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THE APPROACHING BENEVOLENT ELECTIONS.

We are afraid that the prospects of the several applicants for election to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are not particularly encouraging. The voting papers and with them the lists of candidates were issued last week. The elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 17th May. For the Male Fund there are 50 candidates—reduced by the withdrawal of one to 49—but of these, according to the declaration in February, only 13 will be elected, of whom 10 will be appointed to immediate and three to deferred vacancies, while for the Widows' Fund the disproportion between candidates and vacancies is still more marked, there being as many as 54 of the former who will compete for eight annuities, of which five are immediate and three deferred. Other vacancies have occurred since the meeting of the Committee of Management in February, when the lists were approved and the vacancies declared, and, doubtless, in accordance with the usual practice of recent years, will be filled, and it is, of course, quite possible that having regard to the brilliant success of the Festival in February, the Committee may feel themselves justified, notwithstanding the augmentations that were sanctioned in 1898 and 1899, in recommending the creation of a few additional annuities on each Fund. This, however, is a mere conjecture of our own, which must be taken for what it is worth, and, therefore, for the present we must face the outlook as announced in the lists, and, as we have remarked, the prospects are certainly not encouraging.

For the

MALE FUND

there are 49 candidates, of whom 13 will be elected. London contributes 15, and the remaining 34 are of Provincial origin. The London contingent includes No. 5, who has 798 votes in hand from last May; No. 10, who brings forward 1416 votes, and No. 11, who has 161 votes; No. 13, with 458 votes, and No. 18, with 3719 votes; the remaining 10, who are placed at Nos. 23, 24, 29, 31, 33, 35, 38, 41, 45, and 50 respectively, being new candidates, who start fresh without any votes from previous ballots to help them on the way. Of the 34 Provincial candidates, Kent and Sussex are each of them responsible for four, the quartet from the former Province comprising No. 6, who has 14 votes in hand, and No. 14, with

985 votes, with Nos. 26 and 48, who are new candidates; while the Sussex four are No. 4, who starts with 4594 votes to the good; No. 9, No. 12, with 4981 votes in hand, and 20 to be recorded; and No. 17, with 1165 to the good and 60 to be recorded. Middlesex is responsible for Nos. 25, 46, and 49; Devonshire for No. 2, who brings forward 219 votes from 11 previous ballots, and No. 43; Somersetshire, for Nos. 19 and 28; East Lancashire, for Nos. 15 and 44; West Yorkshire, for Nos. 37, and 47; and North and East Yorkshire, for Nos. 39 and 42. The others are distributed in singles among sundry Provinces, but the only points that are worthy of mention are that No. 1, who hails from Northumberland, starts on his 18th ballot with 976 votes in hand; that No. 3 (Oxfordshire) has 4944 votes to help him on his way; and No. 8 (Cornwall), 3237 votes. Of the total number of 49 candidates, 22 have taken part in one or more ballots and 27 are new cases.

For the

WIDOWS' FUND

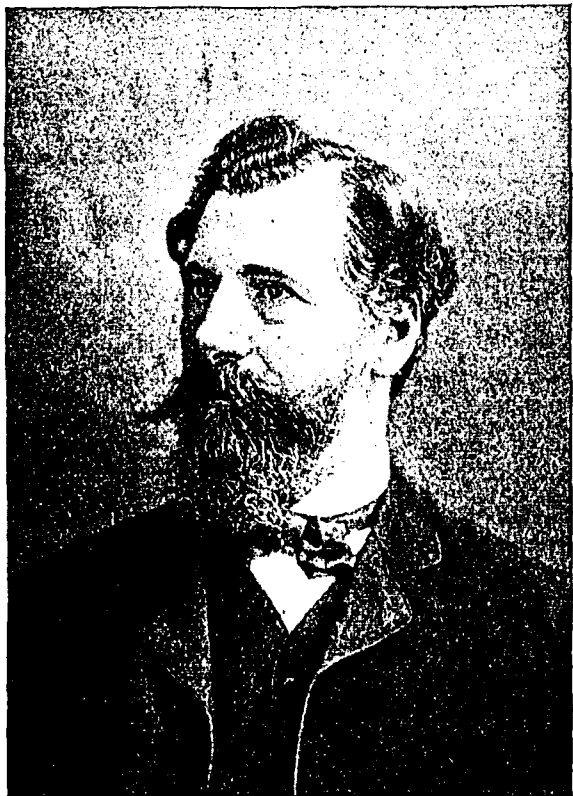
there are, as we have said, 54 candidates, of whom 25 remain from last year, and 29 are new to the experience of the ballot. London is responsible for 14, namely: Nos. 14 and 15, who start with 1822 and 1468 votes respectively; No. 19, with 897 votes; and Nos. 27, 30, 32, 34, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 47, and 53, who are all newly approved applicants. Kent furnishes five candidates, who stand on the list at Nos. 20, 21, 22, 35, and 42. Cumberland and Westmorland has three candidates—No. 1 who starts on her 18th trial with 1266 votes; No. 3, who brings forward 55 votes from nine previous ballots; and a new applicant at No. 39. Lincolnshire, Middlesex, and Suffolk furnish three each, the Lincolnshire trio comprising No. 4, with 74 votes in hand from eight ballots; No. 9, and No. 46. The Middlesex three are No. 7, with 1263 votes to her credit; and Nos. 37 and 51; and the Suffolk three Nos. 10, 24—with 1266 votes in hand—and No. 50. Warwickshire sends No. 5, who brings forward 966 votes; and No. 23; West Lancashire, Nos. 12 and 52; Norfolk, Nos. 18 and 49; West Yorkshire, Nos. 29 and 45; and Devonshire, Nos. 36 and 48. The others are distributed in singles among other Provinces, but in no case is there anything in respect of their candidature which calls for remark.

BRO. G. W. SPETH, P.A.G.D.C.

It is difficult to picture to ourselves circumstances more painful than those under which our talented and respected Bro. GEORGE WILLIAM SPETH, P.A.G.D.C. England, Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, was taken from our midst, or the loss which Freemasonry has sustained by his death. On Friday afternoon last our late brother was in all the vigour of intellectual manhood; a few hours later he had ceased to be, and the wealth of energy and vigour and mental power with which it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to endow him was as though it had never existed. Bro. SPETH had passed to his eternal rest, and the brethren with whom it had been one of the chiefest delights of his busy life to be associated, and for whom he was prepared to make the utmost sacrifice of time and labour, have lost, in a single instant of time, the able coadjutor, the experienced officer, the kindly and genial brother, whom it had been their happy fate and fortune to meet in Masonic and other circles, and for whom they entertained such deep and sincere feelings of love and respect.

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There is no man that can justly claim to be indispensable to the fulfilment of any, even the least exacting, duty, and it follows that not even the greatest loss that can befall a man or Society of men can be justly described as irreparable. But it is our firm belief that by the death of our Bro. SPETH, the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, has gone as near experiencing an irreparable loss as any Society that has had occasion to lament the death of one who has been the very centre and mainspring of its being throughout the whole of its existence. Among the members of this lodge are men of the greatest learning and ability, men skilled in every way to inquire into, and, if solution is possible, to solve the most difficult of Masonic problems. There are, too, among them men of large and varied official experience, and possessing those numerous attributes which are needed to constitute the practised official who never fails in any of his multifarious duties. Yet we question if among those men of scholarly attainments and great experience, there is one who is qualified at the



moment to undertake duties, which would have seriously taxed the mental and physical powers of the strongest man, but which were discharged by our late brother with the utmost ease, and as though it were the great pleasure of his life to bear the strain. For a time, at all events, the place that knows Bro. SPETH no longer, will not know his equal, and it is because we realise that in the literary circle of which he was in great measure the centre, it will be difficult to find a successor, that we sympathise so fully with the members of our great literary lodge.

The funeral took place at Bromley Cemetery on Wednesday, the 24th inst., when, besides the family—with whom we most deeply sympathise in their terrible bereavement—there was a numerous gathering of brethren desirous of paying a last tribute of respect to departed worth.

The following from Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., and Bro. J. RAMSDEN RILEY bear testimony to the strength of the feelings with which our late Bro. SPETH was regarded by those who have known him longest and most intimately, while those who desire to learn the details of his Masonic career will find them in the reprint at page 225 of what was published in the *Freemason* of 2nd May, 1896, on his appointment to the brevet rank of P.A.G.D.C.

It is with a very sad heart that I have to announce the sudden death, on Friday night, the 19th instant, of the beloved and esteemed Bro. GEORGE WILLIAM SPETH, P.M. 183, P.A.G.D. of C. England, the Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London from its Constitution, and Editor of our Proceedings and Reprints.

It will come as a terrible blow to very many of the Fraternity connected with our Lodge by the "Correspondence Circle"

scattered throughout the world, but to none so much—save his own Family Circle—as to the few of us who have worked with him most intimately for many years, and who have long known and appreciated his great worth and conspicuous abilities.

Our loss is great; but just now we feel all else is lost sight of in remembrance of his dear ones left behind, of whom we think with sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and the tenderest of feeling.

W. J. HUGHAN.

IN MEMORIAM.

G. W. SPETH,
OB. 19TH APRIL, 1901.

The night-wind passed,—the leaf, 'ere yet full age
Fell, to be numbered on a brighter page.
Whoe'er hath known Speth's gentle, honest heart,
Knows best the wrench from such a friend to part.
True Friend! true Mason! say ~~then~~ *then ye* who can,
What more may mortal be? He was true Man!
What more could earthly pilgrimage attain?
Death is but sleep, tho' dew'd with tears of men,
The closing of a volume to be oped again.
Great tho' our loss, there's comfort in his gain.

J. R. R.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, but preceding that festival Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of declaring the Most Worshipful Grand Master installed and having the Grand Officers of the year appointed and invested. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, Col. Lyne acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. G. Richards, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, as Past G.M., and there were also present Bros. Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; the Hon. James Hozier, Grand Master of Scotland; the Lord Mayor of London, Mold, D.G.M. Argentine Republic; Sir J. Dimsdale, P.G.T.; George Everett, P.G.T.; S. Cochrane, P.G.T.; Robt. Grey, P.G.W.; J. L. Thomas, James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, Henry Smith, P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; Rev. H. A. Hebb, F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; Imre Kiralfy, Lennox Browne, P.D.G. Director of Ceremonies; Col. Fitzroy Tower, T. L. Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg.; R. Loveland Loveland, K.C.; John Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; E. Beaumont, D.G. Reg.; J. A. Farnfield, and Dr. V. Kiallmark.

Grand Lodge was crowded.

Bro. Viscount Templetown v as S.G.W., Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton acted as J.G.W., and Bro. Frank Richardson as G.D.C., for Sir Albert W. Woods.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the G. Secretary, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication, so far as they related to the election of the M.W. Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, and these minutes were put by Earl Amherst and confirmed.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON then proclaimed the Duke of Connaught as duly installed M.W. Grand Master. He then called on the brethren to salute the Hon. James Hozier, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, which they accordingly did.

The Hon. JAMES HOZIER rose and came forward to the front of the dais and said: M.W. Pro Grand Master and brethren all, I thank you, on my own behalf, in the first place, for the very great kindness and cordiality of your greeting, and, in the second place, I take leave, on behalf of the 100,000 Masons holding under the Scottish Constitution at home, in India, in the Colonies, and foreign parts, to thank you for the heartiness of your greeting. (Cheers.)

Earl AMHERST next announced that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint him Pro Grand Master.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON proclaimed his lordship, and the Pro G.M. was saluted as such.

Earl AMHERST: Brethren, I greet you well. His lordship then said that the M.W.G.M. had been graciously pleased to appoint the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master, and

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON proclaimed him.

His Lordship next invested the following Grand Officers:

Bro. Viscount Templetown ...	...	S.G.W.
" K. S. W. Cornwallis ...	...	J.G.W.
" Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart. ...	...	G. Chaplains.
" Rev. W. C. R. Bedford ...	...
" Horace Brooks Marshall ...	...	G. Treasurer.
" John Strachan, K.C. ...	...	G. Registrar.
" J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C. ...	...	Dep. G. Registrar.
" E. Letchworth, F.S.A. ...	...	G. Sec.
" Edmund Pontifex ...	...	S.G. Deacons.
" F. Woodhouse Braine ...	...
" Col. Charles Robert Lyne ...	...	J.G. Deacons.
" C. D. Cheetham ...	...
" T. Taylor ...	...	G. Supt. of Works.
" P. Scratchley ...	...
" Henry L. Florence ...	...	G.D. of C.
" Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), K.C.B. ...	...
" K.C.M.G. ...	...	G.D. of C.
" Frank Richardson (acting) ...	...
" E. Roehrich ...	...	Dep. G.D.C.
" W. A. Hart ...	...	Asst. G.D.Cs.
" John Stocker ...	...
" W. A. Dawson ...	...	G.S.B.
" Col. C. M. Molony, C.B. (late R. Artillery) ...	...
" Lieut.-Col. G. W. Dixon ...	...	Dep. G.S.B.

Bro. James Whittaker Burgess	...	...	G. Std. Brs.
" Charles Pulman	...	...	"
" H. Walmesley Little, Mus. Doc.	...	...	G. Org.
" William Lake	...	...	Asst. G. Sec.
" C. Kupferschmidt	...	...	A.G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" C. Felton Lancaster	...	...	G. Purst.
" William Kipps	...	...	Asst. G. Purst.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	G. Tyler.

The G. SECRETARY read the list of new Grand Stewards, which Earl Amherst said the M.W. Grand Master had approved of, as follows: Bros. Benn Wolfe Levy, F.S.A., 1; Herbert Francis Manisty, K.C., 2; Chetham Ellis, 4; Lieut.-Col. Charles D. Leyden, 5; Philip Herbert Martineau, 6; Edwin Easton, 8; Richard Downe Hancock, M.A., 14; Major Richard L. S. Badham, 21; Jocelyn Brandon, 23; William Hastings Beaumont, 26; Arnold Muir Wilson, 29; Charles Cockburn, 46; William Horace Charles Crump, 58; Herbert William Freshwater, 60; Alfred James Thomas, 91; Gerald Duckworth, 99; Frederick Neild, 197; and Lionel Edward Marmaduke Darell, 259.

Earl AMHERST next stated that in consequence of the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia having merged in the newly constituted Grand Lodge of Western Australia before R.W. Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, K.C.M.G., the late District Grand Master, had served as such the period of three years necessary to qualify him to assume the rank of Past District Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been graciously pleased to confer on him the rank and dignity of Past District Grand Master as from the date of his ceasing to be the District Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet provided by the Grand Stewards.

The toasts followed.

Earl AMHERST, in proposing "The King and the Craft," said that for the first time he supposed in the memory of the oldest Mason in the company the first toast at Grand Festival was no longer given in the old terms. In a very few days Masons would take their mourning insignia off, but he thought many years would elapse before the name of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which had been associated with them, would be forgotten. They had now to propose "The King," and he must say he thought when he had the honour of attending at St. James's Palace with many other Masons to present the memorial to the King, there was that ring in his response to that presentation that he (Earl Amherst) thought, and others thought no doubt rightly, that betokened a regret in the King's mind that he was no longer their Grand Master. Happily, he was their Protector; they were his loyal subjects, and as such he asked the brethren to drink his health.

Earl AMHERST next proposed "The Most Worshipful Grand Master" who had been elected recently to rule over them. (Applause.) The Duke of Connaught was an experienced Mason; he had been District Grand Master of Bombay and Provincial Grand Master for Sussex for many years, and in both capacities he had shown great skill. Besides which they had the advantage again of having one of the Royal Family at their head, an advantage which was so manifest that even if he had not been the skilled Mason he was they would have been glad to accept him as their Grand Master. Since the brethren had left Grand Lodge an intimation had been received from his Royal Highness that the 17th July, or the week in which the 17th July occurred, would be convenient for him for his installation. This would be held at the Albert Hall; it would give them time to make arrangements, and he thought it would be a gathering which would eclipse the Jubilee year. As gratitude was a lively sense of favours to come, he would give the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst." They had drunk the health of their King, their Protector, and of the Duke of Connaught, their Grand Master. In Earl Amherst they had a Pro Grand Master who had shown as an old Prov. Grand Master those qualities as a governing Mason that they need not fear for the honour and dignity of Freemasonry being safe in his hands. Might T.G.A.O.T.U. long preserve him!

Earl AMHERST, in reply, said he was extremely obliged to the brethren for the kind way they had received the toast, and to the District Grand Master of the Transvaal for the way in which he had proposed it. Of course, there must be a certain amount of work in regulating the affairs of such a large society as the Craft was; at the same time he thought the brethren would agree with him that the prosperity of the Craft was worth all the trouble. There was one thing he would like to say that all the Grand Officers from the highest to the lowest felt that the prosperity of the Craft was a sufficient reward for the exertions they had undertaken. They had been prosperous in the past; he hoped they would be prosperous in the future, and every one of the Grand Officers would agree with him that if that continued it would be an ample return and sufficient reward for any trouble they had.

Earl AMHERST proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges." They had on all these occasions adopted this toast. On this occasion it had a peculiar significance, for they were honoured by the presence of the Grand Master of Scotland. He was sure the brethren would not forget how when Grand Lodge held a special meeting in the Queen's Hall to pass a vote of condolence and congratulation, they were honoured by the presence of two sister lodges—the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, the former of which was represented by the Grand Master of Scotland and the latter by the Grand Master of Ireland. He took this opportunity of telling the Grand Master of Scotland that he (Earl Amherst) on the occasion of the Special Grand Lodge had so much to think of that he forgot to move a vote of thanks—it escaped his recollection; but he thanked him now, and hoped the cordiality with which this toast was drunk would be some amends for the omission on the previous occasion.

Bro. the Hon. JAMES HOZIER, in reply, said he thanked the M.W. Pro Grand Master and the brethren from his heart for the kind and affectionate way they had proposed and accepted the toast; he thanked them on behalf of the sister Grand Lodges, including the Grand Countries Lodge, for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which he had represented since 1899, and therefore was in two centuries and two reigns. Scotland was a comparatively poor country—(laughter)—but Scottish Masons knew what to do with their money—they gave it to Charity. They did not compete with England in numbers, but they were 100,000 strong. Scotland's motto was "Second to None," and its Masons were second to none in enthusiasm for the principles of Freemasonry.

Sir J. B. MONCKTON proposed "The District and Provincial Grand Masters."

Bro. HAMON LE STRANGE, Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, replied. The District and Provincial Grand Masters strove to set an example in the working of the Craft, and to carry out the behests of the M.W.G.M. who had placed them as rulers of districts and provinces; but they one and all did but copy the example set them by one who was nearly the senior Past Master of England, who had occupied more years than he cared to count the throne of the Province of Kent, and if they succeeded in following in his footsteps they would justify the confidence that had been reposed in them.

