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It were, indeed, a hopeless task to attempt to describe, firstly, the feeling of consternation which the announcement towards the close of last week as to the state of the QUEEN'S health gave rise to among all classes, not only in the United Kingdom, but as the news spread far and wide throughout the whole of the

on the evening of Tuesday, the 22nd instant, in the presence of her children and grandchildren, passed peacefully to her eternal rest. From the day of her accession to the throne to the closing scene, at Osborne, of her long and glorious reign, Queen VICTORIA devoted herself heart and soul to the discharge of the onerous and responsible duties of her exalted station. At no time did it occur to her to sacrifice



British Empire; and then the profound sorrow which her death has evoked at home and among the nations of the civilised world. No Sovereign that ever reigned in any country at any period in the world's history has enjoyed to a greater extent the respect and love of her subjects than the venerable and generous Lady, who

public duty to private inclination. Not even in the days of her severest trials, when she herself was well nigh borne down by the weight of her own personal sorrows, did she neglect the cares of State or leave untended anything that was calculated to promote the welfare of her Kingdom or the happiness of her

people. She was beloved as no other Sovereign has ever been beloved, because she held it to be her chief business to enter fully into the spirit of her subjects, rejoicing with them in their joys and sympathising with them in their griefs. For years past, indeed ever since her own great sorrows overtook her, she has lived and reigned so entirely in the hearts of her people that now that, in the ordinary course of nature, she has passed away, after a life which has been unusually protracted, and a reign more glorious than has been known in the annals of this country, the nation seems to have been bereft of a great part of itself. The bulk of her subjects have known no other Sovereign, and the sum and substance of their knowledge of her is just this—that no monarch ever could have been regarded with greater loyalty and affection, because it is difficult, if not impossible, to imagine anyone that could better have deserved such loyalty. But if the QUEEN herself has gone hence to be no more seen, the memory of her many womanly and queenly virtues, the influence for good she exercised in all directions, the great pride she took in the development of her Empire, all these remain to us as a precious possession to be guarded by us and our descendants for as long as there shall be a British Empire to reverence and respect the memory of the greatest and best of all our British Sovereigns. May the Great Architect of the Universe sustain her children and her children's children in this time of their great bereavement!

THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA.

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, who died at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, in the 82nd year of her age and the 64th of her reign, was the only child of H.R.H. Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of his Majesty King George III., who was born in 1767, and died on the 23rd January, 1820, only a few days before the King, his father; and H.S.H. Victoria Mary Louisa, daughter of Francis, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfield, and widow of Charles Louis, Prince of Leiningen. Her Majesty was born at Kensington Palace on the 24th May, 1819, and on the death of her uncle, William IV., on the 20th of June, 1837, was proclaimed Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. She was crowned at Westminster Abbey on the 28th June, 1838, and on the 10th February, 1840, married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, by whom she had issue four sons and five daughters, of whom the Prince of Wales, now King, born 9th November, 1841, and the Duke of Connaught, born 1st May, 1850, among the former and the Empress Frederick of Germany (Princess Royal of Great Britain), born 21st November, 1840; the Princess Helena (Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein), born 25th May, 1846; the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, born 18th March, 1848; and the Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg), born 14th April, 1857, among the daughters still survive. In 1861, her Majesty experienced the first great sorrow of her life by the death early in that year of her mother, the Duchess of Kent, in the 41st year of her widowhood, while on the 14th December, her beloved husband, H.R.H. the Prince Consort, died after only a short illness at Windsor Castle. Ten years later, her eldest son was stricken almost unto death by the same dread malady to which his illustrious father had succumbed. In 1878, on the anniversary of her father's death, died the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse. On the 28th March, 1884, there died, at Cannes, her youngest son, Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, while last year the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh in the peerage of the United Kingdom), the Queen's second son, who was born the 6th August, 1844, died on the 30th July, 1900, within a week of completing his 56th year. But the loss of these children are far from representing all the bereavements which it was the sad fate of her Majesty to bear in the course of her long life. In 1888 the Emperor Frederick, father of the present German Emperor, died. Another of her sons-in-law, the Grand Duke Louis of Hesse, husband of Princess Alice, died 11th March, 1892, and Prince Henry of Battenberg, husband of the Princess Beatrice, died on the 20th January, 1896. In addition, there have died among her grandchildren the Duke of Clarence and Avondale on the 14th January, 1892; Prince Alfred, only son of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha; and Prince Christian Victor, elder son of Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, who fell a victim to enteric fever while serving with the army in South Africa. All these grievous losses among those nearest and dearest to her must have told heavily on her Majesty's strength, but she bore with them al-

most bravely, nor, as we state elsewhere, did she permit them to intervene between her and the strict performance of her duties as Sovereign. Last year the stress caused by the war in South Africa, the death of her second son, the Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and the serious illness of her eldest daughter tried her sorely, and the wonder is that she should, at her advanced age, have been able to endure such trials and for so long a time.

But these were her private sorrows, which, though grievous to be borne, were never, as we have said, allowed to interfere with the discharge of her public duties. There were, however, times during her reign when the cares of State must have seriously taxed her strength, the most serious being the war with Russia from 1854 to 1856, the Indian Mutiny from 1857 to 1858, and the war which is, unfortunately, still raging in South Africa. There have also been the Afghan and Sikh wars, the wars with China and Japan, the troubles in Egypt, and the incessant fighting on the north-west frontiers of India. Nor can the struggles among different European States, the disturbances which at different times have broken out in those States, the terrible Civil War in the United States from 1861 to 1865, have done otherwise than cause the greatest anxiety to her Majesty as well as to the Ministers that were charged with the administration of her Kingdom. On the other hand, there have been compensations for all these cares and anxieties in the consolidation and extension of our colonies and possessions Abroad. In 1877 her Majesty was proclaimed at Delhi Empress of India; British and North America is now known as the Dominion, and is a large and flourishing community, which has at all times been ready and willing to sacrifice life and treasure in maintaining the Empire of the Queen. The several Australasian Colonies, sundry of which had not been founded when she ascended the throne, have just formed themselves into a Commonwealth, and among the latest of her Majesty's acts was to send a message of congratulation and good wishes to the Governor-General of this newly-organised State. And all through these years the commercial and industrial resources of her Empire have gone on increasing "by leaps and bounds" to an extent which not even the most sanguine among her people could have anticipated. Similar progress has been made in every branch of art and science, so that those who are old enough to remember what England was in the early "forties" can hardly realise that the England of to-day is the same country.

Yet after all, the subject which most nearly concerns us as Freemasons is the respect in which our late Sovereign has always regarded our Society, nor, indeed, is this to be wondered at when we call to mind how intimate has been the connection of her Family with Masonry. From the day in 1737, when her Majesty's great-grandfather, Frederick, Prince of Wales, was initiated, till now, there has not been one generation of the Royal Family which has not furnished members to the Craft. George the Third's brothers of York, Cumberland, and Gloucester, if not George III. himself, were Masons; six of George III.'s sons were rulers in our Society; George, Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., M.W. Grand Master of the "Modern" Grand Lodge, 1790 to 1813, and Grand Patron from the latter year till his death in 1830; the Duke of York; the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV., and Grand Patron 1830—37; the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the "Ancients" in 1813—who, in conjunction with his brother, the Duke of Sussex, brought about the Union in that year of the rival sections of English Masonry, Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, subsequently King and Grand Master of Hanover; and the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master, 1813 till 1843. The Queen's first cousin, George V., the blind King of Hanover, was also a member and Grand Master in that State, while, as all our readers know, three of her Majesty's sons—the Prince of Wales, now her successor on the throne, the Duke of Connaught, and the late Duke of Albany—and one of her grandsons in the direct line of descent—the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale—have all of them played a more or less prominent part in the government of our Grand Lodge and its subordinate bodies. Nor was her Majesty content with this indirect association with Masonry through members of her family. On several occasions she in person received addresses from deputations of Grand Lodge; she has been for years a generous supporter of our Institutions; while during her visit last year to the Irish capital not only did she receive an address from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but she visited and inspected the Masonic Orphan Girls' School at Ball's Bridge. Now, alas! this tie which united Masonry with the Queen has been severed by her death, and it only remains for us to revere her memory as one of the greatest and best of British Sovereigns, who was indeed the grandest of Patrons our Order has ever known.

We have received the following communication from the Grand Secretary deprecating, under the circumstances mentioned, the transmission to the King of letters of condolence from private lodges:

"As a special meeting of Grand Lodge will shortly be held for the purpose of voting a loyal and dutiful address to his Majesty the King expressive of the profound sympathy of the entire Craft on the lamented death of her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, private lodges will not be expected to vote such addresses.

E. LETCHWORTH,
Grand Secretary."

Freemasons' Hall,
24th January, 1901.

HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

In a supplement to the *London Gazette* Extraordinary, issued early this morning, the following appears:

Numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby, with one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince, Albert Edward, is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Edward the Seventh, by the Grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection; beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince Edward the Seventh, with long and happy Years to reign over Us.

Given at the Court of Saint James's, this twenty-third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

(Here follow signatures.)

At the Court at Saint James's, the 23rd day of January, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.



WHITEHALL, Jan. 23, 1901.

On Tuesday afternoon, the twenty-second of January instant, at half-past six o'clock, our late Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria expired at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, in the eighty-second year of Her age, and the sixty-fourth year of Her reign. This event has caused one universal feeling of regret and sorrow to Her late Majesty's faithful and attached subjects, to whom She was endeared by the deep interest in their welfare which She invariably manifested, as well as by many signal virtues which marked and adorned Her character.

Upon the intimation of this distressing event, the Lords of the Privy Council assembled this day, at St. James's Palace, and gave orders for proclaiming His present Majesty, who made a most Gracious Declaration to them, and caused all the Lords and others of the late Queen's Privy Council, who were then present, to be sworn of His Majesty's Privy Council.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy Our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince Albert Edward: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these of Her late Majesty's Privy Council, with

His Majesty being this day present in Council was pleased to make the following Declaration:

Your Royal Highnesses, my Lords, and Gentlemen— This is the most painful occasion on which I shall ever be called upon to address you,

My first and melancholy duty is to announce to you the death of My beloved Mother the Queen, and I know how deeply you, the whole Nation, and I think I may say the whole world, sympathise with Me in the irreparable loss we have all sustained.

I need hardly say that My constant endeavour will be always to walk in Her footsteps. In undertaking the heavy load which now devolves upon Me, I am fully determined to be a Constitutional Sovereign in the strictest sense of the word, and as long as there is breath in My body to work for the good and amelioration of My people.

I have resolved to be known by the name of Edward, which has been borne by six of My ancestors. In doing so, I do not undervalue the name of Albert, which I inherit from my ever to be lamented, great, and wise Father, who by universal consent is I think deservedly known by the name of Albert the Good, and I desire that his name should stand alone.

In conclusion, I trust to Parliament and the Nation to support Me in the arduous duties which now devolve upon Me by inheritance, and to which I am determined to devote My whole strength during the remainder of My life.

Whereupon the Lords of the Council made it their humble request to His Majesty that His Majesty's Most Gracious Declaration to their Lordships might be made public, which His Majesty was pleased to Order accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

His Majesty, at His first coming into the Council, was this day pleased to declare that notwithstanding that the Law required He should at His Accession to the Crown take and subscribe the Oath relating to the Church of Scotland, He was now ready to do it this first opportunity, which His Majesty was graciously pleased to do, according to the Forms used by the Law of Scotland, and subscribed two Instruments thereof in the presence of the Lords of the Council, who witnessed the same. And His Majesty was pleased to order that one of the said Instruments be transmitted to the Court of Session, to be recorded in the Books of Sederunt, and afterwards to be forthwith lodged in the Public Register of Scotland, and that the other of them remain among the records of the Council and be entered in the Council Book.

A. W. FITZROY.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

Requiring all Persons being in Office of Authority or Government at the decease of the late Queen, to proceed in the execution of their respective Offices.

EDWARD, R.

Whereas by an Act made in the sixth year of the reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled an Act for the security of her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the succession to the Crown of Great Britain in the Protestant line; it was enacted that no Office, Place, or Employment, Civil or Military, within the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark, or any of Her Majesty's Plantations, should become void by reason of the demise of Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, but that every person and persons in any of the offices, places, and employments aforesaid, should continue in their respective offices, places, and employments, for the space of six months next after such death or demise, unless sooner removed and discharged by the next Successor, to whom the Imperial Crown of this Realm was limited and appointed to go, remain and descend: And whereas by an Act made in the first year of His late Majesty King William the Fourth now intituled "The Colonial Offices Act, 1830, it was enacted that no Patent, Commission, Warrant, or other Authority, for the exercise of any office or employment, Civil or Military, within any of His Majesty's Plantations or Possessions abroad, determinable at the pleasure of His Majesty, or of any of His Majesty's Heirs and Successors, shall by reason of any future demise of the Crown be vacated or become void until the expiration of eighteen calendar months next after any such Demise of the Crown as aforesaid; We, therefore, with the advice of Our Privy Council, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure to be, and do hereby direct and command, that all and every Person and Persons, who at the Time of the Demise of Our late Royal Mother, of Glorious Memory, duly and lawfully held, or were duly and lawfully possessed of or invested in any Office, Place, or Employment, Civil or Military, within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, or any of our Foreign Possessions, or Colonies, or Our Empire of India, do severally, according to their Places, Offices, or Charges, proceed in the Performance and Execution of all Duties belonging to their respective Offices whilst they shall hold the same respectively during Our Pleasure; and We do hereby require and command all Our loving Subjects to be aiding, helping, and assisting at the commandment of the said Officers and Ministers, in the Performance and Execution of their respective Offices and Places, as they and every of them tender Our utmost Displeasure and will answer the contrary, at their Peril.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this twenty-third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

GOD SAVE THE KING,

COURT CIRCULAR.

OSBORNE, Jan. 23.

During the last moments of her Majesty the Bishop of Winchester and the Rev. Clement Smith read special prayers in the Queen's room, and later in the evening the Bishop conducted a short service in the Queen's death chamber, at which all the members of the Royal Family at Osborne were present.

His Royal Highness Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, his Serene Highness and her Grand Ducal Highness Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg, the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Chamberlain), and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P. (First Lord of the Treasury), arrived at Osborne.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of York, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duke of Argyll left Osborne this morning, crossing over to Portsmouth on board her Majesty's yacht Alberta, Vice-Admiral Sir John Fullerton, A.D.C.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was attended by Sir Francis Knollys and Captain Holford, the Duke of Connaught was attended by Colonel Egerton, and the Hon. Derek Keppel was in attendance upon the Duke of York.

Major-General Sir John McNeill was in attendance on board the Royal yacht.

The Lord Chamberlain and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour have left Osborne.

THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

It is authoritatively announced that the body of our late Queen will be conveyed from Portsmouth to London, and across the Metropolis to Paddington, *en route* for Windsor, where, on arrival, it will be borne into St. George's Chapel.

The funeral service is fixed for Saturday, the 2nd prox., at noon, for which there will be a limited number of invitations. The body will, therefore, not lie in State, but subsequently will be interred in Frogmore Mausoleum, in the granite sarcophagus where lie the remains of the late Prince Consort.

UNITED GRAND LODGE

OF

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

Upon the present melancholy occasion of the decease of her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria—an event which has occasioned the most profound sorrow to every Member of the Craft—it is ordered that the Grand Lodge, and all Subordinate Lodges, be placed in Masonic Mourning for the space of Three Months from the 28th day of January instant, the Mourning to be worn by Brethren individually to be as follows:

Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badge, and one at the point of the Chain or Collar, immediately above the Jewel

Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on Badge, and one on Collar where Collar is worn.

Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two Rosettes of Black Crape at the lower part of the Badge. White Gloves.

By Command,

E. LETCHWORTH,

Freemasons' Hall,

25th January, 1901.

Grand Secretary.

