficult thing to be an unpopular Governor, and he ventured to say it was an equally difficult thing to be an unpopular Prov. G. Master. With the good feeling existing amongst Surrey Masons it would be an impossible task for Colonel Davis even to try to be unpopular. He asked the brethren to drink to the health and prosperity of the Prov. G. Master of Surrey.

Bro. Colonel DAVIS, Prov. G. Master, thanked the Earl of Onslow for the very flattering and kindly way in which he had proposed the toast. His position was that of an untried man, and he could only promise the province to try to be as worthy a Prov. G. Master as his predecessor had proved to be. If he could in any way advance the interests of their grand Order in the province he promised to do his very utmost. In submitting the next toast—that of "The Deputy Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Officers"—he had only that day made the acquaintance of this Prov. G. Lodge, and could only, therefore, speak from hear-say. The Deputy had already served some time in the position, had done very good work, and had worthily fulfilled his duties. He was sure from the hearty offer of assistance the Deputy had given him that he would continue his good services.

Bro. F. WEST, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master, thanked the Prov. G. Master for the great honour conferred upon him in asking him to continue as Dep. Prov. G. Master. In Surrey they had worked upon lines to do everything possible to enhance the proud position of the Prov. G. Master. They had endeavoured not only to have the ritual done on proper lines, but also to improve the Charity organisations. The late Prov. G. Master knew the value of that organisation which enabled the candidates to have a certain chance of election, and brought together four times a year representatives from every lodge in Surrey—all working for the good of the province. That body was assisted most materially by Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton, who was well-known. He assured the new Prov. G. Master that the province would endeavour to maintain its present high standard of efficiency.

On the proposition of the PROV. G. MASTER a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Surbiton Lodge and Dobie Chapter for use of furniture, and especially to the former for the floral decorations.

Bros. Alderman and Sheriff VAUGHAN MORGAN and Sheriff LAWRENCE replied for "The Visitors," which terminated the proceedings.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF THE CARIBBEE LODGE, No. 2829 (E.C.)

The consecration of this new lodge took place on Tuesday evening, the 30th October last, at the Masonic Hall, Nevis-street, St. John's, Antigua, W.I. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. M. R. Higgins, senior P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 492, who was assisted by Bros. R. Warneford, P.M. 492, as S.W.; John R. Lucas, P.M. 492, as J.W.; the Rev. C. H. Branch, P.M. 492, as Chap.; and S. M. M. Taylor, P.M. 492, as D.C.

The following founders were present: Bros. his Excellency Sir George Melville, K.C.M.G., P.M. Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2 (S.C.), W.M. designate; R. H. Kortright Dyett, P.M. 492, J.W. designate; Charles Griffin, W.M. 492; George E. Pierce, M.D.; Isidore E. Dyett, Archibald St. George Spooner, and Francis Watts. Four of the founders were unavoidably absent, viz., Bros. the Hon. A. W. Holmes à Court, P.M. 492, S.W. designate; Thomas Fisher, P.M. 492; E. B. Jarvis, and Robert Bryson.

The following brethren were present as visitors:

Bros. S. L. Athill, Robert Bell, F. J. W. H. Doig, H. C. Nibbs, G. T. Gallwey, John D. West, W. W. Malone, John Halliday, J. H. D. Wall, Ernest D. Dew, Thos. S. G. Pigott, J. H. Bridger, C. Pilkington, W. L. Wall, D. Torry. John Bell, J. T. Dew, Thomas Williams, James Robertson, R. G. Edghill, W. H. Shorey, John W. Lake, Thos. J. N. Stratton, H. B. Moore, W. R. Abbott, and Robert Goodwin, all of 492; W. H. Evans, late of 158, and 492; and the Rev. Harewood Lascelles Monckton, 1521, New Zealand (E.C.).

The brethren and visitors having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer entered, and having assumed the chair, appointed his officers *pro tempore*.

The lodge having been successively opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and the Chaplain offered up the opening prayer. The founders of the new lodge were then arranged in order by the D.C., and the Secretary read the petition and the warrant of constitution, dated 1st August, 1900.

The brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the CHAPLAIN delivered an oration on the excellence of the Craft, dwelling with particular emphasis on the beauties of Masonic Charity.

After a hymn had been sung, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, and the Consecrating Officer scattered corn, poured wine, sprinkled oil, and threw salt on the lodge, and the Chaplain then took the censer with burning incense three times round the lodge.

The Consecrating Officer then formally constituted the lodge under the style and designation of the Caribbee Lodge, No. 2829, on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Chaplain having pronounced the Patriarchal Benediction, the lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed in the Second Degree, when, at the request of the Consecrating Officer, Bro. R. H. Kortright Dyett assumed the chair as Installing Master.

Bro. His Excellency Sir George Melville, K.C.M.G., was presented as W.M. designate, and having answered the usual questions, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, advanced to the pedestal and took the obligation of Master elect.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The lodge was then re-opened in the Third Degree, and all brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. His Excellency Sir George Melville, K.C.M.G., duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom.

The brethren having been re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. in due form, the Installing Officer gave the warrant and Book of Constitutions into the custody of the W.M., who then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. R. H. Kortright Dyett, J.W.; Chas. Griffin, Sec.; George E. Pierce, S.D.; I. E. Dyett, J.D.; and F. Watts, I.G.

Bro. Archibald St. G. Spooner having been elected as Treasurer, and Bro. John D. West, as Tyler, they were invested with the badges of their respective offices.

The investiture of Bro. the Hon. A. W. Holmes à Court, S.W., was postponed until the next meeting.

The Consecrating Officer delivered the three addresses.

On the motion of the W.M., duly seconded by Bro. DYETT, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officers for their services, and the perfect way in which the ceremony had been performed, and they were all elected honorary members of the lodge.

On the motion of Bro. DYETT, duly seconded by Bro. WATTS, it was unanimously resolved that V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Secretary, and W. Bro. Captain W. F. Portlock-Dadson be elected honorary members of the lodge.

The W.M. then appointed a Committee for General Purposes, and a "Bye-Laws' Committee."

Two gentlemen were duly proposed and seconded as candidates for initiation at the next regular meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards assembled in the dining-hall, where light refreshments were served, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly proposed and honoured.

(Above we give a portrait of the newly-installed Master, Bro. his Excellency Sir George Melville, K.C.M.G.)

Science, Art, and the Drama.

SUSPENDED VITALITY IN ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

(Continued).

It is evident that wheat and other seeds would have a much greater chance of survival if hermetically sealed up just after harvest, when the germinating power is at its lowest, than if packed away in the same manner just at seed time, when the germ, though unseen, has begun to develop. It may, indeed, be kept back for a time by absence of moisture, but the germ, once fully formed, and then checked, will not grow again. If we turn from plant to animal life, we shall see the same problem of suspended vitality presented in many forms. Let us, for instance, consider that wonderful awakening after rain, in tropical and semi-tropical countries, so often described by travellers. Months of drought have dried up the water-courses, so that you may dig down deep in the beds of rivers and ponds and find no moisture. The earth is bare and parched, riven in great cracks by the scorching sun, and a silence, as of death, reigns everywhere. There is a tropical shower, and, suddenly, the air resounds with the croaking of frogs and toads, the chirpings of insects, and the songs of birds; whilst grass and flowering plants spring up as if by magic. It is a veritable resurrection, brought about by that which may well be termed the water of life—the sudden revival of many things, animate and inanimate, apparently dead. Lumboltz says: "In South Australia a drought once lasted for 26 months. The country was transformed into desert, and life was not to be seen. Sheep and cattle had perished, and so had the marsupials. Suddenly rain poured down. The long drought was at an end, and six hours after the storm had begun the rain was welcomed by the powerful voices of the frogs. Flies afterwards came in great numbers, and then bats appeared in countless swarms." But independently of drought, there are many singular and inexplicable cases of the intermittent appearance of living things, after having undergone long periods of quiescence. Such is happily the case with the locust, of the latest visitation of which, in South Africa, it is said, that after rain, they made their appearance in vast numbers, emerging from the ground where their eggs had lain for nearly 20 years. The ordinary locust does not seem to have a definite time for re-appearance; but the American locust, known as the *Cicada septemdecim*, comes out regularly every 17 years, whence its name. It emerges in the pupa state from deep holes in the ground, even in hard pathways, crawls to some neighbouring tree, where it sheds its skin, and sits drying its wings, and singing "Pha-ra-oh," by which name it is commonly known. As the locusts increase in number this song becomes a loud chorus; and, as they sing, they hollow out long furrows in the branches of the tree upon which they rest, and in these furrows they lay their eggs. The branches thus excavated die and drop off, and thus probably the eggs are conveyed to the earth to be washed into the soil by rains in order to undergo their 17 years of change and death-like sleep; and at the end of the 17 years return to the upper air, and so follow again the example of their long-deceased parents. But what becomes of the perfect insects, how the eggs germinate, how and why they become buried so deeply underground, and what metamorphoses they undergo, during this long burial, no one knows. The only thing certain about them is that they will return punctually at the end of 17 years, and neither earlier nor later. There seems reason to suppose that those disease-producing microscopic objects, known to modern science as "bacteria," have also periods of quiescence, and renewed activity, resulting in epidemics of various kinds, but whether the air, earth, or water, serves them as a resting place during their periods of repose, and by which of the elements they are conveyed to their victims, we do not know with certainty. It seems, however, to be proved that some, at least, are destroyed by that sunshine which exerts so vivifying an influence upon most plants and animals. From all these instances, it seems clear that Nature refuses to be bound by any of the hard and fast rules which science formulates. She works by secret and mysterious laws; hidden alike from the learned and simple; she has not only her regular and set periods of sleep and re-awakening, but, also, long and indefinite seasons of repose, or death-like trance, during which her children lie *perdu* in earth, or air, or beneath the running waters, awaiting like the sleeping damsel, of old romance, the kiss of some fairy prince, to restore them to life and vigour. The kiss may come by fire, or flood, or by the viewless air, and after months, or years, or centuries of waiting; but whenever it does come it is certain to find them ready to cast off the trammels of their enchanted sleep, and to resume their place, and play again their destined rôle, for either weal or woe, in the living tapestry of Nature's handiwork.

CULTIVATION OF INDIGO.

A few notes respecting the cultivation of Indigo may prove of interest. From one of the Deputy Collectors in Gujarat we obtain these particulars. Indigo cultivation is carried out in the Talúka of Patlád, belonging to H.H. the Gujacowar of Baroda, and in Vasua, a Cambay village, as well as in five villages in the Borsad Talúka, under the Kaira Collectorate, and in Gajera, in the Jambusar Talúka, in Broach. In this last there are about 3000 acres, and in the former about 1800, and the produce is apparently sufficient to meet the demand in the Surat, Broach, and Kaira Collectorates. The cultivation and preparation of the dye in Gajera are described as follows: Seed is sown after the first good fall of rain. When the plants are sufficiently high, weeding and harrowing take place. When the plants mature in September they are cut and brought in carts to masonry vats near a well. They come in in the morning, and are kept on the ground in an upright position; in the evening they are placed in a vat and pressed down with heavy pieces of wood. Water is then let in from another vat just sufficient to cover the wood. On the following morning the plants are taken out, each handful being previously washed in the water as it is taken out. Six men then get into the vat, and for three hours work it about with their feet, after which the water is allowed to stand till evening to clear, the colouring matter settling down, and the clear water being drawn off through a hole in the vat. The colouring matter left is then taken out and put into a small masonry vat close by, where it is allowed to settle for another night, after which the clear water at the top is again drawn off. The thick deposit is then spread over a coarse thick cloth in a pit about 5 feet long and 4 feet broad, and there allowed to dry till the next day, when small quantities of it are placed in rows on ashes spread on the ground. The ashes draw out the water from the colouring material, and are first passed through a fine sieve. On the lumps becoming sufficiently dry they are

removed in bags, and presumably sold in this state. The large vats, of which there are two at each well, are about 4 feet in depth and 12 feet in length and breadth, and the one small vat is about 2 feet deep and 4 feet square. The stumps of the plant are left in the ground for another season, and grow for the second year, but their yield is smaller than the first.

MINIATURE PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued).

At the Lord Montacute's, at Coudray, is another invaluable work of Isaac Oliver. It represents three brothers of that lord's family, whose lengths in black, their ages 21, 24, and 18, with the painter's mark. These young gentlemen resemble each other remarkably, a peculiarly observable in the picture, the motto on which is *Figuræ conformis affectus*, 1568, another person is coming into the room aged 21. The picture of James I. served Reubens and Vandyck when they had occasion to draw that monarch after his decease. In an office book of Lord Harrington, Treasurer of the Chamber, in the possession of Dr. Rawlinson, was an entry of payment to Isaac Oliver, picture-drawer, by a warrant dated at Lincoln 4th April, 1617, for 4 several pictures drawn for the prince's highness, as appeareth by a bill thereunto annexed £40. He drew a whole length of Robert, Earl of Essex, in white, and heads of him several times, and of many others of the nobility, but his works are much scarcer than those of his master, Hilliard. Of Oliver's drawings several of them are extant, particularly a capital one in Queen Caroline's closet, at Kensington; the subject—the entombment of Christ in the sepulchre—consisting of 26 figures. This piece, which Isaac had not completed, was finished by his son, and is dated 1616. Another, a large drawing—the Murder of the Innocents—on blue paper, heightened, after Raphael. Vertue saw a print of the history of St. Lawrence touched and heightened by Oliver with great skill. Sir John Evelyn, in 1734, showed to the Society of Antiquaries, a drawing by Oliver from a picture of Raphael in the Escorial, of the Virgin, Child, and St. John. It was copied by Isaac in 1631, while the original was in the collection of Charles I. He did not always confine himself to water-colours. There are instances of his working in oil. In this manner he painted his own, his wife's, and the portraits of his children; a head of St. John Baptist on board; and the Holy Family. In the Bodleian Gallery, at Oxford, is a portrait of Sir Thomas Overbury, in oil, nearly the size of life, painted in an oval shape, and upon a bright blue ground. It has so much the air of an enlarged miniature, that it may be conjecturally added to those at Wroxtton. A small oil portrait of a young lady, in the dress of the early part of James I.'s time, painted upon an oval plate of silver, 4 inches by 3½, after having been preserved in a cabinet for nearly two centuries, became the property of the Rev. James Dallaway. It had the beauty and delicate touch, so admirable in his limnings. Isaac Oliver died at his house, in the Blackfriars, London, in 1617, aged 61, or 62. He was buried in St. Anne's Church, in that parish, where his son erected a monument to his memory, with his bust in marble. The monument and bust were destroyed in the great fire in 1666.

(To be continued.)

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ENGLISH ART, 1900.

