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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The usual busy scene was witnessed in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday and Friday of last week when the spring elections of candidates to fill the vacancies that have occurred in our Scholastic Institutions during the past six months took place. For

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there were 22 candidates, of whom seven remained on the list from last October, and 15 of these were elected. London, which furnished four candidates and had a part interest in three others, had the satisfaction of securing the election of all her own girls and two out of the three in whose success she was only partially concerned, while the others who obtained vacancies hailed from the Provinces. The London and Middlesex girl headed the poll with 6342 votes, the second in order being wholly London and scoring 5733 votes. The Oxfordshire candidate came next with 5274 votes, and was closely followed by the Kentish girl, who received 5182. Another London girl was placed fifth with 5114 votes, and was followed by one of the two girls from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, who was a candidate in October and scored a total of 5002 votes, of which 74 already stood to her credit. The Lincolnshire girl, who brought forward nine votes and who had only this chance left her of winning admission into the School, stood next with 4847 votes, and was followed by a London girl with 4774 votes, and the Northants and Hunts girl with 4663 votes, the 10th in order deriving her interest partly from West Yorkshire and partly from London, and scoring 4552 votes. No. 11 was one of two candidates from South Wales (E.D.), and polled 4339 votes, of which four stood to her credit from the October Election, while No. 12, from Cheshire and Lincolnshire, who had obtained 30 votes at her three previous ballots, finished the day with 4310 votes. Two more Provincial girls, hailing from Staffordshire and Worcestershire respectively, followed, the first in order obtaining 4254 votes and the other 4016 votes, while the remaining London girl, who had 134 votes to her credit from October, brought up the rear with 3439 votes. The highest Unsuccessful girl polled 3229, and the next in order 1206, votes, and these, as well as four of

the remaining five candidates, will carry forward the votes they have received to the next election, the only child who has serious reason to lament the result of the ballot being the Essex girl, who stood No. 1 on the list, and was unable to poll more than 313 votes, and of these 104 already stood to her credit from her four previous ballots. She will be 11 years of age in June, and consequently her name will be removed from the list.

As regards the general result, it is worth recording that five of the seven candidates remaining from October last were elected, and 10 of the 15 whose claims had since been approved. The total of the available votes was 86,846, of which only 388 were brought forward and 10 added under Law 46. But of the 86,448 votes issued for this election only 76,857 passed the Scrutineers, so that 9591 votes were either unused or spoiled.

For the election of 23 children into

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there were, as previously announced in our columns, 37 candidates, of whom five remained from last October, and 32 were cases whose claims had since been approved. London contributed six candidates of her own, and had a part interest in five others, while the remaining 26 derived their claim from the Provinces and Abroad. At this election London appears to have been unfortunate, and carried only two of its own cases and two in which it was interested, the former being placed low down at Nos. 20 and 22 with 4538 and 4185 votes respectively, while, as regards the latter, the boy from London and Madras, who had already 1209 votes in hand, obtained the second place with 5758 votes, and the London and Essex boy the 21st place with 4532 votes. The Essex candidate headed the poll with 7462 votes, the Cheshire lad standing third with 5720 votes, and the boy from Cambridgeshire, who started with 4396 votes in hand, fourth, with 5519 votes. A boy with claims upon Nottinghamshire and West Lancashire secured the fifth vacancy with 5445 votes, thereby escaping the misfortune of having his name removed under Law 70, and one of the three Kentish candidates sixth with 5389 votes, a second boy from the same Province being close up with 5382 votes, while the Sussex boy scored 5101 votes, and one of the West Yorkshire lads 5091 votes, while his companion from the same Province was placed 12th with 4998 votes. The boys from Warwickshire and Northumberland took the 10th and 11th places between the two Yorkshire candidates, the former obtaining 5070 votes, and the latter 5006 votes, of which, however, 4229 already stood to his credit from the October election. Worcestershire secured the 13th vacancy with 4980, and the boy from W. Yorkshire and W. Lancashire the 14th with 4978 votes, while the Hampshire and Isle of Wight lad was close up with 4978 votes, of which 1511 were already in hand. The Durham boy stood next with 4913 votes, and the Northants and Hunts, who had this one and only chance of gaining admission into the School, next with 4664 votes, the Middlesex youth, with 2196 votes to his credit, being placed at No. 18 with 4581 votes, the Devonshire boy being No. 19 with 4538 votes. Buckinghamshire secured the 23rd and last vacancy with 3675, one of the London candidates being only a few votes behind, with a total of 3654 votes, and another from the same district, whose name will unfortunately be removed from the list, next with 3193 votes. Six other Unsuccessful candidates scored over 1000 votes, and there were two who polled upwards of 900.

Looking at the general results, we find that all the five old candidates obtained places, while two of the three who had only

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this chance of securing admission have been elected. As for the votes there were 13,541 brought forward, 72 added under Law 33, and 136,622 issued for this election, making a total available of 150,235. Of the 136,622 issued, however, only 122,771 passed the Scrutineers, there being thus 13,851 that were unused or spoiled.

We regret that one of the two girls and one of the three boys, who had only this chance of winning places should have failed, especially as under the circumstances there is no reason why all those whose claims are approved should not, with a little management and consideration, be elected.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

DISTRICT BOARDS.

A District Board of General Purposes is something not to be found in this country—that is to say, a Board with recognised constitutional authority. Unofficial Boards, or Committees, are probably, however, to be found in every Province, but they are purely advisory bodies, with no power to give decisions and no power to express them, and any decision or advice such Board may give, or any exposition of the law which it may lay down, is absolutely valueless from an official point of view, and cannot be quoted or referred to as conveying any direction. A brother, therefore, could not excuse himself by pleading that he acted on the advice or under the direction of any such Board; nor could such Board be summoned—in its corporate capacity—to explain why it gave advice or direction. No brother can claim rank or precedence or any especial consideration by reason of his sitting on such Board.

It is necessary to be explicit on this point, because in a recent issue of the *Freemason* a letter appears with regard to a *res judicata* of the March Communication of Grand Lodge, in which reference is made to such a Committee having been elected. The writer of the letter complains that the said Committee “investigated” the case without hearing what the accused had to say. This may possibly be un-English procedure, but regarded as Masonic procedure the accused were no worse off than if they had attended the Committee and argued their case at length, and the report of the Committee could not affect them one way or the other. It is conceivable that had the Provincial Grand Master given a decision (which, however, he appears not to have done) he would have been guided by the advice of such Committee, but he could not have evaded his personal responsibility, nor quoted his Committee in support. We do not wish to comment on the merits of this particular case, however, except from an abstract point of view—in fact, the absence of detail in the printed statements makes it impossible to do so. A question has, however, arisen as to who was the particular person or body to exercise jurisdiction. The “Provincial Committee” may be put on one side. There remains the Provincial Grand Master, who, according to Article 92, “shall hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint,” and shall send an account of his proceedings to the Grand Master. There is no question even of Provincial Grand Lodge.

In Article 103 Provincial Grand Lodge is recognised as an advisory body. If the P.G. Master desires its opinion on any particular case, then the P.G. Lodge “shall fully enquire into the matter, and report thereon to the Provincial Grand Master, with whom alone the final decision remains.” (The italics are the writer's). This means power to compel evidence, production of minutes, and other papers, but it does not free the P.G. Master from the subsequent responsibility. No action can be taken on the report when presented, and the P.G. Master might conceivably ignore it altogether, nor could such inquisition take place except by request of the Prov. Grand Master.

From such printed reports as have reached the writer—which are somewhat meagre—it would seem as if the Prov. Grand Master considered it would be improper for him to decide upon this case, because he was personally involved in it, and thus all concerned were put to the expense and trouble of going to London. Before we follow them it is well to examine on what grounds the Provincial Grand Master may decline jurisdiction. All offences against discipline are, in a sense, questions personal to him. But then in civil procedure a magistrate or a judge may summarily commit offenders for contempt of court, even where such contempt takes the form of personal insult—and surely this would be personal?

If the matter was one involving his honour as a man, there could be no question as to the propriety of his declining to be

judge, but if it is one affecting the dignity of his office—then we hold he is put in his present position to defend and uphold that dignity, and, therefore, he would be carrying his scruples to an excess in declining responsibility. Now, as to the position of the Board in the matter. The last clause of Article 272 seems to close discussion.

“—and generally to take cognizance of all matters relating to the Craft.”

Therefore, the Board's jurisdiction is not merely appellate. It is original as well and can initiate proceedings on its own account. But it would probably have to be influenced by some very excellent reasons before it ignored the local authorities, and, therefore, any interested person might have moved the rejection of the Board's report. It is always an expensive matter to go to law, and those concerned should be thankful that Masonic law is cheap, and that their expenses were limited to their visit to London.

Now, though Provincial Boards and Committees are not known to the Constitutions, District Boards are, and they are specially recognised in Article 106. In that Article certain extended powers are entrusted to District Grand Lodges. They may expel brethren, erase lodges, and they may “investigate, regulate, and decide on all matters relating to lodges and individual Masons within their respective Districts.”

In England, this last power, of investigating, &c., belongs to the Provincial Grand Master and not to Provincial Grand Lodge. Here, then, the appointment of a Board is distinctly recognised. The method of its appointment is inferred to be regulated by the District Grand Lodge itself, and will generally be laid down in its by-laws, and such by-laws will contain regulations for the conduct of the Board.

The powers conferred upon the Board may be plenary as regards the disposal of complaints. Erasure and expulsion cannot be effected by the Board but recommendations can be made as to both. The procedure of the Board, when sitting is governed—when not otherwise provided for—by the rules which guide the Board of General Purposes. It will regulate the finances, and report lodges whose returns and contributions are in arrear. When engaged in investigating complaints, its members will be clothed as Freemasons. Without going into further detail, the Board's powers are as unlimited as the Constitutions allow the District Grand Lodge to make them.

As regards its membership, the Board is generally composed of certain District Grand Officers, the Deputy and Wardens, and, generally, the Secretary and Treasurer *ex officio*, if otherwise qualified (*i.e.*, if they have passed the chair), and a certain number of brethren nominated by the District Grand Master, with an equal number elected by the District Grand Lodge. In addition, a President is nominated under Article 87, who takes District Grand rank between the Registrar and the Secretary.

In practice the most onerous work of the Board is the administration of the Benevolent Funds. The Masonic vagrant exists in foreign parts to an extent undreamt of in England. In these matters the Board has usually plenary powers, and a discretion is not subject to appeal.

A curious difference in procedure between Provincial and District Grand Lodges is that the former meet at such times as may be convenient to the Provincial Grand Master. The latter are required to have stated times for meeting, in regard to which the convenience of the District Grand Master is not referred to at all.

The several other important differences in the powers enjoyed by Provincial and District Grand Lodges have been fully gone into in previous articles, and need not, therefore, be referred to again.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

[The following appeared in our Second Edition of Saturday last.]

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 12th inst. at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, Patron of the Institution, was voted to the chair. There were also present Bros. Alfred C. Spaul, H. Manfield, G. Treas.; Geo. Corble, J. E. Le Feuvre, John Glass, James W. Burgess, Geo. Everett, C. K. Benson, E. Margrett, F. B. Westlake, H. Bevir, J. J. Thomas, B. A. Smith, E. Hobbs, Henry Smith, P.G.D.; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; R. Manuel, W. Russell, W. Lupton, J. A. Farnfield, C. Pulman, Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Langton, J. P. Fitzgerald, J. Stephens, and Oliver Papworth.

After the minutes had been read of the last Quarterly Court, and the minutes of the Board of Management and Council for information,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the motion of which he had given notice: “That a humble Address be presented to his Majesty King Edward expressing the respectful sympathy of the Subscribers on the lamented death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Grand Patron of the Institution; and of

congratulation to the King's Most Excellent Majesty on his Accession to the Throne." He said: This is the first occasion of our meeting as a Quarterly Court since the death of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. As has been often stated, her Majesty was the oldest subscriber to the Institution. She was a subscriber for a great many years, having begun when her uncle, the Duke of Sussex, was the Grand Master, and she continued her subscription up to the time of her death. She had also graciously accepted the office of Grand Patron, and I am sure it is the feeling of you all, as it is of those who have the management of the Institution, that we should take the earliest opportunity of expressing the grief which we all feel, as members of this Institution and as British subjects, at the irreparable loss we have sustained. I have, therefore, ventured to give notice of this resolution. There are very few here present who do not remember the occasion when his Majesty presided at our Centenary Festival. We know the great interest he has taken in this Institution, and we sincerely hope that if he is approached in a proper manner he will consent to become the Grand Patron of the Institution.

Bro. GEO. EVERETT seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. KEYSER then called upon Bro. McLeod to read the address which had been drafted.

Bro. McLEOD read the address as follows:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in Quarterly Court assembled, humbly desire to express our sincere condolence and sympathy with your Majesty, and our feelings of deep grief at the great loss that the nation has sustained by the death of our late revered and beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria.

Among the many acts of kindness of the late Queen during her long and illustrious reign, her gracious position of Grand Patron of this Institution, and continuous generosity in its support for nearly 50 years, will be ever remembered by us with the deepest reverence and gratitude.

But while we mourn the great loss of our late Sovereign, we heartily welcome the accession of your Majesty to the Throne, and with the utmost loyalty and devotion respectfully desire to express our congratulations to your Majesty on attaining the exalted position your Majesty is so well qualified to occupy. We remember with much gratitude the interest your Majesty and your beloved and illustrious Consort, Queen Alexandra, have taken in the affairs of this Institution, and we earnestly pray that by the grace and under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe your reign may be blessed with peace, happiness, and prosperity.

Signed by order of the Quarterly Court this 12th day of April, 1901.

(Signed)

CHAS. E. KEYSER, Chairman.

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

The address was unanimously agreed to, all the brethren standing.