THE EASTERN DIVISION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

For some considerable time past we have had no opportunity of calling attention to the position of English Freemasonry in the several Districts of South Africa, and, therefore, it is with all the greater pleasure that we find ourselves in a position to review the proceedings in one of them—that of the Eastern Division—thanks to the receipt of copy of the Report of the annual meeting of its District Grand Lodge at Port Elizabeth on the 12th September, 1900, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. C. J. EGAN, its respected District Grand Master. Bro. EGAN has been in charge of the District during the greater part of the last quarter of a century—indeed, ever since it was constituted as such in 1877—and under his able rule and guidance it has made such progress that the 20 lodges over which he was appointed to preside in the year just mentioned have increased to 33 lodges, and, but for the troubled state of political affairs in the Colony, would, doubtless, have increased still further. There appears to have been a large attendance on the occasion, and from what

passed, but more particularly from the District Grand Master's address, we judge that, in spite of the adverse circumstances of the time, Freemasonry has fared better than might have been expected. Speaking generally, Bro. EGAN was able to congratulate the meeting on the excellent spirit that had been shown by the lodges and brethren during the progress of the war. As regards the lodges in those localities which have been more immediately affected, Lodge Rising Star, No. 1022, Bloemfontein, had been kept "in working order by the energies of their W.M., Bro. HAARBURGER, but no working was recorded until after the occupation" of the town by the English army, and since then there had been four joinings and two initiations. Bro. HAARBURGER, though he has been W.M. for two years in succession, still continues to occupy the chair, but this is due to the fact of no one having been elected in his stead. The lodge at Burghersdorp, for which Bro. EGAN, just before the war broke out, had granted a Provisional Warrant, and the M.W.G. Master has since granted a Regular Warrant, did no work at all while the town was in the occupation of the Boers, but since British rule has been established it has met and framed bye-laws, and will, at no distant date, be regularly constituted. Frere Lodge, No. 2089, Aliwal North, at the outbreak of the war applied for a Dispensation to cease work, and as no Returns had been received, the Dist. G. Master inferred that work had not been resumed. Wodehouse Lodge, No. 1467, Dordrecht, was in a somewhat similar position, and the St. Paul's, No. 989, Adelaide, was only held together by a few brethren who paid the customary dues in the hope that more prosperous times might come, and the lodge be once again on the road to prosperity. Bro. EGAN also referred at some length to the steps which had been taken during the year for relieving the distresses of brethren who had suffered by the war, and especially to the appointment of a Sub-Committee to administer relief in the District derived from the South African Masonic Relief Fund, which was started early last year by United Grand Lodge; but on the whole there does not appear so much distress as might have been anticipated, though no doubt, as the country becomes more settled, cases will turn up of which, under present circumstances, no report is possible. Indeed, of all the various Funds connected with or fostered by the District Grand Lodge the Educational appears to have fared the worst, the subscriptions during the year having fallen to £315 as compared with £485 in the previous year.

As regards the general financial position, it seems to be on the whole satisfactory, the balances in bank and on deposit totalling up £2286, made up of—£150 on General Fund; £905 on Reserve Fund; £1113 on Benevolent Fund; and £112 on Special Relief Fund. We may also mention that the year's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the Masonic Education Fund, is, save in the particular we have specified, favourable, there being balances of £237 and £4 in Standard Bank and Savings Bank respectively, at the close of account, in addition to Mortgage Bonds to the value of £1500 and Fixed Deposit in Standard Bank of £200. The number of children at present on the Fund is 26, while as many as 148 have been elected recipients of its benefits since the Fund was established.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

RULES OF DEBATE.

(Continued.)

It should be remembered that collective expressions of approval—as we may call them for want of a better term—such as applause and clapping of the hands, as well as similar expressions of disapproval, are quite out of place in a lodge room. A single clap is sometimes permitted, the origin of which is obvious. Article 72 refers to a particular form of expressing disapproval, and describes it very fittingly as un-Masonic, and conduct which demands exclusion *ipso facto* without vote taken. Whilst Article 72 refers to Grand Lodge only, the conduct referred to would doubtless be considered as "sufficient cause" in Article 210, and even come under the summary jurisdiction of Article 209.

It is a general impression that the speaker may at any point of his remarks be interrupted by any one who "rises to a point of order." This is strictly true, but it is very desirable that the brother who acts in such a manner should first of all have accurate knowledge of what constitutes disorder, and, secondly, that his motive should be beyond suspicion. The W.M. is after all the best judge of what is Masonically decorous or otherwise, and the frequent interposition of other brethren, where they are not personally concerned, is somewhat of a reflection upon the Master's capacity.

As a matter of fact, the occurrence of disorder within the lodge does not usually arise from the conduct of a brother speaking, but from those who ought to be listening. We might with advantage read No. VI. of the Ancient Charges and Regulations—

"You are not to hold private committees or separate conversation without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor to interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any brother speaking to the Master, nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged upon what is serious and solemn, nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever, but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens, and fellows, and put them to worship."

The frequent occurrence of private conversation during the progress of lodge work is a serious nuisance, and one which demands the stern interposition of the Master. It is somewhat noticeable that the brethren on the dais are often offenders in this respect, and so long as this is so, how can humbler brethren be expected to maintain due decorum.

All business other than routine should be notified in the summons, and, having in view the possibility of non-confirmation at a succeeding meeting, the Worshipful Master should think twice before he allows this rule to be broken. It would form a very good ground indeed for a motion to that effect if it were found that contentious business had been sprung upon the lodge as it were, and a vote taken in the absence of brethren who might possibly have the keenest interest in the subject, and who would have made strenuous efforts to be present had they known it was coming on. The moral weight of a snatch vote is not much, and even if the Master's action be acquiesced in, brethren are discontented, and feel that they have not been treated with proper respect.

Many lodges have a wholesome bye-law limiting the hour at which business of any kind—other than ceremonial—may be entered upon, and unless such bye-law expressly gives the Master a discretionary power to suspend it, there ought to be no question as to its observance. A lodge is bound by its own bye-laws quite as much as by the Constitutions, and, in fact, the Grand Master's approval of the bye-laws has the practical effect of making them constitutions as far as the particular lodge is concerned. In addition to its entry in the summons there is business of a certain kind which demands notice of motion in open lodge. Propositions are, of course, included in such, and the suspension of the rule is hedged about with such formalities (Art. 185) as to show that only very real emergencies are contemplated. In Grand Lodge there is no option. Articles 52 and following require that no business shall be considered in Grand Lodge of which notice has not been given to the General Committee. We hold that a Worshipful Master would act within his legal right in declining to admit any proposition of which notice had not been given in open lodge, but inasmuch as the writer cannot recollect any official decision as to that effect, the opinion must be regarded as a personal one, and taken *quantum valeat*.

The brother who gives notice of motion should not make a speech. First of all, by so doing he forestalls what he has to say when the time comes for it to be put forward. Then he gives his opponents, if any, a whole month in which to work up a case against him, with the advantage of knowing what line he is going to take. And, again, if it be notice of a motion to the prejudice of any brother, as, for instance, a question of exclusion, he has no right to make an *ex parte* statement, possibly in that brother's absence.

Notice of motion necessarily secures precedence. The writer once had to contend with a very obstinate bye-law of his lodge which said that no opposed motion could be considered after eight o'clock. As certain official brethren were anxious to avoid the discussion of a question which he was equally anxious to bring forward, the ceremonial work was protracted each evening of lodge meeting until the hour named was reached, when he was blandly informed that the bye-law referred to stood in the way of the business being brought on. A reference to the Provincial authority elicited the opinion that as it did not matter apparently at what hour ceremonial work was undertaken, the writer's notice of motion gave it a claim to be heard immediately after the opening routine was despatched. The opinion may be right or it may be wrong, but it served its purpose. Article 55, which deals with the comparative priority of motions, would seem to indicate its correctness, but then there is no ceremonial work in Grand Lodge, and, as a general principle, no proposition, however important, ought to interpose between a candidate and the Light.

A very important part of lodge proceedings is the con-

sideration of "communications," as they are called. At the first rising it is usual for the Worshipful Master to enquire if there is any Communication from Grand Lodge. Such would be a letter from the Board of General Purposes, or a notification by the Grand Master, or a notice of meeting. At the second rising a similar question is put with regard to Provincial Grand Lodge. The summons to the Quarterly Communication of P.G. Lodge would most fitly be read at this stage. No motion can be founded on any of these, as they generally take the form of instructions to be implicitly carried out, and therefore a motion, even to the effect that such instructions would be obeyed, would be both unnecessary and improper, because the possibility of an adverse vote would be inferred—a possibility not to be contemplated. Very often the appeals sent out by the Secretaries of the Institutions are read after the first rising. If so they should not be read as the answer to the enquiry whether there were anything from Grand Lodge. But their proper place seems to be after the third rising.

The question has often been asked what right has a brother to offer the hearty good wishes either of Grand Lodge or any private lodge of which he may be a member? It is purely a matter of traditional courtesy, but if strictly enquired into, it would seem as if a brother who presumed to convey any message at all on behalf of his lodge, should have been especially deputed to do so, and the most that a brother can do is to offer his own good wishes. The exception might be in the case of the Master and Wardens of a neighbouring lodge being asked to a festival. Their acceptance is *quasi-official*, and their hearty good wishes may possibly be regarded as representative. Still, there is absolutely no *lex scripta* on the point, and very little tradition except of the oral kind, so that brethren must continue to please themselves.

It may not be out of place to refer to the habit, which is becoming one frequently noticed, of correcting the Worshipful Master and his officers in the discharge of their duties. Whilst the newly-installed Master, in the language of courtesy, tells the Immediate Past Master, when investing him, how much he will rely upon his assistance and co-operation during the year—it certainly does not mean that the I.P.M. is to stand ready to interpolate the "missing word" in season and out of season. There are, of course, times when it may be done unobtrusively, and when necessary the I.P.M. is the person to do it. But how frequently, when the Master halts for a moment, or even differs in a trifling manner from traditional ceremonial language, one hears a subdued chorus, not only on the dais, but even from the south and west, interpolating the correction. The only way in which the Master can cure his predecessors of this habit is by giving them work to do on their own account, and thus give each of them something else to think about. Thus one may deliver the charge, another present the working tools, another give the lecture, and a fourth explain the tracing board.

We have included in this article one or two points which are not strictly included in its title, but they are all germane and possibly not sufficiently numerous to deserve an article to themselves.

CONSECRATION OF THE DARTMOUTH MARK LODGE, No. 545, AT SLAITHWAITE, WEST YORKSHIRE.

Freemasonry during the 19th century will doubtless some day find an able historian, and by no means the least important portion of that writer's duty will be to point out the marvellous social influence it has exercised. This especially during the past 50 years. Working quietly, and seldom appearing above the surface, it has moved the hearts, stirred the minds, and awakened sympathy in the breasts of men who, hardened by business or professional cares, struggling to hold their own, might otherwise have had their best impulses stifled and their noblest aspirations quenched. Man, it is, of course, a truism to say, is a gregarious animal; he delights to mix with his brother man, as the numerous "associations" of all possible kinds throughout the world demonstrate. In some of these he is brought in contact with superior minds perhaps, and so gains knowledge, experience, benefit; in others it may be he is himself looked up to, and is able to administer mental or even spiritual help in time of need; but in none does he find anything equivalent to the five points of fellowship. Freemasonry properly understood and worthily exemplified brings its disciples more closely together than perhaps any other merely human system could do, and therefore all Freemasons rejoice when they witness an attempt judiciously to expand its influence. We use the word "judiciously" advisedly, for we contend that a most serious responsibility rests on the shoulders of the founders of new Masonic lodges. This has, of course, been repeatedly insisted upon by all the authorities, from the Most Worshipful Grand Master downwards; no words of ours therefore could strengthen that warning, but reiteration of the caution is perhaps not out of place. Assured that the new lodge is in the hands of good and worthy men; that it is sanctioned and approved by those whose duty it is to look into such matters; and convinced moreover that it supplies a long-felt want, we are all of us willing to tender an encouraging hand. These conditions, we believe, are amply fulfilled in the case of the new Mark lodge which so successfully commenced its career on the 16th instant.

Slaitwaite, it may be perhaps necessary to say for the information of some of our readers, is a manufacturing village in the valley of the Colne, and not far from the flourishing town of Huddersfield. Hemmed in by the hills, the inhabitants of the Yorkshire valleys early developed strong local characteristics, and notwithstanding railways and electricity many of these still obtain. Not the least striking of them is their thorough belief in themselves. They have a confident impression, in this particular instance, that no better worked lodge exists than their own. It is true that many other brethren estimate the work of the lodges to which they happen to belong equally highly, and who would interfere with such a comfortable belief? There is no doubt, however, that they strive hard, and good, honest work always tells. The Colne Valley Lodge and Chapter are very prosperous, and there is every reason to believe that the new Dartmouth Mark Lodge will also flourish. The six founders are Bros. Walker Dyson, Edwin Dean, M.D., A. G. Webster, M.D., A. E. Cotton, D. J. Bailey, and Thos. Mallinson, and these brethren having obtained the courteous consent of the noble Earl decided the lodge should be called the Dartmouth. Some reference to this is made in the Provincial Grand Master's address. It may here be mentioned that an authorisation having been obtained, 11 candidates were, previous to the consecration, advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Barker, assisted by volunteer officers from the mother Lodge of Truth, and other parts of the province. The new lodge numbered, therefore, 17 members, which enabled them to commence with a full complement of officers.

Amongst those present on the occasion, besides the six founders above named and the 11 new members who figure in the list of officers, there were—

Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Master; John Barker, Deputy Prov. G. Master; J. W. Monckman, J.P., P.M. (T.I.), P.P.G.W., P.G.O.; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 493, P.P.G.W., P.G. Stwd., Chairman of the Charity Committee; Thomas Rowbotham, P.M. 53, Prov. S.G.W., Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee; C. E. Rose, P.M. 58, Prov. S.G.O.; Rev. J. L. Brereton, W.M. 127, Prov. G. Chap.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; T. G. Howell, P.M. 137 and 493, P.P.G.D.; H. Beaumont, P.M. 14, P.P.G. Treas.; J. F. Dyson, P.M. 137, P.P.G.D.C.; Joe Sykes, Prov. G. Org.; John Brook, P.M. 493, P.P.G. Org.; Joshua Hill, P.M. (T.I.), Prov. G.I.G.; Geo. Jackson, P.M. 137, P.P.G.S.B.; Joe Naylor, P.M. 137, P.P.G.I.G.; W. B. Smith, W.M. 352, Prov. G. Stwd.; Geo. Whitaker, J.W. 535; James Milligan, W.M. 58; H. Bonser, W.M. 111; Jas. H. Dyson, P.M., and J. Pyrah, Sec. 137; W. H. Rendell, 374; and Geo. Hoyle, M.D., W.M., and J. W. Broadhead, 493.

There were representatives from all the lodges in the province except two.

The consecration and constitution were carried out with full ritual and ceremonial by the Prov. G. Master. Most valuable and efficient help was rendered by Bro. the Rev. J. Lloyd Brereton, W.M. 127, Vicar of St. Peter's, Barnsley, and (for the second time) Prov. G. Chaplain. In the absence, through illness, of Bro. R. J. Smith, Bro. J. W. Monckman kindly undertook the duty of Director of Ceremonies, and did the work in the way or which he has so long been renowned. Other brethren who took minor parts were Bros. W. H. Rendell, 374, who carried the corn; C. E. Rose, P.M. 58, the wine; Jas. Milligan, W.M. 58, the oil; and H. Bonser, W.M. 111, the salt.

During the ceremony a very eloquent oration was given by the Chaplain, illustrating the valuable lessons underlying the ritual of Mark Masonry. This, we regret, we are not at this moment able to reproduce; perhaps later we may do so. The reverential and careful manner in which every detail was carried out deeply impressed the brethren, and universal admiration resulted. We should not omit to state that Bros. John Brook and Joe Sykes attended to the musical portion of the ceremony, and contributed a generous share to the general success.