Bro. MOLD, District G. Master Argentine Republic, proposed "The Grand Officers," but wished the toast had been given to some one better known to them than one who had come from such a long distance. From what he had seen of the Grand Officers, however, and from a communication he had had outside, he had the greatest pleasure in proposing the toast.

Bro. CORNWALLIS, J.G.W., replied. He had sympathy with the proposer of the toast, who had taken Grand Officers upon trust. Speech was silver, and silence was golden; and he had never worn so much gold in his life—therefore he would be brief. On behalf of the Grand Officers he would say they could only answer for the future, and they made this promise—that they would do their very best to uphold the honour of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. T. L. WILKINSON, P.D.G. Reg., proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G., replied, and reminded the brethren that the Girls' School Festival would take place on May 8th, and that the Pro Grand Master would preside. He would inform the Grand Master of Scotland that the Masons of England also knew what to do with their money, and they gave it to the three Charities.

Earl AMHERST proposed "The Stewards," who took upon their shoulders the burden of providing for the comfort of the brethren. In times past they had had to thank many, but the brethren to-night would agree with him that they had provided most handsomely. He thanked them for the trouble and expense they had been put to.

Bro. SPENCER NORRIS, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, replied, thanking his brother Stewards for their exertions, and especially Bro. Husbands, the Secretary.

The brethren with Earl Amherst at their head, then proceeded to the Temple, where a grand concert was given under Bro. William Henry Thomas, Grand Organist, the executants being Miss Evangeline Florence, Miss Florence Holderness, Miss Clara Priddell, Miss Ethel Bevans, Madame Juanita Jones, Mr. Thomas Thomas, Mr. Ben Johnson, Bro. Arthur Oswald, the Guildhall Glee Singers (Bros. Sydney Hart, Cyril Flamstead, Gilbert Locker, and Montague Borwell). Mr. Arthur Payne was violinist, and Bro. Harry Tipper played the bells.

THE GRAND OFFICERS.

THE GRAND WARDENS.

The Right Hon. Viscount TEMPLETOWN, who was appointed to the office of Senior Grand Warden last year has been re-appointed and thus enjoys the two-fold distinction, firstly of having occupied the chair of S.G.W. in the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland concurrently, and, secondly, of having filled those positions during the closing year of the 19th and the opening year of the 20th century. The particulars of his lordship's Masonic career were published in our report of Grand Festival last year, and it is unnecessary, therefore, to repeat them.

Bro. FIENNES STANLEY WYKEHAM CORNWALLIS, who for many years was member for Maidstone, was initiated in the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, Maidstone, in 1889, and was installed its W.M. in 1894. In 1897, he helped to found and was installed the first W.M. of the Crane Lodge, No. 2660, Cranbrook. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Montreal Chapter, No. 2046, Maidstone, in 1895, in which year also he had the honour of being appointed Prov. S.G.W. of Kent. He is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. Sir BORRODAILE SAVORY, Bart., is a son of the famous surgeon on whom, in recognition of his eminent services, the honour of a baronetcy was conferred in 1890, and also rector of St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, E.C. He was initiated in the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, on the 8th October, 1895. In 1898, he joined, firstly, on the 28th January, the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, and, on the 21st May, the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Taplow, and the following year had the honour of being installed W.M. of the latter. He was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Buckinghamshire in 1898, and was re-appointed in 1899, and again last year. It was also on the 27th April of last year that he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Studholme Chapter, No. 1591, and is likewise a member of the Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, No. 67. He is a Life and Annual Subscriber of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, and, in 1900, when Lord Addington, Prov. G.M. Buckinghamshire, presided as Chairman at the Festival of the latter Charity, he gave his services as Steward.

Bro. the Rev. WILLIAM CAMPBELL RILAND BEDFORD, Rector of Sutton Coldfield, is a son of Bro. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., who was appointed Grand Chaplain in 1861 and 1862, and is the senior surviving Past Grand Chaplain of England. He has been a Mason for upwards of a quarter of a century, having been initiated in the Warden Lodge, No. 794, Sutton Coldfield, in 1875. He was installed its W.M. in 1881, and three years later was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Warwickshire. He is also a joining member of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry, and of St. Peter, Westminster, No. 1537, is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served as Steward for the Girls' School.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, M.A., J.P., and Sheriff nominate for the City of London, is a son of the late Bro. Horace B. Marshall, who had the honour of being elected Grand Treasurer in 1884. He was initiated in the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, and in 1895, and again in 1896, had the honour of being elected to preside over it as W. Master, his services in this capacity being recog-

nised by his appointment in 1897 as Past Prov. J.G. Warden of Middlesex. He is also a joining member of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, a founder, and the first W.M., of the Streatham Lodge, No. 2729, in 1898, and last year was a founder of the St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817. He was exalted in the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, on the 15th August, 1892, and installed M.E.Z. of Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1745, on the 30th June of last year. But his grandest work has been, as was that of his father before him, in connection with our three great Charitable Institutions, of all of which he is a Patron, and for which he has served in all as many as 36 Stewardships. At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December last he was one of two candidates nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer for the year 1901-2, and at the meeting last month had the satisfaction of being returned by a substantial majority of votes.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. JOHN V. VESEY FITZGERALD, K.C., was initiated in the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, in 1889, and in 1896 was elected and installed its W.M., his services being rewarded by his appointment as Prov. J.G. Warden of Warwickshire. In 1898 he became a founder and was installed as the first W.M. of the Midland and Oxford Bar Lodge, No. 2716. He is likewise a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted as such in the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, in 1890, and in due course was installed in the chair of First Principal Z. for the year 1897-8. In addition, he is a Life Governor of both our Schools, and has served once as Festival Steward for each of them.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. E. A. PONTIFEX was initiated in the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, and was installed in the W. Master's chair in 1881. In 1887 he resigned his membership, but three years later was elected as a rejoining member, and, as far as we are able to say, is still on the roll. He is also a member and P.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, which in 1880 he was nominated to represent on the Board of G. Stewards, and of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, Brighton, while in Royal Arch Masonry he is a P.Z. of Mount Moriah, No. 143. He is a Mark Master Mason, member of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, and has been perfected Rose Croix, while as regards our Institutions he has qualified as Vice-President of both Schools and Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and has served in all four Stewardships, of which two were in respect of the Boys' School and one for each of the other Charities.

Bro. FRANCIS WOODHOUSE BRAINE, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, is a brother of distinction of many years' standing, having been initiated in the St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, as far back as the 1st January, 1874. In 1882 he was chosen to fill the chair as W.M., and represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. In the same year he took a leading part in the foundation of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, and two years later had the honour of being elected to preside over it as W.M. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the St. George's Chapter, No. 5, in 1877, and has twice been elected M.E.Z., namely, in 1884, and again in 1896; while at the present time he is Z. elect of the Cavendish Chapter, No. 2620, in the foundation of which last year he had the satisfaction of bearing a prominent part. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, and has given his services as Steward for both those Charities.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. CHAS. ROBERT LYNE, son, and for several years the Deputy, of Bro. Col. Charles Lyne, who has filled the office of Prov. Grand Master of Monmouthshire for upwards of 30 years, was initiated in the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, Newport, in 1872, and in 1876 was elected and installed its W.M., and appointed Prov. S.G.W. In 1894, on the death of Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., our respected brother was appointed by his father to succeed that eminent and popular Mason as Dep. Prov. G.M. In 1873 he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Silurian Chapter, No. 471, and on the 22nd February, 1895, was installed First Principal Z., while a few months later he was appointed to the chair of Second Principal in Prov. G. Chapter—a position he has continued to fill ever since. He is also a Past M.W.S. of the Ivor-Hael Rose Croix Chapter, No. 34, is a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and has served in all five Stewardships in their behalf.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. CHARLES DARBYSHIRE CHRETHAM, who for several years has been one of the most prominent figures in East Lancashire Masonry, and well deserves the honour now conferred upon him, has been a member of our Society for upwards of 20 years, having been initiated in the Alexandra Lodge, No. 993, Levenshulme, in 1879, and elected to preside over it as W.M. in 1885. He has been thrice awarded Provincial honours, having been made Prov. J.G. Deacon in 1888 and Prov. J.G.W. in 1895, while last year he was advanced to the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden, and still occupies it. He is also a member of Unanimity Lodge, No. 287, Stockport, in the Province of Cheshire. He was exalted in the Chapter of Perseverance in May, 1881, and in November, 1888, was installed in the chair of First Principal Z. The following year he was appointed Prov. G.D.C., and in 1898 Prov. G. Scribe N. Since 1897 he has been Chairman of the Prov. G. Lodge Charity Committee of East Lancashire, and is in addition Chairman of the Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. He is also a Life Governor of both our Schools, and Patron of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, while as regards Festival Stewardship he has served in that capacity twice for the Girls' and twice for the Boys' School, and as many as 14 times for the Old People.

Bro. THOMAS TAYLOR, of Staffordshire, to whose exertions the Girls' School is largely indebted for the very liberal contribution it received from his Province when the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G.M., presided as Chairman, was initiated in the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Hanley, in 1865, and has thus been a member of the Craft for upwards of 35 years. In 1871 he was installed W.M., and in 1896 was elected to the chair of the Gordon Lodge, No. 2149, which some years previously he had helped to found. In 1898 he had a hand in organising the Foster Gough Lodge, No. 2706, which meets in Stafford, and serves to perpetuate the services of the late Bro. Col. A. Foster Gough, a former Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire. In 1872 he was exalted in the Staffordshire Knot Chapter, No. 418, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1880. In the Order of the Temple he is the senior member and P.E.P., and Treasurer of the Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 42, Stoke-upon-Trent, and in 1896-7 was 1st Constable of the Prov. Priory of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, &c., and is a member of the Vernon Rose Croix Chapter, Birmingham. He is Past President of the Staffordshire Masonic Charity Association, and a member of the Election Committee. Lastly, he is a Vice-Patron of both Schools and Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and has given his services as Steward for one or other of them at some 15 or 16 Festivals.

Bro. PHILIP A. SCRATCHLEY was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1876, and, after the manner of so many of its members, joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and in 1887 was installed its W.M. He is also P.Z. of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10; P.M., and in 1888 was S.G.D., in the Mark Degree; is a Past E.P. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory, No. 128, of the Order of the Temple; and Past M.W.S. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Rose Croix Chapter, No. 45. He has served three Stewardships for the Girls' School and one for the Boys' School, and is a Life Governor of both those Institutions.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. EDWARD ROEHRICH, who has been worthily chosen to fill this office, has been close on 30 years a member of our Society and in that time has rendered valuable service both to lodge and chapter and to our Institutions. He was initiated in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, on the 25th January, 1872, and has at different times been elected a joining member of such other well known lodges, as the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, the Lodge of Verity, No. 2739, the Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712, and the L'Entente Cordiale Lodge, No. 2796, and in more than one case has he acted as founder. On the 4th October, 1899, he was installed W.M. of Lodge Verity, and last year as W.M. of the Old Masonians, No. 2700, on the 27th April and on the 3rd December of the L'Entente Cordiale. He was exalted in the United Pilgrims Chapter on the 17th February, 1881, and about two months since was installed First Principal Z. of United Prudence Chapter, No. 12. He is likewise a member of the Bard of Avon Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 44, but he is best known for his generous support of our Institutions, having qualified as a Patron of all three and having served four Stewardships for the Boys' School and three for each of the other Charities.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. WILLIAM ALBERT HART, District Superintendent of the Great Western Railway between Paddington, who in his official capacity has been frequently brought into contact with his Majesty, has been a Mason for the last quarter of a century. He was initiated in the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in 1876. In 1891, he joined the Dene Lodge, No. 2228, Cookham Dene, and was installed its W.M. in 1897. In 1899, he was appointed Prov. G. Supt of Works, Berkshire, and in the course of the same year was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Herschell Chapter, No. 1894, Slough. He is also a Mark Master Mason, and has been perfected Rose Croix, and taken the 30° in the A. and A. Rite. Lastly, he is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served one Stewardship for each.

Bro. JOHN STOCKER, a zealous and prominent member of the Craft in Devonshire, was initiated in St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter, on the 28th March, 1872, and five years later had the honour of being placed in the chair of W.M. He is also an honorary member of several lodges in the Province, and after having been elected Prov. G. Treasurer in 1881, and appointed Prov. S.G.W. in 1890, he was chosen in 1893 to fill, and has ever since held, the onerous and responsible office of Prov. G. Secretary. As a Royal Arch Mason he has won similar distinction. He was exalted in the St. George's Chapter, No. 112, Exeter, in 1893, was installed M.E.Z. in 1882, and the following year was honoured with the appointment of Prov. 1st G.A.S. Since 1896 he has held the post of Prov. G.S.E., and in 1897 was appointed A.G.D.C. in Supreme Grand Chapter. Bro. Stocker is also a member of other branches of Masonry, and has qualified as a Life Governor of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions, and as Life Subscriber of the Girls' School, and has served as Festival Steward for "Our Boys."

Bro. WILLIAM ALFRED DAWSON first saw Masonic light in the Loyal Lodge of Industry, No. 421, South Molton, but his services to the Craft have been rendered for the most part in or near by London. Thus in 1878 he helped to found the Lodge of Progress, No. 1768, and was installed as its first W.M., while in 1882 he took a similarly prominent part in connection with the Eastes Lodge, No. 1965, Bromley, Kent, which was warranted in that year. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes from 1885 to 1887, and has been connected with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement since 1876. He was exalted in the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293, Hampton Court, in 1872, and having joined the Royal Union Chapter, was installed its M.E.Z. in 1883, his services in this capacity being recognised by his appointment as Prov. G. Scribe N. Middlesex in the same year. In 1885 he was installed First Principal of the Burdett Chapter, and has twice since then been chosen to preside over a chapter—in 1898 as M.E.Z. of the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, and in 1899 as the M.E.Z. of La France Chapter, No. 2060. He has rendered further service to this branch of Masonry as a member of Grand Chapter Committee from 1886 to 1891, while in respect of our Institutions he has made himself a Life Governor of all of them, having, in addition, done duty as Festival Steward twice for the Girls' School, once for the Boys' School, and once for the Benevolent Institution.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. CHARLES MILLS MOLONY, C.B., late of the Royal Artillery, was initiated in the St. Mary Abbott's Lodge, No. 1794, on the 9th January, 1890, and has since been elected a joining member, in 1897, of the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094, and, in 1898, of the Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399. He has twice occupied the Master's chair, having been installed in that of his mother lodge on the 7th January, 1898, and in that of No. 2094 on the 5th October of the following year. He was exalted in the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, in June, 1894, and at the present time is the occupant of the Third Principal's chair. He has qualified as a Life Governor of both our Scholastic Institutions, and has served one Stewardship for each of them.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. GEORGE W. DIXON has had a long and varied Masonic career, having been initiated in the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, Windsor, on the 15th June, 1871. In 1874 he was elected and installed W.M., a position he has since occupied in two other lodges, namely, in 1878, in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, which he joined in 1872; and in 1881 in the Gostling Murray Lodge, No. 1871, Hounslow, of which the year previous he had been a founder and the first S.W. He has also been elected a joining member, in 1883, of the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, Aylesbury, and in 1891 of the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, Sutton, in the Province of Surrey. Thus he has been a member of lodges in what are now the four Provinces of Berks, Bucks, Middlesex, and Surrey, as well as in London, and had his services recognised in 1885, when the collar of Prov. S.G.W. of the late Province of Berks and Bucks was conferred on him. He has been equally distinguished in the Royal Arch, to which he was exalted in the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, on the 16th April, 1874. On the 17th October, 1878, he was installed M.E.Z., while in 1885 a like honour was conferred on him in the Buckingham Chapter, No. 391, and, in 1893, he became founder