Bro. KEYSER, as Chairman of the new Building Committee, then made a statement as to the progress of the building of the new Schools at Bushey. He said he could only state what he had said on one or two previous occasions. The work was going on. The main buildings were behind-hand as regarded the time at which the contract stated they were to be finished, they could not hope that they would be completed by Michaelmas of the present year. A great deal of progress had been made, and he thought the brethren who had gone down to inspect the place would be astonished, and he might say frightened, by the magnitude of the work going on. They hoped the generosity of the brethren would enable them to carry out the scheme in its entirety and also to maintain the buildings properly when they were finished. The chapel was well up to date and would be finished by Michaelmas next, and he hoped that by next year they should have the buildings finished and that they should be able to make their preparations in order that they might get into the School. They did not anticipate being able to remove the boys even next year, because a good deal of preparations would have to be made for furnishing, &c. They would use all possible expedition and when they had moved they would endeavour to get their successors to take possession of the Wood Green property. He would only repeat that good progress had been made and that every detail of the work had been carefully examined. Every possible economy and every new discovery that had been made would be introduced into the Schools.

The next item on the agenda was the election of Treasurer for the ensuing 12 months.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT proposed the re-election of Bro. Charles E. Keyser, and said that eight years ago it was his privilege and his pleasure to propose that brother as the Treasurer of the Institution. On each recurrent year from that time his re-election had been carried by acclamation. Bro. Keyser had rendered during the period he had held the Treasurership invaluable services to the Institution; his urbanity of manner and his unbounded generosity had won the esteem and regard of all those who had the good fortune to be acquainted with him. He had much pleasure in proposing his re-election.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried, amidst loud applause.

Bro. KEYSER, in returning thanks, said the position was a very honourable one, and he had the advantage of being an *ex officio* member of the Board of Management, which he much appreciated.

The following brethren were elected members of the Council: Bros. G. Chapman, Thomas Evans, George Glover, E. A. B. Gough, E. P. B. Hallows, E. Hewett, D. Jacobs, F. W. Levander, A. H. Maddocks, C. W. Mann, G. W. Munt, and John Harris.

The following 10 brethren were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Management:

For London—Bros. Robert D. Cummings, W. H. Kempster, M.D., Joseph D. Langton, Alfred J. Thomas, and John J. Thomas.

For Provincial Grand Lodges—Bros. Charles K. Benson, George Corble, Harry Manfield, J.P., Edward Margrett, and Major Oliver Papworth.

Bro. PERCY SMITH referred to the inconvenience of the date of meeting of the April Quarterly Court. The April meeting generally came near Easter, and he was anxious to take the opinion of the brethren as to whether it would not be better that that meeting should be held in the week succeeding Easter week.

After some discussion it was arranged that Bro. Smith should give notice of motion for altering the date for the October Quarterly Court.

The poll was then opened.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Robinson, Albert ...	3654	Brook, Edmund Lionel ...	1043
Soughton, William ...	3103	Austin, Arthur Kenneth ...	993
Reddall, Horace Cecil ...	2566	Wright, Cecil William ...	925
Burt, Arthur Henry Blackburn ...	2405	Conway, Reginald ...	312
Bates, Herbert Matthew ...	1690	Colbeck, William Clarence ...	77
Bartlett, William John ...	1582	Bonney, William ...	23
Newsom, Douglas Percy ...	1333	Wessendorff, Francis Reginald ...	14

The names of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening last at Freemasons' Hall. The three Presidents' chairs were occupied by Bros. James Henry Matthews, President; David Dixon Mercer, Senior Vice-President; and Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department.

Among the other brethren present were

Bros. Charles J. R. Tijou, Henry A. Tobias, W. Fisher, R. W. Ker, James Block, F. W. Hancock, W. Kipps, G. M. E. Hamilton, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, C. A. Cottebrune, S. H. Goldschmidt, E. W. Nightingale, Henry W. Kiallmark, E. W. Pillinger, J. S. Pointon, W. H. Caton, Charles Henry Stone, George Naylor, J. W. Burgess, William Henry Wilton, B. R. Thomas, Lorenzo Faull, T. W. Chant, H. Massey, G. W. Fells, Herbert Black, J. W. Stephens, William H. Stocks, Charles A. Reeve, S. J. Notley, Alfred Bonnett, Rev. J. H. Dinon, G.C. (Canada), E. A. W. Gritby, B. Stocker, W. Henshaw, James Grose, Percy Leach, H. J. Leroy, A. W. Dyke, J. Stützer, S. J. Cowley, and H. Gardiner.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £440 made at the last meeting for the approval of the Grand Master. The new list contained the names of 39 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Chatham, Weymouth, Stockton-on-Tees, Harborne, St. Helena, Whitby, Dagshai, Durham, Aberavon, Cheshunt Park, Darwen, Exeter, Landport, Sidmouth, Chichester, Selby, Buenos Ayres, Wincanton, Bridgnorth, Kidderminster, Plymouth, Bury St. Edmunds, Truro, and Grand Lodge of Cuba. Two of these were deferred and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1055. There were recommendations (one) £75 and (three) £50 to Grand Lodge, 10 to the Grand Master for £40 each, and seven of £30, six grants of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and one of £5.

Ireland.

BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONCERT.

AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.

It scarcely needs telling, even to those who study Freemasonry from the outside and most critical point of view, that the brethren of the mystic tie have an exceptionally happy gift of combining social pleasures with effective work, and, with both, broad-spirited Charity. The proceedings recently conducted in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, illustrated this capacity in most convincing form; but first in the instance under note came two allied Charities; afterwards, impressive ritual and business transacted after a manner equally fraternal and expeditious; and, finally, a concert which pleased a mixed audience filling the big room to its uttermost capacity. Florally, as well as with bunting and other items of decoration, the hall was tastefully adorned, and the seats had been put aside so as to leave a broad carpeted avenue leading from the door of entrance to the platform.

Chief among the brethren present were the R.W. the Dep. P.G.M. (Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P.), and the following members of the Provincial Grand Lodge: Bros. J. H. Sterling, P.S.G.W.; Joseph R. Erskine, P.J.G.W.; Thos. W. Leitch, P.J.G.D.; John Harpur, P.J.G.D.; S. J. Pink, P.G. Supt. of Works; Thomas Given, P.G. Org.; Thos. A. Stanage, P.G.S.B.; John Stanford, P.G.S.B. County Down; R. H. Young, P.S.G.D. County Down; Thomas Alderdice, P.P.S.S. County Down; W. J. Adgey, P.P.G.S.; Robert Neill, P.P.S.G.D.; R. B. Andrews, P.P.G.S.B.; Chritz Tumath, P.P.S.G.D.; Hugh Smyth, P.P.J.G.D.; A. McLelland, P.P.J.G.D.; Wm. H. Hicks, P.P.G.S.B.; John Campbell, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Hugh W. Millar, P.P.G.I.G.; Wm. T. Braithwaite, P.P.S.G.W.; George H. Eakins, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Clelland, P.P.J.G.D.; John Chalmers, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Wm. Brown, P.P.J.G.W.; John Jones, P.P.G.I.G. County Down; John H. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W. County Down; Alex. Stalker, P.P.G.S.S.; J. Bennett, P.P.G.J.S.; and Robert McCormick, P.G.S.D.

The Charities were represented by (Widows' Board)—Bros. Daniel Weir (chairman), Wm. J. Andrews (vice-chairman), John Robinson (secretary), and William Wallace (treasurer). Charity Board—Bros. Arthur Williamson, M.A. (chairman), J. R. Erskine (vice-chairman), Wm. Heffern (secretary), Wm. Rankin (treasurer), Sir Otto Jaffe, 7, and Rev. J. H. Mervyn, W.M. 243.

A few Prince Masons were present, and several Preceptors and Past Preceptors (K.T.), together with the representatives of nearly 100 Craft lodges, and some 40 R.A. Chapters.

As indicative of the increasing interest the lodges are evincing in the work of the Belfast Masonic Charities Fund, it may be mentioned that never since the Fund was established had the Committee to record such large attendances at their monthly meetings as during the past year. The relief granted amounted to £454 1s., somewhat less than the previous year, when the expenditure for relief was £484 16s. The total expenditure was £469 14s. 10d., against £504 11s. 7d. last year—a result the Committee cannot regard as otherwise than satisfactory. A reduction, and a considerable one, in the item of interest can be compensated for by the increase of the invested funds, which at present amount to £3000. The Committee, on the opening year of a new century, desire to once more place on record the indebtedness of present members of the Craft to their brethren of the preceding generation for the work accomplished in laying down the lines upon which their operations are conducted. There have been many changes in the composition of the Committees and officers, but the old landmarks have been well maintained, and the work has never languished for the want of efficient Craftsmen. Their earnest desire is that for all time brethren similarly or more highly gifted may be found to fill the places of those who, having served their day and generation, have earned repose in that "new life to suit the newer day."

Beginning in 1873, in a very humble way, with the determination to assist the widows and orphan children of deceased Freemasons in the Masonic Provinces of Antrim and Down, it was quickly seen by the brethren that in the formation of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund was a scheme which would gladden many a sorrowing home, and lighten the burden of many a struggling, deserving, and lonely woman. From the first report till the last, therefore, it is not surprising to find that the sympathies of the members of the Order went out towards its support; and as year after year the applications for help came in increasing numbers, so did the contributions widen and increase; and during those 28 years the Committee have always been able to give grants to everyone found suitable. The closing year of the century has been no exception to this experience, and the Committee are grateful to members and lodges alike for the generous support which the fund continues to receive. The following table gives a comparison of the income of 1899 and 1900: 1899—Lodge and personal, Antrim, £744 os. 6d.; do., Down, £125 14s.; interest, £285 10s. 1d.; donations, £120; miscellaneous, £17 6s. 1d.; total, £1292 10s. 8d. 1900—Lodge and personal, Antrim, £755 3s. 6d.; do., Down, £140 1s. 6d.; interest, £286 5s. 8d.; donations, £70; miscellaneous, £18 18s. 3d.; total, £1270 8s. 11d. One hundred and twenty-one widows and their families were assisted during 1900; 98 through lodges meeting in Co. Antrim, and receiving grants amounting to £767; 23 through lodges meeting in Co. Down, and receiving grants amounting to £146. Donations had amounted to £70.

Speeches, with all the point and effectiveness which brevity alone can give, were delivered in support of the resolutions necessary of adoption at an annual meeting.

In the first place the CHAIRMAN made a graceful reference to the death of Queen Victoria and the accession to the throne of "the Protector of British Freemasons," the audience rising to sing "God save the King."

Bro. MONTGOMERY then proposed the adoption of the reports and Treasurer's statements of accounts, congratulating the brethren upon having distributed among necessitous brethren, their widows and orphans, no less a sum than £1367 during the past year. He complimented the brethren who have had charge of the funds upon their zeal and attention, and said they could look forward most hopefully to the future of the two Charities. He supposed every brother present had at some period or other been asked—"What is the good of Freemasonry generally, and what good has it done yourself?" Looking for an outward and visible sign, who could say that the brother who had done good to the widow and the orphan and his distressed brother had not at the same time conferred benefit upon himself? They were now, Bro. Montgomery continued, in a very eventful Masonic era locally, as the Provincial Grand Master had resigned his office, and a new Provincial Grand Master would shortly be installed. All those who had come in contact with him would, he was sure, say that the Grand Master of Ireland could not have made a wiser or better selection. Long might their Bro. Lord Shaftesbury live to rule over that province; long might their R.W. Bro. Hilton live to act as his worthy Deputy—(applause)—and long might the Belfast Masonic Charities flourish more and more in their usefulness to the widow, the orphan, and the distressed brother. (Applause.)

Bro. J. M. BARBOUR, in seconding, referred to the exceptionally economical administration of the two Charities, remarking that the expenses amounted to only three or four per cent. on the total amount distributed. While noting a slight decrease in the sum contributed during 1900, he thought it was very gratifying that the special effort made during the past year on behalf of the Masonic Orphan's Centenary Fund had not encroached further on the resources of the branch. Another matter he would especially mention was that everyone could rely with the utmost conviction and certainty that every penny subscribed was distributed only after the most searching investigation, and among the most deserving cases. All that remained for them was to extend its usefulness as much as possible. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. J. H. MERVYN moved "That this meeting, recognising the continued usefulness of these funds, feels it to be its duty to urge upon lodges and brethren the necessity of sustaining them by a liberally increased pecuniary aid, in order to meet their ever-increasing claims, and thereby promote the noble virtue of charity, the keystone of the Masonic Order." It was, he said, sometimes asserted that the Masonic body was rather selfish, and all their Charities were organised in support either of distressed Masons or the widows and families of Masons. He did not see how the charge of selfishness could be brought against either of the Societies. If there were not amongst Masons such funds the case of the distressed would have to be met from other sources outside their circle; besides which, it was their duty to carry out the old principle underlying the statement, that "Charity begins at home."

Bro. Sir OTTO JAFFE, High Sheriff of Belfast, in seconding, emphasised the fact that 121 widows and nearly 500 individuals in all had been assisted by the funds. It was cause for satisfaction when £1, out of £10 charitably dispensed, went to a deserving object; but in the case of the Masonic Funds at least £9 out of every £10 was so applied.

The CHAIRMAN, in putting the vote, said the brethren of the Province of Antrim, had an especially strong answer to any charge of selfishness, for only last year the Masons of Belfast contributed £2000 towards the building of the new Royal Hospital.

The motion was unanimously adopted, and on the motion of V.W. Bro. STIRLING a vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried by acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN made the simple, eloquent response: I thank you most heartily for the compliment. If I have done any work for the Masonic Order in the past, I have been amply repaid by the many honours conferred upon me; but to live in the love and respect of my brethren is the highest privilege I or any other man could claim.