All completed, the PROV. G. MASTER, as is customary, gave an address. He said—

Brethren,—The Dartmouth Lodge is the 17th on the roll of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire. In August, 1871, when the province was constituted at Halifax, there were in all only seven Mark lodges. One was added that same year, but it was not until 1873 that the entire province became united, there being then eight lodges on the register. This number remained unaltered for 12 years, when, in 1885, Prince Leopold, No. 352, was formed in Ripon. Progress has continued since that date, and we have this afternoon made our number into 17. It is not my intention to take up much of your time to-day, but I will, however, for a few moments call your attention to the subject of lodge names. Of course, many lodges receive their names only from the fancy or caprice of the founders; but it will more frequently be observed that there is some ground or reason underlying the name by which a lodge may be called. Take Old York (T.I.), the first on our West Yorkshire list. York is traditionally, as we all know, the original cradle of Freemasonry in England, but why it should be specially associated with Bradford does not seem so clear: but when I remind you that before the Grand Lodge of England was formed, before the foundation of the oldest present existing lodge in West Yorkshire—in the year 1713, in fact, a Masonic community existed in Bradford, and that the Masons forming that lodge were "made" by a deputation of brethren from York—you will not find much difficulty in agreeing with me that the name Old York is by no means either far-fetched or inappropriate. As to Prince Edward, the next on our list we note that it completes a triad of princes giving names to lodges in the neighbourhood. There is Prince Frederick (Craft) at Hebden Bridge, taking its appellation from Frederick Duke of Sussex, first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England; Prince George (also Craft) at Eastwood, doubtless called after the Prince Regent, afterwards George IV., who whilst Prince of Wales was Grand Master of the "Moderns"; and, finally, there is Prince Edward (Mark Lodge), also at Eastwood. The Prince Edward here mentioned was, of course, Edward Duke of Kent, who for some time held the position of Grand Master of the "Ancients," and who, aided by his brother, brought about the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813. He is, however, better known as the father of our present illustrious Queen. To finish the Princes we will next take Prince Leopold. He, it is almost needless to say, was Duke of Albany, and youngest son of her Majesty. He was a distinguished Freemason, and a most popular prince. Many of you here probably were present on the occasion of his visit to Huddersfield when he accepted an address from the brethren of the town and neighbourhood. This was shortly before his death in 1884. Prince Leopold was a Mark Mason, received the rank of Past Grand Master, and it was most suitable and proper on the part of this province to keep his name in memory by the institution of Prince Leopold Lodge, Britannia, 53, Sheffield; Integrity, 110, Wakefield; and Truth, 137, Huddersfield, appear to have taken their names from the Craft lodges from which they originally sprung. The two last illustrate the tendency, once so common, almost universal in fact—of calling lodges after some abstract quality or virtue. I need not give instances, as doubtless many will readily occur to you both in lodges and chapters. Fearney, 58, Halifax; Copley, 111, Leeds; and Portal, 127, Barnsley, worthily

hand down the names of good and prominent Masons. Dr. Fearnley for some years filled the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Craft) of West Yorkshire; John Copley was a Past Master of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14, and took an active part in the formation of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; whilst Canon Portal, D.D., occupied for a considerable time the responsible and distinguished position of M.W. Grand Master of the Mark Degree. I might with profit go into biographical particulars of each of these brethren, but this is not the time nor the occasion. It must be pleasant to their relatives and friends to think that such kindly memories of the departed exist and are so happily being perpetuated. The next on our list is St. Chad, 374, Leeds. This name was given because one of the founders and its first Worshipful Master was a vicar of a parish of that name. The Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., who, though no longer vicar of St. Chad, is yet, I am pleased to say, sojourning in our midst, took at one time a most active part in Mark Masonry in this province, being my most excellent and valued Deputy from 1887 to 1893. He was also G. Chaplain of England both of the Mark and the Craft. We now come to Danum, 398 Doncaster, and Legiolium, 457, Castleford. These names, it is unnecessary to say, are Latin, and point to Roman occupation of the districts in which the lodges exist. It is, it seems to me, a most happy idea that Freemasonry should thus form a connecting link between such remote events as the invasion of Julius Cæsar and the reign of our Empress-Queen. The name Caldene, 501, Hebden Bridge, is both harmonious and suitable. The Calder dene, or valley, is not all that one would wish it, perhaps, especially in places, but the banks of the Calder, from its source to its confluence with the Aire, manifests remarkable Masonic vigour and energy. I need only mention Todmorden, Hebden Bridge, Eilan, Sowerby Bridge, Brighouse, Mirfield, Dewsbury, Wakefield, and Castleford, all in Calderdale to illustrate this fact. There now remain out of all our Mark lodges but four. These are Eland, 493, Haywra, 525, Brontë, 535, and our present and youngest Dartmouth, 545. Eland, as I pointed out at the time of its consecration, keep alive a name which was well known in the days of the second Edward, and is associated most closely with several families hailing from this immediate neighbourhood. Amongst these are the Quarmbys, the Beaumonts, the Croslands, and the Lockwoods. I need not here go into particulars, but the account of the feud which existed amongst these very choice spirits of those days is not calculated to make us regret the "good old times." As I had something to say anent Brontë on the occasion of the consecration of that lodge on St. Patrick's Day last year I will pass on. Haywra it is maintained with considerable show of probability gives its name to Harrogate, and recalls the history of this country during a transition period, when records were few and chronicles not to be depended upon. We now come to this the youngest lodge in the province. At the outset let me say I quite approve of your action in this matter. The Earl of Dartmouth you tell me has given his cordial consent to the use of his name and I am also assured that that name is as closely connected with the welfare and prosperity of Slaithwaite, as it is honoured and respected by the inhabitants of Colne Valley. Brethren, there is much force in the French saying or motto, *Noblesse oblige*, and we see it daily illustrated in the lives and conduct of the most noble in the land. He must be base indeed who inheriting a name without reproach would knowingly or of malice aforethought cast discredit upon it. The history of the Dartmouth family is very clearly set forth in that most interesting book of (I suppose) a local historian—Mr. D. F. E. Sykes, LL.B. To the ordinary reader "Huddersfield and its vicinity," as the work is called, presents many attractions, but by the native of the district, it must indeed be appreciated. From this and other sources we learn that the Legge, who founded this family, originally came from Ireland in the days of Charles I., with whose fortunes he was closely associated. The second of the name followed the naval profession, became an Admiral and was made Baron Dartmouth. Deserted by his own children, James II. found a loyal devotion in this distinguished officer. James, as we know, fled, and William and Mary succeeded, but Dartmouth was still true to his allegiance. He died in the Tower, being unjustifiably suspected of treasonable correspondence with the Stuart at St. Germain's. The son of Baron Dartmouth was, in 1710, made an Earl, and took an active and distinguished part in the political life of the earlier Georges. His eldest son, the first Viscount Lewisham, married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir Arthur Kaye, of Woodsome, and thus the manor and estates of the Kayes passed into the Dartmouth family. It would take up too much of your time to trace the careers of the successive Earls of Dartmouth down to the present owner of the title; let it be enough to say that they have played more or less prominent parts in the history of their country, and are perhaps better known from their disinterested and constant efforts to ameliorate and improve the condition, not of their tenants and dependents only, but of humanity generally, than for their political activity or social notoriety. The present Earl of Dartmouth is worthy of his ancestors. Masonically he fills an important position, that of Prov. Grand Master (Craft) for Staffordshire, and the ready and courteous response he has made to your request for the use of his name shows true Masonic spirit. And now one final word to the founders and brethren of the Dartmouth Lodge. You have in this Colne Valley an active and vigorous Craft lodge, numerically strong, and eminently capable; you have a reputation for good work both in lodge and chapter; you have now an opportunity of showing that in that beautiful and interesting Degree which we call the Mark, you intend to display the same zeal, the same accuracy, the same careful attention to detail, and the same reverential rendering of the ritual and ceremonial which have characterised your work in the other Degrees. You have, as the preliminary proceedings have shown, ample material from which to draw recruits, and I confidently look forward to seeing the Dartmouth Lodge, at no distant date, take a creditable, if not a distinguished, position in the province. Upon you, Bro. Walker Dyson, as W.M., a serious responsibility rests, but I know your ability, and I am conscious that you realise your position. You have good and staunch supporters; you have started under most favourable auspices; the future is in your own hands. That that future may be bright and prosperous is my own most fervent wish and hope, and I am sure every brother here present to-day will join in praying that God will speed you in your course.

The words of the Prov. Grand Master were followed with great interest, and received with much applause.

The Deputy, Bro. John Barker, then took the chair, and Bro. Walker Dyson, the W.M. designate, was presented for installation by the Prov. G. Master.

On the retirement of the brethren, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, there being 23 present. Bro. John Barker, with all due ceremonial, having placed Bro. Walker Dyson in the chair of A., the brethren were readmitted, and business proceeded. The office of I.P.M. was offered to and accepted by the W. Deputy.

The other officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Edwin Dean, S.W.; A. G. Webster, J.W.; A. E. Cotton, M.O.; D. J. Bailey, S.O.; Thos. Mallinson, J.O.; J. B. Eagland, Chap.; G. H. Walker, Treas.; J. Gledhill, Reg. of Marks; Jon. Holroyd, Sec.; H. Shaw, S.D.; W. A. Beevers, J.D.; S. Haigh, D. of C.; J. A. H. Eagland, Org.; Jas. Etchells, I.G.; J. W. Matthewman, Tyler; and Jas. Scholfield, Stwd.

This done, on the motion of the J.W., Bro. A. G. WEBSTER, seconded by the S.W., Bro. E. DEAN, the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the W. Deputy,

and the acting Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Monckman, were unanimously and with acclamation elected honorary members of the lodge.

The Prov. G. Master, accompanied by his Deputy and officers, then retired.

Bro. Walker Dyson was elected as the first Charity Steward, after which the lodge was closed.

An excellent dinner, served on the premises, followed, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and worthily received.

The splendid start made by the new lodge, the evident enthusiasm of its members, and the generous sympathy shown by the many visitors, combined with its excellent and appropriate name, induce us to anticipate a useful and prosperous career for the Dartmouth; and on behalf of this journal we heartily join with the Prov. G. Master in the closing remarks of his able address.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board, occupied the President's chair; Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, took the S.V.P.'s chair; and Bro. Henry Garro, Junior Vice-President, was in the chair of J.V.P. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec., Bro. W. Lake, Asst. Grand Sec., Bro. W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, represented the official department.

The other brethren present were—Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; C. J. R. Tijou, Felix Kite, E. W. Nightingale, W. Fisher, F. W. Hancock, James Block, G. M. E. Hamilton, R. W. Ker, W. H. Caton, W. M. Bywater, S. H. Goldschmidt, Charles Henry Stone, G. E. E. Blunt, John Ellinger, W. Kipps, S. O. Notley, D'Arcy Power, Henry Weigel W. A. Scurrah, J. M. McLeod, Harry Townend, Lorenzo Faull, W. Thornby Ashfield, C. J. Knightley, Herbert L. Benning, J. W. Burgess, W. A. Hardy, H. Massey, L. V. Durell Auler, William H. Stocks, John G. Stevens, Barrington B. Syer, Louis Verding, F. W. Golby, John Barritt, F. Austin, Charles M. Morris, J. Campbell, L. Rasleigh, William Long, Joseph H. Greyton, S. R. Walker, James Pointon, J. H. Etchel, Jethro Ambrose, H. Goldstein, H. Trask, C. J. Wilkinson Pimbury, Henry Parkinson, Frank E. Bailey, R. Smith, Arthur W. Scurrah, W. S. Christian, F. Inskipp, W. Cleghorn, and E. Squirrel.

Before commencing business, the PRESIDENT, referring to the death of Queen Victoria, said the event was one which oppressed—he might almost say overwhelmed—one's mind at the present moment, and it was rather difficult to concentrate one's thoughts on any subject but the one they were all thinking or speaking about; but he thought it was in accordance with the wishes of everybody if he said that the Board was met for the purpose of ministering to the immediate wants of their poorer brethren, their widows, and children, and although the hearts of the members of the Board might be dwelling on the sad event which had happened, still they must go on with their work, and he asked them to direct their minds to it.

The brethren first confirmed grants which were recommended to the Grand Master at the last meeting for his approval, to the amount of £810. The new list comprised the names of 33 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Ploana, Witney, Longleton, Clare, Kendal, Southampton, Bournemouth, Southend, Alexandria, Loughton, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Valetta (Malta), Chatham, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Singapore, Oxford, Kirkdale, Liverpool, Bishop Auckland, and Maidstone. Six of these were deferred for further information. The remainder were relieved with £765. Grand Lodge was recommended to grant £100 in one case and £50 in another. The Grand Master was asked to approve of £40 being given in six cases, and £30 in seven cases. Six grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, two of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

IN MEMORIAM.

QUEEN VICTORIA.—OBIT. JANUARY 22ND, 1901.

No mortal sorrow is akin to ours—
Nor words, nor thoughts, our feelings can portray;
Grim Death, fore whom the mightiest shrinks and cowers,
Ne'er took a soul so much beloved away.
Language is weak; the very sense is numb;
We feel the awesomeness of Death's Abyss;
We strive to speak—the fluent tongue is dumb;
For never grief was likened unto this.
Well may we mourn a mighty monarch dead;
A world in anguish is our world to-night;
Yet comfort comes—Her Queenly Soul has fled
Into a lovelier land of life and light.
To dry the tears and hush the throbbing breasts,
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The installation meeting of this preceptory, held on Monday, the 21st instant, at Wimborne, was of more than usual interest, inasmuch as the V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.E.P., Past Prelate of Great Priory, was installed by V.E. Sir Knight Woodall-Woodall, K.C.T., Prov. Prior of N. and E. Yorks (in the absence, through family bereavement, of the E.P. Sir Knight Whadcoat) in the presence of E. Sir Knight Zillwood Milledge, Sub Prior of Dorset; Sir Knights C. H. W. Parkinson, G. Habgood, Frampton, Mate, Lowe, and others.

Advantage was taken on the suggestion and by the liberality of Sir Knight Whadcoat to celebrate the 50th year of the Rev. W. M. Heath's incumbency by presenting him with a most valuable P.E.P.'s jewel, the presentation being made in admirable style by Sir Knight C. H. Watts-Parkinson, and duly appreciated by the recipient. The newly-installed E.P. presented a Preceptor's baton, and announced his intention of seeing the fittings of the preceptory were brought into more near accord with the revised Statutes.

The Sir Knights dined together, and the London and Weymouth visitors were able to catch their respective trains in comfort.

It is hoped the V.E. Sir Knight Woodall-Woodall, K.C.T., will shortly repeat his visit to this province by attending the installation at All Souls Preceptory, No. 31, Weymouth, on the 21st prox., when Sir Knight Sidney Spark Milledge will be installed into the chair.

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Third Section by Bro. M. V. Cassal.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

There is not much to be added to what we have stated elsewhere on the all-absorbing subject of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Lodge meetings will of necessity be held on the appointed days, but for the transaction of business only, and banquets, &c., &c., will be dispensed with for the present. It will also be seen that lodges are requested not to pass votes of condolence with the M.W.G. Master, as United Grand Lodge will at a Special Communication

to be held on a date yet to be fixed, pass such a resolution as representative of the whole English Craft.

The Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be immensely gratified at the successful efforts made by the Board of Management to dispose of the estate at Wood Green. It will doubtless be in their recollection that in the published statements of account with which they have been furnished year by year the estimated value of the site and buildings has been set down at £30,400; but the price agreed to be paid is £40,000, or £9600 in excess of the estimated value. It was stated at the recent Quarterly Court that the success of the negotiations was chiefly due to the ability, tact, and judgment with which Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, honorary solicitor to the Institution, conducted them, and we can well believe it. Bro. Attenborough has always proved himself to be an able as well as a firm friend of the School, and richly deserves the thanks that were then unanimously voted him for his services.

Among the many Masonic functions which have been or will be cancelled or postponed in consequence of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, are the banquets connected with the meetings of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, and the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. The Empire Lodge was to have entertained the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Frank Green, P.G.D.) and the Sheriffs (Bros. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, Past G. Treasurer, and J. Lawrence) of London; while in the case of the Savage Club and Drury Lane Lodges, though the meetings themselves will be held in order that the W. Masters elect may be installed in office, and the officers for the ensuing year appointed and invested, the customary festivities in honour of these important annual events will not take place.

A second lodge bearing the honoured name of Sir Walter Raleigh, and intended for the convenience of brethren engaged in the tobacco trade, has just been consecrated as No. 2837 at the Alexandra Hotel, Liverpool, the ceremony being performed by the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, who was assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Robert Wylie, P.G.D., and other officers of his Prov. Grand Lodge. This raises the number of lodges on the roll of the Province to 127, and we have no doubt that under the guidance of that excellent Mason, Bro. John Houlding, P.S.G.D. of England, ex-Lord Mayor of Liverpool, as its first Worshipful Master, the new lodge will find itself well set up at the close of the first and most critical year of its existence. The senior Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, which ranks as No. 2432 on the register of Grand Lodge, and meets in the London district, was warranted in 1892, and is in a very flourishing condition.

We are greatly indebted to Bro. W. J. Hughan for his very instructive sketch of the progress of English Freemasonry during the 19th century, his article being all the more valuable from the fact of its being based on official figures. In 1801 there were, on the rolls of the "Ancient" and "Modern" Grand Lodges, in all 763 lodges registered under the rival Constitutions now there are 2371 lodges, or more than three times as many. But had all the lodges constituted under English warrants remained with us, there would have been certainly over 2800 on the register. Since 1863, when the last closing up of numbers took place, there have been, according to the list in Grand Lodge Calendar for this year, nearly 240 lodges struck from the roll, and we know that on the arrangement of the register after the Union, quite a number of lodges in the United States, which had been allowed to remain on the "Ancient" and "Modern" registers, but had long severed their connection with us, were erased, and the same thing happened in 1863 consequent upon the formation, a few years previously, of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Of the 240 lodges, or thereabouts, that have been removed from the list since 1863, more than half had their warrants of constitution granted by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the bulk of these will be found on the registers of the newly-formed Grand Lodges of S. Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand. The 35 lodges which last year formed the Grand Lodge of West Australia have not been formally removed by Grand Lodge, and are, therefore, still nominally on our register. But it will not be long before these disappear, and the number of our lodges in the Colonies and Foreign

Parts will be proportionately diminished. Still, as Bro. Hughan very properly points, out these lodges, in transferring their allegiance to other Grand Lodges, are not lost to Freemasonry. On the contrary, as those brethren who may visit our Australian Colonies will have no difficulty in discovering for themselves, they are very much in evidence, and are as great a credit to our Grand Lodge as if they were still under her banner.

We have received copy of the Report of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution for the year ended 30th June, 1900, which was presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire at its annual meeting, at Stockport, on the 8th August, and, from the Treasurer's financial statement accompanying it, it is clear that the Institution is well established and doing good work.