There is an exhibition of pictures here by distinguished artists of the English school. This distinctly appeals to the sympathies of the lovers of art, as the entire proceeds of the charge made for admission will be devoted to the Artists' General Benevolent Institution. All these pictures have been painted specially for Messrs. Agnew and Sons. We can only notice a few, our space being limited. No. 3, Crabs and Crayfish, by C. Napier Henry, A.R.A.; 5, Rough Pastures, by Peter Graham, R.A., a fine example of the artist's well known style; 8, The Burning Heart, by Frank Dicksee, R.A., it is tenderly treated; 10, Vain Courtship, by Sir L. Alma-Tadema, R.A., an interesting work, conception good, fine execution; 20, The Doctor, by Luke Fildes, R.A., the original painting by this distinguished artist; this picture, so well known to all, requires no commendation from us; 30, A Bright Day—North Wales, by B. W. Leader, R.A., this is a lovely, charming work; 31, Diana and Endymion, by Sir Edward J. Poynter, P.R.A. This is an illustration of some beautiful lines in "Endymion" by the poet Keats. The artist, by his poetic rendering and execution, has beautifully depicted the author's ideas. We would draw attention to 16, A Sussex Farm, by J. W. North, A.R.A.; 18, "Her Soul went back to its child-time," by Frank Branley, A.R.A.; 23, Taken at the Flood, by W. L. Wyllie, A.R.A.; 25, Old Ails, by Seymour Lucas, R.A.; 27, Early Arrivals, by A. C. Gow, R.A.; 34, Italian Sailor, by J. S. Sargent, R.A.; 39, Henry Power, F.R.C.S., by W. W. Ouless, R.A., a fine portrait. There are other works, by well-known artists, of great merit. It is a small but admirable collection of modern English art.

THE DOWDESWELL GALLERIES,

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Some recent work by Oliver Hall is now on exhibition. He is a clever landscape painter, varied in style, some pictures full of light, others sombre in tone—we prefer the latter, in which we think he excels—we would especially draw attention to Nos. 2, Old Orchard—near Nutbourne, Sussex; 4, A Forest Glade; 31, Chilton Common, Sussex; 36, Brough Castle, Westmoreland; 46, The Hill Farm. It is a pleasing collection, and is worthy of a visit.

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R. Caton Woodville's latest work, "Just like Bobs," an incident in the South African campaign, is a picture which appeals to all. There is an interesting, well-written notice put in the hands of visitors, which renders any long description, on our part, unnecessary. We will simply say that, after the Battle of Driefontein, Lord Roberts, riding across the battle-field, came by chance on a wounded soldier. The Field Marshal, at once dismounting, gave him a drink of water out of his own bottle. The portrait of Roberts is good and life-like. A kindly feeling of compassion is expressed on the face. We would draw attention to the details of this fine work—they are in admirable keeping, being well subordinated to the chief figure; the attitude of the horse is very happy. The local colour and form of the South African scenery has a convincing air of truth. The picture fully sustains the artist's high reputation.

OIL AND WATER-COLOUR PICTURES BY ELDRED H. HOME BRUCE.

At the above galleries there is a small collection by the artist we have named. He is evidently a young man who possesses originality. Some of his decorative effects evince future promise. We would encourage him to give his fancy free scope; at the same time we would kindly warn him not to run riot in colour, to which there seems to be a tendency in some of his pictures. We are pleased with Nos. 4, Grouse; 8, "Just the Day for the Ducks"—very good; 19, Night; 20, The Oatfield; 31, Feeding-time; 35, Early Sunrise. We hope to see more of his work later on.

GENERAL NOTES.

Mr. Curzon has obtained another year's renewal of his tenure of the Globe Theatre, when, next January, "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" will be brought out by Miss Julia Neilson and Mr. Fred Terry, with their company, including Mr. Louis Calvert as Judge Jeffreys.

Miss Winifred Emery is not in the cast of Captain Marshall's new comedy, "The Second in Command," now playing at the Haymarket. The chief female character is taken by Miss Sybil Carlisle.

Miss Kate Bishop, an old-time favourite at the Vaudeville under the James and Thorne management, is about to produce a modern comedy at a series of matinees at the Lyric Theatre.

Craft Masonry.

United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30.

The annual ladies' banquet, held under the auspices of the United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30, was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th ult., at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street. The members of the lodge turned up in force, together with a large number of visitors, the majority of whom, as a matter of course, belonged to the fair sex. Prior to the banquet the brethren present attended to the duties of the lodge, which included the initiation of Mr. Karl B. Bretzshmar. Bro. G. Fagg, W.M., was ably assisted by Bros. F. C. Foster, S.W., and J. F. Croager, J.W., and the trio demonstrated their ability to attend to the working of the lodge in a highly satisfactory manner when called upon to do so. Since Bro. Page entered upon his term of office, there has been little work to test his ability in the chair. This, however, is a state of things which is by no means peculiar to the United Mariners, a fact attributed to the war. After the purely Masonic business had received attention, an adjournment was made to one of the reception-rooms, where the brethren entertained their lady visitors.

The banquet which followed was served in the Louis VI. Hall, and reflected the greatest credit upon the chef of the Restaurant Frascati.

After the tables had been cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of with musical honours.

Bro. William Newbold rendered "At Benediction." The vocal effort of Miss Gertrude Tait, "When the heart is young," was received with applause. Bro. T. Smith, P.M., evoked roars of laughter by singing "In the glorious days to come" and "The world went very well then." Variety was given to the programme by Master J. Fox, a pupil of Bro. Newbold, who gave a most creditable performance on the violin, the solo being selected from "Faust." Miss Ethel Humphreys, a daughter of Bro. D. Humphreys, sweetly rendered "Lovely spring," but was heard to even greater advantage in "A Hindu song of despair." One of the visitors, Bro. Fred. W. Stephens, P.M., introduced the humorous element with "When father laid the carpet" and "The burglar's serenade," and in response to a spirited encore sang "Lucky Jim" and "Girlie, Girlie."

The W.M. proposed in felicitous terms the toast of "The Ladies," which Bro. L. H. Wilkins responded to.

Bro. A. E. Remington, P.M., Sec., rendered in his well-known style "Oh! Oh! hear the wild wind blow," and "Father O'Flynn," and Bro. A. Rowe sang "Once in May" and "Good-night pretty star."

Bro. Fagg, W.M., proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Wright, P.M., and Mr. Collins responded.

Bro. Humphreys, as usual, found he had an appreciative audience with his musical sketch—"The Silver Wedding"—and a character sketch from Dickens's "Sergeant Buzfuz."

Bro. E. Carrick, P.M., the lodge Organist, presided at the piano throughout. A most pleasant evening's entertainment terminated at midnight.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SLADE.

The installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. Robinson, P.P.G.R., P.G.S., W.M.; Slade, P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect; Capt. W. Ford, G.S., J.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G.S., Sec.; Dr. Jackman, J.D.; Jacques, I.G.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; A. H. Debenham, P.G.S., I.P.M.; H. Barton, P.M., P.G.S.; and H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Nat Gould was impressively raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Slade having been duly presented, was installed as W.M. by the outgoing W.M. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Capt. Ford, S.W.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Dr. Jackman, S.D.; Jacques, J.D.; Barrett, I.G.; Major Walls, D.C.; and H. Hills, J.P., P.M., Stwd. The report of the Audit Committee was postponed. The I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Chancellor, P.M., Treas.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G.S.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M., P.G.S.; and others, after which the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed.

Bro. Capt. W. Ford responded on behalf of "The Grand Lodge."

The I.P.M. submitted the toast of "The W.M." In the course of his remarks, he spoke of the attention paid by Bro. Slade to his duties as an officer of the lodge. He felt confident that in the high position that he (the W.M.) now held the work would be as equally well performed. The Peace and Harmony Lodge had its traditions and privileges to uphold, and in the hands of the present W.M. they would lose none of their lustre.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his great acknowledgments to the lodge. His great ambition had been to become Master of the lodge that could show an unbroken record of existence of 162 years. He hoped during his year to have some work to do.

The W.M. then gave "The Installing and I.P. Master." In his speech the W.M. alluded to the very pleasant year of office that Bro. Robinson had had. The I.P.M. also was to be congratulated on the great success that attended the summer outing and subsequent banquet at the famous Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court. In conclusion, he trusted that the I.P.M. would live many years to wear the jewel that had been presented to him that evening.

The I.P.M. expressed his acknowledgments in a pertinent, but happy, speech.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" terminated a highly successful meeting.

Lodge of Industry, No. 48.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Gateshead on Monday, the 26th ult., when there was an excellent gathering and plenty of work. The W.M., Bro. J. T. Pragnell, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. J. Armstrong, I.P.M.; A. Dodds, P.M.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D. of C.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., as S.W.; H. H. Pitt, J.W.; W. E. Peacock, Sec.; R. Laverick, S.D.; T. H. Armstrong, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; R. Dobson, as I.G.; W. W. Nichols and T. W. Hilton, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. Lawson, A. M. Blenkinsop, J. B. Lightbown, W. Witherington, W. Irving, Wm. Towers, J. L. Armour, F. Winter, A. Cunningham, J. Rhind, James Lightbown, G. S. Robertson, E. Pattison, W. Blythe, W. Richardson, T. L. Hall, Anthony Dodds, G. Gillespy, J. G. Stephenson, Geo. Lisle, P.M. 2260; R. Stewart, W.M. 2674; S. Brown, I.P.M. 2674; A. W. Blacklock, Sec. 2674; E. Scurfield, Stwd. 2674; J. Hetherington, 2674; C. J. Kennedy, 2674; J. Kelly, jun., 2674; G. W. Kent, 2674; C. W. Hodgson, W.M. 659; J. A. M. Collier, 2680; W. G. S. McCartney, P.M. 591; R. B. Ferry, Sec. 424; W. H. Davis, 79; J. Raffle, 406; F. Stables, 2674; and others.

The ballot was successful for three candidates for initiation, after which Messrs. A. Yarrow, Wm. Pybus, W. J. Gladstone, and E. Coates were initiated by the W.M., and the working tools and the first charge were given by Bro. H. H. Pitt, J.W. Bro. John L. Armour was afterwards advanced to the Second Degree by Bro. J. Armstrong, I.P.M., and the implements and charge incidental thereto were delivered by Bro. T. R. Jobson, P.M., acting S.W.

After other matters of business, the proceedings closed at 9.30 p.m., and those present retired to the refreshment room.

York Lodge, No. 236.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday evening, the 24th ult., at York, when the following brethren were present: Bros. John A. Askew, W.M.; E. S. Robinson, S.W.; O. G. Tayler, J.W.; G. Potter-Kirby, Treas.; T. C. Thompson, Sec.; J. S. Shannon, S.D.; A. G. Rayner, J.D.; F. W. Cull, I.G.; J. H. Wray, D. of C.; D. Carter and D. C. Larg, Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; F. W. Laughton, I.P.M.; A. Jones, P.M.; C. J. Morse, P.M.; Alfred Procter, P.M.; Mungo Bryson, P.M.; G. H. Osborn, B. J. Inglis, Henry Scott, D. Lockwood, A. H. Barron, N. T. Crombie, R. W. R. Scott, and R. F. Hemphill. Bro. W. G. Thurley Rose, P.M. 660, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been confirmed, a ballot was taken for the Rev. J. H. Hastings, who was declared duly elected, and was initiated by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. O. G. Tayler, J.W., and the charge given by the I.P.M., Bro. Laughton. The W.M. then presented to the Treasurer, Bro. G. Potter-Kirby, a Treasurer's jewel, on behalf of the members of the lodge. In doing so, he said it was one of the most gratifying incidents of his year of office then drawing to a close; and he referred to the Masonic record of Bro. Potter-Kirby, extending over a period of 30 years, and showing a considerable amount of valuable work done for the lodge in various offices. In 1896 he was elected Treasurer, an office he had held up to the present time, during which period the extension of the lodge premises had taken place, and entailed a large amount of extra work on the Treasurer. The gift he was about to offer to Bro. Potter-Kirby was in recognition of his efficient services in the ordinary duties of Treasurer, and especially in connection with the extension scheme, which had cost over £1000, of which one-half had been paid off in the first year. It was also a cordial appreciation by the brethren of the estimable personal qualities of Bro. Potter-Kirby, as was testified by the large number of brethren that had contributed. The jewel was a gold Past Master's jewel, supported by the cross-keys, as emblem of his office, and bore a suitable inscription. The W.M.'s remarks were warmly supported by Bros. A. Jones, P.P.G.T., and Laughton, I.P.M., and cordially applauded by the brethren. Bro. Potter-Kirby said he was completely taken by surprise, and much touched by the unexpected kindness of his brethren. He suitably thanked them for the gift, and assured them that he would always do his utmost for the welfare of the lodge. Before the lodge was closed the Treasurer called attention to the condition of the banner of the Ancient Grand Lodge of All England, held at York, and a Committee was appointed to have it restored and placed in a suitable cabinet.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the health of the newly-initiated Bro. the Rev. J. H. Hastings, was most cordially received, and a number of songs enjoyed, under the accompaniment of Bro. Watson Hirst, the Organist to the lodge.

Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, on Friday, the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. Colour-Sergeant Henry Humphries, W.M.; Quartermaster-Sergeant T. L. Green, S.W.; Captain G. T. Carpenter, J.W.; Quartermaster-Sergeant W. H. Hillman, I.P.M.; Corp. Hy. Jarrett, S.D.; H. F. Adlard, J.D.; H. J. Adams, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.M., Sec.; Capt. H. Bertram, P.M., and W. H. Rolfe, Stwds.; Corp. C. Draycott, D.C.; W. Bradley, Org.; A. G. Young, P.M., Tyler; H. M. B. Hardy, B. T. Mills, Capt. H. J. Duncum, Corp. T. F. Harrington, C. O. Webb, T. F. Fitch, C. E. Fisher, T. Robinson, Lieut. A. Burton, J. M. Wright, E. T. Roberts, S. S. Faulkner, H. C. Simmonds, Oliver Thorn, John C. Taylor, C. H. Mitchell, and J. H. James. Visitors: Bros. Jardine, W.M. 503; Cook, W.M. 766; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; Dawson, 173; Slade, 1604; Day, 1567; Waterlow, I.P.M. 29; Lewis, P.M., 1706, 2508, 2818, P.P.G.D. Essex; Dyer, P.M. 14; Harvey Lohr, 1706, 2508; and Greenwood, Unattached.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. J. H. James and A. P. Koe as joining members, which proved unanimous in their favour, and Bro. James being present, was admitted and presented to the W.M. Bros. Webb, Burton, Wright, Harrington, Robinson, and Roberts were passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. The ballot was taken for Private John Chas. Taylor, and proving favourable, he was initiated. The Secretary having read the correspondence, the lodge was closed.

The supper was served in the Armoury, where the lodge had been previously held. After the repast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were of commendable brevity.

"The Queen and the Craft" was given, and "God Save the Queen" sung by Bro. Alfred Greenwood.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Captain General and Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company," was followed by "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Adams, Treas., replying for the latter, said it seemed to him that the Grand Officers had nothing to do but make speeches. It only remained for him to thank the brethren, on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself, for their reception of the toast.

The I.P.M. gave "The Health of the W.M.," and said the W.M. did his work that evening in lodge in a very creditable manner. The best wish he could offer him was that he should have plenty of work, and thus obtain good practice.

The W.M. replied. He thanked the brethren for the honour accorded to him. It was his purpose, to the utmost of his power, to maintain the dignity of the lodge. All he could say was to again thank the brethren for their kindness.

In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. said he felt assured that their new brother was a good man by his vouchers.