The procession returned through the hall to Gounod's "Marche Romaine," admirably played, as was the opening march, by Bro. Samel Leighton. Bro. H. J. Hill was the Director of Ceremonies, and the Marshals were: Craft—Bros. H. W. Millar and R. B. Andrews; Royal Arch—Comps. E. Agnew and James Frew; Knights Templar—Sir Knight W. Godfrey Murray, E.P. 51. In connection with the Charities the office-bearers were: Belfast Masonic Charity Fund—Chairman, Bro. A. Williamson, P.P.S.G.D.; Vice-Chairman, Bro. J. R. Erskine, P.J.G.W.; Treasurer, Bro. W. Rankin, Prov. G. Sec.; Secretary, Bro. W. Haffern, P.P.J.G.W. Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund—Chairman, Bro. D. Weir, W.M. 97; Vice-Chairman, Bro. W. J. Andrews, P.M.; Treasurer, Bro. W. Wallace, P.P.J.G.W.; and Secretary, Bro. J. Robinson, P.P.S.G.D.

The concert programme was arranged by Bro. Williamson, and directed by Bro. Samuel Leighton, the principal contributors to it being Miss Minnie Herdman (soprano), Mr. F. C. Aspinall (bas.), Bro. Wm. Thomas (tenor), Bro. S. P. Swanton (solo violin), and Mr. Allan Parker (accompanist). The various items, vocal and instrumental, were not allowed to pass without a warm expression of compliment merited in a high degree, and by no means least, by the Belfast Select Male Choir, conducted by Bro. Dr. Price.

THE FUNERAL took place on Saturday last, at Nunhead Cemetery, amid great local manifestation of sympathy, of Bro. William Baldwin, an old inhabitant of Clapham, and proprietor of the *Clapham Observer*. The interment was preceded by a memorial service at Clapham parish church. In January last the deceased gentleman was presented with a testimonial, subscribed to by numerous residents in recognition of what he had done to assist local charitable and philanthropic institutions.

Craft Masonry.

Galen Lodge, No. 2394.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. W. GERRARD, P.M., P.G.D. MIDDIX.

The annual installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the evening of Monday, the 15th inst. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. F. Bascombe, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Clifford Probyn, P.G. Treas.

The Installing Master was supported by the following Past Masters: Bros. H. W. Roach, P. C. Maitland, J. B. S. Lancaster, Sec.; and W. J. Rogerson. Bro. Rogerson officiated as D.C., discharging the onerous duties attached to that office in a most efficient manner.

Apologies, which were received from several of the members and invited guests who were unfortunately absent owing to a variety of causes, included the following: Bros. C. Probyn, P.G. Treas.; M. Carteighe, P.M., and Treasurer elect, who is at present in Naples; Deputy Surgeon-General T. B. Purchas, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec.; A. P. Luff, W.M.; M. Cheote, W.M.; R. M. Pooe, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. R. Parr, P.G. Chap.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; and H. Brooks Marshall, G. Treasurer elect.

The visitors present included the following: Bros. W. Whitley, P.M. 2534, P.G.D.; H. Bidwell, P.M. 2120, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Gissing, P.M. 1056; F. W. Levander, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex; L. F. Goddard, P.M. 1489; H. Meding, P.M. 1925; A. Doughty, P.M. 1287; T. Dutton, P.M. 2410; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G.O.; and J. Holding, P.M. 1538.

The W.M. elect, Bro. A. W. Gerrard, P.M., P.G.D. Middlesex, having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Clifford Probyn P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; J. Eastes, S.W.; T. H. W. Idris, J.W.; Rev. F. Peel Yates, Chap.; Michael Carteighe, Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Sec.; C. I. Strother, S.D.; J. J. Arrow, J.D.; W. J. Rogerson, P.P.G.D. of C. Notts, D. of C.; W. Judd, Asst. D. of C.; R. Lang Sims, Org.; J. H. Arrow, I.G.; F. Bascombe and Ralph Dodd, Stwds.; and Geo. Harrison, Tyler. The Auditors' Report disclosed a satisfactory balance of over £50, and a balance of over £20 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. A proposition, moved in pursuance of notice by the Secretary, that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be placed upon the Treasurer's list, was unanimously adopted.

The brethren subsequently sat down to the customary installation banquet, which had been laid in the Sussex room.

The W.M. proposed as the first toast of the evening "The King, Protector of the Craft," observing that he had no doubt his Majesty would make as good a king as he had a Grand Master, and as he would a Protector of the Craft.

The toast was loyally and enthusiastically received, Miss Gertrude Snow leading the brethren in the singing of the National Anthem.

The next toast proposed was that of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master elect." The W.M. stated that they were one of the very first lodges to receive notice that the Duke of Connaught would be installed on the 24th instant, and he was sure he would receive a great reception as the best possible successor of his most worthy brother. He was sure the duties of Grand Master would be carried out in such a manner as to satisfy the Grand Lodge and the whole of the Craft throughout the country and empire.

"The M.W. the Pro G.M., R.W. the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," came next on the list of toasts, and afforded the W.M. the opportunity of expressing his sorrow at the absence of their own Grand Officer, Bro. Col. Clifford Probyn. They all knew what a good friend he had been to the lodge, and were proud to have such a Grand Officer connected with their lodge. He hoped that some of the younger brethren who were coming forward to the chair would master the ritual so as to satisfy the august assembly of the Grand Lodge. They had a Grand Officer present that evening in the person of Bro. Whitley, P.G.D., who had been invested by his Majesty the King, and he was sure they would all accord him a hearty welcome, and he thought his example should inspire all Masons there to become aspirants for Grand Lodge honours. He regarded the Grand Lodge as the centre of light and leading in Masonry, and concluded by coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Whitley and G. F. Smith, P.G.O., Org.

Bro. Rev. W. Whitley prefaced his speech with the remark that he could have wished to be let alone until some one else had got the steam up, but at once proceeded to get the steam up very efficiently on his own account. He first of all expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present and to see a friend of 30 years' standing placed in the chair, and he would also take the opportunity of complimenting the Installing Master and Bro. Rogerson on the excellence of their work. The name of the lodge took them back to many years ago; it was some 1800 years since Galen flourished. He could not help wondering whether Galen was a Mason or not; he seemed to have been a pretty good fellow from all one could hear of him and if he was as good as was made out he thought he must have been a Freemason. (Laughter.) Although Galen lived centuries ago they owed a great deal to him. Great advances had been made in medical science since then, as Galen, were he present, as perhaps he was in spirit, would be the first to admit. Advances had been made since then in almost every direction in which men helped one another, and that was due, to a large extent, to Freemasonry. In travelling round the world he had met men of all kinds and classes, and he must make the sad confession that he had found better friends and truer men among Freemasons than among professing godly men. Masons, take them all round, were ever ready to assist others all they could and relieve the distressed. He could never forget how once in a far-off land he was stricken with a virulent fever, and taken to the hospital. During one of his lucid intervals, and they were very few, he had asked one of the staff if there was a Masonic lodge in that place, and in less than an hour one of the lodge officers was at his bedside, and told him he was to have everything he wanted, and they would be responsible for all that was spent, and on his convalescence a special lodge was called to congratulate him on his recovery. He could not help wondering how many Christian churches would have done the same for one of their members. He feared there were very few. Freemasonry was founded on the principles of the grand old Book, and while its members remained true to them it would weather out the storms that could assail it.

Bro. Smith, in responding to the toast, remarked that though he had not been invested by the King, yet he had had the honour of playing before him three times at the Albert Hall.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Roach, P.M., and enthusiastically received.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his pleasure at being installed in the chair of the Galen Lodge, and urged upon the brethren that the success of the lodge depended in no small degree on the spirit of unity which permeates its members, quoting the well-known text "Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." He hoped that during his year of office they would have plenty of work to do, and he was sure that in that case he should have the loyal co-operation of his officers in its performance and in maintaining a spirit of harmony in the lodge.

The Secretary proposed "The Health of the late I.P.M. and Installing Master," which was suitably responded to by Bro. F. Bascombe.

The W.M. proposed the next toast—that of "The Visitors."

Bros. Dutton, Bidwell, Levander, and Reeve (Grand Lodge of Victoria) responded.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the Secretary and Bro. Maitland, P.M.

"The Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. F. Peel Yates, Chap.

The proceedings were terminated with the customary Tyler's toast.

The various toasts were interspersed with vocal selections, which included "Down the Vale" and "Angus Macdonald," by Madame Mary Horton; "The Perfect Flower," "The Sun and the Shower," and "Japanese Love Song," by Miss Gertrude Snow, the vocalist receiving a well-merited encore for the last-named song; and Bro. R. Triggs, "The Distant Shore" and Blumenthal's "Evening Song."

The musical portion of the installation ceremony was under the direction of Bro. G. F. Smith, P.G.O., Organist, who also acted as accompanist to the various singers at the banquet.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

THE LEPIDOPTERA, THEIR HABITS AND TASTES.

Much as we have already learned about the habits and tastes of butterflies and moths, there seems still much more to be taught us from the open book of nature. Every collector or entomologist is aware how very local many species are wont to be. Although the food plant may abound in every nook and corner of a country, and, to all appearances, every necessary condition for some insect's life is fulfilled, yet nowhere can this same insect be found except, perhaps, in a space a few yards square. Quite a flutter was produced among entomologists, some years ago, by the discovery of a small moth (*Albulalis*); and the discoverer thereof was able to keep his secret to himself for a long time, during which he reaped no slight benefit, pecuniarily, by disposing of the insects to less fortunate collectors. This moth was first found in a small plantation on the estate of the Earl of Darnley, where it is common enough during the month of July, although, in no other part of the British Isles, has it, so far as the discoverer is aware, been observed. A knowledge of the geographical distribution of plants is, however, leading up to a more sound knowledge of the general distribution of the Lepidoptera, although it will appear, from the above, that no account, even then, can be made for insects that are only on the wing, for a few weeks or days, and rarely leave the narrow world within which they willingly, it would seem, imprison themselves. So much attention has of late been turned to Japan that it may not seem out of place to comment on the fact that no less than five per cent. of English Lepidoptera are taken in that country. For a knowledge of the butterflies and moths of Japan we are largely indebted to Mr. Jonas, whose splendid collection was placed at the disposal of the British Museum. Turning over the leaves of the catalogue of this collection, the English collector will recognise many old friends; and a reference to the flora of Japan will explain the reason of this. In Europe the year 1894 had been a bad one, the unsettled weather making collection difficult, and, moreover, damaging the slender wings of the mature insect. Curious enough it is, too, that Nature, so careful to preserve the species, and so careless of the life of the individual specimen, should endow a moth or butterfly with a life that is frail in the extreme, if we except the hawk moths, which cling tenaciously to life, even when chloroform is administered. While the mature insect dies when pinched or struck down by the hand, the egg from which the moth or butterfly comes forth is able to endure extremes of heat and cold with perfect immunity from death. A temperature of 10°, Fahrenheit, has failed to freeze the young blood of the tiny life within the tiny shell, no larger than a pin's head; a cluster of butterfly eggs upon a withered stalk of grass has defied the burning heat of the sun glaring down upon the sand of the Sahara. Entomologists visiting Greenland have found the same species of moths and butterflies existing there as at Grindelwald and among the Swiss mountains generally. When Europe emerged from its glacial state, many scores of insects were forced slowly, but surely, to migrate up the mountainsides or to emigrate to frozen Arctic lands. Brazil is probably the best hunting-ground in the world so far as the aggregate number of species to be found is concerned; out of a total of 10,000 species no fewer than 5000 are said to be found there. In Peru Mr. W. H. Gates is reported to have taken 700 different species in a single year. Perhaps the great discoveries yet to be made will emanate from Borneo. Already collectors have touched its shores; but within its confines there exist in all likelihood species absolutely unknown to the world, and thither entomologists, who now explore the Alps in search of fresh species, would do well to direct their steps. There is another more remarkable fact than that of the localness of lepidoptera that is engaging the thought of many collectors—this is, the keen sense of taste or smell which butterflies and moths possess. The connection in the human being between taste and smell is so intimate, that it is a matter of difficulty to say where the one ends and the other begins. Certainly with regard to moths and butterflies, one is at a loss to say why certain smells and the evaporation of certain liquids should attract them. The common notion that the quest of honey is the sole object for which a moth or butterfly exists has long been exploded, by the experience and experiments of even the tyro in entomology. Among moths the Nocturnæ, and among butterflies the Vanessæ, have long been lured to destruction by the simple device of treacling. This for the benefit of the uninitiated may be briefly explained as smearing the boles of trees with a decoction of brown sugar, beer and rum. The process here mentioned has resulted in the discovery of many species of Nocturnæ that, otherwise, might never have been known to the entomologist. Granted that the mixture of beer and rum is intended to intoxicate the insects, a result known from the effect of mixing drinks among mankind—is it the sugar, the rum, or the beer, which attracts Lepidoptera? It may be all three; certainly the smell of beer has some attraction in itself for moths, which has been tested by smearing trees with beer alone and neglecting both the rum and sugar or the treacle. Sweetness, either in honeyed or other form, cannot be then the sole attraction for insects. Further, it has been shown that strength of smell rather than sweetness has the greater effect. In the case of the Purple Emperor (*Apatura iris*), the old mode of catching this prize, by means of a net attached to a pole 20 feet long, has been superseded by the discovery of the insect's taste for game. The word "game" is used of malice aforethought for the beautiful insect delights in the taste of a much decomposed cat, or the fragrant essence it is able to distil from a hare's skin that has been kept in the sun until ripe for operations. These juices, too, seem to intoxicate, though to a less degree, as do the sugar, rum, and beer. Apart from atmospheric conditions, which largely settle whether an insect shall remain at home or not, it has been found that in some years "sugaring" does not pay. For some perverse reason the insects refuse to accept the airy invitation to a drunken carousal, at the end of which they will be transferred to the collector's pill boxes, or relaxing box. Experience here, again, seems to point to the fact that pungency, and not sweetness, attracts, for among entomologists the use of methylated spirits instead of rum as a bait for the unwary butterfly and moth is coming into rather common use, and by its means, or by means of some other liquid, still more pungent, we may yet discover new species and so enrich our knowledge of the wonders which the world contains.