The income for the year, including a balance of £472 from the previous account, amounted to close on £806, of which £130 represented donations from lodges and brethren; £281 18s. subscriptions from lodges in response to a special appeal, and about £118 for interest. The expenditure was a trifle short of £162, of which £160 was distributed in annuities to poor old Cheshire brethren and widows. The invested capital, consisting of various stock of the nominal value of £3400, cost £3862, so that with further help from the lodges, chapters, and brethren, the Institution will be able to extend its benefits to a greater number. Even as it is, 17 brethren and widows have been assisted, and of these 12 are still on the roll of annuitants. The Chairman of the Committee of Management is Bro. Col. C. S. Dean, S.G.D., and the Hon. Secretary Bro. Richard Newhouse, P. Dep. G.S.B., Prov. Grand Secretary.

We heartily congratulate Comp. F. G. Swinden, on the recognition he has just received from the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire. At the annual meeting in November last, Comp. Swinden, after serving as Prov. Grand Scribe E. for nine years, expressed a wish that he might not be re-appointed to office, and it was there and then resolved to present him with some token, not only in recognition of his long and meritorious services to Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, but also of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the companions generally. A Committee was formed to give effect to this resolution and on Friday, the 11th instant, at a representative meeting at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, Comp. Beech, Prov. G.H., on behalf of the Province, made the presentation, which was briefly, but gracefully, acknowledged by Comp. Swinden.

The proceedings at the recent installation meeting of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, which we had the pleasure of reporting last week, were more than usually gratifying, both in lodge and otherwise, and its new Master—Bro. Nathan Robinson—who was installed in office on the occasion, and who, but for a serious accident, which befel him, would have been installed two months ago, having just celebrated his golden wedding, the brethren considered this a fitting opportunity to evince their respect for him by presenting him with a silver salver. The ceremony of presentation passed off very happily, and the lodge has the pleasure of knowing that a further addition has been made to the already long list of red-letter days which mark the career of this prosperous lodge.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was held at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 27th December last, under the presidency of Comp. Michael W. Jacobs, G.H.P. who had the satisfaction of announcing in his address that the relations with all other Grand Chapters were of the most friendly character. In the course of the proceedings, Past Grand High Priests' jewels were presented to those companions who had served as Grand High Priest, in accordance with a resolution unanimously adopted at the Quarterly Convocation held in March of last year. Comps. Edward B. Spencer, H. Oscar Kline, and J. Henry Williams were subsequently installed as G.H.P., Grand King, and Grand Scribe, respectively.

According to the Philadelphia *Keystone* of the 5th instant, the amount already received in Donations towards the support of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania was 7151 dollars. Among the principal contributions are recorded 200 dollars from Bro. Aaron B. Taylor, and a like sum from Oriental Lodge, No. 386; 100 dollars from Bro. Charles M. Swain; and 100 dollars from Bro. J. Oliver Earnshaw.

Reviews.

"CYCLOPÆDIA OF CLASSIFIED DATES, WITH AN EXHAUSTIVE INDEX."—By Charles E. Little. (Messrs. Funk and Wagnall's Comp., 44, Fleet-street, London, E.C.)—Undoubtedly this is one of the most remarkable and extraordinary works ever published, and is as much a triumph typographically as it is textually, for the extraordinary compilation is printed and arranged to perfection, and as a volume of its kind can scarcely be excelled in any way. The Introduction by the author is dated "Jersey City, N.J., Dec. 7, 1899," and the title-page is thus of 1900 accordingly, but the compilation appears to end in 1894. It was begun in 1890, and took some 10 years to prepare, requiring not only Mr. Little's constant labours, but also the services of several persons, besides numerous officials consulted, who were continuously employed during that period, collecting materials, verifying dates, and the other thousands and tens of thousands of items requiring examination, confirmation, and classification before leaving the hands of the author. The great volume is of quarto size, extends to over 1450 pages, three columns to a page, and is really what it claims to be—a complete classification of dates of all kinds from the earliest recorded periods down to the end of the 19th century, concerning the various countries of the world. The work is divided into countries, from ABYSSINIA to the WEST COAST OF AFRICA, and then each country is arranged in periods, the sub-divisions of each period being seven in number, viz., Army and Navy, Births and Deaths, Church, Letters, Society, and Miscellaneous, so that with a little experience one can soon determine the exact part to turn to on consulting the wonderful oracle. To aid the student a most voluminous Index has been prepared, and is really one of the most valuable features of this invaluable compilation, extending as it does to nearly 300 pages of three columns each, and the references supply the columns as well as the pages, so that the most elaborate pains have been taken to meet all the possible wants of the public. In fact, it is almost uncanny to find so many minute matters chronicled, indexed, and classified, as well as satisfactory to meet with all important facts so carefully and systematically arranged. The most rigid tests are challenged as to its efficiency, and assuredly if perfection can be obtained, this enormous "Cyclopædia of Dates" may claim the prize. Copies may be seen at the Publishers, 44, Fleet-street, from whom a very readable account of "The Story of Seventy Centuries" may be obtained. Something like 100,000 entries of important historical events are enumerated and arranged in the volume, costing the Publishers many thousands of pounds to produce, and of its kind has neither equal nor rival.

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United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. FRED. C. FOSTER.

"A grand old lodge" may not be the correct description, from the Masonic standpoint, to apply to the United Mariners, but for all that, as many speakers reiterated on Tuesday evening, the 15th instant, it was "a grand old lodge." Upwards of 130 Worshipful Masters have occupied the chair of King Solomon—several for more than one period of office. It follows, therefore, that additional honour and lustre attaches to the highest office in this lodge. This explains the brilliant gathering at the Restaurant Frascati upon the occasion of the installation of Bro. Fred. C. Foster as W.M. Besides a large muster of members the following visitors attended: Bros. H. J. Weston, 1310, P.P.S.G.W.; W. M. Haydon, I.P.M. 2128; W. E. Dimes, I.P.M. 1693; L. Shipton, P.M. 1922; J. W. Dixon, P.M. 27; Ad. Le Claire, W.M. 1339; A. J. Stevenson, 2184; M. Thompson, 1366; M. Courtney, 1507; H. Chenery, 1319; F. G. Burstow, 1238; H. G. Hobday, 1693; F. C. Messent, 1922; and Thomas Vine, 511.

Lodge having been opened, and Bro. Mitchell duly passed, Bro. T. Smith installed Bro. Fred. C. Foster in the chair. The new W.M. invested Bro. J. F. Croager as his S.W., Bro. E. Lephard as his J.W., Bro. T. Till as S.D., and in the absence of Bro. A. Littlewood through illness, Bro. Wilkins as J.D. *pro tem.*, Bro. W. Newbold as I.G. Bro. H. R. Boyles as D. of C., Bro. Good, in the absence of Bro. J. A. McLoughlin, as Stwd., *pro tem.*, and Bro. G. D. Fairbairn as Asst. Stwd. Bros. T. Smith, P.M., A. E. Remington, P.M., and E. Garrick, P.M., again took office as Treasurer, Secretary, and Organist respectively. Bro. Reinhardt was again appointed Tyler. Bro. Driscoll, P.M., the date of whose initiation is back in the early sixties, impressively made the usual address to the chair.

After the purely Masonic business, the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the Gordon Hall, and did ample justice to the Fourth Degree.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, a capital programme was gone through, old favourites like Bros. Remington, P.M. ("Ho Jolly Jenkin"), Le Beau ("In Days of Old"), Newbold ("Love's Necturne"), and T. Smith ("The Baby on the Shore") delighted the assembled brethren. One of the visitors, Bro. Raydon, sang a patriotic parody on "The Weaving of the Green," and Bro. Dixon, P.M., "Killarney," which were both well received. Other brethren who contributed to the harmony of the evening were Bros. T. Vine ("The Tipperary Christening"), A. E. Mitchell ("Obedient to the Call"), and K. G. Hobday ("A Stammering Sweetheart" and "My Home"). Bro. E. Carrick once again proved himself an excellent accompanist.

The brethren separated shortly after midnight.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY ASH.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when there was a good attendance of members, and several visitors were present. Bro. Henry Ash, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, who also delivered the usual addresses. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers: Bros. D. Owen, I.P.M.; W. R. C. Sudweeks (by deputy), S.W.; G. J. Smith, J.W.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; M. K. Sloper, S.D.; A. J. Randell, J.D.; H. J. Johnson, P.M., D.C.; S. J. Sloper, Org.; E. Giddings, I.G.; C. H. Parsons and H. B. Coles, Stwds.; and W. G. Pike, Tyler. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a cold collation at the Bear Hotel.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALFRED BOOTH.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge took place at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Tuesday, the 15th instant. Bro. Alfred Booth was installed as W.M. by Bro. Walter J. Gregory, P.M. and Sec., the ceremony being performed in a most masterly and impressive manner. There was a large attendance of Past Masters of the lodge, and among the visitors were the following: Bros. Sydney Davis, W.M. 25; Alfred Ford, W.M. 2757; Fredk. Lewis, P.M. 1599; W. J. James, P.M. 1708; Wm. Roots, P.M. 2589; Robt. G. Minton, P.M. 1708; A. Jones, P.M. 1949; A. M. Scarff, S.D. 1364; D. D. Dennis, S.D. 171; Richard Masters, J.D. 2467; W. T. Hodges, 2182; C. H. Williams, 1695; J. Griffiths, 1503; and A. C. David, 1901.

The W.M. proceeded to invest his officers to serve during his term as follows: Bros. Donald Fairmaner, I.P.M.; A. J. Jeffery, S.W.; George Hook, J.W.; George Free, P.M., Treas.; Walter J. Gregory, P.M., Sec.; G. G. Bidgood, S.D.; J. H. Wills, J.D.; Arthur S. Jennings, I.G.; G. H. W. Grace, P.M., D.C.; Henry L. Hart, P.M., Stwd.; H. Gaskin Riches, Org.; and A. G. Young, Tyler, a duty he has performed at this lodge for the last 18 years.

At the banquet which followed, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Donald Fairmaner, I.P.M.

Bro. Booth, W.M., in reply, said that it would be his endeavour to show his appreciation of the honour that had been done him by maintaining the high reputation for which the lodge was famed.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Sydney Davis, W.M.; Alfred Ford, W.M.; Frederick Lewis, P.M.; R. G. Minton, P.M.; and William Roots, P.M.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was received very enthusiastically.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Dr. Dixon, P.M., who has served the lodge as Treasurer for nearly 24 years, and by George Free, P.M. who was Secretary of the lodge for 28 years.

During the evening a programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. William Brett Plummer, the following brethren taking part: Bros. Duncan Tobey, W. B. Plummer, Gaskin Riches, Arthur Hilton, and Alfred Ford.

Palatine Lodge, No. 2447.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HARRY PERRY, P.M., P.P.G.D.

The installation of Bro. Harry Perry, P.M., P.P.G.D., and Charity Representative of the lodge took place at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on the 18th inst. There was a large attendance, including Bros. R. Newhouse, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire; C. D. Cheetham, P.S.G.W.; Rev. Cranston, P.G. Chap.; George Graham, P.G.S. of W.; Bradley, P.P.G.W. South Wales; F. Broadsmith, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; J. Tinker, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; W. Ramsden, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; Dr. Mellor, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Peak, P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. Perry, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; W. H. Perry, P.P.G.D.C. Devonshire; Evan Williams, P.P.G.S. of W.; Percy Webb, P.M.; Ormrod, P.M.; Withers, P.M.; Walsh, P.M.; W. Holme, W.M. elect; Butterworth, W.M. elect; G. W. Thornton, I.P.M.; W. Spencer, P.M.; J. E. Sharples, P.M.; and others.

The event was looked forward to with considerable interest not only by the brethren of the lodge, but by an extensive circle of Masonic friends. Bro. Perry was the W.M. of Sun Lodge, No. 106, Exmouth, Devonshire, in 1893, in which lodge he was initiated in 1881, his Masonic career thus covering 20 years. He is also a P.Z. of the Sun Chapter, No. 106, Exmouth, a Past Grand Marshal of the Provincial Priory of Devonshire, Grand Marshal in the Palatine Rose Croix Chapter, No. 7, 13rd, Manchester, a Knight of Malta, member of the St. George's and Stamford Mark Lodges, and a member of the Correspondence Circle Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London. Bro. Perry has acted as Steward at the Benevolent Festival, the Boys' Centenary Festival, and the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent and Educational Institution, and is greatly interesting himself at present in the coming Festival of the last-named Institution to be held in the summer.

The ceremony of installation and other work was undertaken by Bros. Thornton, Graham, Spencer, and Sharples. Additional interest centered in the almost unique fact that two of the W.M.'s brothers occupied the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs during the ceremonies, one being P.P.G. Reg. of Cornwall and the other P.P.G.D.C. of Devonshire. Bro. Perry invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. W. Thornton, I.P.M.; J. Halliwell Roby, S.W.; E. P. Hetherington, J.W.; Wm. Spencer, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Sharples, P.M., Sec.; F. J. K. Williamson, S.D.; W. E. Chew, J.D.; James Marchant, I.G.; G. Graham, P.M., P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; W. Hulme-Jones, Org.; Lorenzo T. Corke, A.D.C.; F. W. Stroudley, W. B. Farrar, J. A. Harrison, T. Clapham, J. Patteson, J. Painter, and H. Wormald, Stwds.; and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed, Bro. Cheetham congratulated the lodge on its efforts in connection with the Charities since its foundation in January, 1893.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded a most successful and interesting meeting.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

DEATH OF BRO. R. C. P. GARDNER, P.M., D.C.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Saturday, the 12th instant. There were present: Bros. Hugh T. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect; A. Dawson Jones, J.W.; H. R. Rose, P.M., P.G. Org., Treas.; W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; J. Davidson, S.D.; W. W. Szlumper, I.G.; H. L. Sarsen, Stwd.; R. Lake, P.M.; E. Henry Taylor, W. L. Barrett, W. C. A-field, F. J. Rebban, G. Schorstein, M.D., J. D. Pattrello, and E. De Munck.

In the absence of both the W.M. (in South Africa) and the I.P.M. (through illness), Bro. Richard Lake, P.M., presided; and, after opening the lodge, called the brethren to order, and asked Bro. Rose, P.M., Treas., to make a statement. Bro. Rose stated that, since their last meeting, it had pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to remove another Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Richard C. P. Gardner, who at the time of his death held the office of D.C. It had been thought right and fitting to summon this special meeting of the lodge in order to record the fact, and ask the brethren to pass a resolution of sympathy with the bereaved widow. By the death of Bro. Gardner he had personally lost a very dear friend, and the lodge had sustained a severe loss which it was hard to bear. Within a very short time they had lost no less than three Past Masters—Bros. Lavies, Fox, and Gardner—by death. They succeeded each other in the chair of that lodge, and were all comparatively young men. Bro. Gardner's death, which was comparatively sudden, was due to heart disease. He was initiated in that lodge in 1887, and, after filling all the junior offices with credit, became W.M. in 1895. He had a good deal of work to do during his year of office, and some had doubted whether he would be able to manage it, but he sedulously applied his mind to master the duties of the chair, with the result that he acquitted himself with distinction, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. He was a good man, a sincere friend, and a true Mason. The loss to the lodge was very great, but how much greater was that of his widow. He, therefore, begged to move—"That this lodge has heard with deep regret of the death of Bro. R. C. P. Gardner, P.M., D.C., and desires to express to his widow its sincere sympathy with her in her bereavement." The W.M. in the chair—Bro. R. Lake, P.M.—seconded this, and said he was sure that all brethren who knew Bro. Gardner intimately regarded him with esteem and affection. Bro. W. A. Bowser, P.M., Secretary, wished to add his tribute of affectionate regard to one who had been of great assistance to him whilst acting as S.D. of the lodge. That was when Bro. Gardner was W.M., and he (Bro. Bowser) would always remember, with gratitude, the instruction he had received from their dear friend and brother, now gone from their midst. He might state that immediately on hearing of Bro. Gardner's death, he took the instructions of the S.W. (in the absence of the W.M.), and sent a wreath to be placed on the grave of their departed brother as a slight token of respect from the W.M., Wardens, officers, and brethren of the lodge, and that the S.W. and Master elect, and their Bro. Treasurer Rose and himself attended the funeral as its representatives. He had received and read letters of apology for non-attendance and sympathy with the lodge from several brethren, including Bros. N. H. Turner, P.M.; Edgar A. Hughes, P.M.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Thomas Fraser, W.M. 2488; and A. W. Dennis, I.P.M. 180. The resolution having been put, was carried unanimously, and Bro. Henry R. Rose, P.G. Org., played the Dead March in "Saul," the brethren remaining standing to order. The labour of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, when a good attendance of brethren supported Bro. J. W. Bland, the popular W.M. The other chairs were occupied by Bros. R. S. Hird, I.P.M., as J.W.; Wm. Docksey, as S.W.; F. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; R. B. Nicholls, S.D.; W. Shaw-Smith, J.D.; W. H. Townend, I.G.; Joseph Wood, Org.; J. L. Turner, Stwd.; J. S. Cooper, Tyler; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John Niven, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Fearnley, P.M.; and J. Morton, P.M. Visitors: Bros. D. D'Arcy Danziger, 2455, and E. C. Baily, 1545.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Wm. Wallace Symons and F. Fearnley Rhodes, which having been declared in their favour, and they being in attendance, they were initiated, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D., the working tools being explained by Bro. Hird, I.P.M., and the charge delivered by Bro. Docksey, acting S.W. On the motion of Bro. Fearnley, the following grants were made from the lodge funds: £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £2 2s. to the West Yorkshire Masonic Library and Museum Fund.