Bro. Prof. Driver recited his well-known poem "The Craft."

The initiate replied. He said, in a very naïf manner, that he felt much happier now than he did two hours ago.

"The Visitors" was next given.

Bro. Charles Lewis replied. He said it was a great pleasure to him to meet his old friend Bro. Humphries in the chair of W.M.; he was sure he would be an honour to the lodge, and maintain its reputation.

"The P.M.s of the Lodge," having been toasted,

Bro. Capt. Bertram, in reply, said it was a well-known expression that kings, queens, emperors, and W.M.s of Masonic lodges could do no wrong—yet, in that instance, their worthy W.M. was not quite correct; he (Capt. Bertram) was not the I.P.M., but Bro. Hillman was. He, however, replied; obedience was essential, not

only in a soldier, but especially so in a Freemason. The W.M. took a lively interest in the affairs of his lodge. On behalf of his brother P.Ms. and himself he returned thanks for the kind toast. The brethren might feel assured that the P.Ms. would always endeavour to promote the welfare of the FitzRoy Lodge.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said how essential these officers were to the well-ruling of a lodge; he alluded to the long devoted service of the Treasurer, and spoke of the generosity of the Secretary, and the many handsome presents he had given to the lodge.

The Treasurer replied. He said it was 30 years since he had been in the chair of the W.M.; on leaving it he was soon afterwards elected Treasurer, which post, he was happy to say, he had filled up to the present time.

The Secretary tendered his thanks for the kind welcome the brethren had accorded him.

In proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. said he was indeed proud of his efficient officers.

The S.D. and J.D. responded very briefly.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. RUTHERFORD.

The installation meeting of this important and distinguished lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. Henry J. Homer, W.M.; E. Rutherford, S.W., W.M. elect; J. B. O'Callaghan, J.W.; J. B. Burton, S.D.; J. Townsend, I.G.; S. F. Hill, Org.; C. M. Brander, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Beach, Sec.; S. Young, Asst. Sec.; J. Swift, A.D.C.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; A. H. Marks, P.M.; H. T. Culliford, I.P.M.; C. E. Homer, T. G. Walker, G. F. Schutz, R. G. Knox, G. T. Smith, S. A. Marks, G. Foster, Peter Hart, W. Upton, C. A. W. Giles, H. W. Townsend, E. R. S. Young, E. G. Herrin, S. E. Young, A. Joseph, A. Bott, G. Jacquin, J. E. Buckley, C. J. Kittell, H. Lardner, S. Davies, jun., W. Iwe, J. F. Bentham, M. Wade, A. W. Lipsham, R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P.; Prof. F. W. Driver, P.M., 45; W. A. Wells, 765; T. Horne, P.M. 71; H. Allard, P.M. 1421; A. Sparks, S.D. 1987; W. C. Harvey, 2348; R. Cullimore, 1963; T. G. Jeffery, P.M. 2141; C. H. Homer, 1559; J. Collis, P.M. 2136; E. T. M. Smith, P.M. 1890; F. Evans, I.P.M. 2749; J. B. Mahony, 2622; E. C. Irish, 2488; J. Hyams, 1349; A. Smith, P.M. (Bermuda); F. Partington, P.M. 1288; S. T. Large, P.M. 2218; H. C. J. Edwards, 186; Roach, P.M. 1579; C. H. Mansfield, 2488; R. T. West, 1744; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, showing a very substantial balance in hand, was received. Bro. A. H. Marks, P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Rutherford, and he was installed W.M. by Bro. Henry J. Homer, who subsequently gave the customary addresses in a very able manner, and by installing his successor thus ended his brilliant year of office with much éclat. The following were appointed the officers and invested: Bros. Henry J. Homer, I.P.M.; J. B. O'Callaghan, S.W.; J. B. Burton, J.W.; C. M. Brander, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Beach, Secretary; S. Young, Assistant Secretary; J. Townsend, S.D.; J. Swift, J.D.; C. Pennack, I.G.; T. G. Walker, D. of C.; T. Townsend, Asst. D. of C.; Sydney F. Hill, Org.; A. Espezal and G. Tapley Smith, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. During the installation ceremony the anthem "Be thou faithful" was most sympathetically and artistically rendered by Bro. Charles Ellison. In investing his officers the W.M. paid a well-deserved tribute to the past services of the Treasurer, Bro. Brander, P.M., and the energetic and genial Secretary, Bro. Beach. The W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Henry J. Homer, I.P.M., which he stated, he did with much pleasure, as it was a slight return for his great and valued services, and that he had earned it without saying. He had been a most able and painstaking W.M., and although the jewel was only a small one, it bore the heavy weight of the sincere friendship of all the members. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, to Henry J. Homer, P.M., as a token of fraternal regard, and in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties of W.M. 22nd November, 1900." Bro. Henry J. Homer, I.P.M., in reply, tendered his sincere thanks for the jewel, which he should ever esteem, and for the great kindness and assistance he had always received from them, and he hoped he might be spared to be with them for many years, and to wear the emblem. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the W.M. stated that he was going up as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' Institution. Bro. Beach, the Secretary, reported that Bro. B. Swallow, who was one of the founders and an old Past Master of the lodge, was a candidate at the next election for the Old People, and in eloquent terms he earnestly urged the brethren to work their hardest for such a deserving case, as they would never regret it. He read a letter from Bro. Kiralfy promising the support of the Jubilee Masters Lodge, which was received with applause, and he (the Secretary) also stated that Bro. H. T. Culliford, P.M., had kindly offered to execute all the printing matter for the election without payment, and afterwards Bro. Henry J. Homer, I.P.M., intimated that he would defray all other expenses to ensure Bro. Swallow's election.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which was admirably served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Oddenino.

After the banquet, the W.M. proposed, in felicitous terms, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In giving "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M., Bro. Rutherford, stated that those who had the privilege to attend Grand Lodge knew the worth of the Grand Officers. That evening the lodge was honoured with the presence of three Grand Officers, who had done yeoman service for the Craft. They had Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., who through another Masonic engagement was only able to get there after the banquet, but still they were glad to see him, and as he (the W.M.) was going up as Steward for the Boys he would be glad if Bro. McLeod would in his reply as a Grand Officer do his utmost to induce the members to support his list, as he did 12 months ago that night, when he (Bro. McLeod), at the request of the then W.M., Bro. Homer, advocated the cause of the Girls, with the result that Bro. Homer took up one large amount of £500, which placed him first on the list. He was glad to have Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.G. Purst., there, because he was a very old friend, and one who had given Masonic tuition for the last 10 years, and if he (the W.M.) was a success, the thanks would be entirely due to Bro. Mulvey. They were all very glad to see Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., who was one of the founders of the lodge, but he had not been able to attend the lodge for some years, and he was honoured to have him at his installation.

In response, Bro. Cottebrune stated that his sincere thanks were due to them for associating his name with the toast, which was one dear to his heart. Twenty-five years ago he assisted the first W.M. of the lodge as his I.P.M., and had filled the office of Treasurer, and still had the great honour of being an honorary member of the lodge. He was proud that the lodge was a grand success, and composed of members of the right sort, and he would be glad to attend again.

Bro. McLeod said that his very good old friend, Bro. Cottebrune, had responded in such an eloquent and ample manner, that he need not add anything further, but the W.M. had been kind enough to say that perhaps he (Bro. McLeod) would in acknowledging the toast respond also for the Masonic Charities. In thanking the W.M. for consenting to go up as Steward for the Boys, he stated that 12 months ago that evening, when Bro. H. J. Homer was installed W.M., one of the very best, and who he was glad to see there in better health, he was asked by Bro. Homer to say a few words on behalf of the Girls, which he did, and Bro. Homer's list for the Girls placed him at the top of the tree, and on behalf of the Secretary of the Girls' Institution he thanked Bro. Homer for his great efforts, together with the brethren who so well supported him. It was his privilege and duty to urge the claims of the Boys' Institution, and he earnestly asked them to support Bro. Rutherford, the new W.M., as Steward for the Boys, as they did last year for the Girls, and by so doing they would make their W.M. a very happy man, and if he was spared to be there that time next year he hoped to be in a position to be able to thank them for what they had done for the Boys as they had for the Girls at the last Festival.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.G. Purst., also acknowledged the toast, observing that he was proud to be there to see the W.M., who was one of his pupils, installed, and his excellent working, and that of the I.P.M., Bro. Homer, who had installed his successor in a very able and praiseworthy manner.

Bro. H. J. Homer, I.P.M., then gave "The W.M., Bro. E. Rutherford," and

said it was a great pleasure as well as a duty to propose the toast of the evening, which would be received with every honour due to him. He and the W.M. were initiated in the lodge together on the same evening, and the W.M. allowed him (Bro. Homer) to overstep him in going into the chair, which he should never forget. The W.M. was one of the best of friends, a good Mason, and not one to stop at trifles, and they might congratulate themselves in having a W.M. who would keep up the prestige of the lodge. The officers he had appointed were good, and knew their business, and in conclusion he wished him every happiness and prosperity.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, as was the W.M., Bro. Rutherford, on rising to respond. He said that he hardly knew how to express himself in words for the kind remarks of Bro. Homer, who had always been his friend. He thanked them for the hearty manner he had received the toast, and remarked that he was a poor speaker, but he would endeavour to do his duty to the best of his ability and, with the assistance of his officers, who had done him good service that evening, he hoped his year of office would be a success.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and on behalf of the lodge he accorded them a very hearty welcome, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Frank Evans and Tom Whaley, who both responded in appropriate terms, congratulating the W.M. and the I.P.M. on their excellent working, and thanking the members for the grand manner the visitors had been received and entertained.

In giving "The I.P.M., Bro. H. J. Homer," the W.M. said they all knew he was one of the very best; he had many abilities, and they were all indebted to him for the great things he had done for the lodge and the Craft. He could not sing his praises too highly, and he hoped, as they all did, that he would have health and strength to continue his great efforts for the interests of their good lodge.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. H. J. Homer, I.P.M., said it was with great pleasure that he rose to respond, but what the W.M. had said of him he did not deserve, and he could not do too much in return for the W.M.'s kindness in allowing him (Bro. Homer) to go into the chair before him. That time last year he told Bro. McLeod that he could not support the Boys' Institution, as he was going up for the Girls', and what did Bro. McLeod do?—why he used his eloquence for the Girls', with the great result that they knew; and in return for that great service he earnestly asked them to liberally support the W.M.'s list as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' Institution, and so gladden the hearts of the W.M. and Bro. McLeod. The W.M. and Bro. McLeod had referred to his (Bro. Homer's) health, and he appreciated their kind remarks. He was glad to say that he was better, but his doctor had ordered him to the Cape, and, although he would be away from the lodge for the next few months, they should, if he was near a telegraph office, hear from him.

In eulogistic terms the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," making special reference to those who were present. He was sorry that Bro. H. Fonseca, P.M., was not able to be there, but he was ill at Brighton, and they all wished for his speedy recovery.

Bro. C. M. Brander, P.M., responded, and said that the financial position of the lodge was very good, and he felt that all the members were working together to further the interests of the lodge, which had been in existence for 25 years. The members would never forget the great services of the I.P.M., Bro. Homer, as W.M., and the gigantic things he did for the last Festival of the Girls' Institution. He hoped the W.M. would not forget the ladies during his year of office, but give them an entertainment, which he was certain the fair ones would appreciate.

Bros. A. H. Marks, P.M., and H. T. Culliford, P.M., also acknowledged the toast in brief but happy speeches and to the point.

The hour being late, the W.M. gave as one toast "The Treasurer and Secretary and the Officers," and he joined with it the names of Bros. T. H. Beach, Sec., and J. B. O'Callaghan, S.W.

In response, Bro. Beach thanked the W.M. for appointing him again Secretary of one of the best lodges in London, and one that was well known in the Masonic world for its great support of the three Institutions.

Bro. O'Callaghan also responded in very happy terms.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end one of the many happy meetings of the City of Westminster Lodge it has been our privilege and pleasure to attend.

An excellent musical programme was contributed to by Miss Gertrude Maxted, Miss Ethel Spark, Bro. Charles Ellison, Arthur Strugnell, Will Edwards, and Fred James; but special mention should be made of the two ladies for their sweet singing. Bro. Sydney Hill was the musical director, and he ably presided at the pianoforte.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W. In the absence of Bro. Wm. Turner, W.M., in South Africa, Bro. R. S. Fairbank, I.P.M., presided, who was supported by the officers—Bros. H. T. Taylor, S.W.; A. D. Jones, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G. Org., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; J. Davidson, S.D.; F. M. Spencer Lewin, J.D.; W. W. Szlumper, I.G.; and H. L. Sarson, Stwd.—and the following members: Bros. J. Pollard, P.M.; R. Lake, P.M.; F. J. Rebman, J. H. Dallas, J. D. Pattullo, A. R. Woodbridge, W. A. Bird, W. L. Barrett, H. A. Brouil, C. Fox, F. G. Bartlett, J. F. W. Silk, H. M. Allom, R. J. Probyn Williams, A. C. Probyn Williams, H. Parkin, G. B. Flux, G. I. Schorstein, R. Hilton, R. H. Cummings, J. C. F. Neuemann, T. A. Polson (hon. member), and I. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C.; M. Llewellyn Evans, P.M. 416, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; S. Garcia, P.M. 2168; N. R. Pringle, S.W. 92; J. W. M. Newton, J.W. 1789; G. May, J.D. 2741; G. Stubbs, 771; J. H. Candell, 1539; and H. F. B. Archer, 1725.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and apologies for non-attendance were read. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the ballot being taken, proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Hugh T. Taylor, S.W. Bro. Henry R. Rose, P.M., P.G. Org., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the lodge for the seventh year, Bro. T. Bowler was re-elected Tyler for the 15th year, the Audit Committee was appointed, and the Secretary read the bye-laws. Bro. H. T. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect, then worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture in a faultless manner. The Past Master's jewel of the lodge was unanimously voted to Bro. W. Turner, the retiring W.M., and a candidate for initiation having been proposed, and the Charity maul passed around, the lodge was closed.

After the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

In giving that of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. in the chair, Bro. Fairbank, I.P.M., referred to the great loss sustained by the death of Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, P.G. Org.

Bro. H. R. Rose, P.G.O., then played Chopin's Funeral March, and Bros. G. May, H. Packin, H. T. Taylor, and R. Hilton sang Bro. Sullivan's exquisite and appropriate part song, "The long day closes."

Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., responded, and mentioned that Sir Arthur Sullivan was a pupil of the late Sir John Guss, and that Lady Goss was his (Bro. Speth's) grandmother, to attend whose funeral, Sir Arthur came home specially from abroad in order to be present. He had the utmost kindness of heart, and exhibited that greatest of Masonic virtues—Charity—having supported for years the widow and orphans of his brother, Fred Sullivan. Having referred to the revival of the lectures, this being the first time he had heard one of the lectures in lodge, Bro. Speth congratulated the Earl of Mornington Lodge on glee singing being one of its objects, according to the bye-laws which he had heard read upstairs, and the magnificent rendering of the beautiful part song they had just listened to. Glee-singing was particularly English, no foreign country being able to produce glee composers.