PAINTERS AND OTHER ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

(Continued).

Among other pictures by Peter Oliver, after Vandyck, Sir Kenelm and Lady Digby set in the form of a book with covers of gold enamelled. The same Lady Digby, as she was found dead in her bed; set in gold enamelled black, on which behind is a sphere; it seems to mean that the world was in mourning for her. Sir Kenelm was passionately fond of this lady, who, Lord Clarendon says, was of extraordinary beauty, and as extraordinary fame. At Windsor is a whole length of her, by Vandyck, treading on serpents, to imply that the stories told of her were the produce of malice. At Goathurst, where they lived, are two busts of her in bronze; on the pedestal of one are inscribed these tender words: "*Uxorem vivam amare voluptas, defunctam religio.*" A picture of Lady Lucy Percy, the daughter and co-heiress of Thomas, Earl of Northumberland, who was beheaded, wife of Sir Edward Stanley, younger son of the Earl of Derby, the mother of Venetia, Lady Digby. She is still more beautiful than her daughter, though dressed very unbecomingly in a great black hat and a large ruff, only set off by a lilac ground. This is, perhaps, the finest and most perfect miniature in the world. Another picture of Sir Kenelm Digby, his wife, and two sons, after Vandyck; a large miniature in the highest preservation in an ebony case set with Wedgwood's cameos. On the inside of the doors two other ladies of the same set. It was bought by Miss Burdett Coutts for 250 guineas. It is extraordinary that more of the works of Peter Oliver are not known, as he commonly made duplicates of his pictures, reserving one of each for himself. On this subject the painter Russell, related to, or connected with, the Olivers', tells a remarkable story. The greater part of the collection of King Charles being dispersed in the troubles, among which were several of the Olivers', Charles II., who remembered and was desirous of recovering them, made many inquiries about them after the Restoration. At last he was told by one Rogers, of Isleworth, that both the father and son were dead, but that the son's widow was living at Isleworth, and had many of their works. The king went very privately and unknown with Rogers to see them; the widow showed several finished and unfinished, with many of which the king, being pleased, asked if she would sell them. She replied she had a mind the king should see them first, and if he did not purchase them she should think of disposing of them. The king disclosed himself, on which she produced some more pictures which she seldom showed. The king desired her to set her price; she said she did not care to make a price with his Majesty; she would leave it to him, but promised to look over her husband's books, and let his Majesty know what prices his father, the late king, had paid.

(To be continued.)

WHAT IS A "CHESTNUT?"

The origin has been variously explained, and many versions have been given. We think, however, that the following we have heard is as good as others, and has a certain amount of feasibility in it. The story is to this effect. A certain *nouveau riche*, who thought it the correct thing to relate his travelled experience, had attendant upon him a poor gentleman, who, for a liberal consideration, used to keep him well up in the usages of polite society, to which the wealthy but ignorant man managed to obtain access. Fired with the idea of gaining notoriety, he was in the habit of inflicting upon his guests, who dined at his table for the good cheer he could offer them, "travellers' tales," some of which were of so astounding and improbable a nature as to be beyond all credence. Finding these were listened to with attention and respect, our plutocrat began to draw the long bow to a greater extent than ever. His mentor, the poor friend, let his patron have his way, only occasionally giving him a quiet hint to temper his romancing. At last, on one occasion, the "umbra" felt it was his duty to speak plainly. The host had been relating to his table friends of his having seen in one of the foreign countries a wonderful chestnut tree. He spoke of its being of such a colossal size, both as to height and girth, that even those who had before assented to his previous stories began to stagger in their faith. When the guests had retired, the host complained of the rude coldness of his friends that evening. The mentor then mentioned the chestnut story, and gave that as the reason. Ignorant as he was, the patron had common sense, and accepting the remarks in good part, a mutual agreement was come to that when the host related an incident of travel beyond probability the "umbra" should quietly murmur in an undertone, "Chestnut." This proved so effectual that in a short time, after a few reminders, the host was cured.

GENERAL NOTES.

If "everything comes to the man who waits," time is occasionally against him. The head of the Agnew firm has not lived to see his celebrated picture of "The Duchess of Devonshire," by Gainsborough, once more restored to its frame; but his sons and successors have the proud privilege of proving the truth of a very romantic story, and recovering their picture. Their courage and patience deserve a rich reward, which we hope they will reap, not only in the exhibition of the Duchess, but in its exalted value in other ways.

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The Convent of the Assumption, at Passy, just outside Paris, which has just been sold for over a million francs, was at one time occupied by the famous actress, Madame Rachel, the discovery lately of whose forgotten love letters, by the nuns, in an old cupboard, sorely fluttered these immaculate religious by their amorous revelations.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY.—It is anticipated that the plans of Bro. Akers-Douglas, First Commissioner of Works, for ensuring the safety of the National Gallery will entail an expenditure of £40,000.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS.—His Majesty the King, who, as Prince of Wales, has been President of the Society of Arts since 1863, has now graciously acceded to the request of the society, and has consented to become its Patron. His Majesty has also permitted the society to continue the use of his profile on the medals of the society.

THE GLASGOW EXHIBITION.—A private view of this exhibition will be held on the 24th inst., for the benefit of the World's Press. On that occasion the Agent-General and Acting Executive Commissioner for Western Australia, Sir Edward Wittenoom, with the other Commissioners, will assist in receiving the representatives of the Press, and extending courtesy to them.

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At a QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 12th day of APRIL, 1901, W. Bro. CHARLES EDWARD KEYSER, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., Patron and Trustee of the Institution in the Chair, a ballot took place for the Election of 23 Boys from an approved list of 37 Candidates, the following being declared

SUCCESSFUL.		Votes.	
No. on Poll.			
1	Edgar Corble	7462	
2	Basil William La Nauze	5758	
3	John Maurice Chamberlain	5720	
4	Morris Arthur Ransom Logan	5519	
5	Stephen Smith Gilbert	5445	
6	William Glanville Mason	5389	
7	Frank Darnley Oldfield	5382	
8	Geoffrey Ernest Roden	5101	
9	Thomas Reginald Card Jowett	5091	
10	Arthur Meyrick Bones	5070	
11	Edward Oliver	5006	
12	Thomas Herbert Sutcliffe	4998	
13	Thomas William Hobbs	4980	
14	Charles Herbert Curtis	4978	
15	James Robert George	4948	
16	George Henry Aungle	4913	
17	Sydney Chapman	4664	
18	John Hinton Fletcher	4581	
19	Lionel Bartrum Luget	4579	
20	Walter Harold Long	4538	
21	Arthur Wellington White	4532	
22	Septimus Crown Vass Dansie	4185	
23	Sidney Richard Cole	3675	

Full particulars of the Poll may be had on application at the Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

J. MORRISON McLEOD,

Secretary.

** The 103rd Anniversary Festival will be held on 26th June, 1901, under the distinguished Presidency of the RIGHT HON. W. W. BRAMSTON BEACH, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Trustee of the Institution. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on the occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

MRS. R. DANSIE EXPRESSES her deepest gratitude and heartfelt THANKS to her numerous friends who have so generously supported her in the Election of her Son,

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Ladies, Gentlemen, and Brethren,

I take this opportunity of thanking the numerous Friends, on behalf of Mrs. KENNETH and the Brethren of 1903, who so nobly assisted in placing OLIVE KENNETH 4th on the list with 5182 Votes. We are afraid some of our Friends may not have received any direct thanks for their kind assistance, and we hope this published letter will come to their notice.—Yours faithfully,

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

Grand Festival will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 24th instant. Grand Lodge will meet at the usual hour of six p.m., and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., having been proclaimed M.W.G. Master, the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested. Subsequently the brethren will adjourn to the Freemasons' Tavern, and hold their Grand Feast, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master. The proceedings throughout will follow precisely the same course as in past years, the only difference being that Grand Lodge will have a new Presiding Officer in place of his

Majesty King Edward VII., who had governed the Craft for more than a quarter of a century, and who will still retain his connection with it as its "Protector."

As the recent School Quarterly Courts were the first that have been held since the lamented death of her Majesty Queen Victoria, it is no more than might have been expected from the known loyalty of the brethren that those present at the meetings should have availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them of passing resolutions—(1) of sympathy with the King in the loss which he and the empire at large had sustained by the death of Queen Victoria, the chief or grand Patroness of, and subscriber to, both our Schools; and (2) of congratulation to his Majesty on his accession to the throne. The resolutions expressive of these feelings were very similarly worded, and it is needless to say were unanimously passed, the brethren being upstanding as a mark of respect to his Majesty, who, though he has ceased to be *ex-officio* President of the Institutions, is still their Protector and well-wisher, as he is of the rest of English Freemasonry.

No one, of course, can have had the slightest doubt that the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls would accept the Perpetual Presentation which the Province of Kent resolved on founding as a memorial of the Chairmanship of Earl Amherst—who has ruled it as its Grand Master for more than 40 years—at the approaching Festival in behalf of that Institution. Hence the motion for its acceptance, of which Bro. Attenborough had given notice, was accepted unanimously, but with the addition of a few words suggested by Bro. Frank Richardson, in order to ensure the observance of the forms customary in these cases.

It may be of interest to mention that the distribution of prizes and calisthenic display which form a necessary part of the Festival celebration will take place, as usual, in the "Alexandra" Centenary Hall of the Girls' Institution, at Battersea Rise, on Monday, the 6th May. The Countess Amherst has very kindly arranged to present the prizes, and if the weather will only prove favourable, there will no doubt be the usual numerous muster of Stewards and ladies, the presence of the latter in particular making it one of the brightest and most enjoyable of the year's Masonic gatherings.

Of the business, outside the election of the children, the Treasurer, and the members of Council and Board of Management, which was transacted at the Boys' School Court on the 12th instant, the only matter that calls for any remark is the information furnished by Bro. C. E. Keyser, who presided, as to the progress that has been made with the erection of the new Schools at Bushey. From this it appears that the contractors are behindhand as regards the main building and there was no likelihood of its being completed by Michaelmas. A large amount of work, however, had been done, and Bro. Keyser was not without hope that they might have the buildings finished next year and so be in a position to commence their preparations for the removal from Wood Green. Bro. Keyser promised that the Board would use all possible expedition to have the removal accomplished, and then to endeavour to get their successors to take possession of the Wood Green property. The chapel, it seems—which is being erected at Bro. Keyser's cost—is well in hand and its completion by Michaelmas may be looked for. If those who have been inspecting the buildings have been astonished and even frightened by the magnitude of the operations, the fact of the contractors being somewhat behind the time is not, perhaps, altogether surprising.

This (Friday) evening Bro. W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br., has very kindly arranged to give a Lantern Entertainment to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green. The doors will be open at 6.30, and the proceedings commence at seven p.m. The Entertainment is entitled "Pictures of Switzerland," and will include more than a hundred views taken at great heights in that country. This is a class of entertainment which is greatly appreciated by our School children, and in giving it Bro. Kentish has our best wishes for a successful meeting.

It is not often that we have the pleasure of laying before our readers so interesting a report as will be found in another column of what is done from time to time in connection with the Irish Masonic Charities. The recent meeting in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, in

behalf of the Charities established by the brethren in Co. Antrim and Co. Down appears to have been a very important one, and what is still more gratifying to have been carried out very successfully. There was a large concourse of brethren present, among them being the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodges of Antrim and Down, the representatives of nearly 100 Craft lodges and some 40 R.A. chapters, with many members of the Order of the Temple, and a small sprinkling of Prince Masons. When the business portion of the proceedings was over, an admirable concert was given, the principal items of which delighted the numerous audience.

The reports of the work accomplished by the Funds during the past year that were presented and adopted gave the utmost satisfaction, nor, though on comparing the receipts in 1900 with those of the previous years there appears a slight difference in favour of the latter, can there be said to have been any real diminution either in the interest taken by the brethren in these Charities or in the amount that was forthcoming from them for their support. Without troubling the reader with a host of figures, it will suffice if we say that during the past year "121 widows and nearly 500 individuals in all have been assisted by the Funds;" that there is a substantial amount of invested capital; and last, but not least, that, according to one of the speakers, "the expenses amounted to only three or four per cent. on the total amount distributed." All this is most gratifying, and we have no doubt the appeal for further support in order to meet the increased demands on the Funds will prove successful.

Last week it was our mournful duty to record the death of one of the most distinguished among our Provincial brethren. Bro. Zillwood Milledge, who, though he had been for years a martyr to rheumatism, died somewhat unexpectedly on the 27th ult., had been a member of our Society for a quarter of a century, and it is no exaggeration to say that in him the Province of Dorsetshire, with which he had been connected during the whole of his Masonic career, has lost one of its best and brightest members. It was in 1875 that our deceased brother was initiated in the All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth, and thenceforward until his death he had taken a leading part in all the principal branches of Masonry. He was a Past Prov. G.W. in the Craft and Mark, Past Prov. G.J. in the Royal Arch, and Past Prior of the Order of the Temple, as well as a Past M.W.S. of the All Souls Rose Croix Chapter, and had taken the 30° in the A. and A. Rite. He had served as Steward for all our Central Charities, and for years had acted as the Charity Representative of his lodge. Under his supervision extensive alterations had been carried out in the Masonic Hall at Weymouth, and, indeed, he had generally rendered such services to Masonry in that town and in the Province of Dorset as it falls to the lot of but few brethren to render.