A joining member was proposed, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the toasts and speeches being interspersed with songs, recitations, and instrumental music.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

NICOTIANA.

A genial professor once said to his students, "Smoke away, gentlemen; it does not annoy me in the least. I look on tobacco in the same light as on hay. I don't eat it myself, but I like to see others enjoy it." There is a neatly veiled hint behind the professor's seemingly affable observation, that, in his opinion, the youths were merely making beasts of themselves by indulging in this seductive habit; for habit it undoubtedly is, and a curious one too, since we are quite unable to tell in the dark whether our pipe is alight or not, or, for that matter, our cigar or cigarette either, except for its glowing tip. However, could everyone regard the weaknesses of his fellow men in the same amiable and unselfish light as this dear old professor what a happy world this would be! Thus writes one of its ardent devotees—

"Sublime tobacco! which from east to west,
Cheers the tar's labour, or the Turkman's rest."

The first account of tobacco was published in 1496 by a Spanish monk, Romanus Pane, who had accompanied Columbus to America; but it does not seem that Europeans smoked it until 1535. It is, however, a question whether it did not find its way into Europe, like everything else, from the East rather than from the West, for we find Ulloa's "Voyage to America": "It is not probable that the Europeans learnt the use of tobacco from America; for as it is very ancient in the Eastern countries it is natural to suppose that the knowledge of it came from those regions to Europe by means of the intercourse carried on with them by the commercial States of the Mediterranean Sea. Nowhere, not even in those parts of America where the tobacco plant grows wild, is the use of it, and that only for smoking, either general or very frequent." Some seed of the plant was sent from Portugal to Paris, by Jean Nicot, then French envoy to Queen Catherine de Medicis, in 1559; hence the name Nicotine. Its importation into this country is ascribed to Sir Francis Drake, about 1560; and the practice of smoking it to Sir Walter Raleigh, some 24 years later, when it was a luxury that could only be indulged in by the most wealthy. John Aubrey says that it was sold for its weight in silver, and that men preserved their biggest shillings to lay in the scales against the tobacco. The chemical qualities of the plant are peculiar. It owes its active character to the presence of a vegetable alkali, not found in any other plant, which has been named Nicotine, as stated above, and, as will be noticed, from its equivalent (C₁₀ H.N.) it differs from most others in the absence of oxygen; as also in its liquid condition at the ordinary temperature. Another peculiarity of the plant is the very large quantity of ash that it leaves when burnt, about one-fifth the weight of the dried leaf; while a further distinguishing property is the great amount of nitre (nitrate of potash) present, to which is due its peculiar smouldering combustion. The scientists are much exercised nowadays as to whether smoking is injurious, for, except in rare cases, it cannot be either necessary or beneficial; and even then it must be indulged in with caution. A Major Chalmers died some years ago, at Southampton, under remarkable circumstances. For many years he was afflicted asthmatically, and sought relief in smoking tobacco, steeped in turpentine. One day, on applying a match an explosion occurred. His beard was burnt off and serious injuries in the region of the chest sustained, with a fatal result. Since we are told that the enormous sum of £14,000,000 is puffed away each year in tobacco smoke, the question of its influence for good or ill on the world's health is of considerable importance. On one point there appears to be little doubt—namely, that Nicotine is fatal to a large number of the microbes that cause some of our most serious sicknesses. The Italian Professor, Dr. Vincenzo Tassinari, finds (1) That the smoke of Cavour, Virginia, and Tuscan cigars, and all black and chopped tobaccos, possesses a very pronounced bactericide power, especially against the bacillus of Asiatic Cholera. (2) This microbicide action may, in all probability, be attributed to the products of Nicotine. (3) In epidemics of cholera and typhus, the use of tobacco may be rather useful than hurtful. (4) Tobacco smoke merits special consideration on the hygiene of the mouth as a prophylactic means of combating microbial affections of the buccal cavity.

"Non-smokers have hitherto lumed and declared,
That the succus of baccy will kill us,
But what say they now, Tassinari has proved
That the sucking it slays the bacillus."

Sucking or drinking tobacco were the terms applied to smoking on the first introduction of the plant into England. The native of India, to this day, says "Tamaku pita hai" (He is drinking tobacco), which forms another link in the chain of argument, that the weed came to us from the East and not from the West. The earliest pipes were nothing but long leaves, rolled up into the shape of a funnel, still much in use among the natives of Hindustan.

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MINOR ARTISTS AND ARCHITECTS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

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In the more ancient cities and towns houses of timber frame, but in a peculiar and not less ornamented style of carving, were frequent; and in their fronts, towards the street and in the wainscoting of the apartments, the supporting figures were of extremely whimsical forms. It is not easy to determine what they were intended to represent. Those which have remained to our own times might have been seen at Chester, Shrewsbury, Coventry, and Bristol, but in the last mentioned place most have vanished in the course of the last century, and their representations are preserved only in the portfolios of local antiquaries. On the Continent, although more ancient, as we have been merely imitators, they have been better preserved to the present day. All the eccentricities of the Burgundian manner have been adopted in their buildings of timber-frame, as well as of brick and stone. Numerous and remarkable specimens may still be examined and admired at Rouen, Bruges, Nuremberg, and Strasburg, to which we could, at no period, have offered examples of equal excellence. The age of Queen Elizabeth introduced so total a deviation from the plan of sepulchral monuments in the preceding reigns that it may be considered

as a new style. Upon a large altar tomb of marble was erected an open arcade, having a very rich and complicated entablature. The columns were marble shafts, with capitals white or black of the Doric or Corinthian order. Small pyramidal figures, the sides of which were richly veneered with variously coloured pieces, disposed in ornamental squares or circles, supporting globes or balls. Armorial bearings were emblazoned, and the effigies painted and gilt in exact resemblance to the armour or robes in which the noble deceased were invested during life. When these monuments were placed against a wall, which was more commonly done, the plan was accommodated to it, and the alcove, with its columns, universally retained. Not to mention inferior instances, the monuments of Ratcliffe, Earl of Sussex, at Boreham, before noticed; of the Countess in Westminster Abbey; of Dudley, Earl of Leicester, at Warwick; and of Carey, Lord Hunston, in Westminster Abbey, will amply confirm these observations. The taste in which these monuments are executed is alike cumbrous and confused; and to the figures the anomaly of form with colour is indiscriminately applied. Of late years the drawings and plans of an unknown architect have been discovered. He was John Thorpe, who has left a folio of plans, now in possession of the Earl of Warwick. There are not many upright, but several ground plans of some of the palaces, and many of the seats of the nobility extant, erected or altered, at that period. Of some he names himself the author; of others he either designed, supervised, or proposed alterations; though, according to the negligence of that age, he is not circumstantial in particulars. There are ground plans of Somerset House; of Buckhurst House, in Sussex, an immense pile; of Woolaton, Cophall, Burleigh House, Burleigh-on-the-Hill (the Duke of Buckingham's); Sir Walter Cope's, now Holland House, at Kensington; Giddy Hall, in Essex; Audley Hill; Amptill, now called Houghton; and Amptill Old House, another spacious palace in which Catharine of Arragon some time resided, and of which he says he himself gave the plan of enlargement; and Kirby, of which he laid the first stone in 1570.

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ST. JOHN'S WOOD AND SOME OF ITS CELEBRITIES.

When one reflects on the possibilities of the garden grounds along the Regent's Canal, and the vast spaces of tree and turf in the residential portions of St. John's Wood, sacrificed to a line of railway that was not necessary, and will never pay—anyhow, within the next quarter of a century.—it is pitiable to think that such an opportunity of beautifying one of the most delightful of London suburbs has been wasted. Right on the frontier of the "grimly gay" corner of the Wood lived and died the author of "Adam Bede." Her house, with its gables and quaint windows, still stands. Mr. Wilson Barrett rented the place after George Eliot's death, and gave many pleasant parties there. When he was moving to other quarters, during the dinner hour of the workpeople, a van arrived and loaded his very best examples of Chippendale and other eminent cabinet-makers, and carried them safely away. The servants never thought of questioning the thieves; a policeman, looking on, actually assisted them. Thomas Landseer, the distinguished engraver, lived near George Eliot. He crowned his career by a fine production of Rosa Bonheur's "Horse Fair." The house of his illustrious brother—Sir Edwin—was round the corner. Mr. Pettie, R.A., the great Scotch artist, did some of his best work when he was a neighbour of Landseer in St. John's Wood-road, and Mr. Phil Morris won his A.R.A. almost next door, with Leslie, Wornum, Herbert, and other artists as neighbours. A little further north lived Santley and Harrison. Santley, whose grand voice still retains much of its beauty, Harrison, who, with Miss Pyne, did so much to advance the popularity of English opera, and Madame Titiens and Colonel Mapleson, who will always be remembered in connection with Italian opera and Her Majesty's Theatre. Literature counted among its representative dwellers in St. John's Wood Theodore Hook, Tom Hood, Tom Moore, Douglas Jerrold, Hepworth Dixon, and Sir Thomas Hardy, while science and literature combined had an illustrious resident in Professor Huxley. Ledru Rollin, Louis Blanc, Kossuth, and Karl Blind were foreign refugees in this artistic suburb. If you want to go back into early history there is plenty of interesting material. Still, keeping in the world of literature and art, you might walk in the footsteps of Sir Richard Steele, who, with Addison, may be said to have originated "periodical literature" with *The Spectator*. Travelling further afield to Primrose Hill and Chalk Farm, we run into the romance of very stirring times.

GENERAL NOTES.

The run of "Herod," at Her Majesty's Theatre, will terminate on the evening of the 26th instant, and Shakspeare's comedy of "Twelfth Night" will be produced by Mr. Tree, on Thursday, 31st. Taking "What you will," the sub-title of the comedy, as the note of the production, Mr. Tree will endeavour to infuse into this version the "high fantastical" note which Shakspeare evidently intended should permeate the piece.

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Mrs. Patrick Campbell's next production at the Royalty Theatre will be a revival of "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith," by A. W. Pinero. During the season a few matinees will be given of "Pelleas and Melisande," and "Mariana."

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We regret that the Great Queen-street Theatre should have been closed owing to the serious indisposition of Mr. Penley. We trust that the talented actor may soon be sufficiently recovered to again resume his professional duties.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR and the Lady Mayoress will distribute the prizes awarded by the National Society of French Masters after the 16th competition among English colleges and schools, at the Mansion House on Saturday, February 23rd, at four o'clock. Mons. Cambon, the French Ambassador, will be present.

THE ALDERSGATE PAST OFFICERS' CLUB.—The monthly meeting of this club was held last week at the Manchester Hotel. Bro. V. I. R. Longman, C.C., the president, occupied the chair, and there were also present: Bros. Deputy Gooding, T. Briggs, C.C., Rupert Smyth, and the Honorary Secretary (J. Mayhew), and others. An excellent concert was subsequently given, under the management of Mr. G. W. Weathersby, the president of the City Musical Union, whose health was drunk with musical honours on the proposition of the President.

Craft Masonry.

Old Globe Lodge, No. 200.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. H. WALSHAW.

The annual installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on the 16th inst. Bro. G. H. Walshaw, P.M., was installed W.M., and he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. Holloway, P.M., I.P.M.; H. Marks, S.W.; T. A. Hopper, J.W.; W. Ombler, Chap.; F. Goodricke, P.M., Treas.; J. Geldard, Sec.; J. Clare, P.M., D.C.; E. Nelson, S.D.; G. Handcock, J.D.; R. Lamolough, I.G.; R. J. Pitcher, Org.; W. Heald and G. B. Hunt, Stewards; W. Ombler, Almoner; and C. Travess, P.M., Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler. The first portion of the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Clare, P.M., and the second by Bro. C. Travess, P.M. The charge to the Master was given by Bro. C. Travess; to the Wardens by Bro. F. Goodricke, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. J. Clare, P.M., after which the lodge was closed.

The annual installation banquet took place in the Grand Hotel in the evening.

Benevolence Lodge, No. 489.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. J. TATTERSILL.

The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Bideford, on the 17th inst. when Bro. E. J. Tattersill, S.W., was installed as W.M. of the lodge in succession to Bro. W. Ascott. There was a large attendance of North Devon brethren, and the ceremony of installation was impressively conducted by Bro. G. C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., acting as Prov. G.M.

The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. W. Drew, P.M. 9; W. Ascott, W.M. 489; H. Ascott, P.M. and Sec. 489, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Rev. R. W. J. Smart, P.M. 489, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Russell, P.P.G.O. Oxon, P.P.G.W.; Chas. Piper, P.M. 1753, P.P.D.G.D.C.; A. F. Seldon, P.M. 251, P.P.G.D.; H. M. Barrow, P.M. 489, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Andrew, P.M. 489; W. H. Puddicombe, P.M. 489, P.G.S.; J. Gaydon, P.M. 251, P.P.G.D.; F. W. Kendle, P.M. 421, P.S.G.D.; T. Lee, W.M. 251; J. Bosson, P.M. 251; A. R. Miller, W.M. 570; E. J. Tamlin, P.M. 1135; C. Burt, P.M. 1885; and J. H. Sillifant, P.M. and Sec. 1885.

The members of the lodge also present were Bros. E. J. Tattersill, S.W.; D. Baxter, J.W.; F. A. Searle, Treas.; W. J. Land, S.D.; Caleb Squire, J.D.; F. Andrew, I.G.; H. W. Huxham, Org.; J. Rattenbury, Stwd.; R. Grant, Tyler. F. Trapnell, A. J. Wright, W. Giddie, W. Drew, R. E. L. Hookway, R. L. Maye, and E. W. Bartlett. The other visiting brethren present were Bros. W. B. Seldon, J.W. 251; C. Lock, 251; G. Kevern Batten, Stwd. 1135; F. Elliott, 251; H. J. Hancock, 251; and B. T. James, S.D. 251.

The W.M. then invested and appointed his officers as below: Bros. W. Ascott, I.P.M.; F. Baxter, S.W.; J. Land, J.W.; Rev. J. Smart, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; F. A. Searle, Treas.; H. Ascott, P.P.D.G.D.C., Sec. and Almoner; C. Squire, S.D.; D. Andrew, J.D.; W. H. Puddicombe, D.C.; H. W. Huxham, Org.; T. Fry, I.G.; J. Rattenbury and W. Giddie, Stwds.; and R. Grant, Tyler. During the ceremony Bro. Joint, P.G. Org., presided at the organ, and Bro. W. H. Puddicombe, P.M. 489, P.G.S., most efficiently acted as D.C.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Ascott's New Inn Hotel, the tables were beautifully and appropriately decorated by Mrs. Ascott, and the arrangements and catering fully sustained the high reputation of the hotel. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. E. J. Tattersill, presided at the banquet, and there were between 40 and 50 brethren present.

The toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Grand Lodge of England," was proposed by the W.M.

"The R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Northcote, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. F. Baxter, S.W., and with the toast was coupled the names of Bros. G. C. Davie, Dep. Prov. G. Master, C. Piper, and H. Ascott.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. W. Ascott, I.P.M., and "The Installing Master" by Bro. the Rev. R. W. J. Smart.

The other Masonic toasts were proposed and acknowledged.

Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS STEER.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. CLEGHORN, P.M., P.Z.