A selection of glees then followed, interspersed with flute solos, by Bro. W. L. Barrett, and a pianoforte solo by Bro. H. R. Rose, P.G.O.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Llewellyn Evans, N. R. Pringle, and G. May; and that of "The Officers," by Bros. Taylor, S.W., and Dawson Jones, J.W.; the Tyler's toast concluding a most enjoyable evening, as regards both the work in the lodge and the banquet, as well as the excellent music which followed.

Empire Lodge, No. 2108.

On Tuesday last at the meeting of this lodge, the W.M. vacated the chair and Bro. Daniel Meyer initiated Lord De la Warr.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1900.

Masonic Notes.

The regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, and at the outset of the proceedings an acknowledgment will be read of the resolution of condolence with his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, on the death of his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, K.G., which was passed at the September meeting. The usual business will follow, including nominations for the offices of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer respectively, for the year 1901-2.

Among the items contained in the Report of the Board of General Purposes is a recommendation to the effect that the offer by two members of the Premises Committee and the Grand Secretary to make over to Grand Lodge a freehold stable in New Yard, "situate between freehold premises the property of Grand Lodge, and let on a yearly tenancy of £32 per annum," which they had purchased for £760 at a public auction, be accepted. We think the Board might have gone a step further, and included in its recommendation an expression of thanks to the two members and the Grand Secretary. The property might have been snapped up by a speculative person, who, knowing or believing Grand Lodge to be a wealthy body, might have looked to make a substantial profit by the transaction, and in order to secure possession of this freehold stable, situate in the midst of its own property, Grand Lodge might have had to pay £1000 or £1200 for what will now cost it only £760. Such an idea seems naturally to present itself on reading the paragraph in the Report, and the act of those who by their wise and loyal prevision have prevented such a possibility deserves some slight recognition.

For the Grand Treasurership for 1901-2 two brethren have been for months past before the Craft as candidates—Bro. Captain John Barlow and Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall. Both are strong men, and there can be no doubt that whether the former or the latter is chosen, the office will be well and worthily filled. But the prospect of a closely-contested election in March next is not a pleasant one. The turmoil and excitement which appear to be part and parcel of these contests should be averted if possible. Could not the Chairmen of the rival Committees meet together privately and draw lots on the understanding that the loser should have the field all to himself the following year? We readily admit that it would not be a dignified arrangement, nor would it preclude other aspirants for the office from allowing themselves to be nominated. But contests of this kind are still less dignified, and, as we have just said, every effort should be made to avoid one.

It appears that since the September communication his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant warrants for the constitution of eight new lodges. Of these the Devonian Lodge, No. 2834, which was consecrated quite recently, is located in London, and the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2837, in Liverpool, in the Province of West Lancashire. The other six are located Abroad, the North of Gogra Lodge, No. 2830, Gonda, and the Koil Lodge, No. 2831, Aligarh, in the District of Bengal; and the Excelsior Lodge, No. 2832, at Dagshai, in that of the Punjab. The Alfred Milner Lodge, No. 2833, will meet at Muizenberg in Cape Colony, and the Basutoland Lodge, No. 2835, at Maseru, while the Yoruba Lodge, No. 2836, will have its quarters at Lagos, in West Africa.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th instant, when among other business will be presented for adoption the Report of the General Board. From this we gather that Warrants for two new Mark and three new Royal Ark Mariner Lodges have been granted since the last report. The new Mark Lodges are the Bassein, No. 543, located in the District of Burma, and the Unity Lodge, No. 544, at Liverpool, in the Province of Lancashire. The R.A.M. Lodges are the United Service, attached to the Mark Lodge, No. 69, of the same name, at New Brompton, in the Province of Kent, which was consecrated by Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M.M., on Wednesday, the 7th November; the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 82, to meet at Bangalore, in the District of Madras; and the Star Lodge, No. 499, in London. We are also informed that the number of registered Mark Master Masons on the 30th September last was 42,000, and of Royal Ark Mariners 6337, the number of certificates of the former Degree issued during the quarter being 225, and of the latter, 34. We are further told that the Warrants of No. 325 (in Cornwall), No. 370 (St. Helena), No. 407 (Surrey), and No. 485 (London), have been retained.

The Board likewise recommends that the thanks of Grand Lodge be voted to Viscount Dungarvan for his valuable services as Deputy Grand Master during the past seven years, and that his lordship be invited to accept the clothing of his rank as a slight recognition

of those services. It appears, also, that Bro. Imre Kiralfy, W.M. of the Empress Lodge, No. 533, has presented some very fine specimens of ancient Japanese armour and a Zulu Kaross, and Grand Lodge is recommended to pass a vote of thanks to Bro. Kiralfy in recognition of his generous gift. We are further given to understand that his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M.M. has been pleased to appoint Bro. Josiah F. Pepper to be Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire and Shropshire, in succession to Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, deceased.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of Volume IX. of "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," being one of the Masonic Reprints of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. The volume is edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., the Lodge Secretary, and consists of "The Book of the Fundamental Constitutions and Orders of the Philo Muisæ et Architecturæ Societas, London, 1725-1727." It is "illustrated with Plates and Facsimiles," and is accompanied by an "Introduction and Notes by Bro. W. Henry Rylands, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C." We regret that, owing to the heavy demands upon our time just now, we are under the necessity of deferring for a week or two our remarks upon the work, which, in the matter of printing and embellishment, is in all respects worthy of the lodge.

The report presented at the recent annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees is in every way a most satisfactory document. Not only, we are told, has there been during the past year a large accession of members, but new councils have been warranted, with every prospect before them of a long and successful career. We are also pleased to hear that the relations between the Grand Council and the Order of the Secret Monitor have been, and are, of the most fraternal character, a circumstance that must have been particularly gratifying to the late Bro. Dr. Zacharie, the founder of the Order in this country, whose recent death is referred to in terms of sympathy. We trust that the reports which may be laid before the Council in the future will prove at least as favourable.

The Seymour Lodge, No. 2804, so named after its first W. Master—Lord Ernest Seymour, P. Prov. G.W. Warwickshire—a full report of the consecration of which appeared in our last week's issue, starts under more favourable auspices than usual. Its founders were 31 in number, and a commodious hall has been built for the accommodation of its members. Moreover, several propositions for initiation were handed in at the inaugural meeting, and there is every reason to hope that a lodge which has begun so well will be carried on prosperously. It has our heartiest good wishes for its success.

We have been favoured with copy of proceedings of the 25th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, on the 13th of June last, under the presidency of Bro. John Leslie, M.W. Grand Master. In the course of the address which is usually delivered on these occasions and which contains a full account of the doings of the past year, Bro. Leslie mentioned that he had only been called upon to give one decision, and that was "whether a man who had lost his left leg above the knee could be initiated into Masonry." This point he appears to have settled in the affirmative. But though he gave this one, he said he had been called upon to give many cases in which there was no real necessity for any appeal at all, and he added "a careful reading of the Constitution and a little common sense would save a great deal of time in this respect to both the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary." He also expressed his opinion that it was a great mistake to ask for a decision "unless the question is one upon which opinions may materially differ, or one of grave importance upon which no decision has previously been given."

The statistics show that in the 25 years this Grand Lodge has been in existence very substantial progress has been made. There are in good working 66 out of the 74 lodges that have been placed on the roll, the aggregate membership of these 66 lodges on the 27th December, 1899, being 3091. The Grand Treasurer's annual statement of account for the year to the 31st March last, showed a total of receipts, including balance from previous account, amounting to 4234 dollars, and an expenditure of 3281 dollars, leaving a balance in hand of 953 dollars, while on the Benevolent Fund there was available a sum of 1073 dollars, no application for relief having been received during the year. The Grand Master for the present year is Bro. W. G. Thornton, and the Grand Secretary Bro. James A. Ovas, Bro. W. G. Scott having resigned after holding the office since 1880, with the exception of the years 1881 and 1882, when he served as Deputy Grand Master; and the Grand Master was authorised to appoint a "Committee to arrange for the presentation of a testimonial in recognition of his '20 years of faithful service to the Craft.'"

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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

What we seem to want is an authoritative ruling to settle the question at issue, viz., What is really meant by "Confirmation of Minutes"?

We are evidently agreed that, according to law and custom, all minutes of proceedings of a private lodge have to be read and put for confirmation, and rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions, directs, in the case only of minutes of the annual election meeting, that this *must* be done at the *next* regular meeting, the object being, as I interpret the rule, to ensure the accurate writing of the position relating to the election of Master, and the confirmation thereof, before his installation. Of course if, upon reading the minutes, a dispute were to arise as to who was actually elected Master, which the brethren present were unable to settle, the portion referred to *could not* be confirmed and, consequently, the election would have to be proceeded with again at the following regular meeting, but to rescind a minute, the correctness of which is unquestioned, would be a very different matter.

Again, upon the reading of the minute of election of Master, a fatal objection might be raised to its confirmation, owing to discovery of the illegality of such election, because he was disqualified for the post, not having served for one year the office of Master or Warden of a regular lodge; or, being at the time in arrear with the payment of his dues, he was, therefore, according to a bye-law of the lodge, ineligible for the office; or, being Master of another lodge, because he had failed to obtain the necessary dispensation to hold a second Mastership at the same time. It may also be held that the brethren would be *unable* to confirm the minutes if the Master elect had since died, or become incapacitated, or declined to accept the office.

But slow progress would be made with the business transactions of commercial and other companies and institutions, if votes and resolutions passed at one board meeting could be nullified at the next, and if the same process could be repeated, from time to time, preventing a definite conclusion being arrived at, on any given subject, interminably, but that is what it comes to, in relation to the most important items of lodge business, if the dictum set forth in your "Masonic Notes" of to-day be correct.

You commence by expressing "very little doubt" as to the meaning and intent of Rule 130, thus implying that there is *some doubt* about it in your mind, and you go on to show that your conclusions are inferential only, and yet you are so inconsistent as to state also, most emphatically, that such "meaning and intent" is "as plain as a pikestaff."

However "absurd" my arguments may be, I regret that I can see nothing in yours to shake it; and I may add, in support of my views, that I have consulted several experienced P.Ms. who take considerable interest in lodge affairs, all of whom are absolutely in accord with me, and, therefore, I think it is but a reasonable deduction to make that the law laid down for our guidance on this subject is, like many Acts of Parliament, certainly not as complete and clear as it might be, and that, at any rate until undeniable proof is forthcoming that one of us is right, the contrary opinion of the other is entitled to some little respect.—Yours fraternally,

E. PRINCE.

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24th November.

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was pleased to see the letter of "Indignant" in your last issue though, of course, I regret the necessity he felt there was to write you on such a subject. I am sorry to say that I believe the practice he condemns is not confined to certain London lodges; there are Provincial lodges which lay themselves open to initiate all and sundry who may come to them. I know, at least, one instance in which such a lodge was known as "The Refuge for the Destitute," and it admitted without compunction, men whose candidature as members of the Craft had been refused in their own towns. The Constitutions, as you point out in your leading Article, are quite clear as to the responsibility of lodges in such a matter, but, unfortunately, too many of our lodges regard quantity and not quality as the measure of Masonic success, and their members point to the piling up of funds, consequent on the too-ready admission of initiates as a proof of their superiority over lodges which, acting up to the spirit and letter of the Constitutions, draw an effective line and, consequently, have but a small balance at their bankers. I rejoice that you have "lent your assistance" in compliance with "Indignant's" request, but I fear that if lodges get into a habit of carelessness as to the reputability of candidates, neither editorial injunction nor private Mason's reproach will have much effect upon them.—Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The question as to the precise meaning and object of *confirmation of minutes* will often be raised in the future, as in the past, until the Grand Lodge has authoritatively decided the various points involved. I think "Masonic Jurisprudence," in his interesting and suggestive articles concerning the "Book of Constitutions" in actual practice, has wisely refrained from taking a very positive view of the matter beyond what is actually laid down in the regulations. I wish much that our gifted brother the Grand Registrar (the V.W. Bro. John Strachan, Q.C.), would take the matter in hand, and see it through Grand Lodge. It would confer a great boon on many Masters and other brethren who desire a really practical and complete settlement of the question, similar to the decision arrived at by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, *unless when otherwise provided for*, viz.: "39. Confirmation of minutes of Grand Lodge implies that the resolutions of a previous meeting have been correctly recorded, and not that the question discussed and disposed of at such former meeting can be opened up at the succeeding one when the minutes are read." I believe the same rule or usage prevails in the sister Grand Lodge of Ireland. It may be asked that, as this is called "a common sense view of the matter," why not follow it? The misfortune is that the Grand Lodge has several times *non-confirmed* its minutes that have been correctly recorded, and hence the W.M. of a lodge might fairly agree to allow a motion to be put

to his lodge to non-confirm a portion of the minutes that are correctly recorded, because of an alteration of views since the last meeting, or because a larger number of brethren have attended at the second meeting than at the first, and either likely to upset the decision of the previous assembly, or wish, at all events, to consider it again. Hence I believe, to remove all doubt and difficulty, the Grand Lodge should decide the point, and thus remove the present uncertainty. The question, however, of the confirmation or otherwise of ordinary minutes is not in the running in respect to the minute of the election of the W.M. I agree with the Editor of the *Freemason* as to this, and disagree with Bro. E. Prince. The Book of Constitutions provides most explicitly for this, as in fact the true election of the W.M. (or the *complete* election) does not take place until the minute of such selection or election is confirmed, and the rule makes arrangements in the event of the minute being non-confirmed—(see No. 131, Edit. 1896). What we want, however, is a ruling of the Grand Registrar or the Grand Lodge as to what *confirmation* means and involves of ordinary minutes not expressly provided for by Grand Lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Craft Masonry.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. Walter Cockerham, W.M.; John T. C. Blackie, S.W.; Samuel Richards, J.W.; O. M. Jones, P.M., Treas.; J. Schofield, I.P.M., Sec.; J. Brownhill, S.D.; A. E. Bentley, J.D.; J. R. Fletcher, Tyler; Buckley Carr, P.M., D.C., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Irlam, P.M.; E. Zoebell, P.M.; William Arnold, Samuel Rains, John Wm. Whalley, Chas. G. Balls, Geo. J. Critchley, E. A. Harrison, Chas. F. Norbery, J. Thrutchley, J. M. Moss, P.M., P.P.D.G.S.B.; and H. Massingham, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Thompson, P.M. 1534, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Bentley, 2156; R. W. Nuttall, 165; and A. Gresly, 852.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Samuel William Hartley, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by Bro. E. Zoebell, P.M., in a very able manner. The working tools were presented by Bro. S. Richards, P.M., and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. J. T. C. Blackie, S.W. The traditional history was rendered by Bro. J. Irlam, P.M., in his usual brilliant style, to Bros. Harrison, Thrutchley, and Arnold, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the festive board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening: Bros. Richards, Brownhill, Bentley, Arnold, Norbury, Thrutchley, Thompson, Nuttall, and Hartley.

Herschel Lodge, No. 1394.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. E. HARRIS.