In one respect he stood alone among his Dorsetshire brethren—as the historian of All Souls Lodge, No. 170. In 1896 Bro. Milledge gave to the Craft what he very modestly described as "Historic Notes of All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth, 1767-1895," but what is virtually a history of the lodge, in which are described not only the many and rare gifts which have been presented to it from time to time, but all the leading incidents in its career as they have been recorded in successive Minute Books. This History, which was restricted to an edition of 150 copies, makes quite a substantial volume of close upon 350 pages, and its value is greatly enhanced by the many illustrations with which it is embellished, as well as by an Introduction from the pen of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., who, in the course of his remarks, spoke in terms of well-merited commendation of the admirable manner in which Bro. Milledge had fulfilled his task. We, too, at the time had the pleasure of bearing testimony to the value of the work, and none can regret more sincerely than we do that it should have devolved upon us to chronicle the death of so worthy and so eminent a Mason at the comparatively early age of 56.

The following resolution, which was proposed by John S. Kenny, Esq., seconded by Charles O'Hara Trench, Esq., J.P., at the Easter Vestry, held in Clonfert Cathedral, was passed unanimously, namely: "That the Select Vestry of Clonfert Cathedral parish desire to express their satisfaction with the various improvements carried out in connection with the restoration of the Cathedral by the Rev. Canon McLarney, B.A., Rector of Clonfert, and to offer him their best thanks for his energy in collecting funds for the purpose." We are glad to see that our Rev. Bro. McLarney's work is appreciated.

Correspondence.

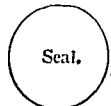
We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRO. J. LEWIS THOMAS, F.S.A.,
P.A.G.D.C.

St. John's Lodge, 492, E.R.
(formerly No. 723),
St. John's, Antigua, W.I.,
11th March, 1901.

Dear Sir and Wor. Brother,

Wor. Bro. R. H. Kortright Dyett, P.M., having drawn the attention of the members of this lodge (of which you were formerly a member) to an announcement in the *Freemason* newspaper of the 12th January last, of the celebration on the 9th January of the 50th anniversary of your marriage to Miss Hodge, formerly of this Island, a resolution expressive of the hearty congratulations of the brethren on the happy event was unanimously passed at the regular meeting of the lodge, held in this city on the 8th instant; and I have now the honour, by the direction of the Wor. Master, to forward to you the enclosed copy of the same—



At a Regular Meeting of the "St. John's" Lodge of A. F. and A. M., No. 492 (FORMERLY 723), E.R., held at the Masonic Hall, Nevis Street, in the City of St. John, Antigua, W.I., on Friday evening, the 8th March, 1901.

The following Resolution was moved by Wor. Bro. R. H. Kortright Dyett, P.M., duly seconded by Bro. the Reverend Joseph Emrey, S.W., and carried unanimously

WHEREAS the attention of the Brethren of this Lodge has been drawn to a copy of the "*Freemason*" Newspaper of the issue of 12th January, 1901, containing an announcement of the Celebration, on the 9th January last, of the Golden Wedding of Wor. Bro. James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G. Dir. of Cerms., England, late Chief Surveyor, War Office, London, who, on the 6th day of November, 1851, was admitted a Joining Member of this Lodge:

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Lodge tenders to the said Wor. Bro. James Lewis Thomas its hearty congratulations on the auspicious event, and expresses the Hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will long spare himself and Mrs. Thomas to celebrate many more Anniversaries of their Happy Union; AND that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the said Wor. Bro. Thomas with the fraternal regards of the Members of the Lodge.

A true Copy:

THOMAS S. G. PIGOTT, W.M.
W. LLEWELLYN WALL, Secretary.

Assuring you of the fraternal regards and good wishes of the brethren of your old lodge.

I remain,

Dear Sir and Wor. Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

W. LLEWELLYN WALL,
Secretary.

Wor. Bro. James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A.,
Past A.G. Dir. of Ceremonies (England),
26, Gloucester Street,
London, S.W.

REV. BRO. COOPER'S RESTORATION TO HEALTH.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I this mail have received a letter from one of the Council of the "Home of St. Barnabas," asking if I would consent to a sum of about £100, which had been collected by me from my Masonic brethren to erect a small almshouse in connection with the Home of St. Barnabas for disabled Masonic clergymen, being directed from its original purpose, and put into the general building fund. I have written to say that I have no power to divert money given for one object to another, and that I cannot recommend my brethren to consent to anything of the kind. I believe that funds given for a certain specific purpose should be expended for that purpose, and no other. I am by this mail writing to the Secretary of the Hostel of St. Luke, 16, Nottingham-place, London, W.—a Medical, Surgical, and Nursing Home for poor Clergy—to know if the Committee will undertake to keep one bed in their new building for Masonic cases if we hand over the £100 to the building fund of the new Hostel. It is a most deserving and useful institution; I send you the last report; it will be a much better way of helping our poorer clerical brethren (and that is what I am anxious to do) than allowing our contributions to be absorbed into the general fund of St. Barnabas Home.

Will you allow me to inform my brethren who were so kind to me in my time of distress and illness this time 12 months, and whose help I shall ever remember with gratitude, that the dry and warm climate of Australia has so completely restored my health, that I am able to undertake the missionary work in a large district, in the centre of which we have a well-worked Masonic lodge, of which I am Chaplain. Thus, though so far from home, I am not without friends and sympathy.—Yours fraternally,

W. HENRY COOPER, P.M., &c.

Temora, N.S.W.,
March 11th.

Reviews.

QUEEN VICTORIA, 1819-1901, by Richard R. Holmes, M.V.O., F.S.A., Librarian at Windsor Castle (*Longmans, Green, and Co.*, London, New York, and Bombay).—This opportune publication, is a reprint of the expensive work, issued in 1897 by authority of Queen Victoria, only without the illustrations of pictures from the Royal collections. This edition, however, has an admirable portrait of the beloved Queen from a photo by Chancellor and Sons, which is one of the best of her Majesty, and adds much to the value of the volume. There is a supplemental chapter, which brings the intensely interesting narrative down to the end of the Queen's reign, so that now the biography is complete, and literally covers all the chief points in the life of the lamented Sovereign from the cradle to the grave. For the first time, Mr. Holmes was able to present an accurate account of the childhood and youth of Queen Victoria, based upon notes on her infancy and girlhood, supplied by the Queen, and matters of fact have been duly corrected, in reference to the period before her accession to the Throne. Her Majesty's published Journals and Sir Theodore Martin's *Life of the Prince Consort* have also been consulted, so that the tasty volume is authoritative and fairly exhaustive, considering the size of the welcome brochure. It is sure to have a very large sale, for notwithstanding its attractive and semi-official character, it is published at the popular price of five shillings *net*, and may be ordered of all booksellers.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DERBYSHIRE, 1901."—This compact Masonic Guide for Derbyshire is in its 26th year of publication, and has long been compiled by the ever-courteous Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. William Naylor, who still occupies the Editor's chair. The particulars concerning the Province in relation to all the Degrees are well arranged and are ample, so that members of all or any of the Masonic Rites practised in the county are well provided for. There are 27 lodges, eight R.A. chapters, and eight Mark lodges, besides other Bodies, all of which are duly described; besides which there is no lack of information respecting the Central, Mark, and local Masonic Charities; the total votes for the first mentioned, now being 6196 and those for the Mark Degree numbering 1535; the names of the subscribers being given in alphabetical order. The frontispiece this time is appropriately devoted to a Portrait of the genial Mayor of Derby, Bro. Edgar Horne, P.P.S.G.W., who is popular in the town, Masonically and generally.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, 1901-2."—This is one of the largest, fullest, and best of the series of Provincial Calendars, and continues to be ably edited by Bros. Commander H. G. Giles, R.N., and G. F. Lancaster, who certainly succeed most admirably in the discharge of their duties as editors. Everything that may fairly be looked for or expected in such a publication is to be found in this well-arranged Annual, even to an excellent Summary of Contents. There are 48 lodges, returning 4114 members, or an average of over 85 per lodge, being a very high proportion, and one of the largest in England. One lodge has 364 members, another 214, and several over 100 each. The R.A. chapters number 26, also a large number proportionately, and the Mark lodges total 13, with several K.T. preceptories and Rose Croix chapters and other Degrees also at work. About all these there is a mass of details that would almost be bewildering were the facts not so well marshalled, and even extinct lodges are not overlooked, or the "Quatuor Coronati" literary lodge neglected. The work has now been edited for 18 years, and the present issue cannot be beaten by any of its useful predecessors in any respect. We most sincerely congratulate the editors on such a successful completion of their arduous labours.

THE LITERARY NEWS SERVICE.—The announcement by Messrs. Archibald Constable and Co. of a new book by K. and Hesketh Prichard suggests again to us the pleasing and uncommon relationship existing between these two writers, namely, that mother and son collaborate. Their first book, "A Modern Mercenary," won golden opinions. Since this appeared Mr. Prichard has by himself published an important book of travel entitled "Where Black Rules White," and he is now in Patagonia, leading an expedition of great geographical and scientific importance. On the 7th prox. there will appear, simultaneously in England and America, the "Further Memoirs of Marie Bashkirtseff," the publication of which has been looked forward to with much eagerness. The volume will be illustrated, and will contain a diary, a very daring correspondence with Guy de Maupassant, and an introduction by Mr. G. H. Perris. Mr. Grant Richards is the English publisher.

Craft Masonry.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. C. ST. AUBYN.

This lodge held its 141st meeting at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 13th instant, when there were present: Bros. D. Hart-Davies, W.M.; E. C. St. Aubyn, S.W.; E. Croft Wise, J.W.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Dowling, S.D.; W. Anning, J.D.; H. Saunton, P.M., D.C.; S. Enever, I.G.; C. R. Conway, Stwd.; F. W. Tack, P.M.; J. Wheatley, P.M.; J. H. Anderson, P.M.; H. T. Tallack, P.M.; J. T. Skelding, D. Pennellier, and J. A. R. Doris. Visitors: Bros. W. H. C. St. Clair, 778, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Middlesex; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M. 1201; Louis Verdier, W.M. 1687; T. D. Bounsall, 36; W. C. Freeman, 206; W. W. Read, J.D. 2502; C. B. Enever, 2455; Barclay Gammon, Org. 2549; and F. D. Lewis, 3.

After the lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rear-Admiral William H. C. St. Clair, P.G.D., entered the lodge, and was saluted in due form. The report of the Audit Committee, which was adopted, showed a balance in favour of the lodge of £72 8s. 11d., and £11 15s. 3d. to the credit of the Benevolent account. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimous, for Mr. Jean A. R. Duchon Doris, who was initiated by his friend, Bro. H. Saunton, P.M., in an impressive manner, which included the initiate's charge. A B.J. of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. E. C. St. Aubyn, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., Bro. D. Hart-Davies, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Middlesex. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Hart-Davies, P.M., I.P.M.; E. C. Wise, S.W.; C. E. Dowling, J.W.; W. Anning, S.D.; S. Enever, J.D.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; H. Saunton, P.M., D. of C.; C. R. Conway, I.G.; J. T. Skelding, Stwd.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. A handsome bar and diamond jewel was presented to the I.P.M. in recognition of his services as P.M. for the second time. The Secretary announced the death, since the last meeting, of Bro. Mathews, P.M., who was initiated in this lodge in 1881, and was the W.M. in 1887; also of Bro. Eugene Henri Thiellay, who was initiated in the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, in 1868, of which lodge he became the W.M. in 1876, elected as a joining member of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, in 1872, and was installed as W.M. in 1877. A Founder, Past Master and Treasurer of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559; Founder and first W.M. of the La France Lodge, No. 2063; Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Middlesex. In the Royal Arch, he was Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Middlesex; First Principal, in 1878, of the Era Chapter, and for many years the Treasurer. A Past Master of the St. Mark's Mark Master Masons Lodge; Past Most Wise Sovereign of the Palestine Chapter Rose Croix, No. 29; a member of the 30°; a Past Celebrant Metro College Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; a Knight Templar; Past Sovereign Plantagenet Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine; and a Knight Holy Sepulchre. The resignation of Bro. Stiles was accepted with regret, and a unanimous vote of sympathy passed on account of his sad illness.

"Hearty good wishes" were offered to the W.M. by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The brethren were entertained by Bro. Verdier with feats of conjuring, and by Bros. Freeman, Bounsall, Anning, and others with song, music, and recitations.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. H. W. MELLOR.

PRESENTATIONS TO BROS. W. CALLINGHAM, I.P.M., AND GEO. LAKER, P.M., SECRETARY.

The annual installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge was held at the lodge-room at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the evening of Thursday, the 11th instant. Bro. Walter Callingham presided, and officiated as Installing Master, in the presence of a very large attendance of members and visitors, whose number taxed the seating capacity of the lodge-room to the uttermost. The W.M. was supported by Bros. F. Lewis, P.M.; H. Pierce, P.M.; E. L. Miroy, P.M.; C. E. Cove, P.M.; F. W. Horn, P.M.; C. H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; and Geo. Laker, P.M., Sec. The following Past Masters were included in the very large number of visitors present: Bros. J. R. Omer, P.M. 1259; F. J. Reese, P.M. 65; J. Lang, P.M. 2499; Francis, P.M.; Carte, P.M.; E. Wrigley, P.M. 73; J. T. Cobb, P.M. 2278; Atkinson, P.M.; and W. N. Haydon, P.M. 2128.

The lodge having been opened, routine business was transacted, the most important of which was the reading of the Audit Committee's report. The Treasurer drew special attention to this report, emphasising the fact that the lodge had a record balance of three figures, which had been obtained at no cost to the Charities. Though the lodge funds showed a credit balance of over £120, yet the lodge Benevolent Association had

also created a record by disbursing 70 guineas in charity during the past year. He hoped they would be able to give more and more every year in the cause of charity; he would be glad indeed to see them able to give as much again. The W.M. observed that this very satisfactory state of the finances, was largely due to their excellent Treasurer. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. W. Mellor, was then installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed with the greatest *déclat*, thanks to the admirable working of the Installing Master and the D.C., Bro. Peirce, P.M. The newly-installed Master then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Walter Callingham, I.P.M.; H. S. Easty, S.W.; A. W. Diamond, J.W.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Laker, P.M., Sec.; W. Mokler, S.D.; P. Callingham, J.D.; G. Keen, I.G.; C. E. Cove, D.C.; H. F. Smith, Stwd.; A. C. Hawkins, Org.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the catering for which reflected the utmost credit on the management of the popular hotel in which it was served.