The installation meeting of this important lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 17th instant, was particularly interesting, as the members evinced their appreciation of Bro. Cleghorn's valuable services as Secretary, and their esteem and regard for him, in tangible form. The subject was before the lodge at the previous meeting, when it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Saml. Webb, P.M. and Treas., that a sum of 25 guineas should be voted to purchase a testimonial, in recognition of Bro. Cleghorn's valuable services as Secretary during the past 11 years. In making this proposition, Bro. Webb said the members were fully acquainted with Bro. Cleghorn's merits, although he (Bro. Webb) thought, perhaps, he was more cognizant of his honest and straightforward qualities than any other brother. A better or more faithful Secretary could not be found in the Craft, to say nothing of his great abilities as a Preceptor. A handsome diamond ring was purchased and presented to Bro. Cleghorn on the 17th instant. In making the presentation, the W.M., Bro. E. B. Homewood, said he had a pleasing duty to perform in presenting Bro. Cleghorn with the ring. The brethren of the Great Northern Lodge were aware that an amount was voted for this testimonial. They also knew of the thoroughly efficient services of their Secretary, who they hoped would be spared many years to wear their gift. They hoped the Great Architect would give him health to act as their Secretary for many years to come. Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec., in reply, said: During the 25 years of my membership of this lodge I can truthfully say I never felt in a more embarrassing situation, to adequately return thanks for this handsome present. As you know, I have been connected with the lodge of instruction for upwards of 20 years, and have done what I could, in some measure, to promote the best interests and good working of this lodge. During the past 11 years I have been Secretary. I was appointed somewhat suddenly in consequence of the death of the Secretary, and being appointed, I determined at once to act in a straightforward, honest, and independent manner, and also to have—a point equally necessary in a Secretary, which you might think I am not deficient in—faith in myself, and so inspire confidence in me in performing my duties well. Worshipful Masters come and go, but Secretaries are more or less permanent, and I consider it is the duty of a Secretary to make himself well acquainted with the regulations and landmarks of the Order and so protect the W.M., sometimes against himself. W. Masters of course, have a knowledge—some only an elementary knowledge of the regulations governing the Craft—and, therefore, it is necessary for a Secretary to be more or less permanent, and also acquainted with the regulations and different decisions given by the Authorities so that we shall not be guilty of any irregularity. I do not require anything to stimulate me to discharge my duties, but I take it as an indication of your fraternal and good feeling towards me, and I appreciate it as such and I shall ever wear it and take great pride in it whenever I look at it. I do not like—and if I may gauge your opinions, you do not like—long speeches. Sam Weller when writing his first love letter had some misgivings as to whether it was in proper order and read it to Mr. Weller, sen., who said it was too short. The son replied that that was the great art in letter writing as the recipient would wish there was more of it. That is also the great art in speech making. I thank the W.M. and through him the brethren of the lodge for their handsome gift. The inscription on the ring is—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Cleghorn, Secretary, by the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, 17th January, 1901." The other business transacted was the initiation of Messrs. W. R. T. Diss, Wm. Wright, W. J. Rennie, and E. P. Warner, by the W.M. The Auditors' report was adopted. The W.M. next installed Bro. Thomas Steer as Master for the ensuing year in excellent style. The following officers were invested: Bros. B. Russell, S.W.; F. Bascombe, P.M., J.W.; Samuel Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; C. T. Wilkinson, S.D.; D. C. Struthers, J.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., P.Z., D.C.; J. O. Milledge, I.G.; H. T. Reed, P.M., P.Z., and J. Gough, Stwds.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. A donation was voted to a distressed brother, and lodge was closed.

The banquet was well served, and Bro. H. T. Reed, P.M., who kindly officiates as Steward to the lodge, was indefatigable in his exertions for the comfort of the brethren.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Homewood, I.P.M., who said he felt sure he should have nothing to regret in installing Bro. Steer. The new W.M. was a good and zealous Mason, who had given proof of his ability in the lodge of instruction. In drinking the W.M.'s health they would wish him with all sincerity a happy and successful year of office.

Bro. T. Steer, W.M., thanked the brethren for the kind reception given the toast, and the I.P.M. for the very eulogistic terms in which he had proposed it. He could only hope he possessed some of the virtues attributed to him by the I.P.M., but "the proof of the pudding" was in the eating. He was but an initiate in the Master's work, and must ask their indulgence. He trusted they would extend to him the kind Masonic feeling given to his predecessors, and excuse him from further remarks by taking his speech as read. Anything he could do to uphold the high dignity and position of W.M. of the Great Northern Lodge would be done, and every nerve in his body would be strained to the full to do credit to himself and honour to the lodge.

"The Initiates" was given, and heartily honoured, and was followed by "The Visitors."

Bro. A. H. P. Snow, 2091, returned thanks on behalf of some 60 visiting brethren. He congratulated the W.M., and hoped the Great Architect would give him health and strength to perform his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge.

Bro. W. Stone, W.M., also replied.

Bro. E. L. Berry, P.P.G.D. Surrey, said it was a great privilege to be present once again at this lodge which was one of the standard lodges in London, for it had turned out three or four of the finest Preceptors the West End of London had known. There was his dear old friend, Bro. Cleghorn, and also Bro. Paul. There was every reason why this lodge should hold its head up now and evermore.

Bros. Hancock and Laker, P.M., also responded.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Homewood, I.P.M., as an outward and visible sign of the great opinion the members had of him.

Bro. E. B. Homewood, I.P.M.; S. Webb, P.M.; Reed, P.M.; and Cleghorn, P.M., returned thanks; and "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were afterwards honoured.

Bro. Alfred Kenningham, Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Maude Ballard, Miss Alice Read, and Bros. R. E. Miles and F. Dunn.

The members present included: Bros. E. B. Homewood, W.M.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Reed, P.M., Stwd.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; T. Owen, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; J. Paul, P.M.; A. C. Doughty, P.M.; T. Steer, S.W.; H. Russell, J.W.; F. Bascombe, S.D.; A. Kenningham, Org.; and many others. Visitors present included Bros. A. G. Bennett, P.M. 1763; C. Townley, V.M. 2074; W. A. Carter, P.M. 1362; W. H. Stone, W.M. 2647; W. H. Caton, P.M. 1365; L. Gerrard, P.M. 2021; A. G. Lee, I.P.M. 2492; G. F. Edwards, P.M. 766; F. J. Harding, P.P.G.D. Bucks; H. Tatton Sykes, P.M. 2789; J. Webb, P.M. 92; A. J. Hexter, P.M. 749; J. Lux, P.M.; A. H. P. Snow, W.M. 2091; C. C. Lane, S.W. 1605; C. H. Denny, P.M. 1671; E. L. Berry, W.M. 1321, P.P.G.D. Surrey; R. W. Blundell, W.M. 2502; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and many others.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.

The first of the 20th century meetings of this important lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Restaurant Frascati. The W.M., Bro. Louis Verdier, P.P.G.S. Jersey, was supported by a large number of brethren, and there were many visitors. The officers assisting were: Bros. Geo. Herbert Burns, I.P.M.; E. J. Mills, S.W.; W. H. Butler, J.W.; G. A. Bentley, acting S.D.; A. Herbert Burns, J.D.; Walter Maskell, I.G.; and C. W. Holmes, A.D.C. In the absence of Bro. P. M. Shaw, D.C., the *esprit de corps* was ably sustained by the ubiquitous Secretary, Bro. Thos. J. Bolton, P.M.; Bros. H. Baldry and Dr. W. A. Bond were elected Stewards; and the Cavaliere Tito Mattei presided at the organ.

The minutes of the two previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. proceeded, at the request of the W.M., to raise Bros. Meyers and Hawkes, which he did in his usual impressive manner. The I.P.M. then passed Bros. Potter, Besser, and Grahamslaw, the ceremony being admirably rendered. Two important motions were carried, the first on the suggestion of the Secretary, being to the effect that two brothers who had been in arrears for two years, and who had ignored registered letter applications, be excluded from the lodge; the second motion presented, also by the Secretary, in the absence of Bro. W. Adams, P.M., Treas., was as follows: "That in the event of a brother, who has resigned from unavoidable circumstances, and being clear of all arrears, wishing to rejoin the lodge, he shall be allowed to do so on his being properly proposed, seconded, and balloted for, and on payment of one guinea as rejoining fee."

The lodge having closed in peace with harmony after three hours working, the members adjourned to the banqueting hall.

The usual toasts having been honoured,

Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., proposed in felicitous language "The Worshipful Master," to whose many excellent traits, both personal and Masonic, he paid generous tribute.

Bro. Louis Verdier, in acknowledging the toast and the ovation which accompanied it, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to occupy the exalted position of W.M. of the Rothesay Lodge. He knew he carried with him all the sympathies of the brethren in that, being a Frenchman, he felt somewhat diffident about rendering the ritual. It had been truly said by the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns that he (the W.M.) was a Mason at heart, and was thoroughly in accord with its teachings—brotherly love, relief, and truth. It gave him much pleasure to see in lodge that evening the ready response to help a distressed brother. For all their kindness and forbearance to himself they had his deepest and sincerest thanks. (Applause.)

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. extended a very cordial welcome to them in the name of the lodge.

Bro. H. Poppoli, W.M. 2637, in responding, said he was proud to have been invited to the Rothesay because the foundation of the Italia Lodge was due to the existence of the Rothesay. ("Hear, hear.") He heartily thanked Bro. Louis Verdier for extending to him the kind invitation.

Bro. Henry Wall, D.C. 2048, also responded. It was the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the lodge, and after what he had seen and heard, he hoped it would not be the last. He felt deeply indebted to Bro. Secretary Bolton for affording him the opportunity of witnessing such excellent Masonic work. (Applause.)

Bro. R. M. H. Griffith, 1677, also responded in a lengthy and appropriate speech, which was much admired.

Brief responses were also made by Bros. Grayson and Bassano.

The W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters," said no words from him were needed to tell them how good the Past Masters of the lodge were. The I.P.M., Bro. G. Herbert-Burns, Bros. Catten, Bolton, Clements, and others had all been exceedingly helpful to him. He took that opportunity of saying that, like his immediate predecessor in office, he had joined the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, of which Bro. Bolton, P.M., was one of the founders. (Applause.)

Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., acknowledged the toast in his usual eloquent manner. He said that whatever work the W.M. asked assistance in he could always and most faithfully rely upon getting such assistance from the Past Masters of the Rothesay Lodge. (Hear, hear.) As I.P.M., it was his duty and right to assist the W.M. in the discharge of the important duties and so long as those duties were entrusted to him he (the I.P.M.) would do his very utmost to discharge them to the entire satisfaction of the Master and of the lodge. But apart from the duties of the Past Masters they, as members of the lodge, held it as their especial privilege and delight to work for the reputation and the honour of the good old Rothesay Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. P. M. Catten also responded, thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. Speaking from his own experience it was a great pleasure for a man to arrive at this position of a Past Master of the Rothesay Lodge and the W.M. could always rely upon his assistance when wanted.

Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." They were both very important offices and the lodge was fortunate in getting them so ably filled. Unfortunately, Bro. Walter Adams, the Treasurer, was unavoidably absent, but he (the speaker) could tell them that Bro. Adams was a most excellent Treasurer who carefully safeguarded their treasury. He was, indeed, a brother in whom they had the most implicit confidence. (Applause.) Passing on to the Secretary, their

good Bro. P.M. Bolton, had the best wishes and solid support of every member of the lodge. Without an able Secretary that lodge would absolutely come to a standstill. It was all very well to say they had immense funds in hand, but that would be no good unless they had also an able Secretary to guide and direct the lodge. Without the aid of such an officer they would not have such a handsome balance at the bank; nor would they occupy such a high position at Grand Lodge. He had no hesitation in saying there was no lodge in London held in such estimation in Grand Lodge as the Rothesay. The lodge was always able to contribute 30 guineas a year to Charities, and row, when, for the first time, they had a call to relieve a distressed brother, although no one now in the lodge knew him it was proposed to give him 20 guineas. They could not do these things if it were not for the able direction of the lodge by their capable and never-tiring Secretary Bro. Thos. J. Bolton. (Applause.)

Bro. T. J. Bolton, P.M., after returning thanks for the kind reception accorded to him, said he was glad that Bro. Herbert-Burns had touched upon the Charity side of the question, and had paid a tribute to the assistance of the lodge to the three Masonic Charities. The latter had received £83,000 during the past year, and the lodge had sent in its mite. (Cheers and applause.) Referring more particularly to the duties of Secretary, he said he had devoted an enormous amount of time and trouble to the duties in order to get things in a satisfactory condition for the brethren when they met. Sometimes his efforts were appreciated and sometimes they were not. At any rate, he did not intend to follow the example of the man in the fable who tried to please everybody, because he bore in mind the disastrous results. (Laughter.) He would, however, continue to do his best for the lodge, and he wished them each and everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. (Applause.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Officers," congratulating himself upon the fact of having such good officers, and especially on being able to rely upon other brethren such as Bro. Bentley.

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. E. J. Mills, W. H. Butler, A. Herbert-Burns, and W. Maskell.

An excellent programme was carried out by Bros. Cavaliere Tito Mattei, Bentley, Harry Hudson, and Will Styles. A very special programme was that of Bro. H. M. Morgan, whose cornet solos, "Killarney," "The Lost Chord," &c., were much admired. Bro. Morgan was the specially appointed cornet soloist to the Queen's private band in Jubilee year, 1897. Bro. Cavaliere Tito Mattei played his own "Lord Roberts' March," with cornet obligato by Bro. Morgan, with great success.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Alderman George Eade, T. J. Grievson, W. Garrett, G. Madewell, R. Madewell, H. A. King, E. Bolton, J. T. Dunk, A. Marten, J. A. Campbell, G. Mentasti, T. C. Peach, Jno. Page, G. Riley, W. Sanders Fiske, W. Rouse, W. H. Peacock, J. J. Mitchell, O. H. List, J. F. Shiers, A. Hugo, R. J. Owen, John Buley, E. A. Broomhead, W. C. Stratton, F. Meyers, H. Hawkes, A. German, Charles Bresser, Crawley Potter, and G. Grahamslow. Visitors: Bros. Alderman Joseph Tr. nner, W.M. 205; H. Foppoli, W.M. 2637; H. Wall, D.C. 2048; W. Grayson, J. F. Bassano, 957; and R. M. H. Griffith, 1677.

The Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALBERT CHADDERTON.

The installation meeting of this very successful and highly-flourishing lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, 14th instant. Present: Bros. E. J. S. Ware, W.M.; Albert Chadderton, S.W., and W.M. elect; A. R. Jackson, J.W.; W. J. Cannon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Bucks, Treas.; L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec.; F. W. Riches, S.D.; M. W. Harris, I.G.; J. N. Taylor, Org.; F. C. Greenley, Stwd.; T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; Henry Cornford, I.P.M.; Robt. Peachey, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; O. Lamare, P.M.; C. L. Plant, P.M. (Hon.); T. T. Harris, J. D. Williams, N. K. Hand, J. E. Robertson, A. Furneaux, S. Shipton, L. Notley, J. P. Smith, W. J. Graves, C. N. Wedge, C. P. Berry, J. E. Emary, J. F. Purdue, R. A. Williams, S. B. Prosser, H. H. Dean, H. Lambert, C. Vieusseux, W. Hipgrave, T. G. Messent, Wm. Wise, W. L. Chamness, J. L. Allen, G. F. Lambert, R. Pearson, G. Seale, J. H. Heath, W. Martin, A. G. Pocock, J. B. Maltby, G. A. Costello, E. A. Turner, E. G. Hewitt, C. Cock, C. Ball, and G. Herridge. The visitors were: Bros. W. Harvey, 2348; G. R. Woodham, S.W. 1475; H. R. Gurney, S.D. 1861; W. T. Snell, W.M. 1329; R. Brown, I.G. 1320; J. S. Pointon, W.M. 1901, P.M. 1801, Prov. G. Stwd. Surrey; W. Gibbs, 65; G. D. Fairburn, 30; H. Saunton, P.M. 1423; F. Bower, 2060; W. Whittick, 1348; N. Courtney, 1507; C. J. Thompson, 2348; Arthur Geverding, 2186; Thos. Stewart, 1503; J. Chubb, 1706; Frank Swintford Smith, W.M. 2024, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. raised Bros. J. L. Allen and C. P. Berry in a very impressive manner. Bro. Hy. Cornford, I.P.M., assumed the chair, and Bro. S. B. Prosser was passed. The W.M. resumed the chair, and Bro. Albert Chadderton, S.W., was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Hy. Cornford, to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was most ably performed. Bro. A. Chadderton, W.M., invested the officers as follows: Bros. G. J. S. Ware, I.P.M.; A. R. Jackson, S.W.; F. W. Riches, J.W.; W. G. Cannon, P.M., Treas.; L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec.; M. W. Harris, S.D.; F. C. Greenley, J.D.; Hy. Cornford, P.M., D.C.; R. H. Lord, Asst. D.C.; J. F. Warne, I.G.; J. N. Taylor, Org.; F. G. Messent and T. T. Harris, Stwds.; and Thos. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were admirably rendered by the Installing Master. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a splendid financial position. At this juncture a very pleasing incident occurred, Bro. J. D. Williams, in a few appropriate remarks, presenting to Bro. E. J. S. Ware, I.P.M., on behalf of himself and eight brother initiates—Bros. M. K. Hand, T. Thorogood, R. A. Williams, J. F. Purdue, J. Wilson, J. L. Allen, C. P. Berry, and S. B. Prosser—a Past Master's collar and beautifully chased silver jewel as a memento of his year of office. Bro. Ware accepted the same most gratefully. Another distinguishing feature of the lodge—Benevolence—was fully maintained inasmuch as the sum of 40 guineas was voted from the lodge funds—20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and 10 each to the Boys' and Girls'—to be placed upon the lists of Bros. H. Cornford, P.M., and E. J. S. Ware, I.P.M. This sum was further augmented by the brethren to about 120 guineas—a circumstance the lodge may justly be proud of as it proves that the true principles are thoroughly carried out. The W.M., Bro. A. Chadderton, next, in eulogistic and well deserved terms, presented the Past Master's jewel so well and efficiently earned by the I.P.M., and hoped that it would grace him and the lodge for very many years. Bro. Ware very suitably responded. A candidate was proposed for the next meeting, and it was also proposed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. Hy. Cornford, P.M., on the death of his dear wife. Most cordial and "Hearty good wishes" were extended, and the lodge closed.

The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her usual graceful style.

The banquet over, the W.M. presented the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in terms which were most cordially endorsed by the brethren.