and First Principal Z. of the Lorne Chapter, No. 1347. For these services he was appointed, in 1883, Prov. Grand Scribe N. of Berks and Bucks, and, in 1894, to the same office in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey. Be it added that he has constituted himself a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served as Steward twice for the Old People and once for each of the Schools.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. JAMES WHITTAKER BURGESS dates his connection with Masonry from the year 1868, when he was initiated in Concord Lodge, No. 757, Bombay, on the 15th February, since when he has joined several lodges, among them being the Stanley Lodge, No. 1325, Liverpool, of which he was installed W.M. in 1877; the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, and the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 292, both meeting in the same city; the Townley Parker Lodge, No. 1032, Chorley, W. Lancs.; the St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 948; and the Concordia Lodge, No. 2492, Wendover, as a founder and its first W.M. in 1894, both in the Province of Buckinghamshire; and of the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, in London. For these services he has on several occasions been awarded Provincial honours, having been appointed Prov. G. Pursuivant and Prov. S.G. Deacon of West Lancashire in 1880 and 1894 respectively, while in the Prov. G. Lodge of Buckinghamshire he has served as Prov. G. Steward (1894) and Prov. J.G. Deacon in 1895, and last year he was elected Prov. G. Treasurer. He is also at present on the Board of General Purposes. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Perseverance Chapter, No. 71, Bombay, under the Scottish Constitution, in 1869, since when he has served as M.E.Z. of the Temple Chapter, No. 1094, Liverpool, and of the Buckingham Chapter, No. 591. In 1895 he helped to found the Royal Albert Edward Chapter, No. 1362, Redhill, Surrey, and the following year the Studholme Brownrigg Chapter, No. 2421, Amersham, Bucks. He was appointed Prov. G. Std. Bearer of West Lancashire in 1887, and Prov. G. Registrar Bucks in 1895, while in 1899 he was made G. Std. Bearer of Supreme G. Chapter. He is also a member of the Palestine Rose Croix Chapter, No. 29. To our Institutions he has subscribed most liberally, and is a Life Governor and has served four Stewardships for the Girls', a Vice-President and five times Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and Vice-Patron, 11 times Steward for, and a member of the Board of Management since 1899, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. CHARLES PULMAN is a Mason of 40 years' standing, having been initiated in the St. James' Union Lodge, No. 180—then No. 211—in 1861. He has also had a varied experience, having joined the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, in 1869, and been installed its W.M. in 1878; while, in addition, he has been a joining member of Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, in 1870, meeting in London; of the Bisley Lodge, No. 2317, which he helped to found in 1889, and which meets at Woking, in the Province of Surrey, and of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1712, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in that of Northumberland. In 1886 he was appointed Prov. S.G. Deacon Northumberland, was a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1896-97, and of the Board of Benevolence in 1898-99. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Humber Chapter, No. 57, Hull, in the Province of N. and E. Yorkshire, in 1865, and installed M.E.Z. in 1880, while he was a founder and served as M.E.Z. of the Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, and a founder and, in 1893, M.E.Z. of the Bisley Chapter, No. 2317, and the same year was made Prov. G. Prin. Soj. Surrey, while in 1898 he was appointed Asst. G.D. of C. in Supreme G. Chapter. He is a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and has served thrice as Steward for the Boys' School, and twice in the same capacity for each of the other Charities.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. HENRY WALMSLEY LITTLE, Mus. Dr. (Oxon), and Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music, was initiated in the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, on the 26th October, 1878, and, in 1886, became founder and was installed the first W.M. of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, while two years later he had the honour of being elected and installed as Master of his mother lodge. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, and presided over it as First Principal Z. in 1892-3, while in the interval between these two events—in 1889—he became a founder and was installed as First Principal Z. of the Sterndale Bennett Chapter. Bro. Little is a Life Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. GEORGE FELTON LANCASTER, upon whom this office has been conferred, has figured as a prominent member of the Craft in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight during the last 30 years, having been initiated into Freemasonry in the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, in October, 1870. In January, 1875, he was installed in the Master's chair. Since then he has been, in 1877, a founder and first Treasurer of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705, Gosport; a joining member of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604; a founder and first S.W. in 1883, and the following year W.M., of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Landport; a founder of the Hope Lodge, No. 2153, Gosport, in 1886, and, in 1894, a joining member of the Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528. He has been on several occasions the recipient of Provincial honours, having been appointed Prov. G. Steward of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in 1872, Prov. J.G. Deacon in 1878, and Prov. G. Registrar in 1886; while since 1890 he has filled the office of Prov. G. Secretary of his Province, and in that capacity has assisted in editing the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Calendar. Equally conspicuous have been his services in Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 342, Portsmouth, in 1873. In 1876 he assisted in founding, and in 1879 was installed M.E.Z. of the Gosport Chapter, No. 903; in 1881 he was installed in the same office in No. 342; while, in 1882, he became M.E.Z. of the United Service Chapter, No. 1428, Portsmouth, which four years previously he had helped to found. He was also one of the Charter members of the Wansfell Chapter, No. 2745, Ambleside, which was constituted as recently as last month. In the Grand Chapter of his Province he has been appointed successively Prov. G.S.B. in 1876, Prov. G. Prin. Soj. in 1878, and Prov. G.J. in 1884, and since 1891 he has held the office of Prov. Asst. G. Scribe E. concurrently with that of Prov. G. Asst. Secretary in Craft Prov. G. Lodge. Nor have his services been restricted to Constitutional Masonry. He is the senior P.M. of Mark Lodge, Phoenix, No. 2, Portsmouth, and Gosport, No. 305, and senior P.C.N. of the Gosport Lodge, No. 305, of Royal Ark Mariners; has been appointed Prov. G.I. of Wks. in 1875 and 1876, Prov. G.M.O. in 1879, and Prov. J.G.W. in 1882, and in 1887, the year of the late Queen's Jubilee, had conferred upon him the brevet rank of Past J.G. Overseer of England. He is Past M.W.S. of the Royal Naval Rose Croix Lodge, No. 9, Portsmouth, in the A. and A. Rite; in the Order of the Temple, P.E.P. and Registrar of the Royal Naval Preceptory, No. 2, Prov. Vice-Chancellor Hampshire, and Past Gt. A.D.C. of Sovereign Great Priory. He is likewise a Past G. Officer of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters and Allied Masonic Degrees; and to crown all, is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has served three Stewardships for the Old People and one for each of the Schools.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. WILLIAM KIPPS, the new Asst. G. Purs., has been a member of our Society for 30 years. He was initiated in the Star Lodge, No. 1275, in June, 1875, and was installed W.M. in 1880, and he joined the Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, and was elected and installed its W.M. in 1878; while in 1877 he served as W.M., and in 1898 as acting W.M., of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, in the forming of which he took part in 1875. In 1877 he was appointed Prov. G. Organist of Kent, and is a present member of the Board of General Purposes. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, and in 1881, and again in 1893, occupied the chair of M.E.Z. In the Mark Degree he is founder and P.M. of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 332, Past Prov. J.G.O. Kent; a P.M.P.S. of the Invicta Conclave of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; and Past G. Organist of that Order; and a member of the Cœur de Lion Rose Croix Chapter, No. 105; and has taken the 30° in the A. and A. Rite. Lastly, he is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has served as Steward twice for the Old People and once for each of the Schools.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 1st prox.:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 16th January, to the 16th April, 1901, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£158 7 5	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£375 11 8
" " Account	236 15 0	" Balance	322 11 4
" Subsequent Receipts..	536 11 7	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	233 11 0
	£931 14 0		£931 14 0

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

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

1st. From Comps. Babington Boulton, as Z.; Charles S. Cox, as H.; William Johnson Anderson, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, Bishop Auckland, to be called the Babington Boulton Chapter, and to meet at Bishop Auckland.

2nd. From Comps. John Matthews, as Z.; William Priestnall, as H.; James Hampton Lee, as J.; and 13 others, for a chapter to be attached to the Widnes Lodge, No. 2819, Widnes, to be called the Widnes Chapter, and to meet at the Central Hotel, Widnes.

3rd. From Comps. Charles G. Hatt, as Z.; John Worth, as H.; Frank Lloyd Palmer, as J.; and 17 others, for a chapter to be attached to the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, London, to be called Earl's Court Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London.

4th. From Comps. Nicholas Peter Le Cocq Barbenson, as Z.; Edgar William Livesey, as H.; Nicholas William Gaudion, as J.; and 21 others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. Ann's Lodge, No. 593, Alderney, to be called St. Ann's Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Oliver-street, Alderney.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Hope Chapter, No. 574, from the Temperance Hall, to the Masonic Hall, Newbury.

The Whittington Chapter, No. 862, from Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to Freemasons' Hall, London.

The Willesden Chapter, No. 2489, from Freemasons' Hall, to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

The Chapter of Temperance, No. 169, from the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, to the Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, London.

The Camden Chapter, No. 704, from Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
20th April, 1901.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

Craft Masonry.

York Lodge, No. 236.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 15th instant, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Edwd. S. Robinson, W.M.; O. G. Taylor, S.W.; J. S. Shannon, J.W.; G. Potter-Kirby, Treas.; T. C. Thompson, Sec.; A. G. Rayner, S.D.; F. W. Cull, S.D.; J. H. Wray, I.G.; Watson Hirst, D. of C.; D. C. Larg and H. H. Burrow, Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; W. S. Laley, Asst. Tyler; J. A. Askew, I.P.M.; M. Bryson, P.M.; A. Procter, P.M.; H. Foster, P.M.; F. A. Camidge, T. Parker, W. H. Humphreys, G. H. Osborn, G. Sharp, G. Sykes, J. B. Inglis, H. A. Phillips, J. H. Hastings, N. T. Crombie, A. McLaurie, H. D. Thompson, and S. Needham. By the invitation of the York Lodge the following brethren of Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York: Bros. B. Kilvington, W.M.; C. Garrod, S.W.; H. L. Challenger, J.W.; T. Welburn, S.D.; J. S. Spetch, P.M.; F. H. Vaughan, P.M.; E. Lansdowne, C. Pinder, J. W. Dixon, E. Tilke, R. H. Wisker, J. Kay, J. Mais, and C. A. Pfluger, Sec. There were also present the following visiting brethren: Bros. Capt. D. Grant, 972; E. G. Parker, 1045, P.P.S.G.D.; and H. Lane Smith, 1001.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read by the Secretary, and confirmed. A successful ballot was taken for Mr. Leonard Procter, who was initiated by his brother, Bro. Alfred Procter, the J.W. presenting the working tools, and the charge being ably and impressively given by the W.M. Bro. F. A. Camidge was then passed to the F.C. Degree by the W.M., the J.W. presenting the working tools. The Secretary afterwards directed the attention of the lodge to a communication received at a previous lodge from the York Lodge, No. 197, New York City, which ran as follows:

"Preamble and Resolution adopted at a stated Communication of York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons, Masonic Hall, New York City, February 8th, 1901 A.L. 5901.

"Whereas in the Providence of God, and in the course of wise nature Victoria, the noble Queen of Great Britain, has entered into rest after a reign of unprecedented splendour and progress, and of unexampled purity and justice, wherein doth repose the

glory and royalty of rulers; whereas the womanly Queen Victoria was an unchallenged descendant, in the direct line of the famous House of York, the House of the White Rose, which in the renown of statecraft and in valour or arms, no less than in the more prolific arts of peace, excelled among many illustrious lines of Kings, and from which ancient and distinguished House York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, U.S.A., derives its name and inherits much honour, therefore be it resolved that York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons, duly constituted and assembled, doth hereby register its deep sorrow and loss in the death of the august Queen and illustrious woman Victoria, who has by her example and encouragement fostered the growth of civil and religious liberty and promoted amity and concord among the nations of the earth, thereby justly earning the lasting regard and respect of the entire world; and be it further resolved that York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons, doth hereby express its sympathy with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, his Majesty King Edward VII., King of England and Emperor of India, in the intense bereavement and grief which has come to him and to his House in the sad death of his esteemed and honoured mother, and be it further resolved that the York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, U.S.A., hereby extends to the York Lodge, No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons, in York, England, its sincere condolence and sympathy for the personal loss sustained at the decease of its gracious Queen and patron.

(Signed) "DAVID J. DE CLARCK,
"Secretary."

The document was sealed with the seal of the lodge, the emblem of which is the White Rose.

The Secretary stated that the Committee appointed by the lodge to frame a suitable reply to the above resolution had met and prepared the same, which ran as follows:

"City of York, England, to wit.

"The 18th day of March, A.L., 5901.

"The W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the York Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 236, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, in regular Lodge assembled, having received from the York Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 197, of New York City, in the United States of America, a fraternal communication upon the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, expressing its sympathy with his Majesty King Edward VII., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of England, in his bereavement, and extending its sincere condolence and sympathy with the Brethren of this Lodge, do hereby convey to the Brethren of their sister Lodge in New York their sincere appreciation of the truly Masonic feeling which has prompted them to so kindly and generous an expression of sentiment upon the sad and solemn event, which has brought sorrow upon the Royal House of England, and profound grief to the Brethren of the Lodge. They desire also to express the hope that the fraternal relations existing between the two Lodges may be continued and cemented, and they beg their brethren of York Lodge, No. 197, to accept their hearty good wishes.

"EDWARD S. ROBINSON, W.M.

"OLIVER G. TAYLOR, S.W.

"J. S. SHANNON, J.W.

"TOM C. THOMPSON, Sec."

The Secretary was instructed to forward the reply, together with a copy of Bro. the Dean of York's sonnet, and other Masonic matter likely to be of interest to the New York brethren. Bro. G. Potter-Kirby, Treas., alluded to the great loss sustained by the Province of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire in the death of Bro. Cowper, Charity Representative to the province. After recalling the eminent services rendered by the late Bro. Cowper, and paying a tribute to his unflinching courtesy and kindness to each and all of his brethren, the Treasurer moved that a vote of condolence and sympathy be adopted and forwarded to his widow from the York Lodge. Bro. F. W. Laughton seconded the resolution, which was supported by the W.M., and carried in silence, the brethren upstanding.

After the closing of the lodge the W.M. welcomed and entertained the visiting brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and other visitors.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and harmony afforded by Bros. Sample, B. Kilvington, W.M. 1611, Russell, Larg, and others.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. H. MARRISON.

This happy meeting was held by dispensation at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 18th instant, and fully maintained the high reputation of this South London lodge. Present: Bros. J. S. Pointon, W.M.; C. H. Marrison, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Weddall Thomas, I.P.M.; H. Sercombe, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec.; L. Maybaum, S.D.; J. Frampton, J.D.; J. Lightfoot, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Lee, I.G.; E. C. L. Hawley, Org.; W. G. Ford and H. H. Bolton, Stwds.; H. D. Tredray, A.D.C.; T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; R. Anderson, P.M.; F. E. Pow, P.M.; W. H. Hook, P.M.; A. H. Fraser, P.M.; W. Holmes, R. Woodgate, J. H. Buckingham, H. Hayward, J. Merrill, W. Nye, A. J. Elliott, J. E. Danton, J. E. Poole, W. A. Abel, H. J. Andrews, J. W. Woodward, J. E. Wiberg, J. Hart, A. C. David, J. A. May, and J. H. Newman. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.I.B.; F. Neale, P.M. 1931; J. R. Omer, P.M. 1259; M. Tuck, S.W. 1364; J. S. Smith, 1658; W. T. Guzma, 1706; F. Dearing, P.M. 2384; R. C. Hawkins, 2427; H. C. Gurney, S.D. 1861; J. G. Young, 749; H. Wybrow, 765; J. Cayley, 839; C. L. Johnson, S.D. 839; R. Sanbland, J.W. 2598; Blewett Faulk, 1625; J. Cockburn, P.M. 1369; J. R. Rutter, P.M. 1369; H. Taylor, W.M. 1364; H. L. Pound, Stwd. 19; J. Westmoreland, 1259; H. P. White, S.D. 1541; J. Witherby, 186; G. M. Hayman, S.D. 2550; C. J. Fordham, J.D. 2589; G. E. Halhild, P.M. 1360; F. Flood, P.M. 1929; F. H. Ford, P.M. 2381; Geo. E. May, 2272; J. Wortley, P.M. 2222; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 597, I.P.M. 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was presented and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position, one specially praiseworthy feature being the substantial balance in the Benevolent Fund. Bro. John Lightfoot, P.M., D.C., next presented the W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. Marrison, to the W.M., Bro. J. Pointon, to receive from him the benefit of installation, which was performed in a Board of 21 Installed Masters in a very exemplary manner, for which he was specially commended and thanked. The new W.M. installed his officers as follows in a perfect and very graceful manner: Bros. Hy. Sercombe, S.W.; L. Maybaum, J.W.; Wm. Wills, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Wimble, P.M., Sec.; J. Lightfoot, P.M., D.C.; J. Frampton, S.D.; W. H. Lee, J.D.; H. D. Tredray, I.G.; W. G. Ford, Asst. D. of C.; H. H. Bolton, J. Hart, and G. F. Cutts, Stwds.; E. C. L. Hawley, Org.; and Thos. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were very ably rendered by the Installing Master. A ballot was taken for Mr. J. Herbert Newman, which proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated into the ancient mysteries by the W.M., in a most impressive and faultless manner. A candidate was also proposed for the next meeting, which augurs well for the lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, it was adjourned, and the brethren retired to the banquet hall, where ample justice was done to the viands.

The cloth removed, the W.M. rose and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In giving "His Most Gracious Majesty the King and the Craft," the W.M. remarked that all felt proud of his Majesty and the admirable manner he had performed his duties as Grand Master; and now that he was Protector of the Order the cause of Freemasonry would continue to flourish, which could only be expected from such a noble monarch.

The toast was drunk most loyally.

In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," the W.M. remarked that his Royal Highness's Masonic record was an excellent one, and showed that he would make a good ruler in the Craft, especially by following in the footsteps of his illustrious brother, his Majesty the King.

The W.M. also gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and other Members of the Royal Family," and remarked he was sure he was only expressing the sentiments of all present that from the moment her Majesty had become one of the Royal House she had endeared herself to all whom she had come in contact with.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past." As to the Pro G. Master and the Dep. G. Master the Craft was to be congratulated upon having two such distinguished noblemen who so ably assisted the Grand Master. The other Grand Officers were ever ready to give their valuable time

for the benefit of the noble Institution of Freemasonry, and were anxious for its welfare. The lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., who was a most highly distinguished member of the Craft, and he coupled his name with the toast.

Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., in reply, said it was a very high honour to respond for the Grand Officers. Of Earl Amherst and the Earl of Warwick the Craft was proud of such two distinguished noblemen. The Pro G.M. was a veteran in the cause of Freemasonry, and had presided over the Province of Kent for at least 40 years; and also the Dep. G.M. was highly esteemed in the Province of Essex. While the G.M. had such brethren to assist him the cause of Freemasonry must flourish. The rest of the Grand Officers were ever ready to give their assistance and time to promote the interests of the Craft, and he thanked the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. J. Pointon, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he was sure it would be received with that enthusiasm it deserved. It gave him extreme pleasure in placing it before the brethren, and would ever be remembered by him, for the brethren had witnessed the excellent work that evening of the W.M. in initiating a brother so soon after his installation. The ceremony had been carried out with marked ability and impressiveness. It was indeed to him a great privilege to install one so worthy as Bro. Marrison, who had so closely followed him in the various offices in the lodge during the past seven or eight years. They were all proud of their W.M., and felt they had entrusted the management of the lodge to one who would in every way maintain the dignity of the high position to which they had elected him, and they all wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

In reply Bro. Marrison, W.M., said he was indeed proud to occupy the position of Master of his mother lodge, and felt it was an honour to succeed such a splendid Mason as Bro. Pointon, I.P.M. He said he would do all in his power to further the interests of the Selwyn Lodge. It would be difficult for him to shine brightly at the banquet-table, but in the work, whatever was brought forward in good men and true, he would carry out the duties in the same admirable manner as his predecessors had done.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Installing Master," and remarked that all would agree that the installation ceremony had never been carried out in a more impressive manner. The I.P.M. had preceded him in the various offices of the lodge, and the W.M. was indeed proud to think that Bro. Pointon had performed the office of installation, a ceremony he should long remember. In recognition of his splendid service to the lodge during the past year, the W.M. had the pleasing duty to present the Past Master's jewel and collar and jewel, with the earnest hope of all the brethren that the I.P.M. would have good health and live long to wear the same in the Selwyn Lodge, and enjoy the same happy associations in the future as in the past.

In reply, Bro. J. Pointon, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for the kind and affectionate manner the toast had been proposed, and also the brethren for their hearty reception of the same. He repeated what he had many times told them before that he most heartily thanked them for their many kindnesses always shown him, and also for the splendid jewel which he should prize among his many treasures. It would remind him of the many happy hours spent in the lodge and be a token of their good feelings towards him, which would never be forgotten. He made a very touching appeal to the brethren on behalf of Bro. Campbell, who was struck down with paralysis, and said it was the bounden duty of all the Selwyn brethren and friends to support him to their utmost. He hoped the brethren would use strenuous efforts to secure his election to the Benevolent Institution next month. He ventured to hope that all would lend a helping hand to so worthy a brother, who had performed his duty as a man and Mason for nearly 20 years. He again congratulated the W.M. upon his position, and also expressed his gratitude for the splendid reception given him as Installing Master.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Initiate" in most cordial terms. He said he had known him for many years, and was confident he would prove an excellent Mason.

Bro. Newman most ably responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially proposed by the W.M., and had a most hearty reception.

The toast was effectively and fully responded to by Bros. H. G. Taylor, G. G. May, J. Rutter, E. Witherby, and F. Flood, all congratulating the W.M. upon his position, and the splendid work he had exhibited in the lodge.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was most ably presented by the W.M., who said the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge had done their duty nobly, and had sent up to the noble Institutions more than 1000 guineas.

The toast was most forcibly responded to by Bro. McLeod, who among his many remarks paid a high compliment to the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions, and also enlarged on the splendid work and the results attained in the Boys' School, which had been circulated in the report issued with the votes. He appealed most eloquently on behalf of the Boys' institution, and hoped the brethren would enable the Committee to carry out their noble work with greater results.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were presented in terms of high eulogium, and duly responded to.