Bro. Mellor, W.M., announced that he had to perform the pleasing duty of pinning a Past Master's jewel on the breast of Bro. Callingham, I.P.M., in acknowledgment of the excellence of his work and the services he had rendered the lodge.

Bro. W. Callingham, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for the kind way he had spoken of him and his work. He could only say that he had at last got the Past Master's jewel, to which he had looked forward for many years, and if he ever had to go to "uncle's" to raise a loan, that jewel would be the last to go. He was very pleased that during his year of office he had had the opportunity of working out the Three Degrees, and he thanked the officers and members for the kind indulgence they had uniformly shown him. As long as health and strength were spared him he would work in the interests of Masonry and of this, his mother, lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Callingham, I.P.M., then announced that the W.M. had appointed him to act as his spokesman on a most important occasion. Bro. G. Laker, P.M., who was one of the founders of the lodge, had a record of 25 years' standing as a member of the lodge, and this year also marked his coming of age as their Secretary. During the whole of that time the utmost good feeling had existed between their Secretary and the lodge, thanks to the former's never-failing tact and courtesy. If it was ever unnecessary to say to a Mason "Be courteous," it was unnecessary to say so to Bro. Laker. They were making a presentation to Bro. Laker, not as a reward, but as some recognition of his past services. In doing so it had been decided to make an effort to touch Bro. Laker's heart on its most tender spot. At his time of life Bro. Laker wanted nothing, but his eldest daughter was coming of age in a few weeks' time and it had been decided to make her a present also. Several of the brethren had wished to act as Secretary to this movement, but he (the speaker) had told them the task was too nice and he wanted it all himself, but they could give him the money for the presents, which they did most generously. He would ask Bro. Laker to accept the escribed and revolving chair, which stood at the other end of the room, as a present from the lodge to himself, and, on behalf of his daughter, to accept of a massive gold curb chain bracelet with a miniature gold watch set therein.

Bro. Laker, P.M., in responding, assured the brethren that during the whole of his connection with the lodge he had had no harder task than to attempt to thank them for their kindness. He thanked the I.P.M. for his very flat tiring expressions, and he also thanked all of them on behalf of his daughter; she was well known to many of them, and he was sure she would want to know them all before very long. His work in connection with the lodge had been a labour of love from the very first, when, in 1876, he had been one of the founders. During the earlier years of the lodge's existence there had been a struggle to preserve it from bankruptcy, and five members, of whom he was one, had to pay three years' subscription in advance to keep the lodge going, but they had gradually improved the finances until they could now congratulate themselves on having a three-figure balance in the bank. His continual re-election as Secretary had sometimes caused him to think it would be better if they had some fresh blood. ("No, no.") He thanked them for the continued support he had received while in office. The lodge was consecrated on April 7th, 1876, and he had been installed W.M. on April 11th, 1878; and they had now created another red-letter day in the period of his connection with the lodge, the memory of which would remain with him as long as life should last.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "His Most Gracious Majesty the King and the Craft," referred to the King's service to the Craft as Grand Master while Prince of Wales, and was sure that as their Protector he would still exercise a beneficial influence on Masonry. He also expressed the sympathy of Masons with him in his recent sad bereavement.

The National Anthem was then sung.

The W.M. next proposed "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and the other Members of the Royal Family."

The next toast was that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G.," to whom the W.M. referred as a noble son of a noble mother. They could not expect to see as much of him as formerly now that he had accepted the command of the forces in Ireland; but they hoped to see him at intervals, and were sure he would have the interests of the Craft at heart.

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. W. Callingham, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. W. Mellor," congratulated him on his elevation and on the taste he had displayed in the menu and programme of that evening.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for their enthusiastic reception of the toast. He had to fill the shoes of an exceptionally able predecessor, but he would fill them as well as he could, and hoped to deserve some portion of the esteem they had shown for him by electing him as W.M.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," which was heartily received and briefly responded to by Bro. W. Callingham.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was replied to by Bros. Cove, P.M.; Peirce, P.M.; and Miroy, P.M. (founder).

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large number present.

Bros. Francis, P.M.; Carte, P.M.; and Atkinson, P.M., responded.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" were proposed and responded to by those thus complimented.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The items on the toast list were interspersed with the following songs: "Green Isle of Erin" and Tosti's "Good-bye," admirably sung by Miss Rosabelle Beste; "There's a Land," by Miss Maud Earnshaw; and "Once Again" and "A Dream Divine," by Bro. Chas. Ellison.

Exceptional praise is due to Bro. Duncan Tovey's humorous songs (his own composition), viz., "The Gramophone" and "The Irish Orchestra." The applause that greeted these selections was so enthusiastic and prolonged that *encores* were imperative, and accordingly Bro. Tovey responded with the equally amusing songs, "The Drum Major" and "Glen Whapple."

Bro. A. C. Hawkins, Organist, acted as accompanist to most of the vocal selections.

Nil Sine Labore Lodge, No. 2736.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LT.-COL. F. T. CLAYTON.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE GRAND SECRETARY, RETIRING MASTER, AND OTHER BRETHREN.

The annual installation of W.M. in connection with the above lodge was held in the Masonic Temple at the Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly-circus, on the evening of Friday, the 12th instant. Bro. Lt.-Col. G. J. Parkyn, W.M., P.G.S.B., presided, and was supported by Bros. Col. Boyd, P.M.; Oughterson, P.M.; Grapes, P.M.; and Lyons, P.M. The visitors present included: Bros. Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair, S.G.D.; Cols. Stevens and Dixon Wishart, 1789; Rev. Norman Lee, 1971, I.P.M.; 1971; H. Sadler, 2148, G. Tyler; and Dr. Stryan, 1791.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. announced that the lodge wished to make a presentation of a spirit stand to their first Secretary, Bro. McFarlane. It was sorry Bro. McFarlane was such a long way off that he could not receive the presentation personally, but he was sure they all hoped he would return home safe from South Africa, and in the meantime his present would be entrusted to Bro. Grapes, I.P.M., to

hand to Mrs. McFarlane, who was living at Aldershot. The W.M. then referred to the valuable assistance that had been rendered him during his tenure of the Master's chair by Bro. Grapes, I.P.M., to whom he also wished to make a present of a spirit stand on his own behalf as an acknowledgment of the help Bro. Grapes had so ably and willingly given him. In relying, Bro. Grapes expressed the hope that he might long be spared to render assistance in Masonry. He was fond of Masonry, and also of the Army Service Corps, and in the Nil Sine Labore Lodge they had the two combined. The ceremony of installation was then most ably performed by Bro. Letchworth, F.S.A., P.M., Grand Secretary; Bro. Grapes, I.P.M., officiating in the capacity of D.C. Having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., the newly-installed Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. F. T. Clayton, invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Parkyn, I.P.M.; Captain A. R. Liddell, S.W.; Lieut. and Quarter-Master J. Gourday, J.W.; Lieut. and Riding-Master W. Lyons, Treas.; S.-S.-M. S. J. Smith, Sec.; R.-Q.-S.-M. G. Bryce, S.D.; 1st Class S.-S.-M. W. Siddons, I.D.; R.-S.-M. W. H. Atkins, I.G.; Captain and Q.-M. J. Dean, D.C.; S.-S.-M. W. Kirkdale and S.-S.-M. J. Dignon, Stwds.; and Sergt. J. Carey, Tyler. The W.M. then announced that it had been decided to present the retiring Master with a memento of his term of office as Master. The lodge had already voted him a Past Master's jewel, but it was desired to present him also with some token that would be an ornament in his house and that he would be able to show to everyone. They all knew that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Parkyn had formed the lodge and that but for him there would have been no lodge in connection with the Army Service Corps. The W.M. concluded his remarks by presenting Bro. Parkyn, on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome silver bowl. In acknowledging the presentation, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Parkyn observed that when a Mason passed away his jewels, too, often passed away with him, but they had that evening presented him with something he could hand down to those who came after him and that would show his connection with the Craft and with the Nil Sine Labore Lodge. The W.M. next presented Bro. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., with a piece of silver plate, suitably inscribed, as an acknowledgment of his having consecrated the lodge as well as of his services in having officiated as Installing Master on the present occasion. Bro. Letchworth, in returning thanks, expressed his sense of the pleasure it had given him to consecrate the lodge, and bore testimony to the zeal displayed by Bro. Parkyn, I.P.M., in the formation of the lodge. He was pleased to be present that evening at the I.P.M.'s request in order to place his successor in the chair. He would always value their gift, not only because it would remind him of his connection with the lodge, but also of the kindness of Bro. Col. Parkyn and all connected with the lodge.

Five propositions for initiation having been received, the lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently dined in the hotel, the following programme of music being performed during dinner by the band of the Royal Artillery: March, "A Frangese," Gung'l; overture, "Poet and Peasant," Suppe; song, "Promise of Life," Cowan; cornet solo, Corporal Ellis; selection, "Belle of New York," Kerker; song, "Oh! hear the wild wind blow" Tito Mattei; euphonium solo, Sergt. Parsons; valse, "Hydropaten," Gung'l; flute solo, Sergt. Green; selection, "The Geisha," Jones; and galop, "Night Bell."

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The King and the Craft," and next that of "The M.W.G.M. elect, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G."

Both toasts were enthusiastically received with full honours.

The W.M. proposed as the next toast "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. the Rev. Norman Lee and Rear-Admiral St. Clair suitably responded.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Parkyn, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master."

Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., in replying to the toast, referred to the wonderful progress made by the lodge during the two years that had elapsed since its consecration. The war in South Africa had greatly interfered with that progress, but, nevertheless, they had a membership numbering 150, and were the envy of many older lodges.

The speaker concluded by proposing the toast of the evening—that of "The Worshipful Master," which was received with musical honours.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his pride both in his lodge and in the corps to which all the members of that lodge belonged. During the 15 months he had been in South Africa he had had cause to feel proud indeed of what the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Army Service Corps had done. They had lost many of their best members there, but after the war was over he felt confident the lodge would increase in membership till it became one of the largest lodges in the kingdom.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Lt.-Col. Parkyn, the Father of the Lodge."

Bro. Parkyn, in reply, gave credit to Bro. Col. Lloyd for originating the idea of a Masonic lodge in connection with the Army Corps; he (the speaker) had but acted on that idea. He recommended to the brethren the motto of their corps, "Nil Sine Labore," as an excellent motto for their lodge also. If they acted on that motto he had no fear for the future, for though they had lost many good men in South Africa, yet they had many good men left to carry on the working of the lodge.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Col. Dixon and Dr. Stryan.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" having been proposed and duly acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Royal Arch.

Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901.

LADIES' NIGHT.

The election meeting of this very successful South London chapter was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Thursday, the 11th instant. Present: Comps. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z.; W. H. Hook, P.Z., acting H.; J. S. Pointon, J.; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; F. E. Pow, I.P.Z.; J. M. Wimple, P.S.; A. R. Jackson, 2nd A.S.; Thos. Bowler, Janitor; Blewett, Faulk, S.N. 101, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The companions next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted unanimously as follows: Comps. H. Cornford, M.E.Z. elect; Jos. S. Pointon, H. elect; G. J. S. Ware, J. elect; W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. N. Wimple, S.N.; J. Lightfoot, P.Z., D.C.; C. H. Harrison, P.S.; A. R. Jackson, 1st A.S.; J. Merrill, 2nd A.S.; J. Wibery, Stwd.; and G. C. L. Hawley, Org. It was duly proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously, that Comp. Thos. Bowler be re-elected Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z., for eminent services rendered to the chapter during his year of office.

The proposition was most ably proposed by Comp. F. E. Pow, I.P.Z., in eulogistic terms, and seconded by Comp. W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas., who thoroughly endorsed all that the worthy proposer had said. The Auditors were appointed. Letters of apology for absence through illness, were read from Comps. A. H. Fraser, P.Z., and Wm. Wills, P.Z., but wishing the M.E.Z. every success and a happy evening; also a telegram from Comp. Hy. Cornford, H., who was at Devonport, but hoped to be with the company during the evening; and Comp. Thos. Grumman, P.Z., who was engaged on important Masonic duties. The business of the chapter ended, it was closed.

The companions were next conveyed to the Lordship-lane Hall, Dulwich, to meet their ladies and friends, where an excellent cold collation was provided by Bro. W. E. Dean, of Dulwich village, the viands being of excellent quality, and giving universal satisfaction.

Those present were Comp. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z., and Mrs. Turner; Mr. Coles and Mrs. F. Coles; Mr. F. Turner, Mr. Alf Turner, Miss Maurice, Miss Ethel Turner, Mrs. Maurice, Mr. Leo Maurice, Bro. Harry Wood, Comp. J. Bruton and the Misses Isabella and Mary Bruton; Mrs. W. Belton and Mr. Arthur Rule; Comp. John Lightfoot and M. S. Lightfoot; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lightfoot; Mr. Jos. Lightfoot, Mr. Percy Robinson and Miss Lightfoot; Comp. F. E. Pow, Bro. G. Pow and Miss Pow; Comp. J. Merrill and Mrs. Merrill; Mr. and Mrs. G. Orgles; Comp. Jos. S. Pointon and Mrs. J. S. Pointon; Bro. Gibbons and Mrs. Gibbons; Bro. Bridge and Mrs. Bridge; Comp. H. P. White and Mrs. White; Bro. W. G. White and Miss E.

Owens; Comp. Hy. Hayward, Comp. W. H. Hook, Mrs. W. H. Hook, and Mr. Hook; Comp. Chas. Hy. Stone and Mrs. Stone; and Comp. J. M. Wimple.

Grace having been sung by the whole company,

The toast of "His Majesty the King" which was presented by the President in loyal and patriotic terms, was enthusiastically received.