The installation meeting of this well-known and important lodge took place at Slough on the 20th ult., and was very well attended by the members and a large number of visitors, including the W.Ms. of the Windsor Castle, Wycombe, Marlow, and Ellington Lodges, and the D.P.G.M. and the Prov. G. Sec.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. George E. Harris, was then presented by the D.C., and installed into the chair by Bro. Shuard. The new W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers, and addressed them in suitable terms as to their respective duties. The delivery of the customary addresses was very ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Shuard, the Installing Officer, and he is to be congratulated on the exemplary manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony. The W.M. then presented, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome gold jewel, in recognition of his valuable services during his two years of leadership of the lodge, in addition to his Past Master's jewel which he had last year. Bro. Shuard, in reply, tendered his thanks for the jewel, and should ever prize it as an evidence of the goodwill and fellowship from his brethren in the lodge. Other business followed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Vallis's, where they found a superb banquet awaiting them, to which ample justice was done.

At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M., Bro. George E. Harris, proposed the first toast, viz., "The Queen and the Craft," which is always received with the greatest enthusiasm at these meetings, and accorded musical honours.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past" having been duly honoured, was responded to in suitable terms by the Dep. Prov. G. Master, who referred to the loss the lodge had sustained through the resignation of Bro. Barrett, after holding the office of Secretary for 17 years.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G. Master and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," and said he regretted to inform the brethren that the Prov. G. Master was unavoidably detained in town, and he was desired to express his lordship's apologies to the brethren for his absence, which was universally regretted by the brethren, as he is, undoubtedly, the most respected and popular Prov. G. Master the province ever had.

The I.P.M. next gave the toast of "The W.M." in very flattering terms, and referred to his good working in the lodge that evening and also to his work as Secretary to the lodge of instruction. They knew how he could do the ritual and his genial manner and friendship to them all would make him a great success as W.M.

The W.M., who was enthusiastically received, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind words, and said he wished he deserved half the good things said of him, but he hoped with the assistance and support of the I.P.M. and the Past Masters of the lodge that he should be able to maintain and uphold the efficiency of the lodge.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," and said that during his two years of office, his working of the ritual had given the greatest satisfaction to the members, and that he had the honour of passing a very distinguished brother, and had also had the honour of entertaining the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge during his term of office, and was rewarded with Provincial honours, and that he vacated the chair with the esteem of all.

The W.M., on rising to respond was received with acclamation, and in very earnest terms thanked them for their hearty reception, and said his two years of office would be indelibly imprinted on his memory, as two very happy years in his Masonic career, he had met with the greatest kindness and support from the officers and brethren, and begged to thank them most heartily for their hearty good wishes.

"The Visitors" toast was most ably given by the new Secretary of the lodge, and responded to by several eminent brethren.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters and Founders of the Lodge" in suitable terms, which was duly honoured and responded to.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Officers," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and was responded to by the S.W. in a very neat little speech.

The Tyler's toast was then given.

Before the members dispersed they expressed themselves as having had a most enjoyable evening. It was regretted that several of the brethren from the most distant parts of the county had to leave early to catch their trains.

Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. J. BADDLERLY.

A very successful meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 21st ult., when the following members were present: Bros. W. E. Lane, W.M.; E. J. Baddlerly, W.M. elect; W. J. Hellyar, I. Coulthard, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Smith, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Deacon, E. W. Wilcox, W. Chilcott, J. C. Kruse, Geo. Lane, I.P.M.; R. Bottle, P.M.; A. Bignold, P.M.; F. Arnold, P.M.; W. B. Pugh, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Lawson, P.M. 1607; H. Scott, 1766; A. Cunningham, P.M. 1766; G. Cunningham, P.M. 1607; T. B. Callam, 173; F. C.

Thornhill, 15; W. J. Thatcher, 1604; R. Gillespie, 1865; W. Spearing, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Wm. Weeden, I.G. 2030; H. G. Holland, P.M. 2593; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; R. Francis, 172; H. E. Poole, 2030; E. W. Browning, P.M. 2455; W. Belchin, 2030; A. Taylor, 2664; G. B. Spice, P.M. 1871; J. Freer, W.M. 1631; J. Batterden, 1767; H. Tull, S.W. 742; G. Livingstone, 333; A. W. Mark, J.W. 141; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, the Third Degree was impressively carried out. Bro. E. J. Badderly was next presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair, afterwards investing the following officers: Bros. W. J. Hellyar, S.W.; T. Coulthard, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Smith, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Wilcox, J.D.; J. Leigh, Org.; J. Morris, I.G.; A. J. Bignold, P.M., D.C.; W. Chilcott, J. C. Kruse, and G. Raven, Stewards; and C. Shepherd, Tyler. Owing to absence, the investiture of Bros. E. Nice, J.W., and A. W. Deacon, S.D., was postponed.

A satisfactory audit report was adopted, and lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet the usual toasts were heartily given.

Bro. W. E. Lane, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W. Master." It was 15 years since Bro. Badderly was initiated, and he had gone through the different offices and given satisfaction to every Master who had ruled over him. Having now arrived at the chair, Bro. Badderly could be relied upon to give the same satisfaction as W.M. as he had given as an officer, if the members would only afford him the opportunity of showing his proficiency in the working. They knew him as a worker, and therefore hoped he would have ample opportunities of showing his ability. To ensure a successful year the W.M. could rely upon the support of his officers and brethren.

Bro. E. J. Badderly, W.M., thanked them for the kind way in which they had received his toast. It was true he was initiated 15 years ago by Bro. Coulthard, their esteemed Treasurer, and since that time he had met with such genuine kindness and support that he could hardly find words to adequately thank them. Every brother who joined Freemasonry aspired to the important position of W.M. of his lodge. He had gained that position after going through the different offices, and if he had given them satisfaction in the work he had done he hoped to continue to do so in the year to come. He only hoped the Great Architect would give him health to carry out his duties, for 12 months ago, owing to ill-health, he never thought to attain the chair. He trusted to be spared to them for many years to continue his support to the lodge as a Past Master. The brethren would remember that to make his year successful they must support him with good initiates to fill the gaps caused by those who fell out of the ranks. There would be a ladies' night in connection with the lodge in January, and he hoped it would be as successful as in the past. He would propose the next toast, which was "The I.P.M." Bro. Lane, I.P.M., had given them intense gratification during the past year by the way in which he had carried out his duties, and it had been one of the most successful years their lodge had had. In presenting the I.P.M. with the jewel he had so well earned they hoped he would be spared for many years to wear it.

Bro. W. E. Lane, I.P.M., acknowledged the kind remarks of the W.M., and thanked the officers and members for their support during the past year. It had been an extremely pleasant year, and he left the chair with a certain amount of regret. He rejoiced, however, at having such a worthy successor in the W.M. He thanked them for the beautiful jewel, which quite repaid him for any trouble or work he had had.

For "The Visitors" Bros. Browning, Holland, Livingstone, Tull, and Lawson replied.

The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and said that all the Past Masters had rendered good service to the lodge. Bro. Coulthard, P.M., Treas., ably looked after the finances of the lodge, and Bro. Smith, P.M., was a most exemplary Secretary, who performed his duties in such a genuine manner that every Master was encouraged to re-appoint him.

Bros. Bignold, P.M.; Lane, I.P.M.; Pugh, P.M.; and Coulthard, P.M., Treas., responded.

Bro. W. T. Smith, P.M., Sec., also replied, assuring the brethren that the finances were in a good condition and would be improved a year hence.

"The Officers" concluded the programme.

Bro. J. Leigh, Org., directed the musical arrangements, which proved attractive and enjoyable. Miss Lillian Mayes contributed a couple of songs in a very pleasing manner and in excellent style, and Bro. Field and Mr. Bertram Pearce also assisted with well rendered songs. The humorous element was well sustained by Bro. Arthur Melrose, who was heartily encored for his clever whistling songs. Bro. T. F. Noakes proved a most efficient accompanist.

Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. G. STEVENSON.

The installation meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., Bro. W. D. Rudyard, W.M., presiding. The first business was the initiation of a candidate, Mr. E. V. Howgate, which was done by the W.M., assisted by Bro. the Rev. C. E. Wright, P.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. A. G. Stevenson, the W.M. elect. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. H. J. Rudyard, S.W.; Rev. E. Bulmer, J.W.; Rev. Canon Watson, Chap.; H. L. Swift, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Jones, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Hingston, S.D.; G. A. Auden, J.D.; E. M. Taylor, I.G.; Rev. C. E. Wright, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; T. B. H. Whytehead and H. R. A. Whytehead, Stwds.; and J. R. Parker, Tyler.

The annual dinner was held at the Station Hotel.

Many apologies for absence were read from leading Masons in the North, including one from the Dean of York, who was kept indoors by indisposition.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.

A very successful meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly. There were present Bros. W. Miles, W.M.; I. Geneses, I.P.M.; A. Barclay, S.W.; A. Sarjeant, J.W.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Sec.; Leopold Weil, P.M., Treas.; S. Russell, S.D.; E. H. Parry, J.D.; W. Cooper, I.G.; G. W. Cooper, Org.; Rev. S. Roco, Chap.; W. Klingenstein, P.M.; C. Graham, P.M.; V. Cahn, P.M.; C. Featherstone, P.M.; Dr. H. Oppenheimer, P.M.; W. Geddes, G. L. Jones, S. L. Heymann, Reid, H. V. Purvis, R. A. Passmore, De Vries, Wimmelbacher, E. Oppenheimer, S. L. Cook, E. Simon, H. Thomson, G. H. Ribbons, 1928; H. Simon, 25; J. D. Behr, 206 New York; R. H. Heney, 144; A. J. Shepherd, 2428; and Young, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting, held in October, were read and confirmed, and the bye-laws of the lodge were also read. Bros. Purvis and Thompson being candidates for passing, answered the questions admirably, and were initiated. Bros. Purvis and Thompson having been passed, Bro. Miles gave the explanation of the tracing board, and was congratulated by the brethren assembled. The lodge was then closed.

After the banquet which followed, the various loyal and congratulatory toasts were given and replied to in a very happy manner, and these were interspersed with a delightful musical programme, under the direction of Bro. Gervas W. Cooper, Org., which included the following artists, viz.: Miss Kate Hemming, and Bros. R. H. Heney, Simons, and G. Leonard Jones.

La France Lodge, No. 2060.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. FAUCHEUX.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. BUE, P.M., P.G. STD. BR.

A sign of its strong vitality has again been given by the Lodge La France, No. 2060, on Monday, 19th ult., when the installation meeting was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being: Bros. J. Smithers, A.G.D.C.; J. J. Lamigeon, P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; G. H. Ribbons, 1925; J. T. Saunders, P.M. 1537; W. S. Ogle, P.M.; A. Duché, W.M. 1091; O. Lamare, P.M. 1922; A. E. Gannon, 2392; J. Gersaut; W. Grant, 1635; J. Broad, 2796; E. Lunge, 2796; H. Areima, 1563; and R. Zwalen.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, and the ballot being taken for two candidates, Bro. Jules Oppenheim, W.M., performed the ceremony of initiation, and proceeded then to the principal item of the evening, viz., the installation of Bro. F. Fauchaux, J.W., the W.M. elect. Bro. Fauchaux having been presented, and having formally signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, he was installed in the presence of the Board of Installed Masters. Upon

the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted, whereupon he invested his officers for the ensuing year. They are: Bros. Ch. Hauvette, S.W.; D. Brill, J.W.; Lehmann, S.D.; Carré, J.D.; Léon Clere, P.M., Sec.; E. St. Clair, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; St. Barlet, P.M., A.D.C.; David, M.B.; and Jules Oppenheim, I.P.M., as Treasurer, vice H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br., who for many years had watched over the financial interests of the lodge, whose founder he was. Being obliged to follow the migration of Christ's Hospital, where he is French Master, to Horsham, Bro. Bué was compelled to abandon to his great regret his duties that connected him with the lodge. In order to show him their deep-felt regard and esteem, and as a small token of gratitude for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge in particular, and to the Craft in general, Bro. Oppenheim, on behalf of the brethren, presented him with an illuminated address, executed in a highly artistic manner by the well-known painter, Bro. Faustin. Bro. Bué, who was evidently moved, in returning thanks for the unexpected gift, said he was glad to state that in La France Lodge they knew how to keep a secret. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. Oppenheim, who is already in possession of the Past Master's jewel, for the excellent manner in which he had conducted labour and refreshments during the second occasion on which he had been in the chair of K.S., as well as for the impressive style he carried out the proceedings of the evening.

Having re-elected a former member of the lodge, Bro. Jules Rolez, and decided to grant various sums to Charities, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted from the chair, and duly honoured.

Bro. Smithers, A.G.D.C., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. Ribbons, Lamigeon, and Duché responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

During the evening an excellent musical entertainment was provided, and fully came up to the high standard for which this lodge is noted. The programme included Miss Marie Berchili—daughter of Bro. Berchili (Mizpah)—a very gifted soprano; Mlle. Jeanne Laurent, in some interesting French recitations; a harmonious instrumental quartet, composed of M. Hervrié (violin), M. Maunheim (cello), Mr. H. Wilson (piano), and Mr. J. Roger (organ).

Concord Lodge, No. 1135.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. R. M. ROWE.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Ilfracombe, on the 28th ult., when Bro. R. M. Rowe was installed W.M. by Bro. S. Jones, P.P.S.G.D. The W.M. invested as his officers Bros. J. Chadder, S.W.; J. Kelly, J.W.; Wm. Walters, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; E. J. Tamlyn, Sec.; A. P. Huxtable, S.D.; W. H. Huxtable, J.D.; M. W. Tattam, P.M., D. of C.; J. T. Gardner, P.P.G.O., Org.; H. J. Macey, I.G.; C. H. Browning, Asst. D. of C.; F. Beer, Asst. Org.; H. R. Grover, P.P.J.G.D., Charity Stwd.; G. Kevern Batten and F. Jones, Stwds.; and A. Jeffrey, Tyler.

The banquet was held at the Ilfracombe Hotel, the Bideford, Barnstaple, and South Moulton lodges being represented.

Royal Arch,

Avalon Chapter, No. 446.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. R. NORTON.

The installation meeting of the above chapter was held in the Vicar's Hall, Wells, on the 27th ult., when there was about an average attendance. The acting Treasurer presented the financial statement, which showed a good balance in hand. Comp. R. Norton was installed into the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. Russ into the chair of H.; and Comp. Barnwell as J.; and the other officers of the chapter were duly invested.

At the close of the business, the companions adjourned to the Swan Hotel to dine, and spent a pleasant evening, under the presidency of Comp. Leaker, in the absence of Comp. Norton through indisposition.

Rose Chapter, No. 1622.