The Tyler's toast closed a very successful and happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged, the artistes being Madame Lovenez (loudly encored), Miss Maud Howarth (also well received), and Bros. Otto Dene and Arthur Melrose (also loudly encored). Bro. Blewett Faulk very ably accompanied.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 19th instant, when there were present Bros. J. W. Hainsworth, W.M.; J. Shires, S.W.; C. Reasbeck, J.W.; H. C. White, Sec.; A. W. Fretwell, Chap.; J. Hirst, J.D.; F. H. Buckland, D.C.; King, Charles, and Ord, Stwds.; Mason, Hon. Tyler; J. Marsden, Tyler; E. J. Pratt, Asst. Tyler; W. F. Dutnie, A. W. Snelling, F. Duff, F. E. S. G. W. Laughton, G. Fennell, and F. W. Deighton. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, 2259, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Bland, W.M. 2321.

Bro. Deighton was initiated to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The work was well done by Bro. Frewel, P.A.G.D.C., the address being given by the W.M., and the working tools by the J.W. Ample arrangements are being made for the installation of Bro. Shires, S.W.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. J. BONE.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 15th inst. The ceremony was most ably and efficiently carried out by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. H. Oakley, who installed his successor, Bro. W. J. Bone, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. J. Bone appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Oakley, I.P.M.; A. Duke, S.W.; E. L. A. Munn, J.W.; W. C. Webb, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; G. H. French, Sec.; J. H. Smith, S.D.; G. W. Bentley, J.D.; R. J. Banks, I.G.; H. Jago, P.M., D.C.; A. E. Saxby, Org.; J. Bazley and W. J. Robbins, Stwds.; and G. Smith, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed by the lodge to Bro. C. H. Oakley for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Bone then presented Bro. Oakley with a handsome Past Master's jewel for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

There was a large attendance of members present, including Bros. W. Dart, P.M., P.P.G.F.; J. H. Wickens, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Luxton, P.M.; R. Windbank, P.M.; and H. Jago, P.M. Amongst the many visitors were Bros. Dr. C. Knott, P.M. 342, P.P.G.R.; C. Nock, W.M. 342; F. S. Stebbing, W.M. 804; E. P. Dash, W.M. 903; R. H. Rogers, W.M. 1705; R. H. Platten, 1705, P.M. 158; T. Allway, W.M. 1958; J. McKenzie, W.M. 2153; G. D. Bircroft, P.M. 2153; and many others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given.

An excellent programme of harmony was contributed to by Bros. Adams, J. W. Whitfield, Hoynting, Jenkins, H. G. Graham, E. P. Dash, H. Jago, and C. H. Oakley.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

A "MYSTERY PLAY" IN THE BLACK COUNTRY.

Among the thousands who saw, and the millions who read of the late representations of the world-renowned "Passion Play" of Ober-Ammergau, there were probably but few who thought of the religious drama as a living institution in the very centre of England. It is, nevertheless, a fact that, in the "Black Country" of South Staffordshire the Mystery, or Miracle Play, is to be seen flourishing in rejuvenated vigour, conducted in a distinctly religious spirit, and enjoying no little popularity. We had long been deeply interested in some of the byways of popular sacred literature, finding food for profitable reflection in the rude religious ballads of the peasantry, and revelling in the Coventry and Townley Mysteries; when we chanced upon an advertisement of "The Sacred Drama of Absalom"; to be performed by teachers and scholars of a Sunday school, about six miles from Birmingham. It was Gunpowder Plot day; and we journeyed to the scene of action through a region alarmingly suggestive of Dante's Inferno amidst a drizzling rain that might have ensured the harmlessness of Guy Fawkes and all his magazine. Ascending an outside stairway, we found ourselves in an irregularly-shaped room, lighted by six burners, and crowded to its utmost capacity with about 230 persons, who had paid 3d. or 6d. each for admission. There was a sprinkling of boys and girls, a large proportion of women, and a good number of men—colliers, iron-workers, and the like: a *bona-fide* working class audience. At one end of the room was a permanent platform, about a foot high. This served for a stage. It was screened off with coarse ticking, the stripes running horizontally, of which, the middle portion being drawn up, revealed a set of side-wings of red glazed calico. There being no footlights, the stage was lighted by two gas burners from above. At the back were two windows, shaded with lace curtains; between them hung a mirror, which was removed when the action was supposed to be out of doors. With one exception there was no attempt at scenery. On the rising of the curtain we see the entire company grouped upon the stage; they are young people, ranging in age from 16 to 25, fair samples of the rude, plain spoken, but warm-hearted lads and lasses of the village. The superintendent is a respectable elderly man, well-known as an effective, though uncultured preacher. He announces a familiar hymn, which is heartily sung to an excruciating tune, well accompanied, however, by a working man, on a fairly good harmonium. He next calls on one of the company to offer prayer, after which an extempore prologue invites attention to the moral teaching of what is to follow. The preliminaries conclude with a song of the conventional Sunday-school type on the duty of obedience to parents; the curtain descends, and a musical interlude fills up the time while the stage is arranged for the first scene. In a few minutes the play begins. Absalom's servant, in his shirt sleeves and a white apron, admits a messenger in black cloth and vest, who brings a private message for the Prince. Enter Absalom, in a robe of pink glazed calico; to him the messenger hints, in a manner sufficiently intelligible to those familiar with the Bible narrative, but scarcely to others, the wrong done by Amnon to his sister Tamar. Absalom, sword in hand, swears the death. *Scene 2.*—Absalom asleep on a couch; stage dark. Enter three angels in white, who sing to the "Spanish Chant" a song about the danger of harbouring revengeful passioins. They retire; Absalom, awaking, soliloquises; he has had a strange dream, but what of that? For two years Tamar has endured her wrongs in silence; dream, or no dream, she shall be avenged. Lights up. Enter the messenger, now regularly installed as Absalom's servant. With much unnecessary display of swords he is instructed when and how to kill Amnon. *Scene 3.*—The two servants, in their shirt sleeves, but each with a sword at his side, are spreading a table with eatables, knives and forks, plates, glasses, and mugs. One remarks that Amnon's time is drawing near; the other proposes to warn him; the first, with an ominous grip of his sword, bids his fellow "keep a still tongue in his head." Enter Absalom, as before, and warns his servant that, if he fail in his task, it will be at his peril. Sundry guests enter in ordinary dress, with the addition of belts and swords; Amnon is conspicuous from wearing his hat—a hard felt. Absalom salutes them all, and Amnon in particular. They sit at table, eat and drink, and talk of sheep and crops—the talk being extemporised. Several toasts are drunk, and the scene is protracted to a wearisome length. Ultimately Amnon, being well plied with wine, becomes unmistakably drunk; and, at a signal from Absalom, the servants kill him. General scramble and much flashing of swords, and the guests retire in confusion. Absalom standing, sword in hand, over the body of Amnon, exclaims, "Now, my sister thou art avenged." *Scene 4.*—The wise woman of Tekoa in a black straw hat, with a wide brim, *tête-à-tête* with Joab, in a dark frock coat buttoned up to the chin, a cap with a red band, and two medals on his breast. He instructs her as to the disguise in which she is to speak a parable to David. *Scene 5.*—David in a red tunic, with white facings, shawl-pattern dressing-gown, and gilt paper crown, is sitting moodily at a table. Unseen voices sing to the tune of *Happy Land*; the burden of their song is "David forgive;" but David soliloquises, "Absalom beware." Enter the woman of Tekoa in widow's weeds. She, by a parable, pleads for the pardon of Absalom, Joab is summoned to whom David gives permission to bring Absalom back to Jerusalem, but will not see his face. The whole dialogue in this scene was taken verbatim, from the Bible, and was so well recited that at the close of the widow's speech, we were conscious of an unusual moisture about the eyes; but what followed was exceedingly ludicrous. To Absalom enters a servant, who narrates the burning of Joab's corn; he has come in all haste after obeying his master in this business, and "expects Joab and his servants are after him." Presently another servant announces the coming of Joab, who complains of wanton damage. Absalom appeases him, and gains his promise to endeavour to bring about a complete reconciliation with the king. *Scene 7* exhibits the reconciliation; it is little more than a tableau, the attitudes apparently studied from a picture of "The Prodigal's return." *Scene 8* presents a grotesque specimen, the only one of the scene-painter's art. Absalom, in his pink calico robe and a black felt hat, is seated reading on a cane bottomed chair, "beside the way of the gate." The gate, which is closed, is of practicable height, apparently about 18 inches wide and located near the inner angle of two bright red brick walls.

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PAINTERS AND OTHER ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

Charles II. took away what he liked, and sent Rogers to Mrs. Oliver, with an option of £1000 or an annuity of £300 for her life; she chose the

latter. Some years afterwards it happened that the King's mistresses, having begged all or most of these pictures, Mrs. Oliver, who was probably a prude, and apt to express herself like one, said on hearing it that, if she thought the King would have given them to such abandoned creatures, he never should have had them. This reached the Court; the poor woman's salary was stopped, and she never received it afterwards. The rest of the limnings which the King had not taken fell into the hands of Mrs. Russell's father. Peter Oliver died about the year 1664, aged near 60, as Vertue says; but this must be a mistake, as his father's drawing at Kensington finished by his son is dated 1616, when by that account Peter was not above 12 years old. From his age, and the story of his widow, it is more likely that he died before the Restoration. Probably the date should be 1654. He was buried with his father in the Blackfriars. As in none of these accounts mention is made of any children of Peter Oliver, we may conclude that Isaac Oliver, glass painter, born in 1616, was son of the younger brother, James. Among the verses printed by the University of Cambridge in 1638, on the death of Mr. Edward King, Milton's Lyridas, one of the English copies is inscribed Isaac Oliver, who is supposed to be the glass painter, and then about the age of 22, as appears from the following inscription on a painted window in Christ Church Oxford, "I. Oliver ætæt suæ 84. anno 1700, pennet deditque." The inscription upon this window is "I. Oliver," which is not necessarily the initial of "Isaac," nor is there any proof that the execution of his gift did not precede the year 1701. The finest specimen of his minute works, sun dials with flies, insects, and butterflies, is (or was) at Northill, in Bedfordshire, in the parlour window of the rectory house. This was probably a present to the rector, as Oliver had been employed to make a window of exquisitely finished emblazoning for the chancel. Both are inscribed "John Oliver fecit 1664." One of his best performances is a sundial, with the arms of Archbishop Sheldon, and a view of the Theatre, Oxford, now in Lambeth Palace. This John Oliver was born in 1616, and was probably the son of one of Isaac's younger sons, who were brought up as painters in miniature (for he speaks of them in his will as artists), and one of them, at least, might have practised drawing, annealing, and staining upon glass. In the beginning of the reign of James I. small portraits, oval or round, and about five or six inches by seven or eight in diameter, were much in usage; of which there still remain some curious specimens in different colleges at Oxford. There is one much smaller of Queen Elizabeth, which came out of a parlour in Kent, in which were likewise many Æsopian figures of animals, placed singly in lozenges. Aubrey, describing Lord Bacon's villa at Verulam, says "that the glass windows of the gallery were all painted, and every pane with figures of beast, bird, or flower; perhaps his lordship might use them as topics for local memory." The name of Oliver appears to have been connected with the arts from the time of James I., to whom John Oliver was master mason, buried in the church of St. Faith, London. His descendant, of the same name, was one of the three Commissioners for regulating the plan of rebuilding London after the fire of 1666. Aubrey says that he was the City Surveyor, and that he became possessed of a great part of the MS. designs and sketches of Inigo Jones. The subject of the window in Christ Church, of which we have before spoken, is St. Peter delivered out of prison; the drawing and execution good, but the colouring in some parts faint.

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THE DOWDESWELL GALLERIES,

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We went last week to the above Galleries. There are now on view a series of water-colour drawings, "Castles, Abbeys, and Minsters," by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hine. There is some careful artistic work by this talented pair. We would especially draw attention to the admirable manner in which the architectural details are given. We noticed with great satisfaction Nos. 2, 3, 7, 11, 12, 14, 20, 22, 24 (charming), 27, 28, 46, 53, and 54. The collection is well worth a visit.

Mr. Vignoles Fisher, at the same Gallery, has a small number of his works—they are generally of merit—we prefer Nos. 4, 5, 9, 24, 26, 29, and 41.

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There is a collection here of most important works, which deserve the attention of the public. We can only briefly mention them: T. S. Robins, No. 1; P. de Went, 4; David Cox, 6, 14, 15, 18; Sutton Palmer, 23, 42; Mrs. Allingham, 24, 46; Birket Foster, 30, 33, 34, 37; A. Tamburne, 36, 38; F. Pradilla, 51; G. G. Kelburne, 56; B. J. Blommers, 60, 61; E. Van Marcke, 71; Sigismund Goetze, 74; T. Sidney Cooper, R.A., 75; J. Gallegos, 76; B. W. Leader, R.A., 77, 88 (very good), 110, 118 (fine); J. Macwhirter, R.A., 78, 86, 102; Les Hermann, 81; Luke Fildes, R.A., 91; Briton Riviere, R.A., 94; Rosa Bonheur, 99; Lord Leighton, 103; Henry Woods, R.A., 106; Peter Granam, R.A., 111; Josef Israels, 116; J. L. E. Meissonier, 120; Sir L. Alma-Tadema, R.A., 122. It is a noble collection of high class art.

TERRY'S THEATRE.

At the above theatre there is now being performed "The Lion Hunters," an English version of Pailleron's famous comedy, "Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie." The translators are Mr. J. T. Green and Miss Martha Leonard. They have been most felicitous in preserving the spirit of the original, its epigrammatic style is cleverly rendered, and the entertainment is of an intellectual nature. The piece has been well cast, so that full justice has been done to it by its able interpreters. Mr. H. B. Irving is entrusted with Bellace—how much he resembles his father, especially in the tone of his voice! Mr. J. L. Mackay, Paul Raymond; Mr. Leslie Keynon, Roger de Ceran; the Duchesse de Reville, admirably conceived by one of our favourite actresses, Miss Susie Vaugnan; Jeanne Raymond, Miss Helen Macbeth; Lucy Watson, the English girl, a would be "bas bleu," Miss Lerne Fitzgerald; and Suzanne de Villiers, the charming ingenue, delightfully played by Miss Nina Boucicault. With such artistes it can easily be imagined how effectively and completely the famed conservatory scene is interpreted. Let none fail to see this sparkling comedy.

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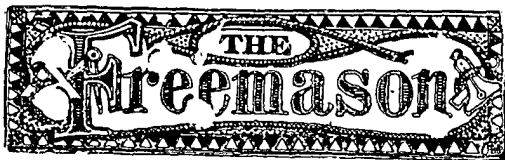
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Masonic Notes.

Grand Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, the 24th instant, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G.M., and when the new Grand Master had been proclaimed and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year appointed and invested, Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where the Grand Feast had been prepared for their entertainment by the Grand Stewards of the year. The usual toasts were honoured, those of his Majesty in his capacity of Protector of the Craft, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.W.G.M., being received with the utmost enthusiasm. Everything passed off admirably, and the Grand Stewards well deserved the hearty thanks accorded them for the completeness and excellence of their arrangements. It was announced in the course of the proceedings that the installation of the Duke of Connaught as M.W.G.M., will take place on some day, yet to be fixed, in the week that includes the 17th July.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 1st prox., the most important business being the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, among whom will be included those who have this week been appointed to office in Grand Lodge, and are eligible to receive corresponding honours in the Royal Arch.

It was mentioned in our recent report of the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland that Comp. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., had found it necessary, in consequence of the state of his health, to resign the office of Prov. Grand Scribe E., which he had held for several years, his services in that capacity being recognised by his appointment to the chair of Prov. Grand Third Principal. We sympathise with our Rev. Companion in the circumstances which have necessitated his retirement from a position in which he has done so much to promote the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in his Province, at the same time that we congratulate him on the honour which has just been conferred upon him; and we sincerely hope he may be spared for many years to enjoy the respect and affection of the members of a Society he has so greatly benefited and adorned.

The voting papers and lists of candidates for the approaching elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which were issued last week, were accompanied by the Audited Statement of Account for the year 1900, and from this there can be no doubt that last year was a most prosperous. For the Male Fund, the Receipts, including £2000 withdrawn from call, amounted to £18,281 11s. 10d., the principal items being donations and Annual Subscriptions, £11,578 6s. 3d.; Dividends, £3556; and the Grants from Grand Lodge and Chapter, reaching together £900. The Expenditure, including £6000 for Purchase of Stock and £2000 placed at call, was £18,117 14s. 5d. The heaviest outlay was £8118 for annuities, the other principal heads of expenditure being Collector's Commission, Salaries in office, Postages and Petty Expenses, Printing, Stationery, &c., Rates and Taxes in respect of Asylum at Croydon, and Work done at same. The Balance in hand on 31st December was £2532 15s. 2d.

As regards the Widows' Fund, the Receipts, including £2000 withdrawn from call, reached £15,494 19s. 8d.; Donations and Annual Subscriptions figuring together for £10,134 7s. 9d.; Dividends for £2263 12s. 11d., and the Grants from G. Lodge (£800) and G. Chapter (£50) for £850. The Expenditure, including £4000 for Purchase of Stock and £2000 placed at call, amounted to £16,402 7s. 10d. Annuities absorbing £8343, while the other big items were, as in the case of the Male Fund, for Collector's Commission, Office Salaries, Postages and Petty Expenses, Printing, Stationery &c., and Rates and Taxes, Asylum, Matron, and Work done at Asylum. The balance remaining in hand on 31st December was £521 7s. 7d. The Sustentation of Building Fund

Account is a small one, but the balance to the good on the last day of the year, added to those on the Male and Widows' Funds, raised the total balance to the credit of the Institution to within a few pence of £3126.

We are glad to see that the Permanent Income of the Institution for the past year amounted for the three Funds to £7596 6s. 5d., and quite recently the Committee of Management have authorised the investment of a further £12,000. Thus, while the heavy claims upon the Institution are regularly met, the permanent resources are being slowly but surely augmented, and for this the Committee are entitled to the hearty congratulations of the friends and well-wishers of the Institution.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will be held in the Belgrave Schools, Bolton-road, Darwen, on Wednesday, the 15th prox. Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m., and all Provincial Grand Officers and the W.Ms., P.Ms., and Wardens of the Private Lodges are summoned to attend. The business on the Agenda is of the usual character, but a motion will be proposed by the Prov. S.G. Warden—Bro. C. D. Cheetam, who has been this week appointed J.G. Deacon of Grand Lodge—to the effect that a grant of £100 be made to the Festival Fund of the E. Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. When the business of Prov. Grand Lodge is over, the brethren will adjourn to the Industrial Hall, where the customary banquet will take place. Tickets, at 6s. each, exclusive of wine, must be applied for of Bro. John Wardley, Arch-street; of Bro. G. G. Sam, Railway-road, Darwen; or the Prov. G. Secretary—Bro. James Newton, Past G.S.B., 23, Silverwell-street, Bolton—on or before Thursday, the 9th prox.