Comp. H. C. Turner next gave the toast of "Her Majesty Queen Alexandra and the Royal Family" in most appreciative terms.

Comp. F. E. Pow proposed "The Health of the President" in an effective and eulogistic manner, and remarked upon the success that had attended his year and the kindness of manner he had always evinced in his office. He asked the company to drink the toast in bumpers, which was accordingly done.

The President gave "The Health of the Ladies," which, he said, was the second time the occasion had arisen in the chapter—the first during Comp. John Lightfoot's year—and he hoped that the same would become an institution in the chapter. It was always a pleasure to see them at such happy gatherings, and he trusted their presence would grace the festive board in the Selwyn Chapter for many succeeding years.

Comp. J. Lightfoot replied on behalf of the ladies in a very amusing and forcible manner, most heartily thanking the companions for their kind invitation to attend, and promising their acceptance of a similar one on the earliest possible occasion.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially presented by the President, who stated the extreme pleasure it gave the companions of the chapter in seeing so goodly an array.

Bro. H. Wood, P.M. 101, very suitably replied, and he with his brother visitors greatly appreciated their very cordial welcome.

During the evening a beautifully-cut smelling salts was presented to each lady by the M.E.Z., Comp. H. C. Turner, as a souvenir of the occasion, and was greatly admired.

The company afterwards dispersed to the ball room to enjoy themselves to the strains of "Thorp's" Quadrille Band, till the early hours of the 13th instant. Comps. J. Lightfoot and H. P. White were the very capable M.Cs., and deserve the highest praise for their services.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Comp. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z., the dances being interspersed by the following music: Mandoline and piano, Mrs. F. Colls and Miss E. M. Turner, who performed "Limelight" and "When other lips" (encored); Miss Eugenie Faulk, "Il Bacio," beautifully rendered and loudly encored, afterwards giving "Tell me, my heart;" Bro. W. G. White gave "In the pale moonlight" in capital style; Mr. F. W. Turner, "Come into the garden, Maud," and "The brow of the hill," which were well received; Miss Ethel May Turner, in a sweet and very clear manner, rendered "My dearest Heart" and "Tatters" excellently; as a reciter, Comp. H. P. White proved himself very capable in the rendering of "A Hindoo Legend;" the violin selections "Faust" and "Hoch Hapsburg" were performed beautifully by "Mr. A. Dawkins;" also as a humorist, Mr. A. C. Turner proved himself very capable, singing "She's my wife" and "Framed in Oak." Mr. T. W. Partridge very ably accompanied.

The M.E.Z. is to be congratulated upon the very happy and thoroughly enjoyable evening, and also the Stewards, who were assiduous in their labours to carry them out most successfully. The Stewards were Comps. J. Lightfoot, H. P. White, J. M. Wimple, J. R. N. Merrill, and Chas. Hy. Stone.

Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 11th instant, when there were present Comps. J. W. H. Littleboy, M.E.Z.; C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Scribe E. (Hon. Member), as H.; A. W. Shaw, J.; W. S. Jackson, I.P.Z.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; J. B. Wood, P.S.; H. B. Osborn, 1st A.S.; J. B. Walker, 2nd A.S.; A. G. Clinton, H. A. Whitburn, and R. F. Gould, P.Z. (Hon. Member). Visitors: Comps. J. H. Asman, J. 1347; H. J. Bidwell, P.Z. 2120; E. Head, 2120; and Douglas Robinson, 157.

The minutes of the preceding convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. C. F. Waters, J.W. Bisley Lodge, No. 2317, which proving unanimous in his favour, and the candidate being in attendance, he was duly exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from Comps. C. Pulman, P.Z.; and Michael Carteghe, S.N.; after which, there being no further business, the chapter was closed.

The companions subsequently dined together.

Mark Masonry.

Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIDNEY HORTON.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 11th instant at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford-square, Woolwich, and was attended by a goodly array of the brethren of the lodge and visitors, most of whom have achieved distinction in the Order and Masonry generally.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. R. Nichols, who ultimately vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., who at the request of the W.M. performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Sidney Horton, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Officer, who, in a most perfect manner, placed the candidate in the chair of A., where he was duly proclaimed and saluted. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. R. Nichols, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Clarke, S.W.; B. Hammond, J.W.; W. Busbridge, M.O.; Capt. G. F. Fishenden, S.O.; C. Kitley, J.O.; W. Campbell Taylor, P.M. P.J.G.W., Treas.; F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. O. Cook, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., R. of M.; the Right Hon. Lord Pirbright (by proxy), D.C.; and S. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.S.G.O., Stwd. Bro. Horton commenced his reign by advancing two candidates—

Bros. T. Jefferson-Nell, 913, and D. Nott, 1599—in a manner which won for him the highest encomiums. Bro. Nichols then completed the ceremony of installation by reciting the charges, which he did like a master of his art. He was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his services, the same to be inserted in the minutes of the lodge.

Bro. G. R. Nichols, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Mark Master's jewel for services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome assembly room of the hotel, and was certainly a most delightful affair.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., Dr. E. Bryceson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., and W. Sanders, of the lodge; Major R. I. Wishart, R.A., P.M. 411, P.D.G.W. Malta; C. Jolly, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. H. Porter, P.M., Sec., P.P.A.G. Sec.; G. Hall, and W. Lawson, of 226; C. Lounes, Military Park; and others.

The toasts of "The King and Mark Masonry" and "The M.W.G.M." having been drunk,

The toast of "The Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Past Dep. G.M., and Prov. G.M. of Kent," followed, and in giving it the W.M. said they had hoped that his lordship might have been present with them that night, but they heard that he was away in South Africa, where he hoped to do a little fighting. He heartily wished him every success, and a safe return to his native land.

Bro. J. O. Cook responded for a very hearty reception of the name of "Bro. F. Hughes-Hallett, V.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," and in so doing said they, the Prov. G. Officers, were a hard worked and working lot. Wherever Prov. G. Lodge went they went, whether it was at Deal, Folkestone, Canterbury, or Greenwich. Wherever they went they enjoyed themselves, and made one another happy. But they appreciated the honour paid them; and if the rest of the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers were as proud of their honours as he was of his they would have nothing to regret.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," felt glad to think that he was succeeded in his office by such a good brother and Mason as their esteemed Bro. Horton, who, he felt sure, would make a better Master than he, Bro. Nichols, had. Unfortunately, he had been too ill to do much work during his year of office. He promised the W.M. the cordial assistance of himself and every member of the lodge, and with good candidates coming forward he felt sure their W.M. would have a good year of office.

Bro. Horton, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind words used by him in proposing the toast, and the brethren for their gratifying reception of it. He should do all in his power to further the interest of the lodge. He thought the time had arrived when their lodge should assume the position of one of the best working and popular lodges in the province. They had had very few candidates lately, and he appealed to the brethren to bring him some good ones. He meant to try himself, and, if possible, bring it up to the standard it once held, one of the foremost in the district. (Applause.)

"The Initiates" were toasted and responded, after which Bros. Jolly, Wishart, Porter, Soules, and Lawson responded for "The Visitors."

"The Past Masters" and "Installing Officer" followed, and then "The Officers" toast concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

Weyside Lodge, No. 442.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. H. BOWLES, P.M.

The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, when there were present Bros. Robert Mossop, Prov. J.G.D., W.M.; A. H. Bowles, P.M., Dep. Prov. G.M., S.W.; C. J. Scott, S.O.; Colonel F. A. Bowles, P.M., J.O.; A. W. R. Sowman, Prov. A.G. Sec., Reg. of Marks; F. Rawlins, S.D.; C. W. Emson, J.D.; F. Harper, I.G.; Ralph Nevill, P.M., P.P.G.W.; H. Budd, C. T. Tyler, P.M., P.P.G.W.; E. C. Haram, and G. J. Mason, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., Prov. Grand Master; G. A. King, W.M. 108, P.P.G.S.; Dr. R. J. Maitland Coffin, W.M. 13, P.P.A.G.D.C.; William Dawson, W.M. 534; Robert Jackson, W.M. 333, Prov. S.G.O.; A. J. Jackman, P.P.G.I. of W.; R. F. Gould, S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O. Eng.; J. A. Braik, P.M. 333, P.P.G.W.; T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec. Essex; J. Holme Sumner, 399; C. S. Rogers, J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Rev. J. H. Robson, P.G.C.; and J. D. Langton, 454.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, and the following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. H. Bowles, P.M., acting W.M.; R. Mossop, acting I.P.M.; C. J. Scott, S.W.; Colonel F. A. Bowles, P.M., J.W.; A. W. R. Sowman, M.O.; F. Rawlins, S.O.; C. W. Emson, J.O.; A. H. Bowles, P.M., Treas. and Reg.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., Reg. of Marks; F. Harper, S.D.; E. C. Haram, J.D.; H. Budd, I.G.; and G. J. Mason, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. Mossop, acting I.P.M. A ballot had previously been taken for Bro. Viscount Cranley, W.M. of the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395 (Craft), which, having been unanimous in his favour, and the candidate being in attendance, he was advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. A. H. Bowles, acting W.M., in a most able and impressive manner.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, which was admirably served, and the usual loyal and Mark toasts were duly honoured.

The first toast was "H.M. the King, Patron of M.M.M.," the second, "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master"; the third, "The Grand Officers, Present and Past"; and the fourth, proposed by Bro. Col. F. A. Bowles, J.W., "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Surrey," which was received with much enthusiasm, and acknowledged in eloquent and touching terms by Bro. the Earl of Onslow.

Bro. C. J. Scott then gave "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. J. A. Braik, P.P.G.W.

"The Health of the Acting W.M.," introduced by Bro. R. Mossop, I.P.M. followed, and, at the close of his reply, the Master in the chair gave what was in many respects the toast of the evening, "The Candidate, Viscount Cranley, W.M. of the Weyside (Craft) Lodge, No. 1395."

After the reply of the new member, which was much applauded, the toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

113TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 8th MAY, 1901,

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THE RIGHT HON. EARL AMHERST,

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent,

IN THE CHAIR.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this very important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary, as early as convenient. Stewards are much needed, and their services will be gratefully received.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, April 27, 1901.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 21.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22.**CRaft LODGES.**

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
144, St. Luke's, Holborn Restaurant.
144, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
706, Montefiore, Trocadero Restaurant.
1017, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
1744, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.
2396, Columbia, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

12, United Prudence, Albion Tavern.
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1694, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Brondesbury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbours-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.
Ekenwald, Railway Hotel, Barking, at 7.45.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance).
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Fenge-rd., at 8.
Tysen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel, High-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.
Joric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23.**CRaft LODGES.**

92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
180, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Holborn Restaurant.
259, Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole.
1348, Ebury, Criterion.
1728, Temple Bar, Frascati Restaurant.
2066, Arcadian, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
806, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel.
1275, Star, Guildhall Tavern.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salut-tion, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Kenables' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Pinnbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, The Freemasons' Club, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
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.
Stockwell, Callingham's Restaurant, 94, Cannon-st., E.C., at 6.
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, APRIL 24.**GRAND FESTIVAL.****CRaft LODGES.**

201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
2410, Esculapian, Cafe Royal.
2626, Leyton, Technical Institute.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Donc, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Duke of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
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., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, 27, Knight-rider-st., E.C.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
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, APRIL 25.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

CRaft LODGES.

66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green.
861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
871, Royal Oak, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1203, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal.
1601, Ravensbourne, Obelisk Hall, Lewisham.
1974, St. Mary Abbott's, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
2319, Scots, Holborn Restaurant.
2621, Military, Hotel Cecil.
2625, Guardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
538, Vane, Holborn Restaurant.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

MARK LODGES.

363, Ruspini, Mark Masons' Hall.
461, George Graveley, Royal Forest Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Earl's Court, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-sq., W., 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 6.
Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E., at 6.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredgar, 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-road, at 8.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRaft LODGES.

171, Amity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
569, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
2693, Pellipar, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2621, Military, Hotel Cecil.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Chongh, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 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, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27.**CRaft LODGES.**

1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
2647, Allyn, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
2700, Old Masonians, Anderson's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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P.Z. and Scribe E. Crystal Palace Chapter, 742;
(Ex.) Professor, Lecturer, Examiner and Private Tutor;
who from his advanced age (73) is unable to obtain any Professional Engagement. He has been an active Member of the Craft up to the present time, 31½ years. He is now a Country Member, and Father of his Lodge. Served as Steward at the Jubilee Festival, 1892, of this Institution.

The following Brethren have kindly promised their support:

R.W. Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., Guildhall, E.C.
V.W. Bro. DORABJEE P. CAMA, P.G. Treasurer, 3, Great Winchester Street, E.C.
V.W. Bro. EDWARD LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., Freemasons' Hall.
W. Bro. F. E. POCKOCK, M.D., P.D.G.D.C., St. Mark's Road, N. Kensington.
W. Bro. Major T. C. WALLS, P.G. Std. Br., Temple Chambers, E.C.
W. Bro. H. J. LARDNER, P.G. Std., Clements' House, E.C.
W. Bro. GEORGE KENNING, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, Upper Sydenham.
W. Bro. THOS. JOHN BURGESS, W.M. Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, 118, Milton Avenue, East Ham, Essex.
W. Bro. WM. BRIGGS, M.A., LL.M., P.M. 45, 12, Queen Anne Terrace, Cambridge.
W. Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE, P.M., 9, Upper Highlever-road, N. Kensington.

Votes will be thankfully received by any of the above, or by Bro. Prof. F. W. DRIVER, M.A., 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

Masonic and General Tidings.

AS IT IS understood that notwithstanding the information conveyed in our last week's issue, a not inconsiderable number of brethren are under the impression that the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will take place at the Festival on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, we are desired to repeat that the M.W. Grand Master has not yet been able to fix a date for the ceremony, which will probably take place later in the year at the Albert Hall.

MR. MANNS completed an uninterrupted service of 45 years as conductor of the Crystal Palace Concerts on Saturday last.