The election meeting of this flourishing and important South London chapter took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall on the 24th ult. Present: Comps. T. R. Cass, M.E.Z.; G. H. Lewis, P.Z., H.; Wal. E. Jeffery, J.; John Loader, P.Z., Treas.; Geo. Thompson, S.E.; R. J. Sobel, 1st A.S.; F. W. Wright, 2nd A.S.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. Whiteman, Janitor; Isaac Dunn, P.Z.; S. J. Derham, P.Z.; Thos. Grumman, P. Prov. P.S. Essex (hon.); R. J. Richards, J. B. Higgs, W. J. Snodgrass, J. Theo. Audy, and Saml. W. Ballard. The visitors were Comps. J. H. Cureton, P.Z. and S.E. 2182; Frank Swintford Smith, H. elect 2272, P. Prov. G. Org. Middx.; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z. and S.E. 1901.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The elections were proceeded with, and the unanimous result was as follows: Comps. George H. Lewis, as M.E.Z.; Wal. E. Jeffery, H.; Geo. Thompson, J.; John Loader, P.Z., Treas.; S. J. Derham, P.Z., S.E.; S. W. Ballard, S.N.; W. J. Frampton, P.S.; R. J. Sobel, 1st A.S.; F. W. Wright, 2nd A.S.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. Parr, Stwd.; and J. Whiteman, Janitor. The Auditors having been appointed, notice of motion was given by Comp. S. J. Derham, P.Z.—"That a Past Principal's jewel be presented to Comp. T. R. Cass, M.E.Z., for excellent services rendered the chapter during the past year." "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, the chapter was closed, and the convocation adjourned.

The companions retired to an excellent supper, supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, and superintended by her in her usual very capable manner.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. presented the usual loyal and R.A. toasts in his customary graceful manner, remarking of her Majesty that she had endeared herself to the hearts of all her subjects; and also of H.R.H. the M.E.G.Z., that he performed his multifarious duties most nobly, and was ever ready to assist his illustrious mother in the various functions that she had to perform.

The toasts were accepted right royally.

That of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past" also received at the hands of the M.E.Z. that meed of praise it so richly deserves.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was presented by Comp. J. Loader, P.Z., Treas., who said he was only re-echoing the voice of all present and it gave him great pleasure in doing so. Comp. T. R. Cass, M.E.Z., had endeared himself to them all and had carried out the duties of the first Principal's chair in an exemplary manner and with much geniality. The M.E.Z. would leave that chair with their fervent hope, that for many years he might be spared to render that able assistance he had done in the past and remain an ornament in the Rose Chapter.

The M.E.Z., who was received in a most cordial manner, replied that he thanked his old and esteemed Comp. J. Loader for his kind and generous remarks, and also for the manner the companions had received them. He was certainly much attached to the Rose Chapter, his mother chapter, from the time of its consecration, and had found among its members some of his most esteemed friends. He very kindly alluded to the late Comp. H. Martin, P.Z., one of the oldest Past Principals, through whom he was introduced to the chapter, which had from its inception been carried on in an able manner, and so long as that continued and under such able guidance it must succeed. He had done his very best in the chapter, and most heartily thanked the companions for their generosity which had been evinced through the whole of the year.

The toast of "The Visitors" was presented by the M.E.Z. in terms of appreciation and cordiality, and duly responded to by Comps. Cureton, Swintford Smith, Cornford, and Stone, each accepting the kind remarks of the M.E.Z., and also the reception given to them by the companions. It was their sincere desire to have the privilege extended to them again, which they should only be too pleased to accept.

The M.E.Z., Comp. T. R. Cass, next presented the toast of "The H. and J.," and remarked of Comp. G. H. Lewis, the M.E.Z. elect, that they were exalted together in that chapter, but that Comp. Lewis had most worthily filled and had passed the chair in another chapter, and he was confident the companions could not have elected a more worthy companion, or one who could more ably carry out the duties of M.E.Z. during the coming year. Of Comp. W. E. Jeffery, J. and H. elect, the M.E.Z. said he had

performed his duties in a most capable and perfect manner, and in both those companions the M.E.Z. had been most ably assisted during the past year.

In reply, Comp. G. H. Lewis, thanked the companions from the bottom of his heart as the M.E.Z. elect of the chapter. Although a P.Z. in a chapter in the north of London, yet to be the M.E.Z. of his mother chapter was his great ambition. He hoped the prestige of the chapter would not suffer in his hands, for his whole desire would be to continue it in the same efficient manner, and he looked forward with great pleasure, with the able assistance of his officers, to the chapter maintaining the same exalted position among the chapters in South London. He knew he had the invaluable assistance of the Past Principals in the chapter should he require it, and whose whole object had been to conduct the ceremonies with ability, and fully maintain that love and harmony which existed in the chapter.

Comp. W. E. Jeffery also very ably replied, and promised his utmost to maintain the honour of his mother chapter.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was most ably presented by the M.E.Z., and effectively responded to by Comps. Loader and Isaac Dunn.

Comp. Derham also replied, and remarked that he was exalted the same night as the M.E.Z.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E.," both of whom were very capable and efficient officers, and had done much for the chapter.

In reply, Comp. J. Loader, P.Z., Treas., said he was proud of the position. His very life was bound up with the chapter, and he would do his utmost for its benefit.

Comp. G. Thompson, S.E., also most suitably replied.

The toast of "The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Janitor's toast closed a very happy and harmonious meeting.

Some excellent music was given by Comps. F. Swinford, J. H. Cureton, Choveaux, Derham (flautist), C. H. Stone, and T. Grumant (reciter.) Comp. F. E. Choveaux ably presided at the piano.

Mark Masonry.

*Stamford Lodge, No. 148.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. SKILLING, P.G. TREAS.

The annual installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire, on the 19th October. The W.M., Bro. J. S. Derbyshire, P.G.D.C., was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Fredk. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John Ferguson, P. Asst. G. Sec.; J. T. C. Blackie, P.A.G.D.C.; A. W. Boucher, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dykes, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Hawker, P.P.G. Stwd.; C. Price, P.G. Stwd.; Wm. Hall, George Leigh, H. H. Mainwaring, Hy. Holt, Samuel Thompson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. G. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; James Davenport, I.P.M., P.J.G.D.; William Walkden, P.G. Stwd.; W. Clewlow, C. J. Taylor, W. Spencer, and A. Huxley, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. Shaw, P.S.G.D.; and J. H. Marsh, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancs.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Theodore Fennell, Geo. Hy. Podmore, and Geo. J. Cichley, which proving favourable, they were then advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Derbyshire, in a most admirable manner. Bro. Wm. Skilling, P.G. Treas., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair by Bro. J. S. Derbyshire, P.G.D.C., assisted by Bro. Fredk. Broadsmith, P.P.S.G.W. The newly installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Ferguson, S.W. and Treas.; J. T. C. Blackie, J.W.; A. W. Boucher, M.O.; W. Dykes, S.O.; John Hawker, J.O.; Wm. Hall, Sec. and Reg.; the Rev. C. C. Atkinson, D.D., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; J. S. Derbyshire, I.P.M., D. of C.; George Leigh, S.D.; Alderman H. H. Mainwaring, J.D.; G. Price, J.G.; Hy. Holt, Org.; and A. Huxley, Tyler. The addresses to the respective officers were delivered by Bro. Frederick Broadsmith, P.M., &c., in his usual finished style. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Snowdonia Lodge, No. 259.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WESTLAKE-MORGAN.

On Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of Mark Master Masons, Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan, P.G. Org. of Eng., Prov. G. Org. of N. Wales, was installed W.M. of the Snowdonia Lodge, No. 259. The ceremony was very impressively and deliberately performed by the rector of Llanllyfni, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Edwards, P.M., P.G. Chap. of England, P. Prov. G. Chap. of N. Wales; and amongst those present were: Bros. Col. Charles Hunter, Prov. G. Master of N. Wales; G. L. Woodley and Robert Owen, P.G. Stwds. of England; R. H. Pritchard, M.A., P.M., P. Prov. G.M.O.; Rev. John Fairchild, M.A., P.M., P. Prov. G. Chap.; R. G. Thomas, I.P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of C.; James Porter, W.M. 38; John Hughes, P.M. 360; Major G. R. Ashley, P.M. 38, P. Prov. S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; and others.

Telegrams and letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; the Prov. Dep. G. Master, Bro. Col. Gordon Warren; the W. Masters of the Carnarvon and Rhyl Lodges; Bros. Kenneth McEwen, P.M., P.G. Stwd. of England; J. Lloyd Griffith, M.A., P.M., P. Prov. G.M.O.; Edward Roberts, M.A., H.M.I., P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; Caradoc Rowlands, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.W.; James A. Rodway, W. Douglas-Jones, M.A., Dr. Hugh Jones-Roberts, John James, and H. A. Stenning.

The W.M., Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan, P.G. Org. Eng., P.G. Org. N. Wales, appointed as his officers Bros. R. G. Thomas, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; James A. Rodway, P.P.S.G.O., S.W.; W. Douglas-Jones, M.A., P.G. Treas., J.W.; W. A. Foster, P.S.G.D., M.O.; Philip E. Jones, P.G.S.B., S.O.; W. Bulkeley-Hughes-Hunter, J.O.; Rev. John Fairchild, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; W. A. Foster, P.S.G.D., Treas.; John James, R. of M.; Frank Bellis, Sec.; James A. Hornby, S.D.; Robert W. Pearson, J.D.; J. Lloyd-Griffith, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.M.O., D.C.; Joseph Arthur James, Org.; H. A. Stenning, I.G.; Edward Eustance and W. H. J. Ellis, Stwds.; and Thomas Powis, Tyler.

The "Hearty good wishes" of the Grand Lodge of England, the Prov. Grand Lodges of North and South Wales, and several private lodges having been offered to the W.M., the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided by the proprietor, Bro. Edward Eustance.

The usual toasts were duly honoured.

In response to the toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund," Bro. R. H. Pritchard, M.A., P.M. (Town Clerk and Diocesan Registrar), kindly consented to represent the lodge as Steward at the coming Festival.

During the dinner a string band (under the direction of Mr. W. P. McElwee, band-master of the Royal Anglesey Engineers) played a selection of music.

The newly-installed Master is the present Organist of Bangor Cathedral and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A meeting was held on the 15th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M., W.M.; Justin Allen, P.M., S.W.; Wilcox, J.W.; Larkman, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Bridger, Sec.; D. Heath, P.M., S.D.; St. Aubyn, J.D.; Dowling, I.G.; Phillips, P.M.; Chas. Goff, P.M., W.M.; Johnson, A. J. Robinson, C. Humble, R. M. Ridley, Archer, Cutcliffe, Jacobs, Hall, Strother, Halstead, Sowerby, Worth, T. Dorey, Yarrow, and Cursons.

The lodge was opened in due form, when Bro. Bridger, Sec., asked the lodge on behalf of a member to accept a Volume of the Sacred Law as a mark of appreciation for the excellent manner the ritual was always worked at the weekly meetings.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room for the annual supper, which was exceedingly well served by Bros. Wash and Down.

Miss Greta Williams, daughter of the Preceptor, Bro. R. H. Williams, entertained in a most charming manner the brethren by giving a number of songs, amongst which were "I've been roaming" and "Good-bye." Bros. A. J. Robinson, T. Dorey, H. Town, and Yarrow also contributed songs to the programme. Miss Downe, daughter of the host, gave an excellent piano solo, the brethren calling for an encore, which was given.

A meeting was also held on the 22nd ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. Dowling, W.M.; Wilcox, S.W.; St. Aubyn, J.W.; Larkman, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Bridger, Sec.; Baker, J.D.; and Town, I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a most excellent manner. The Preceptor, Bro. R. H. Williams, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, after which the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when there were present: Bros. T. Brown, W.M.; M. Relph, S.W.; H. J. May, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; H. J. Dunaway, acting Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; J. Horstead, J.D.; D. Taylor, I.G.; D. J. Witte, C. S. Hind, C. Nicole, C. G. Zander, M. Mirov, J. Jackson, E. Lucas, E. P. Fischer, T. J. Maidwell, S. Cload, W. A. Evans, D. Meredew, J. R. White, and A. Noel.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Evans, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell being the candidate. The officers were then invested. Bro. Relph was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The customary vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Brown on his occupying the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. R. Wright, M.E.Z. 890, M.E.Z.; H. Foskett, H. 185, H.; C. Webster, J. elect 1622, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; A. L. Butters, S.N. 890, S.N.; W. J. Lewis, P.S. 890, P.S.; F. Marchant, 1st A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; J. M. Huish, J. 185; T. H. Watts, 003; and E. Stevens, 733.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Watts acting as candidate. The M.E.Z. having risen as usual, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 23rd ult. Present: Comps. T. R. Cass, M.E.Z. 1622, M.E.Z.; P. H. Garner, M.E.Z. elect 1275, H.; G. H. Lewis, M.E.Z. elect 1622, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; Bonner, P.Z. 2345, S.N.; Grumant, P.S.; Hy. Cornford, H. 1901; E. J. Ware, and Jenkin Joel.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Joel personating the candidate. Comp. G. H. Lewis was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and "Hearty good wishes" having been presented, the chapter was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held on the 26th ult. at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Beardon, W.M.; A. Collman, W.M. 1425, S.W.; F. Spink, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Toop, S.D.; H. C. Martin, J.D.; F. Green, I.G.; A. R. Taylor, Stwd.; L. J. Powell, W.M. 2246; G. E. Harris, W.M. 1894; W. H. Handover, P.M. 1642; C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732; F. Henderson, T. E. Jackson, W. Daniell, F. Marchant, and J. Wynman. Bro. J. P. Hindley, 1706, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Taylor and Henderson being the candidates. The lodge having been opened and resumed as required, Bro. Hindley was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Collman was elected W.M. for the 10th inst.—next Monday being officers' night—and appointed his officers. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

A largely-attended meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms, Surbiton, on the 24th ult., after the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The proceedings were similar to the earlier meeting, Comp. Colonel J. Davis being installed as Grand Superintendent, and Comp. F. West as Prov. G.H.

Comp. C. T. Tyler was appointed and invested as Prov. G.S.E.

The roll of chapters was called, and Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

Craft Masonry.

London County Council Lodge, No. 2603.

A regular meeting of this lodge—the membership of which is thoroughly representative of the members and officers of the Council—was held at the Hotel Cecil on the 21st ult. There was a good attendance, the chair being occupied by Bro. Edward White, W.M., who rendered such invaluable services in the initial stages of the lodge in a Secretarial capacity. The other members present included Bros. H. Percy Harris, S.W.; T. H. W. Idris, J.W.; Goddard Clarke, Sec.; A. Spencer, J.D.; T. A. Organ, D.C.; H. Townsend, Org.; Geo. S. Elliott, P.M.; W. Peel, M.P.; W. C. Clifford Smith, H. Clarke, A.G.D.C.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. Cockcroft, S.D. 46; A. Ritchie, P.M. 173; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes the Second Degree was conferred upon Bro. W. R. Wellesley Peel, M.P., L.C.C. The Secretary was instructed to send a communication to Bro. Nathan Robinson, P.M., expressing the sympathy of the brethren in his illness—occasioned by an unfortunate accident—and their hopes for his speedy recovery. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, musical items, which were thoroughly enjoyed, being contributed by Bros. Herbert Townsend and Robert Radford and Miss Florence Venning.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. alluded to the fact that their lodge was always fortunate in having Grand Officers present, and in possessing amongst its Past Masters several distinguished members of that body. They had special gratification that evening in welcoming Bro. Henry Clarke, the present A.G.D.C., who had won distinction in many spheres. As a member of the L.C.C., Bro. Clarke was in the fortunate position of enjoying the goodwill of all the members. In the City Corporation they knew his munificence, and the regret of that body when he found it necessary to resign. It reflected the greatest credit upon those who selected Bro. Clarke for Grand Office from amongst the members of the London County Council Lodge.