As regards "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they were most efficient and the great centre round which the various lodges moved. He would ask the brethren to drink to the toast most loyally.

Bro. Ware, I.P.M., next rose, and said for the first time he had to propose "The Health of the W.M.," which he did with very great pleasure. It needed very few words from him to commend the toast, all knew the W.M.'s sterling worth, and the very capable manner he had carried out the various duties in the lodge. The W.M. was one who would most fully maintain the dignity and prestige of the lodge, and the duties would be performed in a manner that would leave nothing to be desired. He called upon the brethren to drink most cordially to the health of the W.M., who would prove himself worthy of their choice.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

In reply, the W.M. (who had an ovation) said he thanked the I.P.M. for his almost too flattering remarks and the cordiality in which it was received, and which he also detected in the lodge by the hearty good wishes given in volley form. He was deeply sensible and proud of the honourable position, and would do all that lay in his power to bring about success, which could be greatly assisted by the hearty co-operation of the brethren. It was his great desire during his Mastership that the Charities would be most heartily supported, and also, "to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness." If these two grand principles were carried out in their entirety he should be proud indeed. He again most heartily thanked them for their hearty good wishes.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "Bro. Ware, Installing Master." All had seen for themselves the splendid manner he had performed the ceremonies, and his delivery of the addresses had thoroughly imbued them with gratitude. This was no wonder, for Bro. Ware was such an important factor in the lodge of instruction so closely affiliated with the Earl of Lathom Lodge, and which gave such excellent instruction. The W.M. stated he owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Installing Master for his many acts of kindness.

The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. E. J. S. Ware, I.P.M., in reply, said he did it with grateful thanks. He had arrived at the height of his ambition, which should be the aim of every Mason who joined a lodge, and had climbed to the highest pinnacle; but it was also a great pleasure to him to go among the Past Masters. He had been supported by the officers at every meeting during the past year most admirably, and he tendered them hearty thanks, as also to the nine initiates during the past year for their very handsome present. He should wear the same with great pride and pleasure, as long as such kindly feelings existed in the lodge, so long would the lodge continue to flourish. He also thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel presented as a token of their esteem and regard, which he should ever wear and cherish.

The toast of "The Visitors" had at the hands of the W.M. and the brethren a most cordial reception, and was duly responded to by Bros. Snell, W.M. 1329, and J. Pointon, W.M. 1901, both of whom eulogised the admirable working of the lodge and also the hearty reception given to the visitors.

Bro. A. Chadderton, W.M., next presented the toast of "The P.M.s.," who were the backbone and pillars of the lodge. They were a worthy body, and such as the brethren would do well to emulate.

Bro. Cannon, P.M., Treas., replied as one of the oldest P.M.s., and thanked the brethren for again reposing their trust in him for the fifth time. He congratulated the lodge on its prosperity, and also their interest in the various Charities, which it had been his greatest aim to support for the last 10 years. He hoped that the same feeling and benevolent spirit would always exist among the brethren of the Earl of Lathom Lodge.

Bro. L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec., said it was indeed another proud moment in his life to see one of his boys in the chair of W.M., which would be filled with the greatest credit to himself and the gratification of the brethren.

Bros. Lamare, P.M., and Peachey, P.M., ably replied, as also Bro. Hy. Cornford, P.M., who most gratefully thanked the brethren for their very kind expressions towards him, and also for their liberal support; they had given to the various Charities about 126 guineas.

The toast of "The Officers" was presented by the W.M. in terms of praise, and duly responded to by Bro. A. R. Jackson, S.W.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bros. J. Nettleton Taylor, Org., and G. A. Costello, who ably directed, assisted by the following artistes: Miss Clara Judge (who was loudly eulogised), Miss Wilhelmine Fink (most cordially received), and Bros. Frank Swinford, G. A. Costello, and Arthur Geverding, L.R.A.M. (violin), an able performer. Bro. J. N. Taylor ably presided at the piano.

Empire Lodge, No. 2108.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. BASSETT HOPKINS.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion on Tuesday, the 22nd instant. It was to have been of considerable importance, Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, the Agents General of several Crown Colonies, and others having been invited guests, but was confined to its members, nearly 50 in number, all festivities being postponed in the circumstances of national grief and anxiety occasioned by the illness of the Queen, the sad termination of which was announced during the meeting, just after the investiture of the officers. The intelligence was received by the brethren in solemn silence, broken after a short pause by a few appropriate words of reverence from the newly-installed Master, Bro. Bassett Hopkins. At the closing of the lodge he read the Dead March in "Saul" which was played by Bro. Hermann Klein, P.G.O. The members dined in simple and quiet fashion, and no toasts were given except that the Master spoke briefly of the sympathy of those present with his Majesty the M.W.G.M. and his family, and of the unabated loyalty of the Order. A few words of greeting were also given by the W.M. to the initiate of the evening, Bro. Arthur Philip Du Cros. The business within the lodge had been the initiation of this brother by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Sefton Mayors, who also installed his successor in the most perfect manner.

The following were the officers present: Bros. A. Bassett Hopkins, W.M.; J. Sefton Mayors, I.P.M.; Franz Deutsch, S.W.; Sidney F. Isitt, J.W.; Lennox Browne, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; Lionel Cooke, P.M., Sec.; Maurice Jenks, S.D.; Charles R. Valentine, J.D.; E. Warden Dennis, P.M., D. of C.; Benno Schönberger, Org.; Orlando Hill, I.G.; and Isaac Shone and Albert Cohn, Stwds.

National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LIEUT.-COL. H. C. WILSON.

The installation meeting of this Volunteer Artillery lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 16th instant, at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Bro. Captain H. Turner-Emercy (late Royal Artillery), the W.M., was unable to be present, and his post was taken by Bro. Capt. E. T. Lea, P.M. 2484, and the other brethren who attended were Bros. Major A. Vane Stow, V.D., P.M.; Capt. E. T. Lea, P.M., Sec.; Major T. Stewart Inglis, Lieut.-Col. S. Wishart, S.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. J. F. Praeger, V.D., Lieut. Prechtel, and Middlesex V.A., Capt. Postans, P.M., 2nd Middlesex V.A., Major Nicholls, I.P.M., 3rd Kent V.A., Charles Belton, and Capt. Gray, 2nd Cinque Ports V.A. The visitors were Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; Major Hugh W. H. Cary Elwes, W.M. 1842, P.M. 1452, P.P.G.W. Sussex; John Inman, 40; K. W. Morrison, I.G. 1718; J. C. Duff, S.D. 1842; H. A. E. de Pinna, P.M. 1973; R. Staffon Charles, 1842, P.P.G. Reg. Sussex; A. D. Hansell, 259; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge being opened, Bro. Capt. Lea initiated Capt. Oliver P. Gray, 2nd Cinque Ports, V.A. (Bexhill-on-Sea), in the earliest mysteries of Freemasonry; and after this important ceremony had been performed, Bro. Charles Belton, P.G.D., was asked to take the chair for the ceremony of installation. Having acceded to the request, Bro. C. Belton installed Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. C. Wilson, I.P.M. 1842, and S.W. of the National Artillery Lodge, in the chair of that lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Major Nicholls, P.M., was invested as I.P.M., in place of the absent immediate Past Master, and the other brethren appointed to office were Bros. Capt. J. G. W. James, P.M., S.W.; Major A. F. W. Langhman, J.W.; Major Henry Vane Stow, V.D., P.M., Treas.; Capt. E. T. Lea, P.M., Sec.; Major J. H. Wrenn, S.D.; Major T. Stewart Inglis, J.D.; Lieut.-Col. S. Wishart, V.D., D. of C.; Capt. F. Griffith, P.M., Asst. D. of C.; Lieut.-Col. H. J. F. Praeger, V.D., I.G.; Major H. B. Lewis Barned, Org.; Capt. J. Clark, Stwd.; and Charles Warner, Tyler. After Bro. C. Belton had delivered the addresses to the Masters, Wardens, and brethren, Bro. R. Clay Sudlow—who had acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the ceremony—was elected an honorary member on the motion of Bro. Capt. James, seconded by Bro. Major Nicholls. On the motion of Bro. Capt. James the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the list of Bro. Major Vane Stow, P.M. and Treas., who stands as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

During the banquet Bro. W. Amies King's orchestra played selections under the direction of Mr. Sinclair Mantell, and when the toasts were proposed the speeches were varied with singing by Bro. Wallis Arthur, music on the silver bells by Bro. R. B. Hopkings, and more singing by Bro. Herbert Linwood. Bro. Herbert Linwood was the musical director.

Bro. Thomas J. Ralling responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers." The Province of Essex, of which he was Secretary, consisted of 44 lodges. He hoped when he Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick, presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, he would obtain a list of subscriptions which would exceed that which Earl Amherst would win as Grand Master for Kent when he presided at the next Festival of the Girls' School.

Bro. Major Vane Stow, P.M., Treas., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.,"

and said on this occasion he did not ask for an excuse for speaking, being in the unfortunate but proud position of being the only P.M. of the lodge present. But he had other positions, being also the Treasurer of the lodge, and therefore, knowing full well the principal causes of the jump the lodge had made of recent years. The lodge was going on steadily; it had made a very considerable advance on its last year's finance, and if it kept on at the same rate, the brethren must pardon him if he reminded them that the subscription was put at the lowest possible figure to give the installation banquet, which scarcely left a margin for the current expenses, in order that no volunteer might consider he was paying for someone else. The National Artillery Lodge was a peculiar lodge, a close lodge; they wanted no one but volunteer artillery officers; and the lodge having been accepted by the Grand Master, they felt if they could go on steadily, but slowly and surely, even if the National Artillery Association should cease to perform its office, the National Artillery Lodge might still perform an important part. Their duty as a lodge was not to acquire a large number of members, but to show that they wanted to get a few officers from every corps. The expenses were nothing. If they gave up their time and their meetings they would be able to join the lodge at the lowest possible fee. If they came up to the installation meetings the wine was provided for the brethren. The lodge owed a debt of gratitude to those who had assisted it in fighting through the first portion of its career, which was always a most difficult duty. They spent some money, but at the present moment, for the first time, they practically owed no one a penny in the world. They had in the bank £13. Their indebtedness was to themselves. If 20 initiates were brought in during the current year they would be in the proud position of being able to support the Charities, which every Mason ought to do. The W.M. had done some good work. They had had 23 meetings, and he had been absent nine times; but he had been in another lodge which he was obliged to attend. If a man was absent only nine times he was the sort of brother they wanted. This was not a common lodge where the people were in a small coterie; they had members all over the world.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilson, W.M., in response, said he was proud to have been elected Master of this lodge. Bro. Vane Stow had informed the brethren that he (Col. Wilson) had been absent from the lodge only nine times out of 23 meetings. Out of those nine absences five were to be accounted for by his presence at his mother lodge installation meetings. At another time he happened to be master of a pack of harriers, and having hurt himself, he was laid up in hospital. The tenth time was an installation meeting, and only two that year he was not present. If every Mason would attend as he had attended, the lodges would do very well. His father was a Mason. He liked to take it up, and if every Mason did the same lodges would prosper more than they did. Masons should attend lodges, and not say they forgot all about it. When they took up engagements they would uphold the principles of the Craft. When they did not attend it was very bad indeed for the prestige of the lodge and its funds. If they took up Masonry, they should do it in the same way as anything else. If a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. If members of that lodge did not think it worth while to attend they had better go out of it—the lodge did not want paper members. These principles had been his endeavour, and he hoped during his year he should be well supported by the members. He trusted that in his year of office he would be able to occupy the chair which the brethren had been so kind as to put him in. If they had not considered him worthy to occupy it, he was sure they would not have elected him.

Bro. Col. Wilson, W.M., in proposing "The Installing Master," who, as well as Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, had left, said the lodge was glad to see Grand Officers present. The installations in the past had been performed by Grand Officers. He did not agree with that practice; he considered that the outgoing Master's duty was to install his successor, and he hoped, when his year of office came to a close, he would have the chance of performing the installation ceremony.

Bro. Station Charles, Mayor of Romney, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and testified to his having spent a most enjoyable evening among old Masonic friends. The W.M. was an old friend of his, and he knew he would do his best for the lodge, and if it broke his back, he would do the work thoroughly well.

Capt. O. P. Gray replied to the toast of "The Initiate."

The other toasts followed before the proceedings ended.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 17th instant at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. Justin Allen, P.M., W.M.; Johnson, S.W.; F. M. Ridley, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; A. H. Bridger, Sec.; Baker, S.D.; and Worth, I.G.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being W.M. elect, Bro. Justin Allen, P.M., Deputy Preceptor, afterwards giving the addresses. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, and after sufficient cause being shown that the name of a brother who had been Secretary for many years should be struck off the list of members.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 18th instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. Chapple, M.E.Z. 753, M.E.Z.; H. Scharien, H. 733, H.; C. M. Challender, P.Z. 1004, J.; H. Foskett, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; A. L. Butters, N. 890, Scribe N.; H. Foskett, H. 185, P.S.; F. Marchant, and A.S. 890, 1st A.S.; R. Wrigth, P.Z., M.E.Z. 890; W. Smith-Rose, 890; E. Stevens, 733; and J. M. Huish, J. 185.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Smith-Rose being the candidate. Comp. H. Scharien was elected a member, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his admirable working as H., which compliment the worthy companion acknowledged in suitable terms. The M.E.Z. having risen as usual, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192. INSTALLATION OF COMP. WILLIAM BAKER.

The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. Thomas Cohu, M.E.Z.; William Baker, H.; John G. Robeson, J.; S. M. Banker, P.Z., acting S.E.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; W. T. Fisher, P.S.; J. Taylor, P.Z.; W. Haynes Dunn, P.Z.; J. Collins, A. Fergusson, T. B. Cohu, the Rev. T. Selby Henry, D. T. Jackson, A. Carter, G. K. Durrant, G. Wetton, J. M. Barclay, F. Hamlett, J. Kent, and G. Couchman, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. W. S. Whitaker, Asst. G.D.C.; Henry Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Brough, 172; Henry Birdseye, P.Z. 22; Hugh Taylor, P.Z. 1347; R. R. Banks, 1347; and C. G. Monkley, 31.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, and the Report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Comp. Banker then assumed the chair of M.E.Z., and Bro. Thomas Holloway Maple was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the Principals giving the lectures in an able manner, the work of the P.S., Comp. W. T. Fisher, also being rendered in a most perfect manner, and calling forth the highest praise of the Grand Officers and other visitors present. Comp. W. S. Whitaker, Asst. G.D.C., then installed the Principals elect, Comps. William Baker, M.E.Z.; John G. Robeson, H.; and Frederick Hughes, P.Z., J., in a most able and impressive manner, Comp. Garrod kindly making the usual presentations and ably assisting, after which the M.E.Z. invested the following officers: Comps. S. M. Banker, P.Z., S.E.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; Walter T. Fisher, P.S.; F. Hamlett, A.S.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., D.C.; G. Wetton, A.D.C.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. It was proposed by Comp. J. G. Robeson, H., seconded by Comp. Taylor, P.Z., that a sum of money be taken from the chapter funds, supplemented by subscriptions from the companions, to present a testimonial to the first exalte of the

chapter, Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., the late Scribe E. (who, much to the great regret of the companions, was obliged to resign through ill-health and advancing years) as a token of the great esteem in which he is held by all the members, and in appreciation of the many and valuable services he has rendered the chapter for many years past. This was carried unanimously. Comp. Copestick, P.Z., was then unanimously elected an honorary member of the chapter. A brother was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, and there being no further business the chapter was closed.



COMP. WILLIAM BAKER, M.E.Z.

The companions afterwards dined together under the presidency of the M.E.Z., who, in giving the toast of "The Past Principals," presented Comp. Thomas Cohu, P.Z., with a gold bar to be attached to the jewel (presented to him several years ago), and expressed the great esteem and affection in which he is held by all the companions, and their great appreciation of his devoted services to the chapter for a great number of years, and more especially for stepping into the breach and accepting the office of M.E.Z. for a second time.

The music was provided by Mr. Charles Winter and greatly enhanced the pleasures of the evening. Capital songs were rendered in splendid form by Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Lillian Close, Bro. Fred Rome, and Messrs. Adolph Fowler, Charles Game, and Charles Winter.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

BRO. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S ESTATE.