It is announced on the summons convening the above meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge that the Festival in behalf of the Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution of the Province will be held at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, Manchester, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P., Prov. G. Master, on Wednesday, the 26th June, and brethren desirous of tendering their services as Stewards are requested to lose no time in forwarding their names to the Prov. Grand Secretary—Bro. James Newton.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire will be held, on the invitation of the Britannia Chapter, No. 312, at the Church House, Flowergate, Whitby, on Friday, the 3rd prox., at 2.30 p.m., when the officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested, and the usual business of the Province transacted. The customary banquet will be held at the Crown Hotel at 4 p.m., tickets for which, at 3s. 6d. each, should be applied for to the S.E. of the Britannia Chapter not later than Tuesday next, the 30th inst.

The regular stated meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, is due to take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 3rd prox., but doubtless the proceedings will be of a purely formal character out of respect to the memory of Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G. D.C., the Secretary, to whose sad and sudden death we refer in another column. We notice also that the usual announcement has been issued in reference to this year's summer outing of the lodge, which had been arranged to take place at Norwich from Thursday, the 20th, to Sunday, the 23rd June, but these arrangements will also no doubt be affected by the calamity which has just befallen the lodge.

We have been requested to publish the following acknowledgment by his Majesty's Private Secretary (Bro. Sir Francis Knollys) of the address voted to the King by the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in Quarterly Court assembled, on Thursday, the 17th instant:

[COPY].

Sandringham, Norfolk.

Sir Francis Knollys is commanded by the King to thank the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for their Address and kind expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria.

His Majesty desires at the same to convey his sincere appreciation to the Governors and Subscribers for their congratulations on his accession to the Throne.

19th April, 1901.

Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1901-1902." (Bath, Chronicle Office).—This is No. 19 of the series, and has long been edited by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, P.G.D. An excellent portrait of the genial and learned Bro. F. T. Elworthy has been selected as the frontispiece, which will be a special feature of this issue, as the Prov. Mark Grand Secretary is well known in literary circles far beyond the confines of his province. The editing is on the lines of last year, and the 26 lodges are duly described with a fulness of detail always met with in Bro. Edwards' annual. The membership for 1901-2 is 1293, or an average of 50 per lodge. The R.A. chapters are now eleven in number, and the Mark lodges nine, besides which there are three Preceptories, and the same number of Rose Croix chapters. The votes for the Central Masonic Charities run up to 4789, about which, and all else in the province, the editor has ably presented reliable and well-arranged particulars in a most creditable manner.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1901."—Bro. the Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., the Editor of this ever-welcome Annual (which has been issued now for 29 years), has done his best, and done well, on the old lines, the result being a most useful, handy, and generally very accurate publication. It would be well, if somewhere in the work, the Editor noted the total membership of the province, from year to year returned by the 14 lodges, as well as (now given) the number of the votes for the Central Masonic Charities (2792), as then comparisons can be instituted. The province is one of the best managed in England, and all its authorised publications are in the best of form. The R.A. chapters number five, and the Mark lodges six, the latter Degree being very popular in the county. The Portrait is of Bro. F. J. Baines, P.M. 523, who is one of the oldest and respected members of the "John of Gaunt," and is the second of the senior Past Masters. A memoir is given by the Editor, and a few other particulars.

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LADIES' NIGHT.

The annual banquet and musical evening, given in honour of the ladies, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Saturday, the 20th instant, like all previous festive gatherings of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, proved an unqualified success, and was fully appreciated by the 34 ladies and 35 brethren who were present.

Before the arrival of the ladies, at 5.30 p.m., a lodge meeting was held by the brethren, the ceremonies being conducted by the W.M., Bro. Herbert G. Tayler, in his customary highly impressive manner. Business having been concluded, the lodge was closed, and preparations made for the visit of the fair sex, who were received in the Masonic Temple by Bro. H. G. Tayler, the W.M., and Mrs. William Tayler, supported by Bro. John Moore, I.P.M., and the officers of the lodge. The handsome marble facings and tasteful decorations of the Temple met with the high appreciation they so well deserved.

Dinner of a high standard of excellence was served in the large banqueting hall, and reflected much credit upon the proprietors of the Ship and Turtle.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Herbert G. Tayler, W.M.; J. Moore, I.P.M.; M. Tuck, S.W.; G. Jackson, J.W.; the Rev. G. Bell Doughty, B.A., Chap.; H. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Gompertz, P.M., Sec.; A. M. Scarff, S.D.; J. Gennings, J.D.; H. Lowe, P.M., D. of C.; G. Billings, I.G.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex and Herts, Org.; E. J. Anning, P.M.; H. Richardson, P.M.; W. R. Jeffrey, P.M.; H. H. Cooper, P.M.; W. P. Forbes, P.M.; F. H. Mabbet, John Lanyon, J. M. Maynard, W. C. Simpson, H. I. Dormer, G. T. Lupson, R. S. Lowe, J. B. Halcrow, N. G. Anstey, E. J. Hay, F. Britton, A. J. Lindsay-Simpson, T. Leabon, Young, R. H. Goddard, and others.

During dinner the W.M. asked the ladies to accept a small present of a chatelaine bag, as a memento of the occasion.

The toast of "The King and Protector of the Craft" having been ably given and heartily received, "God save the King" was sung by Miss Osborne Williams, niece of the W.M.

The toast of "Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and the rest of the Royal Family," having been given by the W.M., Bro. H. G. Tayler,

Bro. Forbes rose to propose what he considered one of the most important toasts of the evening, that of "The W.M.," to whom they were indebted for the beautiful and artistic menu cards and programmes, and who is held in affectionate regard by the members of the lodge, all of whom most heartily appreciate his perfect Masonic qualities and good work.

The W.M., on rising to respond, met with an ovation. It was a very great honour, he stated, to preside over such a brilliant assembly, and he would look back to it in years to come with the utmost pleasure. It was their hard lot as Freemasons to be debarred from the society of ladies in their regular gatherings, and, therefore, they looked forward with the greatest pleasure to such occasions as the present, when the festive board was graced by their presence. He hoped this dinner and concert would be the forerunner of a series of similar festivities in the future. He concluded by wishing one and all a most enjoyable evening.

Bro. J. Moore, I.P.M., was heartily cheered on rising to propose the toast of the evening—that of "The Health of the Ladies"—and, in a very amusing speech, explained how much the members of the lodge enjoyed these annual gatherings, but pointed out that, from little whispers he had heard, he understood that in their hearts the ladies occasionally had some little misgivings about Masonic meetings. He desired to make it perfectly clear that if it were left to the feelings of the brethren they would wish the ladies to be present on every lodge night, and, in the name of the lodge, he had to thank them for their presence.

Bro. E. J. Anning, P.M., in replying on behalf of the ladies, stated they were much obliged for the entertainment given them, and heartily thanked the members of the lodge for the chatelaine bags, and Bro. Forbes for his beautiful flowers, and they hoped the brethren would not forget these annual ladies' meetings.

Bro. H. H. Cooper, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Gompertz, P.M., Sec., and the Committee, upon whom the whole of the work devolved of making the arrangements necessary to ensure the success of the meeting.

The W.M., in putting the vote, added his testimony to the untiring zeal of Bro. Gompertz, for whom nothing was too much trouble; he added that their thanks were also due to Bro. H. Cooper, P.M., who had given much valuable attention to the necessary arrangements.

The vote was carried at the W.M.'s suggestion by acclamation.

Bro. Gompertz explained that he was amply rewarded in knowing that everything had given such universal satisfaction, and Bro. Cooper also replied in a similar strain.

The company then adjourned to the concert-room, where an excellent entertainment was provided under the direction of Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins. Bros. Sidney Gandy, G. T. Lupson, and Miss Osborne Williams, Bros. Maurice Victor, Robert Grice, and R. H. Goddard, Miss Lowe, Bros. Reg. Lowe, and M. Tuck were among those who contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close one of the most enjoyable and successful ladies' nights ever held by the Earl of Zetland Lodge.

Merton Lodge, No. 2790.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. H. BRAND.

The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Merton, when a large muster of brethren and visitors assisted at the function. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. W. Pillinger, P.M. 902, was the Installing Officer. Present: Bros. T. Holloway, J.W.; T. Skelton, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Sendell, Sec.; Dr. Hargreaves, S.D.; R. Leach, J.D.; J. B. Munday, I.G.; Hopkins, P.M., D.C.; H. G. Crumbleholme, Org.; H. W. Lawrence and W. Poupart, Stwds.; and other members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Nesbitt, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Butcher, P.M. 902; Frank Adams, P.M.; J. Mayo, P.M. 2232; C. H. Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641; F. A. Sherra, S.W. 1608; W. Inman, S.W. 2246; C. Trew, J.W. 55; R. J. Robinson, 515; H. W. Gloster, 2317; F. Smith, 1056; J. Dunk, 1639; W. Evans, 65; J. A. Baker, 2186; H. Chenery, 1319; F. L. Schneider, 2512; E. Young, 1608; W. J. Ross, 2421; and H. Nightingale, 1360.

The ceremonies completed, and the usual business transacted, the lodge was then closed. The brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The King and the Craft," said it was not necessary to dilate upon the many great things his Majesty had done for the Craft. They earnestly hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would give him long life to reign, and, as he was a model prince, might he prove a model king.

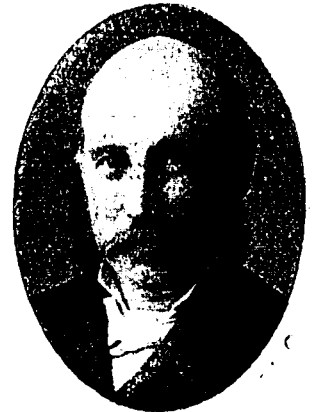
In giving "The M.W.G.M., the Duke of Connaught," the W.M. said his record indicates he will make a good ruler of the Craft, and continue the grand work of Masonry according to principles as practised by his predecessor.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. coupled with it the name of Bro. F. H. Nesbitt, P.A.G.D.C., and said one cannot speak too worthily of their high position, and their excellent example of assiduity in the discharge of their manifold duties.

Bro. Nesbitt, in response, alluded to the beautiful precepts of Masonry, his successful career, and the causes which conduced to it, and exhorted the brethren to make practical use of the principles inculcated within the Craft.



BRO. W. H. BRAND, W.M.



BRO. E. W. PILLINGER, I.P.M.

"The Health of the W.M." was duly proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. E. W. Pillinger, who said he felt sure the toast would meet with hearty acceptance at the hands of the brethren, he (the W.M.) having been one of the most active members of the Merton, contributing time and ability unstintingly, as well as money, in furthering the establishment of the lodge, maintaining the progress of Masonic work, and all matters conducive to its best interests. He had commenced his reign well and auspiciously; and he entertained no doubt whatever that he had the hearty goodwill and best wishes of all members in the onerous discharge of the important duties appertaining to his exalted position, and which all trusted would, at the end of his tenure of office, redound to the advantage of the Order, the satisfaction of the lodge, and to his own lasting credit.

Bro. Brand, W.M., in reply, said he would try to do the work well, feeling sure he had the sympathy of the brethren, and would endeavour to his utmost to uphold the dignity of the lodge, maintaining its harmony and the principles imparted within its borders.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who said it was his privilege and greatest pleasure to propose it, as no W.M. could have done his work more satisfactorily in any lodge, or with greater credit to himself, in fact, he had done too well, as it was impossible for him (the W.M.) to surpass or even equal him; and he asked Bro. Pillinger's acceptance, in the name of the Merton Lodge, of the Past Master's jewel, assuring him, that in the opinion of the brethren, no recognition of services rendered by a W.M. was more worthily deserved than in the present case. "You were the father of the lodge since its consecration, you have acted as parent, and conducted yourself so as to be a pattern for those who have to follow." It was his (the W.M.'s) great privilege to have Bro. Pillinger as the I.P.M., so he could rely on one who had proved himself efficient in the Craft working, and one who was so thoroughly interested in Masonry in general, and particularly in the Merton Lodge.

This toast was followed by musical honours.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he hardly knew what to say in return for the toast so kindly presented by the W.M. in such eulogistic terms, and reciprocated so heartily by all. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the jewel, and should look upon it as a token of the kindly sentiments they entertained towards him in his labours as the first W.M. of the Merton Lodge. He felt he had only commenced and done a work that other brethren would have performed had they similar opportunities; and though at one time during the dreary waiting for the warrant members despaired of a successful issue, he felt confident of securing that object for which all had been striving. Now, however, they were in possession of a most convenient and handsome habitation, well and suitably furnished, with musical ceremonies, a capital balance in hand and no debts, a membership constantly increasing of good and true men, its future progress and stability was assured in the hands of brethren, who would take a pride in the lodge's welfare, be inspired with zeal for its working, and emulate each other in carrying out those excellent precepts inculcated within the precincts of the building, and thus, on the foundations laid, raise a superstructure alike perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders. He most heartily thanked the brethren.

Bros. Inman and Mayo responded for the visitors.

Bros. Skelton, P.M., Treas.; Sendell, Sec.; Holloway, S.W.; and Dr. Hargreaves, J.W., responded on behalf of the officers.

Bro. E. W. Pillinger, P.M. 902, founder and first W.M. 2790; founder Jubilee Master's Lodge; Life Governor of two Institutions; Special Steward Boys' Centenary; instrumental in building the Merton Masonic Hall.

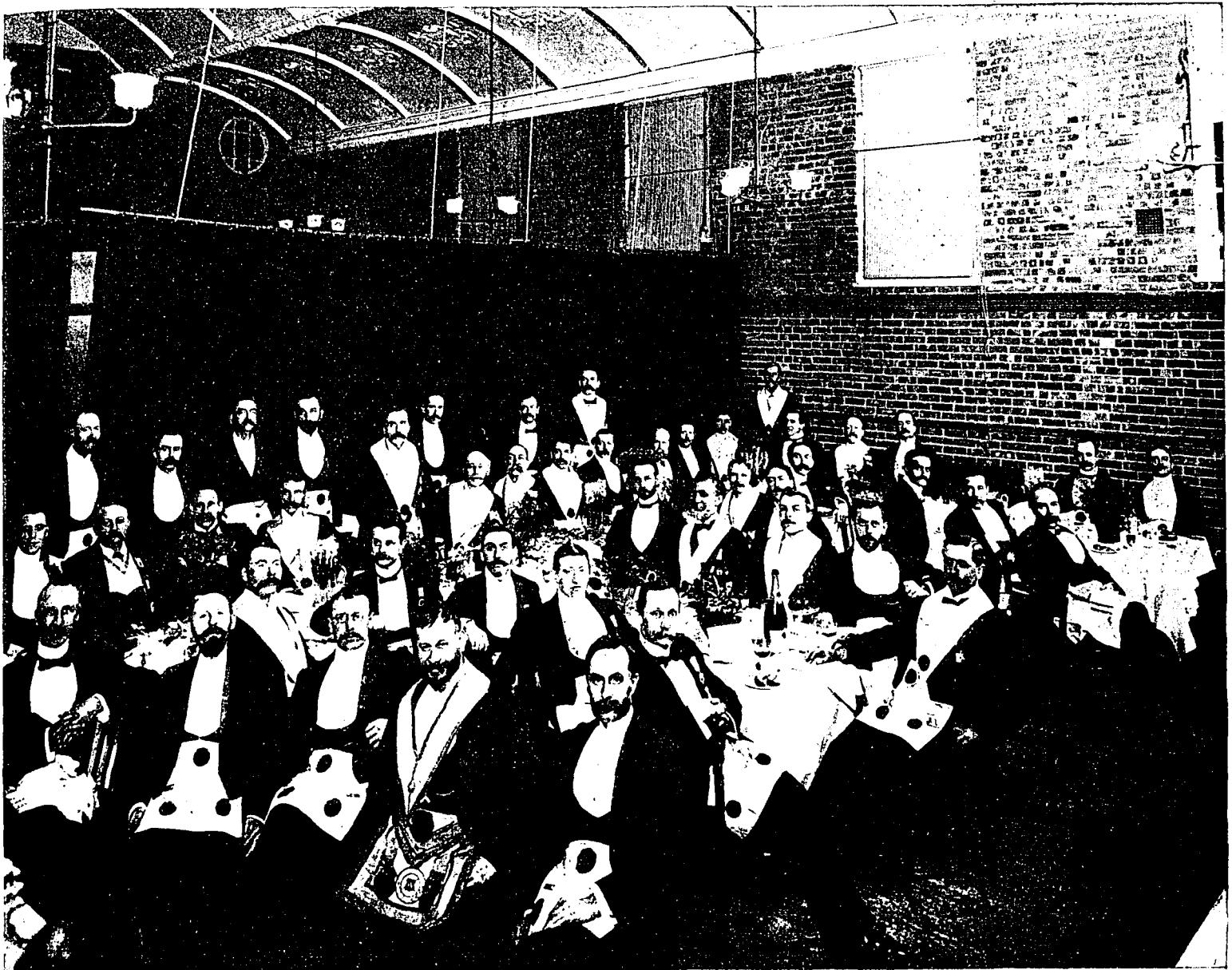


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BANQUET ROOM OF THE MERTON LODGE, NO. 2790.



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BANQUET ROOM OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE, NO. 1599.

Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726. INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALFRED PARKER CATER.

One of the most interesting, and certainly one of the most enjoyable Masonic functions on record held in connection with the above lodge, took place on the 17th instant. Bro. Cater is to be warmly congratulated on having attained the summit of his Masonic ambition on elevation to the Worshipful Master's chair. The time-honoured and ancient festival was held by dispensation at the Oddfellows' Hall, Stafford, with all the splendour and sacred beauty clinging to the mystic Craft. A popular Master of the lodge is an essential for that lodge's prosperity, and No. 726 for many years has been able to congratulate its Worshipful Masters year after year on the zeal and ability with which their duties have been most faithfully carried out. A distinguished body of Masons from all parts of the province and adjoining provinces assembled in honour of the election of Bro. Cater. "My 12 months are expired," said Bro. Potts, who throughout the year has given zealous attention to the work. After the usual business of a routine character, a Board of 25 Installation Masters was formed, consisting principally of brethren wearing the much-coveted purple of Provincial Lodge honours, adding further brilliancy to the scene. Bro. Alfred Parker Cater, after being duly obligated, was very skilfully installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Potts, the retiring W.M. That part of the ceremony completed, the pleasing duty of investing the various officers followed, the W.M. expressing, as each received the collar, his best thanks to them and confidence that he would be well supported: Bros. L. W. Potts, I.P.M.; R. J. Bowan, S.W.; Geo. Dean, J.W.; Rev. Wickham Jones, P.P.G.C., Chap.; E. W. Taylor, P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. Jackson, P.P.G.O., Sec.; H. H. Jordan, S.D.; W. W. Wynne, J.D.; J. Wooldridge, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; E. W. Taylor, Org.; S. W. Morgan, I.G.; J. H. Clothier, G. F. Mabbott, and Thomas Gibson, Stwds.; and G. T. Hebbert, Tyler. The addresses, working-tools, &c., to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were faultlessly and most impressively delivered by Bros. Potts, Marson, Wormal, E. W. Taylor, and J. E. Evans, and, as usual, the very arduous duties of Director of Ceremonies were duly carried out to perfection by Bro. J. Wooldridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.