Bro. H. Clarke, A.G.D.C., said that speaking for the Grand Officers, they deserved the encomiums passed upon their work. Freemasonry was a very large community spread all over the Empire, and naturally in that community there must be diversity of opinion with regard to certain details and leading to possible disputes. All these things came before Grand Lodge and were settled with the greatest amount of skill and ability, and they never heard in public any scandal arising from Freemasonry. Masonry had prospered greatly, and the number of lodges and of members had increased enormously. Why had Masonry so increased? Because of the confidence and respect it had earned.

from the people generally. The philanthropy of the country had increased beyond measure since he was a boy, which was due in a large extent to Freemasonry. There was scarcely any enterprise for philanthropy or Charity that Masonry had not something to do with. That redounded to the credit of Masonry and Masons should all be proud of belonging to a Society doing so much good and enjoying so much respect.

Bro. G. S. Elliot, P.M., then proposed "The W.M.," and said that Bro. White occupied the chair by the unanimous vote of the members. There was no necessity to refer to Bro. White's virtues, or to his Masonic services which went back 30 years. They would, therefore, heartily drink his health and wish him every prosperity.

Bro. Edward White, W.M., in reply, said he was flattered by the kind reception given him. The lodge was always exceedingly good to its W.Ms., and always treated them well. He was grateful to Bro. Elliot for his remarks, and he was glad to see that Past Master come into the lodge, for having to perform a ceremony he had not done for 15 years, he was naturally a little nervous, and anxious to render it in a manner such as the London County Council Lodge liked. The one great pleasure of Freemasonry was that they knew no distinction of party. They were Masons, and that was the only name they laid credit to. They had no two parties. As he had said before, their lodge had an excellent mission, and had done excellent work amongst those engaged in public life and amongst those admirable officers who assisted them. There was a good feeling in that lodge, and in the Council particularly, amongst those who united together in the lodge. He was proud of being the W. Master, for he was following illustrious men—men who had made great names, and who reflected credit upon the lodge by the discharge of their duties. He felt, in accepting the post, he was undertaking a serious responsibility, because the usefulness of the lodge depended upon the skill and ability with which he managed its concerns. He was anxious that during his year the lodge should lose none of its prestige. He regretted he had not had an opportunity for doing more work, but what little he had had he hoped he had done in a manner that would not disgrace or discredit the lodge. He thanked them for their expression of good feeling, and hoped these would continue during the rest of his year.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged in eloquent terms by Bro. A. Ritchie, P.M. 173. "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were given before the Tyler's toast closed a very successful and happy meeting.

Obituary.

THE HON. AND REV. JOHN HARBORD.

The Hon. and Rev. John Harbord, Rector of Southrepps, near Cromer, died suddenly last week at the age of 68. A younger son of Edward, third Baron Suffield, and a brother of the present Peer, he was born in 1832. He held the curacy of Gayton, the rectory of West Harling, and the chaplaincy of Morden College, Blackheath, before he removed to Southrepps. The living is of the annual value of £400 with a house, the population being between 800 and 900. Mr. Harbord, married in 1857 Caroline Penelope, daughter of Mr. Anthony Hamond, of Westacre, Norfolk.



THE LATE BRO. GEORGE REYNOLDS,
Whose death was announced in our last issue.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. G. Lodge was held on the 27th ult., in the Masonic Chambers, Glasgow. In the absence of Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, Prov. G. Master, who was prevented from being present through illness, Bro. James Taylor, jun., Sub. Prov. G. Master, presided.

The Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. J. MACNAUGHTON CAMPBELL, submitted the Annual Report, giving the average attendance during the past year of office-bearers and members. The outstanding feature of the year was the visit of the M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers, when they were the guests of the Prov. G. Lodge.

The financial statement vouched by the Auditors, Bros. J. O. Stewart, F. W. Larter, and J. Wilson Bain, showed an actual credit balance of

£3324 16s. 11d. An inventory had been made of the movable property of the Prov. G. Lodge, but had not been completed, and the report was delayed until the next quarterly communication.

A number of votes of thanks were passed, including acknowledgment of the services of Bro. E. H. Bostock, of the Scottish Zoo, who by a performance under Masonic auspices had enriched the Benevolent Fund by a cheque for £31 19s.

The office-bearers for the new session were installed by Bro. James Taylor, jun., as follows:

Bro. G. D. Miller	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Andrew Fergus	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. H. Fenton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Phillips, sen.	...	...	...	Ben. Fund Treas.
" W. O'Brien	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. J. James	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" D. Baxter	...	...	...	Prov. G. Architect.
" J. McKean	...	...	...	Prov. G. Jeweller.
" D. Eilfillan	...	...	...	Prov. G.B.B.
" R. Crawford	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" D. Masterton	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Crawford, jun.	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of M.
" T. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Marshal.
" E. Henderson	...	...	...	Prov. G.P. of S.
" T. W. Brown	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Robert Gardner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Eleven names were proposed for seven vacancies on Prov. Grand Committee, and the following were elected: Bros. J. B. McNaught, W. Phillips, sen.; J. Carruthers, W. Munro Denholm, Thomas Lindsay, J. H. Fenton, and M. Richmond.

An "At Home," in connection with the Montefiore Lodge, No. 753, was held in the Grand Hall of the Masonic Chambers on the 27th ult. There was a large and brilliant gathering of members and friends. The dances were pleasantly interspersed with songs, step-dances, &c., and during the evening, Bro. J. KRAMRISCH, R.W.M. of the lodge, took an opportunity of speaking of the services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Joseph Fox, I.P.M. He was one of the founders of the lodge in 1888, and he had always taken a lively interest in its affairs, not only as R.W.M., but in all his connections with the lodge. In name of the members, Bro. Kramrisch presented Bro. Fox with a Past Master's jewel and an apron and sash. The brethren had not forgotten Mrs. Fox, to her he presented a handsome gold bracelet set with diamonds and turquoise.

Bro. Fox suitably replied on behalf of his wife and himself, thanking Bro. Kramrisch for the kind references to himself, but in serving the lodge in any way he had only been doing his duty.

Dancing was afterwards resumed.

The comforts of the company were excellently cared for by Mr. Jules Boulet, purveyor, Charing-cross, and the entertainments were by Macdonald's Troupe, Mr. P. A. Cassels, Miss Charlotte Angus, Bro. R. M. Paterson, the Misses Ross, and others. Bro. Baker was M.C., and the music was by Bro. Friedland.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Caer-Daff Chapter, No. 118.

The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on the 15th ult., at five o'clock p.m., the M.W.S. Bro. H. Bryon Crouch in the chair, being well supported by his officers. The chapter being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Nathaniel Hurley, 1992, which proved clear, and he being in attendance, was perfected, together with Bro. Ben. Winfield, 2547, accepted at a previous meeting. The installation of Bro. Henry Frazer, Prelate, M.W.S. elect, was next proceeded with. Illus. Bro. J. H. Taylor, 31°, acted as Marshal, and presented him, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. John Shaw, P.M.W.S. The M.W.S. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Bryon Crouch, 18°, I.P.M.W.S.; Icidore Lion, 18°, Prelate; and Dr. De Vere Hunt, 18°, 1st Gen.; Illus. Bros. Lewis Morgan, 18°, 2nd Gen.; and John Henry Taylor, 31°, Recorder; Bros. George H. Bedford, 18°, Marshal; Joseph Stanfield, 18°, Raphael; John Sheridan, 18°, D. of C.; E. J. Whitley, 18°, Herald; James Nicholas, 18°, Capt. of Guard; Fred Martin, 18°, Almoner; J. Dyer Lewis, 18°, and Geo. D. Thomas, 18°, Stwds.

Amongst those present were Ill. Bros. Peter Lundy Atkinson, 30°; Capt. W. H. Williams, P.M.W.S., 30°; Bros. John Shaw, P.M.W.S.; and E. W. Shackell, P.M.W.S. Visitors: Bros. T. P. Garrett, M.W.S. 34, and F. W. Roberts, Service Chapter.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Ill. Bros. S. G. Morse, 33°, Inspector-General of the district; Col. Lyne, P.M.W.S., 32°; Bros. Major Lucas, 18°; W. Best Ferrier, P.M.W.S.; S. G. Homfray, and Carl Carlsen; also a wire from Bro. Capt. Abram Widdess, ss. Zeno, one of the candidates.

After re-electing Serving Brother Amos Jenkins for the ensuing year, the chapter was closed.

The princes adjourned to the Queen's Hotel for supper, which was excellently served under the personal superintendence of Miss Mann, the courteous manageress, and done ample justice to, testifying to the excellent catering of Bro. Sam Dean.

The usual loyal and Rose Croix toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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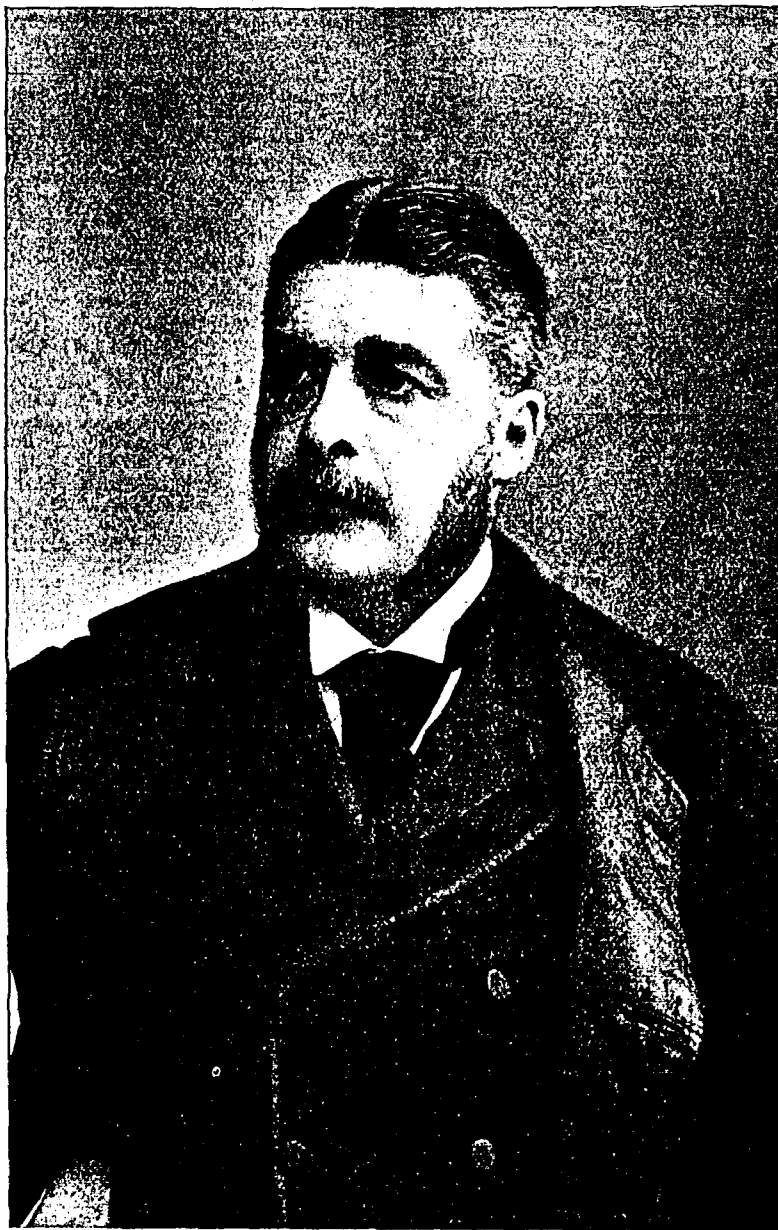
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**FUNERAL OF BRO. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN,
PAST GRAND ORGANIST.**

On Tuesday the mortal remains of Bro. Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan were fittingly laid to rest in St. Paul's Cathedral. From the residence of the deceased in Victoria-street, Westminster, a funeral *cortège* moved by way of Buckingham-gate and St. James's Park to the Chapel Royal, where, by the kindly desire of the Queen, the first portion of the burial office was read. Thence the procession passed by the Thames Embankment *route* to the metropolitan church, where a vast body of mourners joined in the concluding obsequies, comprising selections of the dead musician's works. The progress of the *cortège* through the streets, both in the West-end and in the City, was watched by crowds of people, whose sympathetic and reverent attitude indicated the sorrow pervading all classes of the community. There was an exceptionally large number of floral tributes, a

Hon. Sir Charles and Lady Fremantle, Lady Bancroft, Lady Barnby, Bro. Sir Douglas Straight, Signor F. Paolo Tosti, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mathews, Mr. Pinero, Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G.O.; Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chappell, Madame Ella Russell, Mr. August Manns, Mr. Otto Goldschmidt, Bro. Lionel Monckton, Bro. Charles Wyndham, and others.

On the *cortège* arriving at St. Paul's, at 1.30 p.m., the great western doors were thrown open. Then, headed by the choir, Minor Canons Kelly, Besley, Morgan Brown, Milman, and Gilbertson, Prebendaries Ingram, Covington, Tucker, and Glendinning-Nash, Canon Newbolt, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, and Dean Gregory, the coffin, entirely hidden by a profusion of beautiful crosses and wreaths, was borne, with every mark of dignity and respect, up the nave. Though some of those who had attended the service at the Chapel Royal had gone home, many friends followed his mortal remains to their last resting-place, the musicians being strongly represented. There were, amongst others, Bro. Lord Glenesk, with his son, Hon.



BRO. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN, PAST GRAND ORGANIST.

wreath from the Queen being placed on the coffin by Bro. Sir Walter Parratt, Past G.O., and another, comprised of white flowers gathered at Sandringham, was sent by the Prince of Wales. The Emperor William's wreath fittingly found a place beside these Royal mementoes.

Among those present in the Chapel Royal were Bro. Sir Walter Parratt, representing the Queen; Sir Hubert Parry, representing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; together with Colonel the Hon. C. Eliot, the Hon. Alexander Yorke, General Bateson, and Prince Lynar, who were present respectively in the names of Prince and Princess Christian, the Duchess of Argyll, the Duke of Cambridge, and the German Emperor. Elsewhere sat the Dean of Westminster, the American Ambassador, Theresa Countess of Shrewsbury, the Countess of Essex, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Strafford, Lord Rowton, Bro. Lord Glenesk, Lady Katherine Coke, Bro. Sir Edward Lawson, Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Dixon-Hartland, the

Oliver Borthwick; Prince Lynar, representing the German Emperor; Mr. Asquith, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Bro. Barton McGuckin, Colonel Arthur Collins, Hon. Alexander Yorke, Rev. Edgar Sheppard, Bro. Squire Bancroft, Bro. H. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. J. Comyns Carr, Mr. Edward Dicey, Mr. Charles Matthews, and Mr. Haddon Chambers. With the preliminary sentences of the Burial Service to Dr. Croft's setting the simple ceremony began: then came, when the choir had regained their places, the anthem, "Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death," from Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Light of the World." The Dean read in impressive, resonant, tones the lessons from Corinthians I., while Archdeacon Sinclair and Dr. Sheppard shared between them the concluding portions. The coffin, which had remained on trestles while the service was proceeding, was lowered to the crypt. "Earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes"—the final Benediction by the Dean—and then the act of interment was over.