Leaving personalty of the net value of £32,193 10s. 5d., Bro. Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan, of 1, Queen's Mansions, C.V.O., Composer of Music, a director of the Savoy Hotel Company, Limited, who died on the 22nd of November last, aged 58 years, son of the late Mr. Thomas Sullivan, bandmaster of Kneller Hall, disposed of his property as follows: To Mr. Charles Willie Matthews, of 5, Lennox-gardens, barrister, and to Mr. Edward Dicey, of 39, Piccadilly, C.B., journalist, and to Mr. Richard D'Oyly Carte, of 4, Adelphi-terrace, theatrical proprietor, executor's of the testator's will of the 4th March, 1899, with a codicil of the 8th November, 1900, £50 each; and to Mr. Dicey a comfortable armchair and the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," to Mr. Matthews a collection of framed play bills, with the names of celebrated actors and actresses of the 18th and part of the 19th century, and to Mr. D'Oyly Carte the autograph full score of "Iolanthe" and an engraving of Solomon's picture ("The Judgment of Paris"); to the National Portrait Gallery Bro. Sir Arthur's portrait, painted by John Everett Millais; to the Royal Academy of Music his original autograph full scores of "The Martyr of Antioch" and "The Mikado," and a signed photograph of himself; to the Royal College of Music his original autograph full scores of "The Golden Legend" and "The Yeoman of the Guard," with a signed photograph of himself; to Mr. W. S. Gilbert the score of "Ruddigore"; to Francois Cellier the original autograph full score of "Patience" and "The Pirates of Penzance," and a large silver bowl and a cigarette case given to him by Frederick Lehmann, and 12 full orchestral scores, not by Bro. Sir Arthur; to Wilfred Bendall the original autograph full scores of the "King Arthur" and "Macbeth" music, and the Russian silver cigarette case which he brought with him from Peterhof, and his Tiffany spirit flask, and 12 full orchestral scores belonging to him at his death of any works not by him which Mr. Bendall may select; to Sir George H. Lewis a memento to be selected by the residuary legatee; to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the testator's tortoise-shell and silver card box, and the clip to match; to the Duke of York his carved silver-mounted cocoa nut; and to the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg his original autograph full score of "The Light of the World," in remembrance of the many happy hours which he spent with his Royal Highness when he was writing it, also the music stand which belonged to his friend, Joseph Barnby. The gross value of the whole of Bro. the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's estate is £54,529 10s. 8d. He bequeathed to his faithful servant and good friend, Louis Jaeger, £1000 and some personal effects; and to his devoted servant and good friend, Clothilda Raquet, who had nursed him through so many illnesses, £1000 and certain furniture; to Amy Sophia Stephens, of Los Angeles, to Herbert Thomas Sullivan, of the Stock Exchange, to Maud Helen Lacy, to Richard Frederic Sullivan, to George Arthur Sullivan, and to William Lacy Sullivan, children of his late brother Frederic, £1000 each; to his cousin Jane £200; and to her father, his uncle, John Sullivan, £100; to his cousins, Rose Lindsay, John Sullivan, and Benjamin William Findon, of Savoy Mansions, £100 each; to Mr. Findon's two sons £100 each; to his cousins, Mrs. Clementina Robbins, of Great Malvern, and Mrs. Amy Burville Holmes, £100 each; to his cousin, Helen Maria Phillips, of Barbados, £250, and the mortgage charge on certain property, which after her death is to go to Sarah Helen Phillips; to Lydia Thom £50; and to his old friend, Francois Cellier, £100; to his friend, Wilfred Bendall, £100; to his godson, Herbert Ryan, £50; and to his brother, Alan Ryan, £50; to his dear friend, Mrs. Helen D'Oyly Carte, to Mary Frances Ronalds, specific legacies; and to his nephew, Herbert Thomas Sullivan, the residue of his property.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN) For the week ending Saturday, February 2, 1901

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, JANUARY 27.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES. 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall. 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich. 144, St. Luke's, Holborn Restaurant. 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern. 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich. 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel. 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall. 1017, Montefiore, Trocadero Restaurant. 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square. 1632, Stuart, Frascati Restaurant. 1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion. 1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Frascati Restaurant. 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall. 2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 12, United Prudence, Albion Tavern. 25, Robert Burrs, Freemasons' Hall. 188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern. 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall. 1694, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant. 2620, Cavendish, Hotel Cecil.

MARK LODGE. 14, Prince of Wales's, Mark Masons' Hall.

LOGGES 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., B., 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 Wembleton Railway Station), at 8. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8. Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8. Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7. South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30. Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8. Walthamstow, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8. Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3. Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Zoric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Zwis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

CRAFT LODGES. 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel. LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7. Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Suro, Dalston-lane, at 8. Egyptian, Salut tion, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose an Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8. Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30. Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W. Vinsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Fues., 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 Edgcombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Kenbles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Richmond, The Freemasons' Club, Richmond, at 8.30, and on Sundays at 11.15. 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, JANUARY 30.

CRAFT LODGES. 822, Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal. 891, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar. 1763, Progress, Freemasons' Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel. LOGGES 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 Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8. Eye, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 91, 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. Langthorpe, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8. New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-st., E.C., 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, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Buxton-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. Domatic 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, JANUARY 31.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5. CRAFT LODGES. 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel. 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern. 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern. 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel. CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT— 1657, Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. LOGGES 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., at 8. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltbam. 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. United Military, Star & Garter Hotel, Powis st., Woolwich, at 8. Highgate Chapter, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-rd., at 8. Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpellier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham at 8.10.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CRAFT LODGES. 99, St. John's, Albion Tavern. 142, St. Thomas's, Hotel Cecil. 554, Yarborough, London Tavern. 809, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel. 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant. 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall. 2233, Old Westminster's, Cafe Royal. 2407, Pickwick, Anderson's Hotel. 2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal. 2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury. 2772, Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall. 259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms. 2266, Cator, Holborn Restaurant. MARK LODGE. 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern. LOGGES 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, No thampton Arms 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hil., 7. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, 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, Montpellier 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, 3rd 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, FEBRUARY 2

CRAFT LODGES. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern. 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1928, Gallery, Anderson's Hotel. 1949, Brixton, Anderson's Hotel. 2466, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall. 2661, Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant. 2818, Kirby, Freemasons' Hall. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS. 174, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall. 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern. LOGGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd at 8. Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8. Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30. Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, K'tto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

OWING to the serious demands upon our space this week, caused by the lamented death of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and the accession of her son as Edward VII., we are under the necessity of holding over several reports of special interest, such as those of certain New Century gatherings at Bournemouth and Portsmouth, at both of which Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P. Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, was present; and also of the funeral, at Long Melford, of the late Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, Past G. Chaplain of England, and Dep. Prov. G. Master and G. Superintendent of Suffolk.

BRO. SIR WALTER BESANT, who has been away on the Continent, has now returned to London.

WE ARE GRATIFIED to learn that Bro. Sir Henry A. Isaacs has recovered from the indisposition from which he has lately been suffering.

LORD MOUNT STEPHEN has forwarded his annual subscription of £1000 to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London.

BRO. J. M. KLENCK, of Bishopgate-street, was presented at the Great Eastern Hotel last week with a birthday present in the shape of a silver snuff box.

THE SERVICES of Mr. John Spiller, F.C.S., have been secured in behalf of the establishment of an exhibition of high-class art photography at the Alexandra Palace.

ASSOCIATION of MEN of KENT and KENTISH MEN.—In consequence of the death of our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, the Cinderella Dance arranged to be held at the Bridge House Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) has been postponed.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES AND THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS.—The Princess of Wales has presented each patient at the Gables Private Military Hospital, Surbiton, with a handsome pocket-case, inscribed "a gift from the Princess of Wales," and a cartridge pencil bearing the name of the engagement in which the recipient was wounded.

AT THE RECENT annual conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, held at Llandudno, two of the presiding chairmen (out of four) were Past Grand Organists of England in the Mark Degree—Bros. Dr. Frank J. Sawyer, of Brighton, and T. Westlake-Morgan, F.R.S.L., of Bangor Cathedral. The latter brother was Chairman of the Committee for the Masonic Charity Ball held at Bangor last week.

HOGARTH TO BE COMMEMORATED AT CHISWICK.—At a meeting of the Chiswick District Council last week, a letter was read from Bro. Passmore Edwards saying that he thought the memory of Hogarth should be commemorated in the district where he had lived and worked, and he would, therefore, be glad to place a marble bust of the great caricaturist in the new Chiswick Town Hall. The offer was accepted with thanks.

AT GUILDFORD, on the 24th instant, the quaint custom of throwing dice for the Maid's Money was observed. A sum was invested by a mayor of the borough in the 17th century from which 12 guineas is given annually to a servant girl of good repute who has been in the same service for over two years. There were two applicants on Thursday. The prize was won by Martha Shingler, who threw seven. The same dice-box has been used for 60 years.

THE LATE BISHOP OF LONDON.—Dr. Parker, after his weekday sermon last week, observed that, as already the successor of the dead prelate was being discussed, he would express the hope that the attention of the proper authorities would be turned towards the claims of one who well deserved the honour—he referred to the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, whose character, learning, administrative ability, and Catholic faith had endeared him to everybody. This was a young man's world, and in a new century they must look to the young.

THE GREAT FREE CHURCH MISSION.—Bro. the Lord Mayor will be present at the opening service of the Free Church Simultaneous Mission at the Guildhall on Monday. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Parker. In the evening a service will be held at the City Temple, which will also be the venue of services and meetings throughout the week. Central gatherings will be held at the City Temple, Bishopsgate Chapel, Exeter Hall, and the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

PRESENTATION.—Bro. Klenck, P.M., E.Z., and founder 1339, P.M. and founder and first W.M. 1686, P.M. Duke of Connaught Lodge Mark Lodge (P.P.G.S. of W.), &c., and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, also a very distinguished Mason, has had presented to him by Mr. Deputy Greenaway, C.C., and numerous friends (nearly all of whom were members of the Craft) a silver snuff box, at the Great Eastern Hotel, on the anniversary of his birthday, on the 18th instant.

FIFTY YEARS A FREEMASON.—An interesting feature of the installation meeting of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 16th instant, was a presentation to Bro. N. Tracy, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk, to commemorate the Jubilee of his membership of the lodge. It was made on behalf of the members by Bro. S. R. Anness, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., who said they all felt that such an occasion as the present should be specially marked in some way. Bro. Tracy was initiated in that lodge 50 years ago and had continued a subscribing member ever since. He thought this was a record of which the lodge might be proud, especially when they recollected the devotion with which Bro. Tracy had served the lodge, and the very valuable help he had always rendered to it. It would, he was sure, be gratifying to Bro. Tracy to know that practically all the members had contributed to the little present he now had the pleasure to hand to Bro. Tracy—a handsome silver tobacco jar, suitably inscribed—and they trusted it would be a source of comfort to him for many years to come. Bro. Tracy, on rising to acknowledge the gift, received a perfect ovation. He was, however, so overcome by his feelings that it was some minutes before he was able to reply. He said he could not find words in which adequately to thank the brethren for this mark of their esteem, and he trusted under the circumstances they would excuse his addressing them at any length. He should value their gift most highly. Amongst the large gathering of brethren on the occasion were Bros. John E. Cheese, W.M. 51, and Arthur Turner, J.W. 51.

BY ORDER of the Lord Great Chamberlain the Palace of Westminster will be closed to the public until after the funeral of her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, which was to have taken place at the Manchester Hotel on Wednesday next, has been postponed *sine die*.

THE EARL OF MALMESBURY was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry at a lodge of emergency held in connection with the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, Bournemouth, on the 16th instant.

THERE IS STILL little news of importance from the front in South Africa. One telegram says that there was fighting 24 miles from Willowmore on Wednesday, but no particulars have as yet been received.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES were lately initiated in a Masonic lodge, and at the banquet each one was required to say something. The first speaker, who showed nervousness, began thus: "On behalf of myself and my brother inebriates."

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON BASIL WILBERFORCE preached at a grand united service held in connection with the three local lodges at Bournemouth, on the 16th instant, to celebrate the coming of the new century.

THE REV. DR. W. A. FEARON is about to resign the headmastership of Winchester College, which he has held since 1884, when he succeeded the present Bishop of Southwell. The resignation will take effect in April next.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Lodge of Repose, No. 802, was held on the 22nd instant, when Bro. Arthur Thompson was installed in the chair, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. W. Bennett, the retiring Master, and Bro. W. Gilman, P.M.

IT IS interesting, says the *Jewish Chronicle*, to note that for the first time in the history of England the Proclamation of the Sovereign at the meeting of the Privy Council was signed by Jews, viz., Lord Pirbright, Sir George Faudel-Phillips, and Sir Marcus Samuel.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S *Gazette* contained an order for the alterations in the Book of Common Prayer rendered necessary by the death of the Queen and the accession of King Edward VII. Copies of the new edition will be obtainable to-day from his Majesty's printers.

NOTIFICATION has been made by the Home Secretary to Bro. the Lord Mayor that while precedent and etiquette required flags to be raised on Thursday in connection with the Proclamation of the King, they should be lowered and left at half-mast until after the funeral of her late Majesty.

THE PROV. G. MASTER (Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart.), has appointed Tuesday, May 28th, at Dursley, for the holding of the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Gloucestershire. The date named is in Whitsun week, a week usually chosen for the meeting, as it enables Bro. Sir Michael to preside in person without interference with his Parliamentary duties.

THE KING'S VISITORS' BOOK.—On Thursday, after the Proclamation of the King's Accession, a new visitors' book was placed in the lodge at Marlborough House gates, and the first signature was that of Bro. Earl Roberts. The Commander-in-Chief called just before the King left for Osborne, and was cheered by the crowd waiting for his Majesty. Hundreds of signatures were appended later.

A STRONG DESIRE is expressed in the House of Commons that the funeral of the Queen shall be celebrated in London by a great military procession from Victoria to Paddington. If the idea should be adopted, pressure will be put upon the authorities to order that the procession shall pass Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, stands being erected in Palace Yard for the convenience of both Houses, as was done at the Jubilee.

IN THE HOUSES of Parliament, on Thursday, Bros. the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker took their presidential seats to enable peers and members to swear the oath of allegiance to King Edward. This (Friday) afternoon a message from his Majesty, announcing the death of the Queen, will be brought up in both Chambers. Ten Judges were sworn in the Court of the Lord Chief Justice before entering upon their judicial duties for the day.

UNDER THE auspices of the Liverpool Masonic Cycling Club a fancy dress ball was held on the 21st instant in St. George's Hall, in aid of the public Charities. A large number of ladies and gentlemen took part in the function, and as all were in fancy dress the scene was a very animated and picturesque one, especially when lime-light effects were introduced. The galleries and platform were crowded with interested spectators, who paid 1s. each for admission, and were allowed to enjoy the spectacle until 11 p.m.

FOLLOWING the precedent of former years, the 28th annual issue of "Willing's Press Guide," just published, has been carefully revised, no expense being spared in order to support its reputation as the handiest and readiest for reference, and for the information usually required in regard to the press of the world the most complete and reliable work of its class. In the newspapers are included only such as appear under distinct titles. Many of these are simply reprints of other papers with the heading alone changed, while others have some variation which entitles them to be called localised editions.

GENERAL MOURNING FOR THE QUEEN.—A third supplement to the *London Gazette* Extraordinary, published on Thursday night, contains the following: "College of Arms, Jan. 24, 1901.—The Earl Marshal's Order for a General Mourning for her late Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria.—In pursuance of an Order of his Majesty in Council, 24th day of January, 1901, these are to give public notice, that it is expected that all persons, upon the present occasion of the death of her late Majesty of blessed and glorious memory, do put themselves into the deepest Mourning. The said Mourning to begin upon Monday, the 28th day of this instant January.—NORFOLK, Earl Marshal."

The Craft Abroad.

Cataract Lodge, No. 909 (S.C.).

The first meeting of this new lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Gokak Falls, in the Belgium District of the Western Presidency, India, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., the following brethren being present: Bros. J. M. Kerr, P.M. 730, P.P.G.S. of W. West Lancs., R.W.M. designate; F. C. O. Beaman, District Judge, R.W.P.M. 363; A. Simmons, P.M. 343, 537; Lieut. W. E. W. Elkington, Royal Warwick Regiment; Montague Clarke, C.E.; A. D. MacDonagh, and J. G. Pearce, 363.

The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. J. M. Kerr, the record of proceedings in petitioning for charter of constitution and the names of the founders were read, and the warrant exhibited. The ballot was taken for four candidates—Messrs. Rennie Malcolm Kerr, C.E., Farrington Tattersall, Bertram Rennie Whitehead, and Alfred Ernest Bennett—and, being declared unanimously elected, they were initiated. The R.W.M., Bro. J. M. Kerr, initiated his son, Mr. R. M. Kerr, and the District Judge, Bro. F. C. O. Beaman, R.W.P.M., taking the chair, initiated the other three candidates in his usual beautiful and impressive style, for which he is justly noted and admired, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the residence of Bro. Kerr, the R.W.M. (Douglas Castle), where dinner awaited them, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The lodge is beautifully furnished, and the decorations included the Union Jack, Royal Standard, and the flags of the British Colonies, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Cape Colony, and South Africa, amongst which "Old Glory," or the Stars and Stripes of our cousins and brethren in the United States, found an honoured place.

Bluefields Lodge, No. 875 (S.C.).

At the regular communication of the above lodge the following office-bearers were installed to serve the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist Day: Bros. Ludwig L. Marx, R.W.M.; Michael J. Clancy, I.P.M. and Sec.; Leon Schwarz, S.W.; Jacob M. Cohn, J.W.; Harris W. Mallitz, Treas.; Theophile M. Solomon, S.D.; Warren P. Brown, J.D.; Wm. Henry Brown, I.G.; and John Thomson, Tyler.