The visitors present included Bros. W. E. Harding, 262, P.P.G.W. Shropshire; G. W. C. Kent, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; F. W. Willmore, 539, P.P.J.G.W.; I. Ashmore, 1806, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Freer, P.M. 194 and 2706, P.P.G.P.; Albert Whitehouse, I.P.M. 1520; C. Porter, P.M. 1030; Rev. Byrom Holland, I.P.M. 1041, P.P.G.C.; W. N. Landor, W.M. 1941; G. Withers, W.M. 456; A. Baines, I.P.M. 2149; Rev. A. E. Brisco Owen, W.M. 2487, P.P.G.C.; J. Devlin, P.M. 434; H. Byolin, 177 and 262, P.G.O.; T. C. Bates, S.W. 456; W. G. de Jeune, S.D. 456; T. G. Adie, J.D. 2487; E. Richardson, S.W. 1039; A. May, S.D. 1319; and T. Kemp, Sec. 74. The members of the lodge present were Bros. C. J. Nevitt, P.P.J.G.D.; W. D. Bakkin, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. R. Gordan, P.P.G.C. Salop; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D. of C. Eng.; E. W. Taylor, P.P.G.O.; Geo. Wormal, P.P.S.G.D.; J. T. Marson, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. S. Wickham Jones, P.P.G.C.; J. Mottram, P.P.A.G.P.; J. E. Evans, P.P.S.G.D.; L. W. Potts, F. Amies, A. P. Cater, R. McBean, P.P.G. Purst. Salop; J. Harding, P.P.G.S.B.; R. J. Bowen, G. Dean, J. Jackson, H. H. Jordan, W. W. Wynne, T. Turner, W. B. Harvey, J. H. Clothier, G. F. Mabbott, W. Peach, T. Gibson, R. E. Meade, H. Thorn, J. Riccalton, E. B. Smith, W. Marson, and P. Bridgwood.

After the business had been concluded, the usual banquet was partaken of at the Swan Hotel.

After this part of the proceedings the usual toasts followed.

Bro. W. E. Harding, of the Shropshire Province, gave "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Bodenham ably responded, and mentioned that in speaking of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, he would like almost to say Future also, for Bro. T. Taylor, of Hanley, whom they all knew to be such an excellent and worthy Mason, would receive Grand Lodge honours next week, which was a great compliment to him and the province.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master" followed, proposed by Bro. J. T. Marson, who referred to the great interest the Prov. G. Master took in the Craft, and that it was his intention to undertake the ceremony of consecrating a new lodge at Wolverhampton next week, and reminded the brethren that Prov. G. Lodge would be held at Tamworth on the 20th prox.

Bro. Dr. Gordon submitted "The Dep. Provincial Grand Master" in very fitting terms, and Bro. Dr. Willmore responded on his behalf and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The toast of the evening—that of "The Worshipful Master"—was given by the I.P.M., who said he could have no greater pleasure than to install his successor. In their choice they had paid a worthy Mason a well-deserved honour, and he was certain that during his year he would uphold the dignity of the lodge in every way.

Bro. Cater, on rising to respond, met with a very enthusiastic reception, and thanked sincerely Bro. Potts for his kind words and the brethren for the flattering manner in which the toast had been received. In undertaking the Mastership he knew he was taking a great responsibility, but still he would do his best to maintain the good reputation of his mother lodge, in which he had already spent many happy hours.

"The Installing Master" was proposed in happy terms by the W.M.

Bro. Evans gave "The Visitors."

Bros. Porter, Whitehouse, and Baines responded, Bro. Porter's eloquent and humorous speech being much enjoyed and appreciated.

Bro. G. Dean, J.W., gave "The Past Masters."

Bros. Potts, Nevitt, and Wooldridge responded.

The toast of "The Officers" followed.

Bro. R. J. Bowen, S.W., thanked the W.M. for his exceedingly kind mention of them, and assured him that they would loyally support him and carry out to the best of their abilities the work he gave them to do, and it was their full intention to prove to him the quotation on the toast list—that they were "a worthy band of brothers;" and, on behalf of the officers, wished him a successful year and the best of health.

Bros. Jordan, S.D., and Clothier, Stwd., also responded.

Bro. S. W. Jones proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Wormal, the popular Charity Steward, replied.

The Tyler's toast ended a very happy and successful meeting.

The evening was enlivened by songs, Bros. Whitehouse, Byolin, Richardson, and Holland taking part.

Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508. INSTALLATION OF BRO. FRANK W. WARD.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. PERCY GRIFFITHS, I.P.M.

The annual installation ceremony and banquet in connection with the above lodge took place at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, on Saturday, the 20th inst., a large number of members and visitors being present. The W.M., Bro. Percy Griffiths, presided, and was supported by the following Past Masters: Bros. Clark, Lewis, Tull, Hennings, and Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. The visitors present included the following Past Masters: Bros. W. Baker, 2208; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; H. Biggleston, 31; F. King, 1056; and Bolton, Prov. G.D.

Apologies were received for the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. Lockwood and several other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bro. M. Clark, P.G.D., the ceremony being most impressively performed by the father of the W.M. elect, Bro. Horatio Ward, Prov. G. Std. Br. Kent. Immediately after Bro. F. W. Ward had taken S.O. of a W.M. elect, Bro. Gregory Hast's fine baritone voice was heard to advantage in his rendering of Mendelssohn's "Brethren, faithful unto death," the singer being accompanied by Bro. Kempling, P.P.G.O., on the organ and by Bro. Harvey Lohr on the violin. Bro. F. W. Ward having been installed in the chair of K.S. he invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, Bro. Percy Griffiths, the retiring W.M., acting as D. of C.: Bros. P. Griffiths, I.P.M.; Harvey Lohr, S.W.; Chas. Gough, J.W.; Thos. Ralling, P.A.G.D. of C., Treas.; M. Clark, P.G.D., D. of C.; W. H. Oldham, Sec.; Geo. Rankin, S.D.; Allan B. Fuller, J.D.; J. Wesley Ward, I.G.; C. H. Kempling, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. W. Holdaway and Jno. Martin, Stwds.; and J. W. Freeman, P.M., Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a proposition for initiation was received, and Bro. P. Griffiths, I.P.M., announced that he had been successful in collecting the sum of 100 guineas for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. So generous had been the response made by members of the lodge that this amount had been collected by him with a minimum of trouble. Out of the 100 guineas the lodge had voted 20, he had

collected 66 from individual members, leaving only 14 guineas that had been collected outside the lodge. The W.M. informed the lodge that he had the pleasure of pinning a Past Master's jewel on the I.P.M.'s breast, and he was sure they would agree with him that no Past Master's jewel had ever been better earned. The result of the collection they had just heard testified that Bro. P. Griffiths' energy and his unselfishness was proved by his having allowed his (the W.M.'s) father to install him. Bro. Griffiths, I.P.M., briefly responded, and the lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet had been prepared for the brethren by the genial host, Bro. G. Smith, and full justice was done to his catering by members and visitors present.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The King and the Craft," observed that events had been moving very rapidly since they last met at that table. The country had a new Sovereign, and the Craft a new Master since then. With regard to their late lamented Sovereign, they were all sure she had left them for a land of pure delight, and with regard to their present Sovereign, they were sure he would make as good a king as he had a Grand Master, and as he would a Protector.

The toast having been loyally received and the National Anthem sung, the W.M. proposed "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G." They had already had experience of his Royal Highness as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and now that the King had become Protector of the Craft, he was sure they were all agreed that the Duke was the best Grand Master they could possibly have.

The next toast was that of "The M.W. the Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. the Dep. G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past." The W.M., in proposing this toast, maintained they might go a long way before they found such good Masons as the Provincial G. Masters of Kent and Essex, and as there were members of the Thomas Ralling Lodge hailing from either county, so they felt that the Pro G. Master and the Dep. G. Master, in a way, belonged to them. The Earl Amherst had proved himself to be very fond of Masonry, and was beloved throughout the whole of Kent, and a similar remark would apply to the Earl of Warwick, who, as Lord Brooke, had been widely known and liked throughout Essex. He would couple with the toast the names of his father and Bro. Clarence.

Bro. Horatio Ward thanked the brethren for the splendid reception they had given him. That evening would remain with him as one of his pleasantest recollections, and one that he would never forget. He had had some red letter days in his life, but that day was one of the best of them, for after having previously initiated, passed, and raised his son, and also exalted him to the holy Royal Arch, he had now been enabled to install him into the chair of K.S. He was a great believer in the advantages of Freemasonry, for it brought together men of the most different opinions, who would never otherwise come together. Even in South Africa during the war they had all read of how lives had been spared by virtue of the mystic sign. The I.P.M. had collected a grand sum for Charity, and, as was well known, Masonic Charity had done much for the widow and the orphan. Masonry was of remote origin and glorious career, and, while numbering among its adherents men of various forms of religious belief, its virtues were such as had enabled it to survive the persecutions, in remote times, of heathenism, of mediæval corruption, and, in more recent times, of Papal intolerance.

Bro. Clarence, in replying, recalled the fact that the W.M. had for a long time acted as Secretary of the lodge and done excellent work in that capacity. He was sure the lodge would hold its own for a long time to come, for it included many good workers in its ranks. During his recent prolonged and severe illness, nothing had given him more pleasure than the inquiries made by members of the lodge after his health.

The next toast was that of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick; the V.W. the Deputy Prov. G.M., Colonel Lockwood; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," with which the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Ralling and Lewis, both of whom responded to the toast in suitable terms.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the evening, that of "The Worshipful Master." He himself had been installed by an elder brother, but he felt there was something very pathetic in seeing their present W.M. installed by a father with such a Masonic record. It was no sacrifice on his part to allow Bro. Horatio Ward to install his son, but the proposal had come to him rather as a welcome suggestion. He trusted that the Shakespearean quotation printed after the name of the W.M. on the toast list might be fully realised by him. "Thus have I begun my reign, and 'tis my hope to end successfully."

The W.M., in reply, expressed the pride and pleasure he felt in being installed in the chair of K.S. by his father, of whom he was also very proud. He had felt to the full the solemnity of the installation ceremony, and hoped for a successful year of office, for which, he depended very largely on the support of the members of the lodge.

The toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Percy Griffiths, I.P.M.; Tull, P.M.; and Hennings, P.M.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Sadler and Hunt, and, on behalf of those visitors who had contributed to the musical portion of the programme, by Bro. Gregory Hast.

Bros. Harvey Lohr and Chas. Gough replied to the toast of "The Officers," a most enjoyable evening being brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The musical portion of the programme was of a very high order, and included the following items: Part songs, in which some half-dozen of the brethren took part; "Lullaby" (composed by Bro. Harvey Lohr), "Sailor's song," and "The long day closes." Bros. C. H. Kempling, Alfred Greenwood, and Harvey Lohr gave as an instrumental trio Mendelssohn's "Andante Espressivo," performing respectively on the piano, violin, and violoncello. The principal feature of the musical portion of the proceedings was undoubtedly the singing of Bro. Hast, who, after being vociferously applauded for his rendering of Sullivan's "Forward, Grey," surpassed his previous effort in singing "The Sands o' Dee," for which he received quite an ovation, which he acknowledged by obliging the company with yet another song.

Arcadian Lodge, No. 2696.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. JOHNSTONE BURT.

PRESENTATIONS TO BRO. E. W. BEARD, I.P.M., AND BRO. CRIPPA.

The annual installation ceremony and banquet of the above lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday, the 23rd instant. The W.M., Bro. E. W. Beard, presided, and officiated as Installing Master, being supported by Bros. Rosedale, P.M., and Patrick, P.M., and the following visitors: Bros. A. Heald, P.M. 163; J. F. Ingram, P.M. 2469; E. Branscombe, P.M. 1929; Beechcroft, P.M.; Bennett, P.M.; S. J. Notley, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Reading, P.M. 637; G. Davis, P.M. 185; S. V. Abraham, P.M., P.G.P.; O. S. Shipley, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the Treasurer submitted audited accounts which showed a credit balance brought forward of over £67. Bro. Rosedale, P.M., then presented the lodge with a very handsome banner, consisting of a light blue satin ground elaborately embroidered with Masonic emblems, and, as a centrepiece, an artistic representation of an "Arcadian" shepherdess tending her sheep, also the name and number of the lodge, interwoven in the scroll. The W.M., in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the handsome present that Bro. Rosedale had made the lodge, and moved that the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Rosedale be recorded in the minutes. The S.W. seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. The W. Master elect, Bro. C. Johnstone Burt, was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Beard, the musical portion of the ceremony being under the able control of Bro. Richards, organist at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, and at Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, and Examiner of the Royal College of Organists. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. W. Beard, I.P.M.; Chas. E. Burton, S.W.; E. J. Southern, J.W.; Jas. Rosedale, P.M., Treas.; H. Glen Beard, Sec.; Granville M. Kenyon, S.D.; J. Geo. Moncrieff, J.D.; Harry Zusman, I.G.; Percy E. Beard, P.M., D. of C.; Gordon H. Lindsey, A.D. of C.; E. J. Welman and Jas. Bates, Stwds.; A. Fransella, Org.; and C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler. Bro. G. Davis, P.M., acted as D. of C. during the investiture of the officers. The W.M. then presented Bro. E. W. Beard, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, and in doing so took the opportunity to refer to the excellence of the work done by his predecessor in the chair. He had carried out the working of the three Degrees during his year of office, and also the installation ceremony that evening with a proficiency that could only have been attained with a considerable sacrifice of time,

and he had also been more successful in raising funds for the Charities than any previous W.M. Bro. Beard, I.P.M., in acknowledging the presentation, assured the lodge that he should take the same interest in the working of the lodge and in the Charities as a P.M. as he had done as their W.M. Bro. Rosedale, P.M., proposed in pursuance of notice of motion, "That the sum of £25 be voted and paid out of the lodge funds into the Benevolent Fund of the lodge," the W.M. seconding the proposition, which was carried unanimously. A further sum of 10 guineas was also voted to the W.M.'s list in aid of the Institution for aged Freemasons, and a proposition for initiation having been received the lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, the viands at which, with the sole exception of fish, were such as vegetarians approve of. Those members and visitors, however, who have not yet attained to true arcadian simplicity in the matter of diet, had no reason to complain of the tasty confections with which they were served. Beside each brother's plate was a buttonhole of red and white roses, appropriate to the day, i.e., the festival of England's patron saint, St. George.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "His Majesty the King, the Protector of the Order," observed that they had all of them heard of monarchs who were Promoters of the Craft, and their present monarch lived up to their reputation.

The toast was loyally honoured, and followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," having been duly honoured,

That of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed, with which the W.M. coupled the names of two of the Grand Officers present—Bros. Notley and Abraham.

Bro. Notley reminded the brethren that he had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and had since then remained a good friend of theirs. He congratulated them on the able manner in which the installation had been carried out, on the services rendered the lodge by the Beard family generally, and on the beautiful banner presented to them by Bro. Rosedale.

Bro. Abraham observed that though a young lodge the Arcadian was worthy to rank with many older lodges. That evening was not the first time he had heard the I.P.M., but he had never heard the beautiful installation ceremony more beautifully rendered.

The W.M. reminded the brethren that they had now been at the Hotel Cecil for some four years, and during that time they had been under the supervision of Bro. Crippa, who had looked after them well, made a speciality of their dinners, and had taken a great interest in their lodge. It was, therefore, only right that they should make him some recognition of his services, and he had great pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, in presenting him with a diamond ring. He was sure they were all agreed that Bro. Crippa's character was as unsullied as the stones with which the ring was set.

Bro. Crippa thanked the W.M. and brethren, and expressed the hope that he would succeed in giving them the same satisfaction in the future that he had done in the past.

Bro. Beard, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He had known the W.M. since boyhood, and in Masonry had known him not only in the Arcadian, but also in two other lodges, and his good qualities were more than words could convey. The W.M. was representing the Charities again, as previous Worshipful Masters had done; but he was sorry to say, with regard to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, that the authorities had framed bye-laws contrary to the aims and wishes of the brethren of that lodge, whereby the child of a deceased Mason unable to pass a certain standard was refused admittance. The lodge, on the contrary, thought that there was all the more reason for such a child to receive the benefit of the Charity, and it had been decided not to support those Charities till the bye-laws were altered. (Applause.) What were the Charities for but to educate children who needed education? They were, however, anxious for the W.M. to raise a large sum in aid of the Institution for Aged Freemasons.

The W.M., in reply, said that ever since he had been made a Mason in 1891 it had been his wish to fill that chair; but now that the responsibility had been laid on him, he could almost wish himself out of it, but he was sure of their support in the working of the lodge and in support of the Charities. He had often felt it was a shame to allow the Past Masters to rust after they had passed the chair, but he warned his Past Masters he did not mean to allow them to rust, but would give them plenty to do. In reference to the visitors, fish had been allowed at the banquet, but he and others would like to see even that concession to the animal abolished. (Laughter and cries of "Oh, oh.") If they would come with him for a day's cycling or rowing they would find that vegetarian diet took a lot of beating. He hoped to take a better list for the Charities than had ever been done before.

The I.P.M. announced that the W.M.'s list for the Old People already amounted to 100 guineas, Bro. Notley having subscribed 10 guineas and Bro. Beechcroft five, so it was likely that the list would be a record one.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," to which Bro. Beard suitably responded.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bros. Beechcroft, Davis, and Bennett, and that of "The Past Masters" by the I.P.M. and Bro. Rosedale.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was acknowledged by Bro. John Beard, that of "The Officers of the Lodge" by the S.W. and J.W., the proceedings terminating with the Tyler's toast.

A lengthy musical programme was rendered during the intervals in the toast list, several part songs being sung, also the following solos: "I care not if the cup I hold" and "Come live with me," Bro. E. Branscombe, P.P.G.O. Surrey; "When the heart is young," Master J. D. Phillips; "The Admiral's Broom," Bro. D. S. Shipley, P.M.; also a duet "It was a lover and his lass," by Masters Harden and Phillips. Bro. R. B. Hopkins was deservedly encored for his performance of the silver bells solo; "The Promise of Life" and "Alice," and Mr. W. W. Chilton gave great amusement with his admirably selected recitations, as also did Bro. Chas. Frood with his very comical "Musical Sketch."