PREPARATIONS are being made by the Corporation authorities to take a day census of the City. Such an enumeration was made in 1881, and again in 1891.

LORD BURGHCLERE is to preside at the dinner of the Society of Authors, which will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 1st prox.

LAST week Bro. John Bott and Sons conducted a successful sale (the first of the season) at Herne Bay, of the Central Estate, when property to the value of £1134 was sold.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR will preside at the Hotel Cecil on Monday, the 22nd inst., at a dinner that is to be given in aid of the funds of the Boys' Home, Regent's Park-road.

WE REGRET to learn that Bro. Henry J. Gardiner, one of the candidates for Shrievalty honours, has been laid up over the Easter holidays with a very troublesome bronchial attack, which is preventing him from attending to his usual duties.

THE MEMBERS of the Irving Amateur Dramatic Club will give at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on the evening of Tuesday, the 30th inst., a representation of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," a play not often seen on the English stage in these days.

BRO. SIR WALTER BESANT is said to be concentrating all his energies upon his work on London now, to the exclusion of fiction and other work. The recently-published book on East London is only an instalment of Bro. Sir Walter has it in mind to write.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE, M.P., the Treasurer, will preside at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 25th instant, over the annual meeting of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots. Twenty-five sufferers will be admitted on the occasion to the benefits of the charity.

BRO. SIR BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart., M.P., and Lady Maple have issued invitations to the mayors, aldermen, and councillors of the boroughs of Camberwell and St. Pancras, and to the chairman and members of the Urban District Council of Penge and their ladies to a reception at the Grafton Gallery on Thursday, the 7th prox.

WE understand there has been a very great demand for copies of the March issue of "The Biographer" in consequence of a portrait and biographical sketch of the career of Bro. Magnus Ohren, who, as a distinguished Mason and a talented engineer, has for many years been widely and favourably known to a number of our readers.

BRO. EARL ROBERTS is shortly to visit Liverpool, in order to have conferred upon him the freedom of the city, which is to be voted to the Commander-in-Chief at the forthcoming meeting of the City Council. His lordship, during his stay in the city, will present the medals to the members of the 5th Irish Liverpool Volunteers, who have recently returned from the war in South Africa.

ASSOCIATION OF MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN.—We have much pleasure in announcing that a Preliminary Historical and Literary Committee has been formed in connection with this Association with a view to obtaining notes of county interest, literary contributions, &c., and that the co-operation of members residing in all parts of the county is desired in order that its work may become thoroughly comprehensive.

IN RESPECT to Bro. Dr. Forshaw's anthology on the Queen, he has received the following letter: "Buckingham Palace, April 15th, 1901.—Charles F. Forshaw, Esq., LL.D., 48, Hanover-square, Bradford.—The Private Secretary is commanded by the King to thank Dr. Charles F. Forshaw for his letter of the 9th instant, and for the accompanying copy of his book, 'Poetical Tributes to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.'"

THE DEATH took place at Southampton on the 8th inst. of Bro. Henry H. Bull, the well-known builder and contractor. The deceased was a member of the firm which had the contract for building the Parliament buildings at Cape Town and the Law Courts in London. The last-named work, it will be remembered, was beset with many difficulties, not the least of which was the great strike of masons, to combat which a great number of men were imported from Germany. Bro. Bull was well known in Masonic circles.

ASSOCIATION OF MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN.—A Bohemian concert has been arranged to be held at the Crown Room of the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 23rd instant (St. George's Day), and as the proceeds are to be devoted to the Benevolent Fund, and an excellent programme is being provided, it is hoped that it will result in a large sale of tickets, the price of which is 1s., and these can be obtained from any of the officers or members of the council.

BRO. SIR ALBERT WOODS, the Garter Principal King of Arms, whom old age and growing infirmity prevented him exercising his prerogative of proclaiming King Edward VII., is to be congratulated on his 55th birthday on Tuesday. He is the son of the late Sir Albert Woods, who proclaimed Queen Victoria. Sir Albert entered the College of Arms as Pursuivant in 1838, and became Lancaster Herald in 1841. It is 32 years since he succeeded his father as Garter King of Arms, and it is really remarkable that in his prolonged connection with the College of Heralds he should never have been privileged to take part in accession ceremonies. It is not long since Sir Albert celebrated the completion of his 50th year of active Freemasonry.

THE PROGRAMME of the 15 Sections will be worked by the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Mail Coach, Farringdon-street, E.C., on the evening of Friday next, the 26th instant, commencing at 6.30. The Seven Sections of the First Lecture will be worked by the following brethren in the order named: Bros. W. Hayward, 1745; J. W. Harding, P.M. 1585; A. B. Claxton, S.W. 1636; H. B. Spaul, 145; J. Knight, P.M. 861; G. G. Canning, 1623; and N. P. Lardner, P.M. 1745. The Five Sections of the Second Lecture will be worked by Bros. R. Waldvogel, P.M. 1828; G. Newham, J.W. 145; J. D. Webb, P.M. 1745; F. P. Weinel, P.M. 1828; and H. Hill, P.M. 1305. The Three Sections of the Third Lecture will be worked by Bros. G. Knights, W.M. 1828; W. R. Witt, P.M. 1745; and R. Fitch, Stwd. 87.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.—The Palace is now public property, and for the future will be carried on in the interests and for the sole benefit of Londoners at large. Meanwhile an appeal to the readers of the *City Press* and the *Freemason* is made by Bro. R. D. M. Littler, K.C., C.B., the chairman of the trustees. Voluntary help is needed, it seems, in making the Palace "a free picture gallery, a free museum, a free exhibition of inventions, models, and industries, and a free focus of all that is educational and refining. Will those who have them and to spare lend us their pictures, their statuary, their curios, and their wonders of many lands and busy hands? We have newly-decorated picture galleries, and ample space for thousands of exhibits. We aim at loan and sale collections of paintings, art photography, black and white drawings, and permanent illustrations of natural history; a five-shilling art union; musical festivals by our own choir and orchestra, assisted by military bands; and at the same time rational amusements for the masses. Sale collections we can command, but we appeal for loans, temporary or extended, from those who feel with us that such an opportunity of creating a unique people's resort should not be lost for want of enthusiasm. On May 18th, under the auspices of the Duke of Bedford, Lord-Lieutenant of the county, we open our gates freely to all, and we are anxious to begin well and improve as we go on. Will your readers help us? Offers of loans addressed to our hon. secretary, Mr. Henry Burt, who has done so much to bring our movement to a promising issue, or to the general manager, Mr. John Henderson, at the Alexandra Palace, Middlesex, N., will be thankfully received."

ANGLO-INDIANS AND OTHERS seeking genuine Indian-manufactured condiments, currie stuffs, chutneys, preserves, poppudums, Bombay ducks, Nepal pepper, &c., send to the original firm. C. Stenbridge and Co., 18, Green-street, Leicester-square, London; and Calcutta. Established 1821. Write for price list. (Removed from 33, Leicester-square).

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE have been offered and have intimated their acceptance of the freedom of Glasgow, on the occasion of their visit on the 2nd prox. to open the International Exhibition.

WE are informed that Bro. F. G. Ivey, P.D.G.D.C., P.A.G.S., P.M. 3, M.M.M., P.G.S., P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, will be nominated at the December meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

SOLDIERS AT ST. PAUL'S.—The festival service of the Army Guilds of the Holy Standard and St. Helena will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, the 9th prox. The Royal Military School of Music will provide the orchestra and choir on the occasion.

AT A MEETING of the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday Bro. the Lord Mayor, who presided, nominated Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, citizen and stationer, of Temple House, Temple-avenue, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City at the approaching election on Midsummer Day.

HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII., who as Prince of Wales has been Patron of Miss Weston's Royal Sailors' Rests at Portsmouth and Devonport, has graciously consented to continue that patronage. The title of "Royal" granted to these institutions by her late Majesty Queen Victoria has also been confirmed.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR WILLIAM TRELOAR presided at the house dinner of the Savage Club on the 13th instant, and entertained as his guests Bro. the Lord Mayor, and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Under-Sheriff Langton, and Under-Sheriff Gardiner. During the evening Bro. the Lord Mayor gave a recitation.

EXHIBITION OF SPANISH ART AT THE GUILDHALL.—Owing to the delay in the carriage of certain important Spanish pictures from abroad, the date of the opening of the Exhibition, which had been fixed for Monday, the 22nd inst., has been postponed to Monday, the 29th inst. The free admission of the public will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 29th inst.

TO ABOLISH SLUMS.—Bro. the Lord Mayor has issued an appeal for support to the Mansion House Council on the Dwellings of the Poor. This body has, since its formation in 1883, brought to the attention of the local authorities 100,000 cases of insanitary rooms and houses, and it has also prompted the institution of six public inquiries by the Local Government Board and three by the London County Council.

GOLDSMITHS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The 68th anniversary festival will be held at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar-square, on Wednesday, the 8th instant, when Thomas T. Whipham, Esq., M.D., Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, has kindly consented to preside. It is earnestly hoped that the trade will give their generous support and assistance in promoting its success, and adding to the funds of the institution.

MASONIC JEWELS are sometimes to be found in strange places, but it is not often that one is worn as a decoration on the field of battle; yet, according to the *Daily Telegraph* of the 16th instant, some combatant Boers were recently captured wearing khaki uniforms, and one of their number, a certain Field-Cornet Smit, was wearing a rich Masonic jewel in his hat. Smit evidently imagined the jewel, which he had stripped from a dead officer, to be part of the insignia worn by a British general.

THE CITY SHRIEVALTY.—Bro. Henry J. Gardiner, chairman of Messrs. Bradbury, Greatorex, and Co., whom Bro. the Lord Mayor had undertaken to nominate for the Shrievalty of the City, has informed the Lord Mayor that, owing to continued ill-health, he would be unable, if elected, to fulfil the duties of the office, and, consequently, under medical advice, he has no choice but to request that his name may be withdrawn from any further candidature. In these circumstances the only candidates before the electors are Bros. Alderman Bell and Horace Brooks Marshall, who will be elected without a contest.

WE are in receipt of the April number of "Tuberculosis," the journal of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis. The articles of greatest interest in the current number are probably "Lordrach in the Black Forest," which deals with the best situated and most suitably-built of modern sanatoria for the treatment of consumption; "Sanatoria for Pauper and other Consumptive Patients," "A Pure Milk Supply," and reports from the Association's branches throughout the kingdom. The magazine under review should do much to aid the Association in mitigating the effects of the terrible scourge, tuberculosis.

AT THE REQUEST of the Board of Management, Lord Tweedmouth has consented to take the chair at the annual festival dinner of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, to be held at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday, May 14th. An examination of the accounts of the hospital shows that this charity is being worked to the full extent of its available income, the whole of the annual revenue in subscriptions, donations, and legacies being expended upon its maintenance. The institution provides for as many as 857 inmates and pensioners at the present time, and it is necessary to raise at least £32,000 year by year to avoid trenching upon reserve funds.

WITH the May number of the "Smart Set," of which we have received an advance copy, the fourth volume of one of the cleverest of American magazines commences a fresh volume. The high-class fiction with which this magazine abounds consists entirely of complete stories, many of which give one a good insight into the mode of life and trend of thought of modern society as found in the largest cities of the U.S.A. "The Wage of Character" and "The Lady Demi-Tasse" are worthy of special mention as stories of character in society, and some of the verse also well repays perusal. It is also a point in favour of the "Smart Set," in these days of over-illustration, that its pages contain letterpress only.

THE FUND for the National Memorial to the Queen is coming in satisfactorily, nearly £70,000 having already been received, without reckoning the large amounts in course of collection on the Stock Exchange and among the Freemasons. The suggestion for a Church offertory throughout the country on the nearest Sunday to the late Queen's birthday, which happens to be Whit-Sunday, will doubtless be largely adopted, and bring in a considerable sum of money, though the provincial cities and towns are persisting in local memorials, which, if they take the form of statues or public buildings, ought to provide work for all the sculptors and architects who are making so loud an outcry at the limited competition arranged for the National Memorial. Bro. the Lord Mayor is working hard to promote the Mansion House Fund, assisted by his official staff who have such long and intimate experience in these matters. Lord Esher is an indefatigable hon. secretary of the movement.

THE SERVICE of the Thames Steamboat Co. for 1901 will commence on May 2nd with a 10-minutes service over the central section between London Bridge and Battersea, a stretch of four and three-quarter miles, for which distance the fare will be 2d., with an intermediate fare of 1d. to Nine Elms. Up to 8.30 a.m. workmen's tickets will be issued at half-price. A western extension will be made to Kew Gardens, leaving Chelsea pier regularly at the even half-hours and connecting there with the boats from the central section. An arrangement has been come to with the Metropolitan District Railway Company for return boat-tickets over the Kew section to be available at the passenger's option for return by railway from Putney Bridge station. There will also be a service eastwards from Westminster to Greenwich and Woolwich, a distance of 11 miles, fare 61.; leaving Westminster at 20 minutes to and 10 minutes past the hour. A daily boat during the season will run to and from Herne Bay; and the well-known Cardinal Wolsey will also ply to Hampton Court and back in the day, a distance of 47 miles, for the low price of 1s. 6d.

MARRIAGES.

SNOW—MASSEY.—On the 6th inst., at St. Paul's Church, Herne Hill, S.E., by the Rev. S. F. Bridge, M.A., Vicar, Henry George, youngest son of Mr. Charles John Snow, of 1, East Chapel-street, Mayfair, W., to Ellen (Nellie), fourth daughter of Bro. Henry Massey, of 1, Clifford's Inn and 168, Loughborough-road, S.W.

WHITEHEAD—LANGFORD.—On the 10th inst., Mr. Gilbert H. Whitehead, third son of Bro. Sir James Whitehead, Bart., of Wilmington Manor, to Helena E., only daughter of the late Mr. H. A. Langford, of Plymouth.