SOUTH AFRICAN MASONIC RELIEF FUND.

A FUND from which the several DISTRICT GRAND LODGES under the English Constitution in SOUTH AFRICA may be assisted to RELIEVE THE DISTRESSES OF THEIR LOYAL MEMBERS, occasioned directly by the War in that quarter.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, December 8, 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, DECEMBER 2.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

CRaft LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
69, Unity, Westminster Palace Hotel.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
83, United Lodge of Friendship, Albion Tavern.
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1625, Tredegar, London Tavern.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools.
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amhurst Club House, Hackney.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
1056, Victoria, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury.

MARK LODGE.

Grand Stewards, Mark Masons' Hall.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, MARK MASONS' HALL.

CRaft LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Tavern.
160, Union, Criterion.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
705, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monica.
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.
2499, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.
2524, Train Bands, The Barracks, Finsbury.
2738, Army and Navy, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Rixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Gapper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curgitor-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, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Kembles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 92 Strand, at 7.
Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W. at 8
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, 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, DECEMBER 5.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, at 5 for 6.

CRaft LODGES.

511, Zealand, Anderton's Hotel.
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.
2562, Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel.
2739, Verity, Cafe Monica.
2744, Sydenham, Crystal Palace.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
Derby Alcott, 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.
Hammersmith, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
Langthorne, 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, Knight-rider-st., E.C.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

CRaft LODGES.

20, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
227, Ionic, Criterion.
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
538, La. Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1351, St. Clement Dances, Hotel Cecil.
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.
1772, Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Fine Art Gallery, Croydon.
2202, Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.
2512, Fulham, Town Hall.
2550, Piccadilly, The Monica.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.
2665, Past and Present, Freemasons' Hall.
2675, Victoria Diamond Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Woodford.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.

34, Moriah, Cafe Royal.
174, Sincerity, London Tavern.
1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

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

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
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, DECEMBER 7.

CRaft LODGES.

90, St. John's, The Albion Tavern.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2467, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.
2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.
2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury.
2772, Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.
2266, Cator, Holborn Restaurant.
2562, Papyrus, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Chough, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, (N'
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, 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 8
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 4th Friday, at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington at 8.
Grand Masters' Mark Lodge, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m. sharp.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8.

CRaft LODGES.

108, London Ship and Turtle Tavern.
177, Phamix, Freemasons' Hall.
179, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
179, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1426, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
1612, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1671, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.
2369, Cornish, Freemasons' Hall.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall.
2599, Engineer, 33, Golden-square.
2664, Hygeia, Holborn Restaurant.
2686, Alfred Newton, Queen's-gate Hall, South Kensington.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. R. D. M. LITTLER, O.C., C.B., has been elected the treasurer of the Middle Temple for the ensuing year.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart., M.P., won four gold medals, one silver medal, and several other prizes at the horse show held recently at Paris.

PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND.—The Executive Committee of this fund are issuing another appeal for subscriptions, as there has been a falling off in the income of the fund.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK has issued an appeal to the ladies of Warwickshire for funds to enable her to send a Christmas greeting to all the Warwickshire soldiers serving at the front.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury) has conferred the vacant rectory of All Hallows-on-the-Wall on the Rev. Montagu Fowler, M.A., who was formerly domestic chaplain to Archbishop Benson.

AFTER EVENSONG on Sunday at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, the organist, played the "Marche Funebre" (Chopin) and "The Lost Chord," as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan.

BRO. HENRY RUSSELL'S many friends will be glad to hear that his condition on Wednesday showed a decided amelioration, and Mr. Buckstone Browne was able to state in the evening that he did not consider there was now cause for immediate anxiety.

THE EARL OF DUNDONALD, who had the good fortune to lead his cavalry into Ladysmith on the famous day of its relief, has arrived in England with Captain de Pledge, of the 19th Hussars, having travelled by the German line from Delagoa Bay to Naples.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE, M.P., the Chairman of the Police Committee, has issued invitations for a dinner of the Committee at Grocers' Hall on Thursday, the 6th instant. Bro. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will be the guests of the evening.

BRO. W. H. CUMMINGS, the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, includes among his greatest treasures the manuscript of Bro. the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's first composition as a boy. Bro. Sir Arthur presented the scroll to Bro. Cummings many years ago.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.—Anticipating a rush of trade so soon as a settlement is arrived at in South Africa, the Castle-Union Line have just placed with Barclay, Curle, and Co. four steamers of large capacity and high speed, to be delivered in 12 months.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE concluded his visit to T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales on Wednesday, and returned to Gloucester House, Park-lane, W. The Portuguese Minister and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour have arrived at Sandringham as guests of their Royal Highnesses.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—The Queen in Council has granted to the Great Northern Central Hospital Letters Patent under the Great Seal incorporating the hospital by Royal Charter under the title of "the President, Vice-Presidents, and Governors of the Great Northern Central Hospital."

THE GOLDSMITHS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The annual election of annuitants took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, when 10 male and eight female candidates were admitted to the benefits of the charity from amongst 42 applicants. As usual the candidates were entertained at tea. At the conclusion of the election an address was delivered by Bro. H. C. Lambert, a trustee, who presided.

BRO. J. D. LANGTON, P. Dep. G.D.C., Secretary of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, has arranged with the Logic Club of Instruction for a rehearsal of the ceremony of raising at the next meeting to be held on Friday, the 21st instant, at the Hotel Cecil, by the following brethren: Bros. Albert G. Neville, as W.M.; Robert Manuel, Preceptor, as I.P.M.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, as S.W.; Milsom Rees, F.R.C.S., as J.W.; R. G. Robinson, as S.D.; George Paxton, as J.D.; J. H. Barnes, as I.G.; Harry Nicholls, as D.C.; and Stanley Pringle, as the Candidate.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.—Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone-road, N.W.—This Hospital, which was founded in the year 1752, and has her Majesty the Queen for its patron, receives between 1100 and 1200 patients into its wards every year, besides attending a similar number at their own homes as out-patients. A feature of the work during the past year has been the reception as patients of wives of soldiers serving with the forces in South Africa. About 100 women have thus been attended, mostly as in-patients. The enlargement and renovation of the Hospital is approaching completion, but funds are greatly needed for this purpose. The committee are making an urgent appeal for the £7000 still needed for the building fund, and for £1000 additional income to enable them to maintain the enlarged Hospital in full efficiency. Contributions may be sent to the bankers (Messrs. Cocks, Bidduloh and Co., 43, Charing Cross, S.W.), or to the secretary (Mr. Arthur Watts) at the Hospital.

CONSUMPTION: ITS "OPEN-AIR" TREATMENT.—The results of this new method of treatment of a disease which has for ages past been regarded as incurable are very interesting, and certainly most encouraging. Some time ago we took occasion to refer to the opening of the Belle Vue Sanatorium at Shotley Bridge, Durham County. Through the courtesy of the resident physician, who is also the proprietor, and has taken up this work with enthusiasm, we are now enabled to give a few facts in regard to results of treatment during the past six months. In eight cases out of 11 improvement showed itself during the first week under treatment. Patients are carefully weighed every week, and in once case a gain of 15 lb. was recorded after eight weeks' treatment; in another 11 lb. after seven weeks; in a third 25 lb. after three weeks. Two of the cases have been sent home cured. Two of the patients still under treatment will shortly, it is expected, be pronounced cured; and though four months ago these two were unable to walk more than a few yards without fatigue and shortness of breath, they are now able to take a six-mile walk (three miles being up a steep hill), and return feeling, to use their own expression, "fit to do it again." Even in some advanced cases a prolonged course of treatment by the open-air method may bring about ultimate cure. Sufferers are, however, advised to consult their family medical attendant immediately there is any suspicion of the development of chest trouble, associated with cough and progressive weakness. The patient can then be placed at once under the conditions most suitable for his case. It can, of course, be readily understood that the earlier stages of the disease are the most easily cured. The method adopted at Belle Vue is based upon that which has been found to be productive of such excellent results at Nordrach, in the Black Forest. Shotley Bridge itself is a charming spot, while the locality is one of the healthiest in the county.—Reprinted from the *Leeds Mercury*, August 18th, 1900.

WE notice in the Report of the Board of General Purposes which will come before Grand Lodge on the 5th instant, recommendations to increase the salaries of two of the clerks in the Grand Secretary's office. We are always pleased when we hear of zeal and efficiency being recognised, but is not the increase in Bro. Palmer's case excessive in proportion to his length of service?

IT IS RUMOURED that Bro. the Hon. Alar de Tatton Egerton will be installed Prov. G. Master of Cheshire on the 17th instant.

THE FREEMASONS OF OXFORDSHIRE intend to give Bro. Viscount Valentia a welcome home banquet on his return from South Africa. He is Prov. G. Master of Mark Masons in Berkshire and Oxfordshire, and Dep. Prov. G. Master of Craft Masons in Oxfordshire.

WAR MEDALS.—A collection of 200 lots of war medals was dispersed at Debenham, Storr and Sons' Rooms, in Covent Garden, last week, when high prices were realised. A Naval Victoria Cross, with Mutiny medal, with bars for Lucknow and relief of Lucknow, brought £105; a gold collar of the Guelphic Civil Order, £60.

HAMPTON COURT PALACE is to be enriched by the re-erection of 13 wrought-iron gates that formerly stood at intervals between the private gardens and the river. They are magnificent specimens of wrought-iron work, have been exhibited in various museums throughout the country, and now return to their original home after an absence of 40 years.

THE SURGICAL AID SOCIETY.—The 38th annual meeting of this society will be held at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Monday, the 3rd instant, at 4 o'clock p.m. The chair will be taken by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Mayor, who will be supported by Bro. Sheriff Joseph Lawrence, the Rev. R. S. de C. Laffan, the Rev. John Gritton, D.D.; R. Brudenell Carter, Esq., F.R.C.S.; J. Herbert Tritton, Esq., and other gentlemen. Contributions, to be announced at the meeting, are earnestly solicited, and will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Mr. Richard C. Tresidder.

BRO. LORD AMPHILL, the newly-appointed Governor of Madras, has arranged to leave England on Thursday, the 6th instant, for the scene of his new duties, travelling *via* Dover and Calais and overland to Marseilles. It is the intention of a large party of friends and late colleagues to assemble at the terminus on the morning of his departure, to bid the new Governor God-speed. At Marseilles Lord Amphill will embark on the P. and O. steamship Himalaya. To-day (Friday) he will be entertained at dinner by officials of the Colonial Office, and it is expected that the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain will preside.

IN THE course of his sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair alluded to the late Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan. The famous musician was, he said, one of four with whom the Cathedral had been intimately associated, who had been lately called to rest before they reached the top of Pizgah, and who were not permitted to look upon the promised land of the new century. Every lover of pure music would grieve for Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan. In St. Paul's they thought of him as the creator of many hymn tunes, many services that had helped their religious experiences, some two score of beautiful anthems, and the "In Memoriam" overture for the departed, which was used in St. Paul's every year at one of their greatest festivals.

MIDLAND RAILWAY AMBULANCE AWARDS.—The gold and silver medals granted by the directors of the Midland Railway Company, in recognition of special skill shown by ambulance men all over the system in rendering "first aid" to the injured, for the year ending September 30th, were presented by Sir Henry Wiggin, Bart., one of the directors, at the company's offices, Derby, on Thursday, the 15th ult. Mr. E. W. Wells, assistant general manager, and Chairman of the Ambulance Award Committee, presided, and among those present were Mr. Charles Thomas, Deputy Chairman of the company; Lord Belper, Lord Farrer, Mr. R. A. Allison, Mr. J. C. Carter, Mr. C. Booth, jun. (directors of the company), Mr. James Beale, Mr. J. J. Doughty, and the following members of the Award Committee: Messrs. J. Briggs, J. Argyle, C. H. Jones, T. P. Osborne, J. Constantine, T. Jordan, J. Mathers, and H. E. Richardson (Hon. Secretary).

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Aldersgate Past Officers' Club was held on Thursday at the Manchester Hotel, Bro. Thomas Briggs, C.C. (the president) occupying the chair. A very pleasant evening resulted, a fact due to the terseness of the speeches and the excellence of the musical programme presented. A feature of the gathering consisted of the offering of tangible marks of esteem to two members to whose efforts much of the enjoyment of the periodical reunions is undoubtedly attributable. Very appropriately, therefore, the members evinced their appreciation of the services of their hon. secretary, Bro. James Mayhew, by asking his acceptance of a handsome liqueur stand, with a dainty bracelet for his daughter. No less valuable a member of a club founded on the lines of the Past Officers is the organiser of the musical entertainments that form the staple feature of the periodical gatherings. The debt of gratitude thus owed to Mr. George Weathersby was happily recognised by the presentation to him of a marble clock, with a brooch for his wife.

ON THURSDAY last a lecture, entitled "Four Months in Beleguared Ladysmith," was given for the first time in London in aid of the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, at the Queen's Hall, by Mr. W. T. Maud, special artist for the *Graphic*, and late A.D.C. to General Ian Hamilton. The entertainment was under the special patronage of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, and Field-Marshal Viscount Wolseley. Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller came up specially from Crediton, and were received at the Queen's Hall by the members of the Entertainment Committee, viz., Captain Alfred Hutton, Bro. Lennox Browne, Mr. Calkin Lewis Jakins, Mr. Carmichael Thomas, and Mr. R. Kershaw, secretary of the Hospital. In addition to the above the following were amongst those present: The Countess of Northesk, the Earl de Montalt and the Ladies Maude, Captain the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, R.N., with a large party, Sir Leslie and Lady Falkiner, Lady Vaughan-Williams, Sir George Newnes, Bro. Sir William and Lady Treloar, Sir John Hutton, the Hon. J. Maxwell Scott, Bro. Halsey, M.P., and Mrs. Halsey, Mrs. Lionel Phillips, General Warren, General Dunne, Major-General E. T. H. Hutton, C.B., A.D.C., Colonel Blewitt, Colonel Curran, Colonel Walker, Colonel Newnham Davies, Major Baker Brown, R.E., Captain Thwaites, Captain Paley, Surgeon-Captain Thorne, C.I.V., Mrs. Rennell Rodd, Bro. and Mrs. Lennox Browne, with a large party, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Christopherson, with a large party, Mr. and Mrs. Calkin Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Dundas Grant, Dr. and Mrs. Percy Jakins, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael Thomas, Mrs. Hildyard, and others. After the lecture, Mrs. Lennox Browne held a reception in Mansfield-street, at which Sir Redvers and Lady Buller were present. Mr. Chas. Wyndham was to have made an appeal on behalf of the Hospital, but being unable to be present, Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., ably fulfilled his task and the result of the whole will, we are pleased to say, benefit the funds of the hospital to the extent of £1000. A very handsome souvenir in the shape of a fully illustrated programme was supplied, reproducing on the front, in colours, a picture of Table Bay from the sea, from the painting of Bro. Lennox Browne, printed by Bro. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

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