The musical arrangements at the banquet were under the skilled direction of Bro. Jas. Bates, Principal of the London Training School of Choristers.

Honor and Generosity Lodge, No. 165.

An emergency meeting of this old and respected lodge was held on the 23rd instant at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. There were present Bros. J. Woodhouse, W.M.; Alfred P. Crabb, acting I.P.M.; Godfrey Sykes, S.W., W.M. elect; W. de B. Herbert, J.W.; J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Henry Times, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Andrews, S.D.; H. Bearman, acting J.D.; Henry Clarkson, Org.; E. J. Wilberforce, E. White, Frank Richardson, W. H. Burt, Frank Gaylor, and Sir Wm. Murray, Bart.

The lodge having been duly opened, and Bro. Edward White having answered the usual questions, he was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft in an impressive manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a well-served dinner awaited them.

There were no speeches after dinner, a fact which was much appreciated by every brother present, and a really agreeable evening was passed by all present.

Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743.

On the 13th instant the members of this well-known and prosperous lodge held their election meeting and ladies' banquet at Anderton's Hotel. At the lodge meeting there was a good gathering of members, and Bro. Richard Perry, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S.

Following confirmation of the minutes, Bros. M. G. Smith, G. Thorne, and F. R. George were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. John Handley, S.W., was unanimously elected the Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Lovell, P.M., was again unanimously elected to the Treasurership. Upon the proposition of Bro. Cosham, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. F. Kearney, P.M., the brethren unanimously voted the usual Past Master's jewel to Bro. Perry, the W.M., upon retiring from the chair.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet. Among those present were: Bro. Richard Perry, W.M., and Mrs. Perry; Bro. John Handley, S.W., W.M. elect, and Mrs. Handley; Bro. F. Kearney, P.M., and Mrs. Kearney; Bro. C. E. Perry, P.M.; Bro. T. Lovell, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Lovell; Bros. W. J. Squire, P.M.; T. J. O'Brien, P.M.; and H. C. Lonsdale, P.M.; Bro. H. Watts, P.M., and Mrs. Watts; Bro. W. B. Cosham, I.P.M.; J. T. Dormer, P.M., S.D., and Mrs. Dormer; Bro. G. J. Tollett, Sec., and Mrs. Tollett; Miss Young, and Mrs. George Tollett; Bro. and Mrs. W. G. London; Bro. and Mrs. Loring, Miss Perry, and Mrs. Smith; Bro. and Mrs. Walter Farrant; Bro. and Mrs. Cannington; Bro. and Miss Millman; Bro. and Mrs. Hawkins; Bro. and Mrs. White; Bro. and Mrs. George Milliard; Bro. and Mrs. Hannam; Bro. Camp; Bro. and Miss Tearle; Bro. and Mrs. David Rogers; Bro. and Mrs. H. H. M. Hancock; Bro. George Hall; Bro. and Mrs. James Timmins; Bros. C. Porter, Lewis S. Bickley, A. Sack, Migliorini, and Max G. Smith; Bro. and Mrs. George Thorne; and Bro. and Mrs. F. R. George.

The customary loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. W. B. Cosham, I.P.M., proposed that of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Perry suitably responding.

The other toasts were those of "The Worshipful Master-elect," given by Bro. Perry; and "The Ladies and Visitors," submitted by Bro. Perry, and acknowledged by Bro. Loring.

An excellent selection of music, under the direction of Dr. Bucknell, was given by Mr. Laurence Harewood, Miss Nellie Beare, Mr. Charles Morton, and Miss Frances Lake in the course of the evening.

Dancing brought one of the most successful of the series of ladies' banquets held by the lodge to a pleasing conclusion.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

PRESENTATION TO COMP. F. D. REES COPESTICK, P.Z.

It was with extreme regret that the members received the resignation of their much-beloved Comp. Copestick, who, owing to his advanced years and consequent weakness of body, felt he could not give the time and attention to the work as he had done for nearly 30 years past, and it was resolved at the January meeting that he be elected an honorary member of the chapter. It was also proposed, and unanimously carried, that a small token of the great esteem in which he is held by every member of the chapter be offered for his acceptance. This was heartily taken up by all the companions, and resulted in such a handsome subscription being raised, that they were able to present to his wife (in deference to his wishes) a lady's long gold chain and a five-stone diamond gypsy ring. And on Friday, the 10th instant, a deputation from the chapter consisting of Comps. William Baker, M.E.Z.; John G. Robeson, H.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z.; and S. M. Banker, P.Z., S.E., waited on them, at their residence at North Finchley, to make the presentation. Comp. Copestick was greatly moved by the kindness of the companions, and expressed his great pleasure in accepting the gift, not so much for its intrinsic value, as for its being the token of goodwill and affection of the companions of his mother chapter, in which he was exalted in January, 1872, and over which he presided as M.E.Z. in 1877 and also 1881, and of which he was S.E. for many years. It need hardly be said that Mrs. Copestick greatly appreciated the present, as much for its being a mark of affection and esteem in which her husband was held as for its intrinsic value.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on the 17th inst., under the presidency of Comp. Alfred Gibbs, M.E.Z., and, in the unavoidable absence of the Second and Third Principals, Comps. T. P. Whately and the Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait, their chairs were filled and their duties performed by Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

113TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

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

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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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92, and Francis Prowse, P.Z., as H. and J. respectively. There were also present Comps. J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., Scribe E.; H. J. Bidwell, P.Z. 2120, as Scribe N.; W. Macklin, P.S.; G. H. Robinson, 1st A.S.; W. H. Jacques, 2nd A.S.; G. Lintott, Dr. C. Haig-Brown, P. Dewar, S.; C. T. Tyler, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. (Hon. Member); and G. J. Hoare, Janitor. Comp. A. Reed, 2120, was a visitor.

The minutes of the preceding convocation having been confirmed, the election of officers for the year commencing in June next followed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. W. H. Steggles, J.W. 2101, which, proving to be unanimous in his favour, and the candidate being in attendance, he was duly exalted into the mysteries and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony, which was very ably performed, derived additional lustre from the powerful assistance of the Prov. G. Scribe E., who, after completing the role of P.S., undertook in conclusion a portion of the duties of M.E.Z., in which capacity he delivered the mystical Lecture. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from Comp. the Rev. E. R. Parr, P.Z. 370 (Vicar of Chertsey), and other invited guests.

After the business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts being duly honoured.

Instruction.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held on the 26th instant at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. H. H. Bagnall, W.M.; W. H. Handover, I.P.M. 1642, S.W.; L. J. Powell, P.M. 2246, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; F. Spink, S.D.; W. J. Reith, J.D.; W. Smith-Rose, I.G.; G. E. Harris, W.M. 1894, Stwd.; H. Foskett, P.M. 1642, Dep. Preceptor; G. D. Coleman, W.M. 2581; A. E. Pinfold, and G. B. Oberti.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Coleman, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and, after the usual preliminaries, rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Bagnall acting as candidate. The lodge having been called off and on, Bro. Bagnall worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Oberti being the candidate. The Benevolent votes of the lodge were then voted to the case of Mrs. Millis for the forthcoming election. Next meeting being officers' night, Bro. Handover was elected W.M. for the 6th prox. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE, No. 1962.

FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The first annual festival of this lodge of instruction was held at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Thursday evening, the 18th inst. There was a goodly number of members, not only of the lodge of instruction, but also of the mother lodge. Many visitors were present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Haig Brown, C. F. Ellis, H. H. Nuding, Sloper, G. Stwd.; H. Pritchard, P.G. Treas. Middx.; Chas. Lewis, P.G.D. Essex; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; and others.

The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by the Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. J. H. Jenks, P.M. 8, P.G. Stwd., supported by Bro. A. Collins, W.M. 1962, acting as I.P.M.; Bros. D. D. West, P.M. 108, S.W.; J. H. Chandler, P.M., S.D. 1962; W. H. Latham, I.P.M. 1962, Treas.; L. V. Walker, P.M. 1962, Sec.; C. W. Potter, J.D. 1962, S.D.; C. E. Taylor, 1962, J.D.; and J. H. Crickmay, I.G. 1962, I.G. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, also in the Third Degree. The Third Lecture was worked, Bro. H. Bishop giving the answers in the 1st Section, Bro. W. M. Ward in the 2nd, and Bro. C. Folliott in the 3rd. All the work was done magnificently. After the lodge had been closed down in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., proposed a vote of thanks to the working brethren, remarking that they had done their task accurately, and delivered what they had to say impressively and earnestly. This was the first festival the lodge had held, and he felt certain from the way in which the work had been done that a large accession of members would result. Bro. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br., seconded the motion, and congratulated the brethren on the show they had made. Bro. Jenks acknowledged the compliment, saying he felt sure that the encouraging words of the two Grand Officers would stimulate the brethren to further exertions.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together under the chairmanship of Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.

The President proposed "The King, as Protector of the Craft." He reminded the brethren that the King as Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., took great interest in the Craft, nor would that now cease, although no longer M.W.G.M., but Protector of English Freemasons.

The next toast was "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." Under the new regime, there was no doubt the Craft would flourish as of yore.

Bro. A. Haig Brown, P.M. 1962, proposed "The Grand Officers," and the toast was responded to by Bro. Kentish.

Bro. L. V. Walker, P.M., gave "The President," and Bro. R. Clay Sudlow replied, subsequently proposing "The London Rifle Brigade Lodge of Instruction," and dwelling upon the amount of good that was done by these lodges in furthering the cause of Masonry, and spreading a knowledge of the ritual.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. C. F. Elles, P.M., who, on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction, accorded them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Pritchard, P.G. Treas. Middlesex, and Bro. Rankin, Preceptor of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, No. 263, replied, the latter referring, in a kindly, facetious manner, to the Preceptor, Bro. J. H. Jenks, P.M. 8, P.G. Stwd.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

EYRE LODGE, No. 2742.

The success of this young and flourishing lodge, which holds its meetings at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W., was amply proved by the large attendance of the members on Wednesday, the 17th instant, when out of a membership of over 50, about 30 were present at the opening of the lodge by Bro. G. E. Thompson, who was well supported by the following officers: Bos. Russell, S.W.; Tapley-Smith, J.W.; Archer, S.D.; Alcock, J.D.; and Elderfield, I.G. Bro. Thompson kept up the reputation of the lodge by the excellent manner in which he worked the First and Second Degrees, and scarcely needed the support of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Weston, P.M., who has done so much to bring so many young Masons to such a high state of efficiency. Bro. John O. Clarke was elected a joining member, and as new members are constantly coming in, it promises well for the future of this lodge, and whoever attends here may be sure of a hearty welcome and an addition to his store of Masonic knowledge. Since the lodge was opened, about two years ago, they have had two ballots for the Charities, and will shortly have another.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 19th instant, at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507, M.E.Z.; J. M. Huish, H. 185, H.; A. L. Butters, J. elect 890, J.; H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; W. J. Lewis, S.N. 890, Scribe N.; H. Foskett, M.E.Z. 185, 890, Treas.; F. M. Marchant, P.S. elect 290, P.S.; A. F. Hardymont, J. 1489, 1st A.S.; W. Smith-Rose, 2nd A.S. 890, 2nd A.S.; R. N. Larter, J. 184; J. Rowe, 1614; E. Stevens, 733; and G. D. Mogford.

The chapter was opened and the companions admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Larter being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks, Comp. Edmonds, M.E.Z. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 19th instant. Present: Comps. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Hy. Cornford, M.E.Z. elect, H.; Stanley, J.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; Chas. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. Block, P.Z., S.N.; and Wm. Dawson, P.Z., P.S.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Grummant personating the candidate. Comp. H. Cornford was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, the 26th inst. It was unanimously resolved that the chapter become an annual subscriber to "Our Brother's Bed." The subscription being only 5s. per annum, it is earnestly hoped that many lodges and chapters of instruction will support so worthy an object. The convocation was closed and adjourned.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

"Saint George and Merry England!" Ancient Toast

That whilom sent the life-blood to the brain;

When with a pardoning pride 'twas Britain's boast

That none could vanquish her on land or main,

And now we half forget her glories past,

And many bosoms throb with dizzy pain—

Unmindful that her power for aye shall last—

That doughty deeds may still be done again.

Shall we forget sweet England's darling daughter?

Shall we forget the bravery of her sons?

Her sway supreme upon the world's wide waters,

The quenchless fire of all her countless guns?

Come the whole earth, no sense of fear shall thrill,

Our patron Saint bids weakling hearts be still!

Bradford.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE WILLIAM SPETH, P.A.G.D.C.

We refer elsewhere to the death of Bro. G. W. Speth. The sad event occurred within sight of his house on Friday, the 19th instant, on his return from a bicycle ride with one of his daughters, and the funeral took place at Bromley Cemetery on Wednesday.

The following record of his Masonic career appeared in the *Freemason* of the 2nd May, 1896, on his having conferred upon him the brevet rank of P.A.G.D.C. Eng.:

Bro. George William Speth, whose name was so widely known as the able and obliging Secretary of our great literary lodge—Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076—and the editor of its Transactions and Antigrapha, may be said to have contracted an hereditary love for Freemasonry, his father, George William Speth, having been initiated in the Lodge of Unity, No. 183—which met at the time at the George and Vulture, Cornhill, as No. 215—on the 24th June, 1842, and after serving the offices of I.G., S.D., and S.W., was elected and installed W.M. in 1846. This honour was twice subsequently conferred upon him, in the years 1849 and 1850, while from 1855 to 1867 he was annually appointed Secretary, and, in the latter year, and annually until the day of his death in 1878 he held the more responsible, if less laborious, office of Treasurer. Bro. Speth had followed worthily in his father's footsteps, and if he has not, like him, thrice served his mother lodge as Master, and subsequently for 23 years as its Secretary or Treasurer, it was because he had been called upon to fill other and more important, and more arduous duties. He was initiated in No. 183, during the lifetime of his father, on the 22nd January, 1872, and having successively held precisely the same offices of I.G., S.D., and S.W., as his father before him had held, he was at length installed as Master on the 27th March, 1876, and doubtless had the pleasure of investing his father, on more than one occasion, as the Treasurer of their common mother lodge. In 1880, he was the lodge Organist, while the year following he published the history of his Lodge of Unity, No. 183, from its constitution in 1769, though, owing to the loss of its original warrant and all the records anterior to 1782, it was impossible for him to say much about its earlier career. This history, as we have said, was compiled and published in 1881, the year in which the M.W.G. Master was pleased to grant it a Centenary Warrant, so that those who take an interest in lodge histories, and feel inclined to study the pleasantly-written and trustworthy narrative which our brother compiled as a memento of its centenary commemoration, will be able to learn all it is possible to learn respecting this particular Lodge of Unity. In 1834, Bro. Speth busied himself, in conjunction with the late Bro. A. F. W. Woodford, Bros. W. J. Hughan and R. F. Gould, and other leading literary brethren, in founding the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, and from the day of its consecration until now he had held uninterruptedly what in this, more than in any other lodge under the English Constitution, is the exceedingly onerous and responsible post of Secretary. In this capacity he had, as we have before mentioned, edited all the annual volumes of its Transactions, and had been the presiding genius in the

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publication of all its "Antigrapha," or "Reprints." In addition, he had looked after the mundane interests of his lodge, the compilation of its minutes, the collection of its annual subscriptions—and this alone is no light task in the case of a lodge which, taking its Inner and Corresponding Circles together, has a muster-roll of some 2000 members—the cataloguing of its library, and last, but not least, the organisation of its annual excursions. Yet, in spite of all these heavy claims upon his time, Bro. Speth occasionally found leisure to visit other lodges and deliver lectures on the more important questions which arose in connection with our history and the subject of Degrees, &c., &c. We are confident we are not detracting from the very great merits pertaining to the other members of this important lodge when we affirm that much, if not most, of its success was due to his untiring energy and marvellous capacity for work, and we feel sure there is not a brother on the register of Grand Lodge who will grudge the Secretary of Lodge Quatuor Coronati the brevet rank of Past Asst. G. Director of Ceremonies which His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to confer upon him. As far as lodge and chapter work were concerned, it only remains for us to add that Bro. Speth was elected a joining member of United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, seven or eight years ago, that he was exalted in the Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, on the 24th April, 1883, became a joining member of the Wellington Chapter, No. 784, Deal, in 1894, and was its J. elect. He was, however, an honorary member of quite a number of lodges, prominent among them being the Humber Installed Masters, No. 2494, Hull, as well as of the Illinois and Minnesota Veteran Associations; nor must we lose sight of the fact that, though his duties did not permit him to give the time for acting as Festival Steward for our Institutions, he was not unmindful of their claims upon his support, and had qualified as a Life Governor both of the Boys' and Girls' and the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

BRO. JOHN BEWLEY.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., the remains of Bro. John Bewley, who, for a number of years, had been a prominent member of the Union Lodge, No. 310, and for 10 years Treasurer of that lodge, were laid to rest at Carlisle Cemetery with full Masonic ceremonial. A large number of members of the Union, Bective, and other lodges attended to pay their last respects to the deceased brother. The brethren met at the Lodge Rooms, in Fisher-street, Carlisle, and the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Colton, the W.M., whence they proceeded to the residence of the deceased in Aglionby-street. The first part of the burial service was held in St. Stephen's Church, the Rev. N. F. Buchanan officiating. The pall bearers were Bros. G. White, A. Taylor, J. Kirkbride, and T. Long, of Bective Lodge, and Bros. J. Baty, J. Wharton, J. P. Grant, C. Borstel, W. Pogson, and J. Gray, of Union Lodge. On reaching the cemetery the brethren marched in procession, and on arriving at the grave formed a cordon around it, Bro. F. Ritson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and Bro. J. H. Minns, J.D.; being Directors of Ceremonies. The Masonic ceremony at the graveside was ably rendered by Bro. R. A. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren returned to the Lodge Rooms and the lodge was duly closed, the Organist playing the Dead March in "Saul" as the brethren retired.

BRO. THOMAS BARLOW.

Bro. Thomas Barlow, the Deputy Controller of the Central Telegraph Office, London, died somewhat suddenly on Thursday evening, the 18th instant. With some friends, the deceased attended Her Majesty's Theatre on the previous night. Becoming seriously ill while in the building, he was removed thence to Charing Cross Hospital. Here he died. Bro. Barlow's connection with the telegraph service was lengthy, dating back to the early days of the old Magnetic Company. Bro. Barlow was the first initiate (1875) in the St. Martin's le Grand Lodge, No. 1538; a founder of the Electric Lodge, No. 2087, and was W.M. in 1888. In 1895, he was appointed Prov. S.G.D. for Middlesex. A P.Z. of the Regularity Chapter, No. 91, and Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities. The interment took place on Monday at Highgate Cemetery, and was attended by a numerous assemblage of sorrowing Masonic, official, and private friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave.

THOMAS McCLEAN'S GALLERY, 7, HAYMARKET.

This is a smaller but equally as good array of talented artists as is to be found at Messrs. Tooths. It is a pleasure to visit such excellent specimens of the British and Foreign schools. We give the names of the artists, and the numbers of their works: A. Haslamoff, 1; C. Poetzelberger, 2; Louis B. Hurt, 12; Peter Graham, R.A., 13; B. W. Leader, R.A., 14 (excellent), 43; E. M. Wimperis, 18; L'Hermitte, 20; P. Grolleron, 23; F. R. Unterberger, 28; Luke Fildes, R.A., 30; D. Montemezzo, 32; Juan Aldaz, 38; F. Roybet, 44 (fine work); F. H. Kaemonbrer, 47; Rosa Bonheur, 60, 66; J. L. E. Meissonier, 58; E. Van Marcke, 59, 62; Felix Ziem, 64; J. Van Couver, 68; J. Weiland, 72; Lynwald Palmer, 74. All masterpieces of art.

DEATH.

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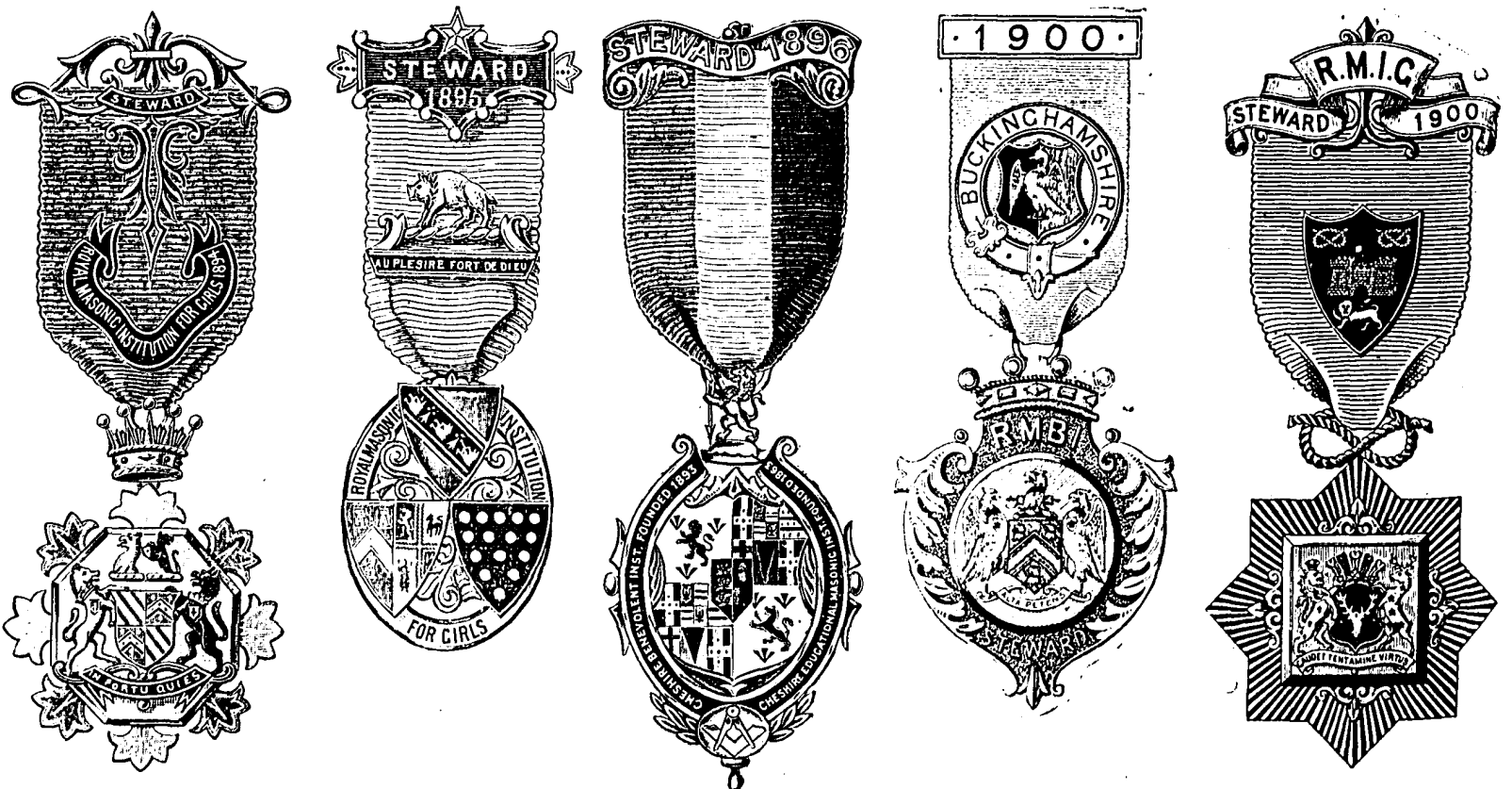
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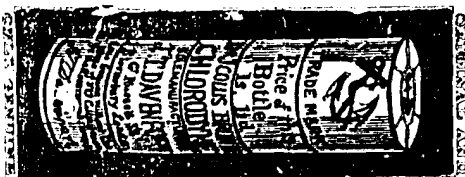
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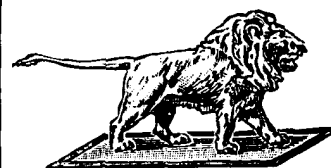
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JUDGES AT THE MANSION HOUSE.—Bro. the Lord Mayor will entertain his Majesty's Judges at dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday evening, June 12th next.

BRO. W. W. THOMPSON presided on the 18th instant over the annual reunion of past and present students of the Pastors' College connected with the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

A HEAVY CORPSE.—The funeral of Mr. Samuel Ballard, agriculturist, aged 61, the heaviest man in Kent, took place at Strood, near Rochester, on Saturday. He weighed 36 stone, and 10 men were required to carry the coffin.

ON the application of Bro. Dean Hole, P.G. Chap., the President of the National Rose Society, the Benchers of the Inner Temple have granted the use of their garden for the annual show of that society, which will take place at the latter part of the first week in July next.

SALE OF CURIOS.—A stick made out of the wood of Nelson's flagship, a lamp from Kaabal at Mecca, a war dress of an Angoni warrior, and a mandarin's silk robe, are a few of the many curious items that were sold at Mr. J. C. Stevens's auction rooms. A number of "Pekin relics" were also included.

DURING THE last few days the King's horses in the Royal mews at Windsor Castle have been frequently exercised for the purpose of accustoming them to the noise and appearance of motor cars, a well-known local resident using his motor for the purpose, and executing a number of movements to test their docility.

THE NEWSVENDORS' BENEVOLENT AND PROVIDENT INSTITUTION.—Bro. the Lord Mayor has consented to preside at the festival dinner of this society at Stationers' Hall on Tuesday, June 25th. His lordship will make a special appeal for funds to establish further pensions for the widows of newsvendors in commemoration of the reign of Queen Victoria.

ON Tuesday, the 16th instant, a deputation from the South-East London Licensed Victuallers and Beersellers' Trade Protection Society waited on Bro. Alderman Bell, at the Wenlock Brewery, City-road, and presented him with a framed scroll in recognition of his services as the president at their annual dinner. The magnitude of Bro. Bell's efforts to secure the success of the festivity is evidenced by the amount of money collected, viz., £650.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY.—We are asked to say that parcels containing gifts for transmission to the South African Constabulary should be sent to the care of Messrs. Hayter and Hayter, 36, Upper Thames-street, E.C., the packers to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and not to Chapel-place, Delahay-street, S.W. All packages must be sent carriage paid, and be clearly marked "Lady Sarah Wilson's Fund." Matches or other dangerous goods are not allowed.

THE 112th anniversary dinner of the City Dispensary, 29 and 30, College-street, Dowgate Hill, of which Bro. Alderman F. P. Alliston is Chairman, will take place at the Albion Tavern on Tuesday, the 14th prox., when Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, assisted by the Sheriffs of London, will preside. The lease of the former premises at 40, Watling-street having expired, the dispensary has had to be removed to Dowgate Hill at a cost of about £600, of which £400 is still owing. In order to liquidate this debt, the Committee are at present earnestly soliciting assistance and contributions.

LIFEBOAT FUND.—The King and Queen have graciously consented to give their patronage to the fete in aid of the "Lifeboat Saturday Fund," to be held at Stafford House on the evening of June 26th. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife), Princess Victoria, Princess Charles of Denmark, Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Prince and Princess Christian have also given their patronage. Mme. Melba has cabled from America that she will gladly give her services, and the fete promises to be a great success.

"THE MONARCH OF THE MEADOWS."—In a recent issue of the *City Press* mention was made of the theft some years ago from the late Bro. J. D. Allcroft of Mr. Sidney Cooper's fine picture "Monarch of the Meadows." Miss Allcroft now writes to say that the picture was recovered 18 months after it was stolen. The thief, it appears, was imprisoned for the theft of a horse and cart, leaving the picture in the care of a cousin, who gave it up to the police. The man was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for arson, but died shortly after. The picture is now in the possession of the family at Stokesay Court, Shropshire.

A NEW PARK FOR EALING.—Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, has accepted the invitation of the Ealing Urban District Council to perform the ceremony of declaring the Walpole Park open on the 1st prox. The park, which is about 30 acres in extent, has been acquired by the District Council from Sir Spencer Walpole for the sum of £40,000. It was formerly for many years the residence of the late Right Hon. Sir S. H. Walpole, who died there in 1893. The park is well wooded, and it is intended, as far as possible, to retain it in its present form.

ON TUESDAY, the 7th prox., Bro. the Lord Mayor will give a dinner party at the Mansion House to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Honorary Colonel-in-Chief, Colonel Matthey, V.D., the Commandant, and the officers of the London Rifle Brigade, of which his eldest son, Mr. Francis Haydn Green, is a Captain. Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Bingham, who will shortly succeed Colonel Matthey in the command of the regiment, will be present, as will also Colonels Lord Edward Pelham Clinton and Cholmondeley, who were formerly commanding officers. General Sir Henry Trotter, General Turner, and others interested in the volunteer movement in the metropolis will be present.

AT THE annual general meeting of the governors and friends of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which was held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Saturday, the 20th instant, the Duke of Northumberland, K.G., in the chair, it was stated that during the year 1900, 35 vessels and 865 lives had been saved by means of the Institution's boats. Unfortunately, owing to claims made on the national purse by the war and from other causes, the income of the Institution suffered a very serious diminution last year, the total receipts from ordinary sources of revenue being only £69,693, as against an expenditure for the year of £95,623. It is hoped that the public will subscribe to the Institution during 1901, with unprecedented liberality in order, if possible, to make up for last year's serious deficit.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—Maskelyne and Cooke's Variety Entertainment.—We have paid during the past weeks a second visit to this most interesting entertainment. Herr Valadon, a clever prestidigitateur, performs a number of magical tricks before the audience, appearing to accomplish the most extraordinary things in the simplest manner possible. A series of animated photographs were then submitted to the audience, the current events of the present South African War were clearly and beautifully depicted, the illusions being life-like in their character; scenes of domestic interest in connection with the late Queen's death, and the accession of his Majesty King Edward VII., were also shown. The mechanical orchestra, the parts of which are heard in every portion of the hall, from the ceiling to the floor, added melodious charms enhancing the effect. Herr Valadon introduced his wife, who, blindfolded, solved arithmetical problems, gave all the possible moves of a knight on a chessboard, and played a game of Nap all at the same time. Then followed a magical romance, entitled "The Enraptured Fakir," which forms the amusing vehicle by which Mr. Maskelyne exposes the tricks of the so-called hypnotists, and again introduces his well-known latest Levitation Mystery. There is a brief and interesting description of the manner in which this is done given in the programme, but the illusion is still a mystery, for the public sees rise, from a level surface, a human body outstretched, which remains suspended in mid-air, ascending and descending, as willed by the illusionist, Mr. Maskelyne. How it is done baffles all conception—many curious and even scientific theories have been propounded, but the mystery, as yet, remains unsolved. We highly commend this amusing entertainment to the notice of the general public.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF DERBY have arrived at their residence in St. James's-square from Knowsley, Prescott, Lancashire.

THE DUNEDIN FREEMASONS have started a movement for founding an institution for the maintenance, education, and equipment of orphans and destitute children of Freemasons in the colony.

BRO. SPETH'S FUNERAL.—Bro. Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland, was prevented, at the last moment, from crossing the Channel to attend owing to a sharp attack of indisposition.

DR. WINNINGTON-INGRAM, the new Bishop of London, goes to Sandringham tomorrow (Saturday) to do homage to the King on his appointment. His lordship will remain at Sandringham until Monday.

AT MESSRS. SOTHEBY'S, on Wednesday, George Cruikshank's Caricatures in eight imperial volumes sold for the extraordinary price of £445, while a collection of original drawings by Isaac Cruikshank, his father, brought £550.

WAR STAMPS.—The issue of these stamps by the Victorian Government to celebrate the first appearance of Victorian troops on the battlefield is not quite exhausted, and application for same should be made to the Agent-General for Victoria, 15, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.

A QUEEN ANNE SILVER TEA KETTLE sold for £77 (or 26s. per oz.) at Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley's Galleries on the 19th inst. Three Georgian tea caddies, 33 oz., £48; a silver coffee pot, dated 1720, at 39s. per oz.; a silver soup tureen, 68 oz., at 14s. 6d. per oz.

GLASGOW EXHIBITION.—The opening of the Glasgow International Exhibition has now been definitely fixed for Thursday, May 2nd. Owing to deep mourning the King will be unable to be present, and the inauguration ceremony will be performed in his Majesty's name by Bro. the Duke of Fife, K.T., who will be accompanied by H.R.H. Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife).

BRO. LORD ROBERTS'S STATUE.—Lord Roberts has consented to open the Naval and Military Exhibition in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Crystal Palace on Thursday, the 23rd prox., and on the same day Lady Roberts will unveil the equestrian statue to her distinguished husband, which is from that date to be included among the art treasures of the Crystal Palace.

THE anniversary meeting of the Royal Society of Literature was held at the Society's Room, 20, Hanover-square, W., on Wednesday last, Bro. E. W. Brabrook, C.B., F.S.A., presiding. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury, F.R.S., Lord High Chancellor, was elected President; Bro. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., was elected a Vice-President; and Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, F.R.H.S., was elected a member of the Council.

THERE was a good attendance at the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, the 25th inst. Bro. E. C. St. Aubyn, W.M., presided, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Justin Allen, P.M., taking the part of the candidate. Bro. R. Williams, P.M., Preceptor, subsequently worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, a most enjoyable and instructive evening being spent by all present.

LONDON CART HORSE PARADE.—In connection with the London Cart Horse Parade Society, the 16th annual parade of London cart horses will take place in Regent's Park on Whit Monday. At last year's function 700 prizes were awarded, amounting to £350. It is anticipated that this year's parade of the best examples of London heavy horses will number nearly 1000. Full particulars can be obtained at the offices of the society, 12, Hanover-square.

THE MEMBERS of the City of London Schools Committee and their lady friends spent a pleasant evening on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, under the presidency of the Chairman, Bro. Walter Wellsman, with whom was Mrs. Wellsman. The principal guests were Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan. The Chairman, on behalf of the meeting, made a presentation to the late Chairman, Mr. Thomas, in acknowledgment of his past services, and subsequently Bro. the Lord Mayor proposed the toast of "The Chairman, Bro. Wellsman," which was enthusiastically received.

ENGLAND'S CHARITIES.—Investments of 20 Millions.—The 48th report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales shows that the total sum of stocks and investments held by the official trustees of charitable funds on 31st December, 1900, amounted to £20,829,650 8s. 9d., divided into 21,591 separate accounts. This sum is irrespective of certain securities expressed in terms of foreign currencies, and of certain annuities, and also of sundry other securities. The aggregate income derived from the several stocks, securities, and annuities held by the official trustees of charitable funds amounted, for the year ended on 31st December, 1900, to £600,572 2s. 1d.

IF THE first number of the "Caxton Magazine," published by Messrs. Blades, East, and Blades, at 23, Abchurch-lane, may be taken as a faithful sample of the numbers that are to follow, the publishers should have no difficulty in making a success of a periodical that is intended to be the official journal of the Institute of Printers and kindred trades of the British Empire. As is only to be expected from a publication of this nature, the "Caxton" is admirably printed and profusely illustrated, but we regret being compelled to add that it nevertheless falls short of some of the American trade journals received by us. It is to be hoped that when once thoroughly established, the "Caxton" will succeed in equalling, if not in surpassing, its Transatlantic rivals.

THE NEW AMERICA CUP CHALLENGER.—Launch of Shamrock II.—On Saturday afternoon Shamrock the Second, Sir I. Lipton's new challenger for the America Cup, was launched from the shipyard of Messrs. Denny Bros., Dumbarton. The new challenger has been designed by Mr. G. L. Watson, and is the outcome of a long series of experiments made with yacht models in a special tank. The launching ceremony, which was quite successful, was a brilliant function, nearly 200 guests being present at Sir Thomas Lipton's invitation. The yacht was christened by the Marchioness of Dufferin. The greatest secrecy as to the Shamrock's construction has been observed throughout, and even on Saturday at her launch not much idea could be gathered of her form of structure, as she was buoyed on each side by pontoons.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH informs us that he has consented to preside at the 86th anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, to be held in the Grand Hall, Hotel Cecil, on Wednesday, the 11th prox. Ever since the beginning of last century this institution has been maintaining and educating the children of Scottish soldiers, sailors, and marines, and also the children of indigent Scotch parents resident in London. At the present time the management of the institution, recognising the special claims of soldiers' children, are admitting *without payment or election* any eligible children of Scottish soldiers who have fallen, or may yet fall, during the campaign in South Africa. Funds are urgently needed both for the current expenses of the institution and also for the erection of a new building in the country. Those who are unable to be present at the festival, the tickets for which are 21s. each, are asked to forward their contributions to the Secretary of the Institution.

INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.—A Special Communication of the Prov. G. Lodge of Antrim has been convened to be held in the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, on Monday next, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of installing Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury as Grand Master of the province. It is almost 10 years since a similar ceremony was performed in Antrim, the occasion being the installation of Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, who, owing to his numerous engagements, has been obliged to resign, a circumstance which the brethren much regret. The approaching ceremony will be of a most interesting nature, and this, coupled with the fact that the Dep. G. Master, Bro. Sir James Creed Meredith, LL.D., will preside, and be assisted by Bros. Viscount Templetown, S.G.W.; Sir John Banks, K.C.B., J.G.W., and other Grand Lodge Officers, is certain to ensure a very large attendance of the brethren, not only in the city but also those from the country. The hour (one o'clock) is, perhaps, not the most suitable for many members of the Order, but, of course, the convenience of so many distinguished brethren coming from Dublin, and who must return in the evening, had to be considered. The proceedings will occupy about three-quarters of an hour, so that those who take luncheon from one till two will have an opportunity of witnessing this most interesting installation.

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